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Introduction

This paper provides the opportunity for candidates to study a biblical text in a GCSE Religious Studies course. When linked to one of the other papers offered on this specification such as Religion and Life or one of the faith papers, it provides a well-rounded qualification in Religious Studies.

Question 1 (a)

The 'Eye of the needle' is one of the key words in this section. One way of getting full marks is to learn the glossary definitions and an increasing number of candidates did so, but paraphrases are also acceptable.

Write your answer here:

(a) The metaphor Jesus used to show how being rich makes it harder to go to heaven.



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This is an acceptable paraphrase of the glossary definition pointing out that wealth makes it difficult to enter heaven.

Write your answer here:

(a) It's a place in Jerusalem, a small gateway or quite literally the tiny ~~is~~ whole at the top of a sewing needle.



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This answer was given 1 mark for a partially correct answer. Indeed it gave two partially correct answers - the reference to the gate and literal meaning of the whole at the top of the needle. However, it did not explain the meaning of the metaphor that Jesus used so could not be given full marks.

Question 1 (b) (c) (d)

Many candidates were able to link discipleship in parts (b) and (c) with today often pointing out (especially in part (b)) how life has changed. Likewise many candidates in (d) pointed out how attitudes today have changed on the issue of evil spirits.

(b) I do think being a disciple of Jesus is difficult in modern times. In Mark's Gospel the disciples are asked to leave their families, jobs and security to follow a man they do not know. In the twenty-first century this is socially unacceptable.

I also think overcoming the problems of discipleship - ridicule, hatred - would prevent many people following Jesus like the first disciples did. Fear prevents us venturing into the unknown.

(c) The call of the first disciples is important for Christians as it shows how special Jesus was; James, John, Simon and

Andrew all left their lives and families to follow Jesus which reflects his power and significance.

The call of the first disciples is important for Christians as it teaches them what they must do as followers of Jesus; they must become 'fishers of men' and spread the news of God around the world.

The significance of this statement also shows Christians what Jesus was sent to do - he goes to 'catch people' and teach them about The Kingdom so that they may repent and be saved.

Christians also find this ~~important~~ important as it shows how they must put all their trust in Jesus and allow him to deal with their worries and fears.

The disciples trusted Jesus and so should we.

(d) (i) I do agree. I think the 'evil spirits' in the Gospel were forms of illnesses like epilepsy which come and go but are rarely cured. These illnesses are solved by medical care and drugs nowadays but in Jesus' day they would be thought of as a sign for sin. Jesus' healing of the 'possessed' people may have just been that they stopped having a fit.



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Here we have a full mark answer which shows how arguments and reasons can be developed to earn maximum marks.

In part (b) two developed reasons are given. Reason 1 is that in the twentieth century this is unacceptable. The development comes before the actual reason outlining what they have to leave. Reason 2 is that ridicule and hatred would stop them. This is developed by fear which prevents us from venturing into the unknown.

This answer to part (c) gives three reasons, one of which has been developed. The quality of written communication is good so it gains the upper of the two marks in level 4. The reasons credited were:

Reason 1 - 'reflects his power and significance'.

Reason 2 - they must become fishers of men. This is developed by this is what Jesus was sent to do.

Reason 3 - they may repent and be saved.

This response to part (d)(i) gives one fully developed reason which is that evil spirits are a form of illness. This developed by the example of epilepsy being treated with medication. This then further developed by 'in Jesus' day illness was thought of as sin.

In (d)(ii) this also has one fully developed reason. The simple reason is some people are possessed today. This is developed by evil spirit is the only answer. This further developed by possessed people are sinners in need of repentance.



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A useful form of developing a reason is to give an example.

Question 2 (a)

Most candidates are familiar with Peter's denial. However, there are still some candidates who mix it up with Judas' betrayal of Jesus.

Write your answer here:

(a) Peter's denial is were he betrayed Jesus and then lied about it to protect himself.



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This candidate has confused denial and betrayal and so could only gain one mark.

Write your answer here:

(a) The way Peter said he was not a follower of Jesus after Jesus' arrest.



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This candidate gives the glossary definition and so gains the full 2 marks.

