General Certificate of Secondary Education
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RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION A)   **3061/6/C**
RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION A) (SHORT COURSE)
Paper 1C   The Christian Life and St. Mark's Gospel

Thursday 17 May 2007   9.00 am to 10.30 am

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ASSESSMENT and
QUALIFICATIONS
ALLIANCE

You will need no other materials.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions
- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Write your answers to Parts A and B in the spaces provided in this booklet.
- Write your answers to Part C on the continuation sheets at the end of this booklet.
- If you use any additional answer sheets, tie them loosely to the back of this booklet.
- At the start of the examination **tear out** perforated pages 9 and 10.
- Do **not** write on pages 9 and 10. Any work on these pages will **not** be marked.
- Do **not** re-insert pages 9 and 10 into the booklet at the end of the examination.
- Do all rough work in this booklet. Continuation sheets are provided for this purpose on pages 11 to 16.
- You must **not** use a Bible.

Information
- The maximum mark for this paper is 83.
- Three of these marks will be awarded for Quality of Written Communication.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.
- Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in **Part C questions** only.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.

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PART A

Answer **all** questions in this part in the spaces provided.

A1   Parables

(a)   What is a parable?

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(b)   Give an account of the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

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A2   Suffering and Death

(a)   When he was in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed. What did he say?

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(2 marks)

(b)   Just before he died, Jesus prayed, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" What do these words mean?

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(c)   How might Jesus' prayers help Christians today?

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A3   Authority

Explain why many Christians think that Mark's Gospel can be trusted as a source of information about Jesus.

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PART B

Answer **all** questions in this part in the spaces provided.

B4 Discipleship

Look at the drawing below, which shows the Widow at the Treasury.

(a) Give an account of the story of the Widow at the Treasury.

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(b) What might Christians learn from this story?

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(c) 'It is wrong for Christians to be rich.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view.

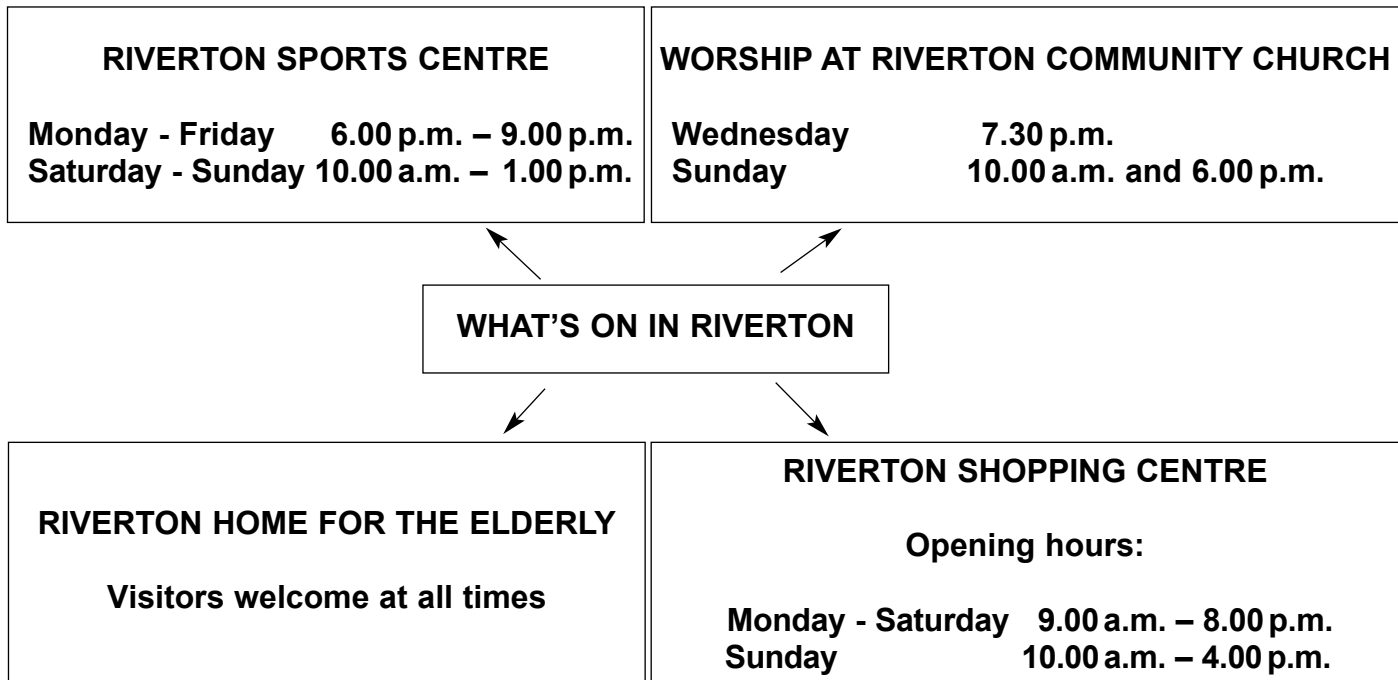...

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B5 **The Sabbath**

Look at the diagram below.

RIVERTON SPORTS CENTRE	WORSHIP AT RIVERTON COMMUNITY CHURCH
Monday - Friday **6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.** **Saturday - Sunday 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.**	**Wednesday** **7.30 p.m.** **Sunday** **10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.**

WHAT'S ON IN RIVERTON

RIVERTON HOME FOR THE ELDERLY	RIVERTON SHOPPING CENTRE
Visitors welcome at all times	**Opening hours:** **Monday - Saturday** **9.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.** **Sunday** **10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.**

(a) In the time of Jesus, most Jews did not work on the Sabbath. Why not?

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(2 marks)

(b) Give **two** occasions in Mark's Gospel when Jesus was criticised for what he did on the Sabbath.

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(2 marks)

(c) (i) Which day of the week do Christians keep holy?

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(1 mark)

(c) (ii) Explain how Christians today might keep this day holy.

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(4 marks)

(d) 'It was wrong of Jesus to break the Sabbath Law.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view.

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(5 marks)

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PART C

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Answer **all** questions in this part on pages 11 to 16.

There are 20 marks for each question.

C6 Resurrection

(a) Describe, in detail, the visit of the three women to Jesus' tomb as recorded by Mark.
(7 marks)

(b) Explain why Mark's stories about the empty tomb and the Resurrection appearances of Jesus are important for Christians today. *(8 marks)*

(c) 'The Resurrection never happened. Jesus' body was stolen!'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

C7 The Person of Jesus

(a) Describe, in detail,

EITHER   The Feeding of the Five Thousand
OR   The Healing of the Epileptic (Demon-possessed) Boy. *(8 marks)*

(b) How might Mark's Gospel help Christians today understand Jesus as Saviour?
(7 marks)

(c) 'Christians can learn more about Jesus from his words than from his actions.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

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