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Paper 4

Christianity through a Study of
the Gospel of Matthew

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THURSDAY 15 MAY, AFTERNOON

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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.

Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 The Visitors from the East

(a) (i) In which town was Jesus born? [1 mark]

(ii) Who was king of Judea when Jesus was born?
[1 mark]

(iii) What guided the visitors from the east? [1 mark]

(iv) What did the king ask the visitors to do? [1 mark]

(v) Why did the visitors return home by another route?
[1 mark]

(b) Explain what the three gifts presented by the visitors tell us about the future life of Jesus. [5 marks]

(c) "Jesus is no longer the centre of Christmas celebrations."

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

2 The plot against Jesus

(a) (i) Where did the chief priests meet to plot the death of Jesus? [1 mark]

(ii) Why did they not want to arrest Jesus during the Passover feast? [1 mark]

(iii) What did the woman anoint Jesus with at Simon's house? [1 mark]

(iv) Why were the disciples angry at the anointing of Jesus? [1 mark]

(v) How much was Judas paid to betray Jesus? [1 mark]

(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]

3 The Ministry of John the Baptist

At that time John the Baptist came to the desert of Judea and started preaching. ² “Turn away from your sins,” he said, “because the Kingdom of heaven is near!” ³ John was the man the prophet Isaiah was talking about when he said: “Someone is shouting in the desert, ‘Prepare a road for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel!’ ”

¹¹ I baptise you with water to show that you have repented, but the one who will come after me will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. He is much greater than I am; and I am not good enough even to carry his sandals. ¹² He has his winnowing shovel with him to thresh out all the grain. He will gather his wheat into his barn, but he will burn the chaff in a fire that never goes out.” ¹³ At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptised by him. ¹⁴ But John tried to make him change his mind. “I ought to be baptised by you,” John said, “and yet you have come to me!” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires”. So John agreed. ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptised, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ Then a voice said from heaven, “This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased”.

(a) Using information from the passage on page 8 describe how John the Baptist played an important part in the life of Jesus. [5 marks]

(b) How did John the Baptist challenge the Pharisees and the Sadducees? [5 marks]

(c) "There is more to following Jesus than leading a good life."

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

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4 Kingdom of God

(a) Describe what happened to the seeds in the Parable of the Sower. [5 marks]

(b) “Not many people understand the message of the parables of Jesus today.”

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

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 Healing a Roman Officer's Servant

- (a) Retell the story of the healing of the Roman officer's servant. [5 marks]

- (b) How might this miracle have upset some of the people of Jesus' day? [5 marks]

- (c) "The Christian Church does not speak out enough about prejudice and discrimination in our society."

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

6 Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

(a) Retell the events in Gethsemane up to the time of the arrest of Jesus. [5 marks]

(b) Why were the events in the garden a difficult time for Jesus? [5 marks]

(c) “People only pray when they are in trouble.”

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

7 The Nature of Christian Discipleship

(a) Retell the story of Jesus’ meeting with the rich young man. [5 marks]

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

(c) “Actions speak louder than words in the Christian faith.”

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

Number your answers clearly.

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