Question 2 (b) (c) (d)

Whilst part (b) and (d) were generally well answered, part (c) proved to be more challenging for many candidates and some candidates did not see the problems of discipleship contained in it. Some candidates just re-told the parable and therefore could only achieve level 1 whilst other candidates confused it with the parable of the Tenants in the vineyard.

(b)

I think that Jesus didn't ask the rich man to do much because all he asked him to do was give up time.

Another reason why I think that didn't ask him to give up was to do something for Jesus.

(c)

problems of discipleship are shown in the parable of the sower because the disciples have said that they will always stick with Jesus whatever happens.

(d) (i)

I think that the disciples were not failures because they said to Jesus that they would do as anything he said another reason why I think this is because if they wanted to be a disciple they would have to leave their families and sacrifice all of ~~the~~ their precious things that they have.

(ii)

Some people may disagree with me because some people might say that ~~the~~ the disciples didn't do enough for Jesus.

Also because when one of his disciples betrayed Jesus to be crucified.



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There was no valid reason given here to part (b), so the candidate gained no marks.

There was nothing in this answer from the parable of the Sower to part (c) so again the candidate could gain no marks.

This answer to part (d)(i) provided two reasons with one developed. Reason 1 was that they would do anything he said. Reason 2 was that they would leave their families etc. This was developed by they sacrificed all the precious things.

In part (d)(ii) two simple reasons were given for 2 marks. The first reason was they didn't do enough for Jesus and the second reason was that one of the disciples betrayed Jesus.

There were many other reasons which could have been added to push this answer to 3 marks - such as Judas' betrayal of Jesus; the disciples all ran away when Jesus was arrested; the disciples didn't always understand Jesus etc.



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Examiner Tip

One way of approaching part (d) questions is to give 3 simple reasons in each part.

This is an example of a full mark response to parts (b), (c) and (d) of this question.

(b) Yes I do because the rich man had a lot of money which he may have worked hard for so he shouldn't just have to give it away.

Additionally, Jesus told him to give all his wealth to the poor but if he did that then he himself would have nothing and wouldn't be able to survive so he would become poor and ~~the~~ need ~~some~~ another rich person to help him. Therefore he should have been told to keep some of his wealth.

Additionally there were other ways of helping the poor rather than just giving them wealth which would be better and more substantial.

(c) In the parable of the sower the problems of discipleship are shown ~~when~~ because Jesus spoke in parables but the disciples didn't understand what he meant so ~~so~~ they couldn't listen to the message and follow his teaching.

Additionally, the parable ~~to~~ talks about a seed falling on the ~~ground~~ ^{rain} which means that the people hear the word and they start off very enthusiastic but soon get distracted and stop doing deeds ~~with~~ which is one problem of discipleship.

Another problem of discipleship is shown by the seed which falls on the

~~means~~ which means the people hear the word but they can get choked by the messiness of of this world and therefore lose faith.

Furthermore, another problem of discipleship is that Jesus said that the he spoke in a parable so that the crowd couldn't understand what he was saying and therefore couldn't do ~~Gods~~ God's will but we thought that Jesus was anyone could be a disciple so why was Jesus trying to prevent people from becoming one.

Finally how can we Christians who want to be good disciples ~~prevent~~ choose where the seed lands.

(d) (i) Yes I do agree because they fell asleep in the garden of Gethsemane when Jesus told them to stay awake and keep lookout. // They also didn't have enough faith to heal the boy and cast out the demons from him.

Furthermore, they after ~~didn't~~ ^{didn't} understand Jesus' parables such as the parable of the sower so they couldn't listen to the message and carry out what Jesus wanted them to.

Finally, Peter denied ~~knows~~ being a follower of Jesus 3 times despite denying he would and saying he would rather die so it shows he'd valued his own life over being a follower of Jesus.

(ii) On the other hand, Peter became the first pope which shows he learnt from his mistakes and did God's will.

Additionally, ^{in the call of the first disciples} when the disciples James and John were called to follow Jesus they responded immediately which shows they were good disciples.

Finally, in the sending out of the twelve the disciples listened to what Jesus said and they went and preached the word of God and helped many people.



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Two developed reasons are given here for part (b). Reason 1 is that he had a lot of money he had worked hard for. This is developed by 'He shouldn't just have to give it away'. Reason 2 is that he himself would have nothing. This is developed by 'He would become poor and need another's help. Two reasons have been given already so the rest of the answer cannot be credited as maximum marks have already been reached.

