

Teacher Resource Bank

GCSE Religious Studies Specification A

Additional Specimen Questions

Unit 5: *St Mark's Gospel*

- Jesus' Ministry



PART B

There are 24 marks for each question.

B Jesus' Ministry

(a) Describe the baptism and temptation of Jesus. (6 marks)

(b) 'There are too many temptations for Christians to resist.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Mark's Gospel in your answer. (6 marks)

(c) Explain what Christians might learn from the transfiguration. (6 marks)

(d) 'The disciple Peter always acted in the right way and said the right things.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Mark's Gospel in your answer. (6 marks)



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Part B

B Jesus' Ministry

(a) Describe the baptism and temptation of Jesus.

Target: To demonstrate knowledge of the baptism and temptation of Jesus

Levels	Criteria	Marks
0	Nothing relevant or worthy of credit.	0 marks
Level 1	Something relevant or worthy of credit.	1 mark
Level 2	Elementary knowledge and understanding, e.g. two simple points.	2 marks
Level 3	Sound knowledge and understanding.	3 marks
Level 4	A clear knowledge and understanding with some development and / or analysis.	4 marks
Level 5	A detailed answer with some development and / or analysis.	5 marks
Level 6	A full and coherent answer showing good development and / or analysis.	6 marks

Mark 1 ⁹⁻¹³

NIV

⁹At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." ¹²At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, ¹³and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

RSV

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; ¹¹and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased." ¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him.

GNB

⁹Not long afterwards Jesus came from Nazareth in the province of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came down from heaven, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you." ¹²At once the Spirit made him go into the desert, ¹³where he stayed forty days, being tempted by Satan. Wild animals were there also, but angels came and helped him.

(6 marks) AO1

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Revised Standard Version

The Bible (Revised Standard Version).

Good News Bible

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(b) ‘There are too many temptations for Christians to resist.’

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Mark’s Gospel in your answer.

Target: To evaluate the actions of Jesus in performing miracles of healing

Level	Criteria	Marks	Quality of Written Communication
0	Unsupported opinion or no relevant evaluation.	0 marks	The candidate’s presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar seriously obstruct understanding.
Level 1	Opinion supported by simple reason.	1 mark	The candidate presents some relevant information in a simple form. The text produced is usually legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar allow meaning to be derived, although errors are sometimes obstructive.
Level 2	Opinion supported by one developed reason or two simple reasons.	2 marks	
Level 3	Opinion supported by one well developed reason or several simple reasons. N.B. Candidates who make no religious comment should not achieve more than Level 3.	3 marks	The candidate presents relevant information in a way which assists with the communication of meaning. The text produced is legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are sufficiently accurate not to obscure meaning.
Level 4	Opinion supported by two developed reasons with reference to religion.	4 marks	
Level 5	Evidence of reasoned consideration of two different points of view, showing informed insights and knowledge and understanding of religion.	5 marks	The candidate presents relevant information coherently, employing structure and style to render meaning clear. The text produced is legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are sufficiently accurate to render meaning clear.
Level 6	A well-argued response, with evidence of reasoned consideration of two different points of view showing informed insights and ability to apply knowledge and understanding of religion effectively.	6 marks	

Candidates may include some of the following points:

Agree

Christians were tempted in Jesus’ day to give up the faith or be persecuted / temptation might mean testing and Christians were only human so could not always resist / temptations today like money / possessions / ambition / cars can distract Christians / there are more temptations today because there is more materialism in the 21st century / temptation might take other forms, e.g. adultery / the disciples were taught to pray to resist temptation.

Other views

Christians can rise above temptation through prayer / self control / recognising the damage that giving in can create / there are many examples of Christians resisting and dying as martyrs / giving things up / resisting the need for materialism / the disciples failed to resist temptation sometimes, e.g. arguing about who was greatest / Peter’s denials.

Any appropriate example from Mark or Christian tradition should be credited.

(6 marks) AO2

(c) Explain what Christians might learn from the transfiguration.

Target: Understanding of what Christians might learn from the transfiguration

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Level 1	Something relevant or worthy of credit.	1 mark
Level 2	Elementary knowledge and understanding, e.g. two simple points.	2 marks
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Level 6	A full and coherent answer showing good development and / or analysis.	6 marks

Candidates may include some of the following points:

Jesus is the Messiah / Jesus is the fulfilment of the Law / he is in the tradition of the prophets / God assures Christians that Jesus is Messiah through his voice / discipleship includes sometimes seeing or experiencing great spiritual events / Peter demonstrated his excitement at the event which encourages disciples today to be enthusiastic about events / events do not last for ever / Jesus' resurrection is foretold as he is seen in glory / that mountains are important in religious tradition / Jesus had an inner circle of disciples.

Other appropriate responses should be credited.

(6 marks) AO1

(d) ‘The disciple Peter acted in the right way and said the right things’.

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Mark’s Gospel in your answer.

Target: To evaluate the actions of Peter

Level	Criteria	Marks	Quality of Written Communication
0	Unsupported opinion or no relevant evaluation.	0 marks	The candidate’s presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar seriously obstruct understanding.
Level 1	Opinion supported by simple reason.	1 mark	The candidate presents some relevant information in a simple form. The text produced is usually legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar allow meaning to be derived, although errors are sometimes obstructive.
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Level 6	A well-argued response, with evidence of reasoned consideration of two different points of view showing informed insights and ability to apply knowledge and understanding of religion effectively.	6 marks	

Candidates may include some of the following points:

Agree

Peter got it right at Caesarea Philippi when he said that Jesus was the Messiah / Peter led the other disciples to go to the tomb to check the resurrection / Peter was part of Jesus’ inner group so was able to see and learn from miracles like the rising of Jairus’ Daughter / the transfiguration / Peter understood that discipleship meant giving up everything / Peter declared his loyalty when Jesus predicted his death / (later Peter went on to be leading apostle in the church and shared his memoirs with Mark’s Gospel author).

Other views

Peter denied Jesus / at the transfiguration Peter broke the atmosphere by suggesting building booths / Peter misunderstood after Jesus predicted his death by saying that Jesus should not die and was told by Jesus to get behind him / Peter ran away at the arrest / was not at the crucifixion whereas the women were.

(6 marks) AO2