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AS GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

G574/01/1 New Testament

QUESTION PAPER INSERT

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- This Insert is for your reference only.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **TWO** questions.

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Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Explain the beliefs and ideas of the Zealots in first-century Palestine. [25]
(b) 'For most Jews living in first-century Palestine, religion was more important than politics.' Discuss. [10]
- 2 (a) Explain how source criticism contributes to the understanding of the gospels. [25]
(b) 'Studying a gospel writer rather than concentrating on the content of his gospel is confusing.' Discuss. [10]
- 3 (a) Explain the distinctive features of Mark's account of the Jewish trial of Jesus. [25]
(b) 'Jesus brought about his own death.' Discuss. [10]
- 4 (a) Explain the problems concerning the ending of Mark's gospel. [25]
(b) 'The resurrection account in Mark is incomplete without the longer ending.' Discuss. [10]

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