In part (c) four simple reasons are given and the quality of communication is good so it gains the higher of the two marks for level 4. The reasons credited were:

Reason 1 - The disciples did not understand the parable.

Reason 2 - The seed falling on the path ... soon get distracted.

Reason 3 - The seed falling on the rocky ground ... soon get choked by possessions.

Reason 4 - The hearers don't understand the parable so how can they become followers.

In (d)(i) three simple reasons are given. These were:

Reason 1 - They fell asleep in Gethsemane.

Reason 2 - They could not heal the boy with demons.

Reason 3 - They did not understand Jesus' parables.

Maximum marks have been achieved so the rest cannot add any further marks.

Three simple reasons are also given in part (ii), these were:

Reason 1 - Peter became the first pope.

Reason 2 - James and John followed immediately.

Reason 3 - They went and preached when Jesus sent them out.

Question 3 (a)

This part (a) question was generally well known and the responses shown in this report illustrate what was typical of the answers that were given.

Write your answer here:

(a) Fasting is going without food on certain days as a sign of devotion to God.



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This answer is the glossary definition, so this was awarded 2 marks.

Question 3 (b) (c) (d)

Many candidates seemed to find this question harder than some of the others, although there was also evidence of some good responses on 'Give to Caesar...'. In part (c) quite a few candidates wrote about the cleansing of the Temple whereas Mark clearly states that the cleansing was on the next day. There were some thoughtful answers given to part (d).

(b) Yes, because by the authorities questioning Jesus about paying taxes they were trying to catch him out. If he had said to just pay taxes he may have lost followers but if he had said to not pay taxes he could have been arrested. Therefore by saying 'give to ^{ae} Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God' he did not fall into the trap.

He had completely opposed the way the Sadducees ran the Temple and would have made them and the authorities very angry.

He also opposed their rituals of cleansing saying that being a good and honest person was more important than following cleansing rituals.

This would have made the Pharisees angry as they followed every detail of the written law including cleansing.

(d) (i) Yes they should because not obeying authorities may lead to problems for them. And cause them to lose much more.



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For part (b) this candidate gave only one developed reason so was awarded 2 marks. The reason was that they were trying to catch Jesus out. This is developed by the examples of what would happen depending on his answer.

The candidate could have gained more marks by giving and developing another reason such as it is important for people to pay taxes.

This answer to part (c) is about the Cleansing of the Temple and not the entry into Jerusalem. Therefore it could not be given any marks. Please note that Quality of Written Communication can only be credited if the candidate has reached at least level 1.

Only one simple reason was given in response to part (d)(i) this was not obeying would lead to problems.

In (ii) one fully developed reason was given. The reason was that Christians should stand by what they believe. This is developed by the example of Jesus and further developed by 'therefore oppose wrong doing'.

By contrast with the previous example this is an example of one which got nearly full marks.

(b) Jesus was right because the temple leaders asked him a trick question if he did not answer the question as he did he would have got arrested. Jesus' answer means he would have had to conflict with the authorities from his followers. This answer was right as there would be no rebellion.

King David. The temple leaders were aware of this message and saw him as a threat. As leaders were thought he would lead a rebellion/army.

Jesus' entry to had many people cheering for him the authorities would have seen this as a threat as because these followers could do anything Jesus told them to. Some people were bowing down to Jesus almost as if they were worshipping him like they would worship God/king would have meant Blasphemy.

The entry on a donkey would have shown peace and he was fulfilling his prophecy the as the Messiah the leaders would have seen them as a false prophet
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(d) (i) I Agree because Jesus was obeying the authorities and lead his followers ~~through~~ a more peaceful way. Christians should adapt their ways to following authorities as that way they will not get into trouble / violence. Even when Jesus was getting arrested he did not run away and when ~~the~~ guards he told his disciples not to fight the Guards / authorities.



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This answer to part (b) gave two reasons with one developed. Reason 1 was that it was a trick question. This is developed by 'if he did not answer as he did he would have got arrested'. Reason 2 was that conflict with the authorities from his followers.

In part (c) two developed reasons were given, Quality of Written Communication is good so it gains the upper of the two marks in level 4. The two developed reasons were:

Reason 1 – Showing signs he was going to become a king. This is developed by leaders thought he could lead a rebellion.

