

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

New Testament 1

**TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2008**

**2764**

Afternoon  
Time: 1 hour

**Additional materials (enclosed):** None

**Additional materials (required):**  
Answer Booklet (8 pages)



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions, one from each part. Answer questions from **one** alternative only.
- Do **not** answer two questions from the same part.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the separate Answer Booklet provided.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the Answer Booklet.
- Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the Answer Booklet.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The quality of your written communication will be taken into account.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.

This document consists of **4** printed pages.

Answer questions from **one** alternative only.

### Alternative A – The Early Church

Answer **two** questions, **one** from Part 1 and **one** from Part 2.

#### Part 1

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 1 (a) Explain how, in Galatians 2, Paul shows that he considers his mission to be equal to that of James and Peter. [33]
- (b) 'In Galatians 2, Paul's criticism of Peter is unfair.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain the importance of the circumcision of Timothy with reference to the Jerusalem Council. [33]
- (b) 'Circumcision was not the main issue between Paul and the Jerusalem leaders.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Describe and explain the significance of **one** occasion when Paul rejected the Jews and turned to the gentiles. [33]
- (b) 'Paul was wrong to turn away from the Jews.' Discuss. [17]

#### Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 4 (a) Describe and explain what happened to Paul and Barnabas in Lystra and Derbe. [33]
- (b) 'The persecutions of Paul were his own fault.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) 'Jesus I know and Paul I know; but who are you?' Acts 19:15.  
Describe and explain the importance to Paul's mission of the event concerning the Sons of Sceva at Ephesus. [33]
- (b) 'The story of the Sons of Sceva and the magicians at Ephesus is fiction.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Explain the ways in which the Holy Spirit is seen to guide the Early Church in Acts 13–19. [33]
- (b) 'Acts 13–19 is not a factual account of the growth of Christianity.' Discuss. [17]

Answer questions from **one** alternative only.

### Alternative B – The Gospels

Answer **two** questions, **one** from Part 1 and **one** from Part 2.

#### Part 1

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 7 (a) Explain why the Last Supper was an important event for the disciples. [33]  
 (b) 'Jesus' prediction of his betrayal was the most important event at the Last Supper.' Discuss. [17]
- 8 (a) Explain how and why Pilate appears to be sympathetic to Jesus in John's account of the Roman trial. [33]  
 (b) 'Pilate was just as responsible as the Jews for the death of Jesus.' Discuss. [17]
- 9 (a) Explain why there was a Jewish plot to kill Jesus. [33]  
 (b) 'Judas did not fail Jesus.' Discuss. [17]

#### Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 10 (a) Explain the theology of Mark's account of the crucifixion. [33]  
 (b) 'The crucifixion was the end of the "good news" in Mark.' Discuss. [17]
- 11 (a) Explain the theology of John's account of the crucifixion. [33]  
 (b) To what extent does it matter if John's account of Jesus' death is not historically accurate? [17]
- 12 (a) Explain the significance of the conversation between Jesus and Simon Peter at the resurrection appearance beside Lake Tiberias. [33]  
 (b) 'The conversation between Jesus and Simon Peter at Lake Tiberias is probably fiction.' Discuss. [17]

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