

ADVANCED GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES New Testament 2 FRIDAY 6 JUNE 2008 2774

Afternoon Time: 1 hour 30 minutes



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 from one alternative only.
- 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

- Each question carries 45 marks.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **90**.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of your written communication in both answers.

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Alternative A – The Early Church

Answer two questions.

- 1 'I had been trusted with the gospel for the uncircumcised.' Galatians 2:7 'In Galatians, Paul successfully argued that Christians need not first be Jews.' Discuss.
- 2 'Romans was Paul's most developed statement of the gospel.' Discuss.
- **3** 'Paul weakened his case for Christianity by arguing that both Justification and the Jewish belief in the Law were correct.' Discuss.
- 4 Critically assess the differences in style and content between 1 Corinthians 15 and Ephesians 1–4.

Alternative B – The Gospels

Answer two questions.

- 5 'The parables in Matthew 25 are not about judgement.' Discuss.
- 6 'The healing miracles in Mark were demonstrations of Jesus' authority and status.' Discuss.
- 7 'I will open my mouth to speak in parables;' Matthew 13:35 Assess the significance of the use of parables in Matthew 13.
- 8 Explain the theological significance of the parables in Luke 15.

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