Reason 2 – Jesus told them to. This developed by near worship of Jesus could be seen as blasphemy.

Maximum marks have been reached so the rest of the response cannot add any further marks.

In part (d)(i) one fully developed reason was given. The reason was Jesus was obeying the authorities. This is developed by Christians should adapt their ways of following him. It is further developed by even when arrested he told his followers not to fight them.

Whereas in part (ii) three simple reasons were given which were:

Reason 1 - Jesus challenged them (the authorities).

Reason 2 - Christians should not obey the authorities but God.

Reason 3 - Sometimes the authorities are wrong

Question 4 (a)

Most candidates recognised that the Temple was a place of worship, but in order to get the maximum two marks the mark scheme was looking for some indication that set it apart from other places of worship - such as the main place of worship in Jerusalem; the place where sacrifices were offered; the place Jesus turned out the traders from etc.

Write your answer here:

(a) The Temple is a place of worship.



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There is no indication in this response that the Temple is different to other places of worship. So it is marked as a partially correct answer.

Write your answer here:

(a) The temple was a building in Jerusalem where sacrifices were made to God.



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The inclusion of the word 'sacrifice' in this answer makes it a full mark answer.

Question 4 (b) (c) (d)

There were some good answers to (parts b) and (d), but some candidates in part (c) confused the healing of the paralysed man with the healing of the man with the withered arm.

(b) I do think Jesus was right to break the sabbath laws. When his disciples were picking corn it was because they were hungry and needed sustenance. Jesus rightly states that 'sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath', meaning he could break the laws if they benefitted him. Healing on the sabbath is saving someone's life - this should never be banned on any day as it is a matter of morals to save a life if it needs saving.

(c) The healing of the paralysed man is significant for Christians today because, not only did Jesus save a socially rejected man, he also forgave his sins. As the Pharisees said, only God can forgive sins and therefore this parable shows that Jesus is God on earth and therefore the Messiah.

Christians today can therefore draw hope from this; anyone's sins can be forgiven and anyone can be healed by Jesus as he is the son of God. This is one of the few parables in which his Godly power is spoken of and is therefore significant for Christians to understand Jesus.

The healing of the man also shows God's ultimate power and is significant in comforting Christians when things are worrying or troublesome and might reject them from society.

(d) (i) I do agree. I think that as Jesus upset the ~~Pharisees~~ Pharisees, Sadducees and the Scribes - all known for their understanding of Jewish law, he was bound to be killed to get ~~the~~ him out of the way and prevent the teachers of the law looking stupid or un-knowing. The fact he upset these religious leaders meant he was a threat and he needed to be gotten rid of.

(ii) Christians may disagree with me because they think it was part of God's plan to crucify Jesus to save our sins and therefore he would have been killed anyway, regardless of the reason for it. They would also think that Jesus knew he was going to be killed and therefore he upset the people because they needed to be corrected and it didn't matter as he would die anyway.



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This response to part (b) provided one developed reason. The reason is the disciples were hungry and in need of sustenance. This is developed with the quotation used by Jesus. The last part is incorrect as there is no record of Jesus saving a life on the Sabbath so was not credited.

In part (c) this response provided three reasons with one developed. The Quality of Written Communication was good so it gained the higher of the two marks at level 4. Reason 1 was that he forgave the man's sins. This is developed by Jesus is God on earth. Reason 2 was that anyone's sins can be forgiven. Reason 3 was that it showed God's ultimate power.

In part (d)(i) there is one developed reason given which was to get him out of the way, this was developed by adding that he was a threat and needed to be gotten rid of.

There are two reasons with one developed given in part (ii) so this response gained 3 marks. The first reason was that it was part of God's plan. This is developed by he would have been killed anyway. The second reason is that the people needed to be corrected.

(b) Yes, I think Jesus was right to break the Sabbath laws. By doing this, he clearly showed us Christians that laws shouldn't prevent us from helping others. He said "which is law-ful on sabbath? to save or kill, to do good or evil?" by saying this Jesus ^{shows} ~~says~~ that we shouldn't depend too much on laws. So, I think Jesus was right to break the Sabbath laws.

