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## Religious Studies

Paper 5

Christianity through a Study of the  
Gospel of Mark

[GRS51]

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### TIME

1 hour 30 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** in the spaces provided in this booklet **and two** from **three** questions in **Section B** on the lined pages at the end of this booklet.

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The total mark for this paper is 105.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Spelling, punctuation and accurate use of grammar will be assessed in Section B questions **5(c)**, **6(c)** and **7(c)**, where **two** questions only are required to be completed.

Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

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**(Questions start overleaf)**

## Section A

Answer **all** questions.

### 1 Jesus the miracle worker

(a) (i) Whose mother-in-law did Jesus heal? [1 mark]

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(ii) Name the synagogue official whose daughter was sick. [1 mark]

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(iii) Who brought the paralysed man to Jesus? [1 mark]

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(iv) What did the Syro-Phoenician woman beg Jesus to do? [1 mark]

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(v) Name **one** miracle that happened on the Sabbath. [1 mark]

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**(b)** Explain what Christians can learn from the healing stories in Mark's Gospel. [5 marks]

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**(c)** "The miracles of Jesus did not please everyone."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer. [5 marks]

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## 2 The Kingdom of God

(a) (i) What question did the rich man ask Jesus? [1 mark]

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(ii) What had the rich man obeyed since he was young?  
[1 mark]

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(iii) What else did Jesus tell the man to do? [1 mark]

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(iv) Complete this saying of Jesus. "It is much harder for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God than for a \_\_\_\_\_ to go through the eye of a needle". [1 mark]

(v) What did Jesus say people would receive if they followed him? [1 mark]

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**(b)** “Having too much money prevents a person from leading a Christian life.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. [10 marks]

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### 3 Attitudes towards the Sabbath

Jesus was walking through some cornfields on the Sabbath. As his disciples walked along with him, they began to pick the ears of corn. <sup>24</sup>

So the Pharisees said to Jesus, “Look, it is against our Law for your disciples to do that on the Sabbath!” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “Have you never read what David did that time when he needed something to eat? He and his men were hungry, <sup>26</sup> so he went into the house of God and ate the bread offered to God. This happened when Abiathar was the High Priest. According to our Law only the priests may eat this bread – but David ate it and even gave it to his men.” <sup>27</sup> And Jesus concluded, “The Sabbath was made for the good of human beings; they were not made for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

**(a)** What does this passage teach about Jesus’ attitude towards the Sabbath? [5 marks]

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**(b)** Explain why the Sabbath was an important day for the Jewish people. [5 marks]

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**(c)** “A Christian should never work on a Sunday.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer. [5 marks]

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#### 4 The death of Jesus

(a) Describe the release of Barabbas and the mockery of Jesus by the Roman soldiers. [5 marks]

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**(b)** “The chief priests and the elders are to blame for the death of Jesus.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. [10 marks]

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## Section B

Answer **two** from **three** questions.

**Five** marks will be awarded for spelling, punctuation and accurate use of grammar in part (c) of your answers.

Write on the pages provided at the end of the examination paper.

### 5 Jesus heals Blind Bartimaeus

(a) Retell the story of Blind Bartimaeus. [5 marks]

(b) Explain why some people were marginalised in the time of Jesus. [5 marks]

(c) “The miracles of Jesus have little meaning for people today.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.  
[10 marks]

## **6 The Resurrection of Jesus**

**(a)** Retell the story of the Resurrection in Mark's gospel.  
[5 marks]

**(b)** Explain the importance of the Resurrection for the disciples. [5 marks]

**(c)** "You can be a Christian without believing in the Resurrection."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.  
[10 marks]

## **7 The Nature of Discipleship**

**(a)** Retell the story of Peter's denial of Jesus. [5 marks]

**(b)** What challenges did the first disciples face in following Jesus? [5 marks]

**(c)** "Peter is a good role model for Christians today."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.  
[10 marks]













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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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