



**General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary/Advanced**

554/01

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 4
An Introduction to The New
Testament**

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 16 January 2008
(1 hour)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

You are permitted to use a Bible, which may include the Apocrypha.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry 20 marks. The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all questions.

Answer **Question 1** and **one other question**.

1.

The gospel writers are agreed that Jesus is the Son of God. There are, however, only two gospels which give any information on how this alleged Son of God came into the world. The first thing that strikes us as we read these narratives is the considerable differences between them.

- (a) Outline the *considerable differences* between the two Birth Narratives in the gospels. [10]
- (b) Explain how *the gospel writers* show agreement *that Jesus is the Son of God*. [10]
2. (a) Describe, with examples, the main characteristics of Jesus' parables. [10]
- (b) 'Some of the parables are the work not of Jesus but of the early Church.' Assess this view. [10]
3. (a) Examine the main features of eschatological teaching as found in any passage or passages you have studied. [10]
- (b) 'Paul's eschatological teaching is exactly the same as that of Jesus.' Assess this statement with reference to passages you have studied. [10]