He also says, "Sabbath was made for man; not man for Sabbath." This means that laws were made to make our life easier; it was not allowed to bring difficulties. Also Jesus was the Son of Man. So he definitely had the authority to break the laws. So, he was right.

(c) The healing of the paralysed man is significant for Christians today because it shows us the importance of prayer and faith. Jesus was amazed and impressed by the ^{faith of} ~~people~~ the people, when they carried the paralysed man to Jesus through the roof. This tells us Christians that if we have faith in Jesus; he will hear our prayer.

This also bring hope to us Christians; by this scripture passage; we comes to know that Jesus will be there for us when we need him.

Healing of the paralysed man also show us that Jesus had power over sickness. This also helps us to realize that he was no ordinary man and in fact he was the Son of Man; he had God's authority to heal the sick.

This passage also helps us to understand that the authorities, pharisees and Jews were jealous of Jesus because they couldn't perform miracles. This made the pharisees and Jews to plan the plot to kill Jesus. They thought he was committing blasphemy.

All of these helps us Christians to lead a good life and it also encourages us to pray and this passage increases our faith in Jesus Christ.

(d) (i) Yes I agree with this opinion. Jesus did upset many people during his teachings. He annoyed and shocked the pharisees when he tried to break the Sabbath law by saying, "Sabbath was made for man; not man for Sabbath." He also upset many shoppers and merchants in the Temple when he destroyed their shops. Moreover he also challenged the authorities and Sadducees in the Temple when he proved them that they were wrong by saying "Is it not written; that my house will be the place of worship for all nations? But you have made it a den of robbers". He was also challenging their knowledge by saying this:

He also upset the pharisees and chief priest when he entered Jerusalem on a donkey in Palm Sunday. They were worried about his growing popularity and decided to kill him. If Jesus hadn't upset too many people; he may not have been get killed by them.

(ii) No, I disagree with this statement. Jesus' death was bound to happen. He had to die; and he knew it from the beginning. Jesus said; "for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered. But I will go ahead of you to Galilee..." He also knew about his resurrection. This states that he was the Messiah - the suffering servant and he had to die.

Jesus died to bring us salvation and eternal life. Even if he hadn't upset anyone; it was his mission to die and rise again.

Even if he didn't upset anyone; he was bound to die; because surely he might have faced opposition from others too.

Jesus could also have prevented his own death by running away. So, He was not killed because he upset too many people.



In part (b) two developed reasons are given, these were:

Reason 1 - laws shouldn't prevent us from helping others. This is developed by the quotation Jesus used.

Reason 2 - laws were made to make life easier. This is developed by the quotation immediately preceding it.

Two developed reasons are given here in part (c) and the Quality of Written Communication is good so gains the higher mark of level 4. These developed reasons were credited as follows:

Reason 1 - shows the importance of prayer and faith. This is developed by Jesus being amazed by the faith of those who brought the man.

Reason 2 - Jesus has power over sickness which is developed by it shows he is the Son of Man.

In part (d)(i) three simple reasons were given. These were:

Reason 1 - breaking the sabbath laws.

Reason 2 - upset the traders in the Temple.

Reason 3 - Jesus upset the sadducees by what he said.

There is one fully developed reason given for part (ii). The reason is that Jesus had to die and knew it from the beginning. This is then developed by the quotation and further developed by saying he died to bring salvation.

This candidate has said that they agree in (d)(i) and disagree in (d)(ii). This is acceptable as the candidate is 'sitting on the fence' providing that both views are declared as being their own.

In order to qualify for full marks in the part (d) question candidates have to refer to Christianity. Any reference to quotes from Mark's gospel, things that Jesus did, things that the disciples did etc are deemed to be references to Christianity.

Question 5a

Most candidates knew what crucifixion is.

Write your answer here:

(a) A Roman death penalty which Jesus suffered, which is how he died.



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This is a correct answer but using alternative wording to the glossary definition, so is given full marks.

write your answer here:

(a) When Jesus suffered especially the time leading up to his death.



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Although in the right general area, this candidate did not identify exactly what crucifixion was so it gained no marks.

Question 5 (b) (c) (d)

Generally this question was well answered and some thoughtful comments were made in parts (b) and (d). However on part (c), some candidates did not address the part of the question that asked them to talk about it being significant to Mark and consequently they were not able to score any marks on this section.

(b)

~~The crucifixion is significant in Mark~~
~~because~~ I do think Judas was wrong to betray Jesus because Judas had made a promise to be a disciple of Jesus and to commit to being one, this promise was broken due to the betrayal. Also due to the betrayal Judas lost Jesus his life, a man who did no wrong was killed due to Judas' selfish actions. Judas does not deserve the title "a follower of Jesus".

The crucifixion is significant to Mark because for one Mark was a loving disciple who cared for Jesus greatly and he must have felt nothing but pain when Jesus was ~~was~~ sentenced to death, just like us in our lives feel when a good friend or family member dies and we feel pain and wish they were back with us. Also because Mark witnessed the crucifixion and recorded it from the perspective of a friend of Jesus.

(d) (i)

I agree with the statement 'in Gethsemane the disciples should have protected Jesus' because it would have almost been like 'returning a favour' as Jesus took the disciples in and shown them the way. ~~Also~~ Also because of the simple fact that they were disciples themselves and that what Jesus had ~~to~~ taught them should have remembered their actions in protecting Jesus.

(ii)

Some may disagree because they feel that Jesus should have been well and strong enough to protect himself, because Jesus was the Messiah, a 'strong king' he should have been able to fight for himself. Also if Jesus was helped protect himself he would have been portrayed weak ~~to the Jews~~ to the Jews.



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In part (b) this response provided two developed reasons. These were:

Reason 1 - Judas promised to commit to Jesus. This is then developed by Judas broke his promise.

Reason 2 - The betrayal cost Jesus his life, which is developed by but he did no wrong.

In part (c) this is a case where the candidate has not address the 'significant to Mark part of the question and therefore because it does not answer the question as set it can gain no marks.

This response to part (d)(i) has two reasons with one developed. The first reason is almost like returning a favour. This is then developed with shown them the way. The second reason is that they should have remembered what Jesus had taught.

In part (d)(ii) this response has one developed reason for 2 marks. The reason was that Jesus should have been able to protect himself which is developed by because Jesus was the Messiah.



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Make sure that you read the question carefully and have understood what it is asking you to do.

(b) Yes, I think that Judas was wrong to betray Jesus for two reasons. Firstly he was chosen by Jesus to become one of the twelve apostles personally and was a friend of Jesus. Judas betrayed someone whom he followed and was chosen by. Jesus was close with all of his disciples and this makes his betrayal worse because he is personally sentencing Jesus to death. Secondly, when Jesus was arrested he faced death and this ~~is not~~ was against the Jewish and later the Christian faiths as one of the 10 commandments is 'You shall not kill' Judas is indirectly killing Jesus and therefore his is breaking the laws of his own faith and belief. This makes his actions even more wrong and unjust.

(c) Jesus' crucifixion is significant to Mark for several reasons. Firstly the criminals that were crucified had a paper nailed to the top of their cross with their charge upon it. Jesus' nail

(d) (i) I agree with this statement because the disciples should have protected Jesus in Gethsemane when the soldiers arrived armed with clubs and weapons. Jesus had looked after his disciples and they were also all close friends so they should have stuck by one another and protected Jesus. Furthermore, earlier in the day at the Last Supper Passover meal that Jesus ate with his 12 disciples they all promised him that they would never leave him or betray him when he said that one of them would. The disciples gave Jesus their word and they still did not protect him and went against their promises.

(ii) Other people may disagree with me and say that the disciples were only humans and therefore prone to human error. Jesus himself said 'The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak' so the disciples were too scared to protect Jesus. They may also say that the disciples were gentle and unarmed and so they had no chance against the armed soldiers. They could also argue that it was again all part of God's plan and therefore by protecting him they would be altering God's intentions and plans and stopping Jesus from dying to save us from our sins.



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In part (b) two developed reasons here mean that the candidate achieves 4 marks. The reasons given were:

Reason 1 - Judas was one of the 12 apostles, which is developed by he betrayed someone he followed.

Reason 2 - When he was arrested Jesus faced death, this is developed by Judas indirectly killed Jesus.

A full mark answer is given to part (c) here made up of three reasons with one developed and good Quality of Written Communication. The reasons credited were:

Reason 1 - Jesus being the Messiah and King of Kings. Reason 2 - Eloi, Eloi... shows Jesus to be suffering the sins of the world. This is developed by gives strength to the suffering community.

Reason 3 - the prophecies came true.

In (d)(i) one fully developed reason gives this answer full marks. The reason was that they were close friends so should have stayed together. This developed by saying at supper they promised not to betray him and further developed with they went against their promises.

In (d)(ii) two reasons with one developed gives this response full marks. The first reason is that the disciples were only human which is developed by 'the spirit is willing' etc. The second reason is it was all part of God's plan.

Question 6a

Most candidates had some idea of what the Sanhedrin was.

write your answer here:

(a) The Sanhedrin was the High Jewish Court that found Jesus guilty of crimes against their religion.



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This was clearly a correct answer identifying what the Sanhedrin was and so gained 2 marks.

Question 6 (b) (c) (d)

As in other questions parts (b) and (d) were well answered, but candidates did not answer part (c) so well. Candidates tended to know the illegalities in the trial of Jesus, but for the most part they were unable to link this to Christian attitudes to justice despite this being part of the specification.

(b)

It is important for Christians to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. This shows that he is holy and that he can heal and do miracles. This shows that Jesus is the son of God.

Another reason is that we can see that Jesus is holy and that he can perform ~~more~~ miracles. This means it teaches Christians that Jesus did have powers and he came back to life to finish his mission.

(c)

The trial of the high priest might affect Christians today because some might say that it was unfair at

The time of day that the trial was held at

Some may say that it was unfair that they accused him of something that he didn't do. Some also may say that why didn't Jesus pick more trustworthy disciples.

This is why some Christians might find that the trial before the high priest was unjust to Jesus.

Christians may believe that if Jesus was never ~~tried~~ ~~so unfairly~~ treated so ~~unfairly~~ Christianity might have been different.

(d) (i)

I think it was ~~essentially~~ necessary that Jesus died. This is because he knew he was going to die. Also the anointing at Bethany also shows that he got anointed. Instead of them doing it after the Sabbath. When he did not answer at the trial it shows that if he did answer he would not have been killed. Even Jesus himself knew that his time was up. He might have done this to show that he was holy and he can resurrect himself.

(ii)

people may disagree with me and say that Jesus should not have died. If he knew he was going to die why didn't he stop it. They might say that Jesus is selfish and he should have never done this.



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In this example for part (b) the candidate gave two reasons with one developed leading to 3 marks being awarded. The first reason was that it shows that he is holy. This is developed by he can do miracles and heal. The second reason is that Jesus came back to finish his mission.

In part (c) the candidate has not linked the illegalities in the trial to Christian attitudes to justice. So this response is given level 1 for a basic description. In part (d)(i) two reasons are given for 2 marks. These were:

Reason 1 – He knew he was going to die.

Reason 2 – So that he could resurrect himself.

In (d)(ii) one reason was given for 1 mark. This was why didn't he stop it.

This is an example of a fully correct answer to parts (b), (c) and (d) of this question.

(b) I think it is important for Christians to believe the resurrection of Jesus ~~as~~ as it is a pinck point in the Christian faith. It undolines to Christians who believe, that Jesus was 100% man but also 100% God. We must not forget this very important fact in the Christian church. The resurrection must also be believed by Christians as it ~~is~~ is perhaps one of Jesus' most divine moments, more so than his miracles. Believing in the resurrection would allow Christians to keep in touch strong touch with Jesus as it is clearly one of the most ~~highlighted~~ highlighted points in his life.

(c) The trial before the High priest can affect Christian attitude to Justice in many ways by being very suspicious and unfair. The first piece of evidence to this is how the trial took place at night. This is very suspicious as trials relating to the death penalty had to always be staged in broad daylight, this illegal act from the high priest was very unfair as it only happened to Jesus. Perhaps the most corrupt point of the trial was the false testimonies ~~that~~ prepared by people hired by the High Priest. This

incredibly corrupt and deceiving act can affect Christians as it has no place in a modern trial. However these false testimonies against Jesus did not agree or was relatively unconvincing. Another terribly unfair point is how the High priest ~~attacked~~ gave no defence to Jesus causing him to defend himself which ~~is a bit~~ Christians today can see is a total injustice and lack of rights. Of course the High priest paid hardly any attention to Jesus' self defence. Finally another suspicious but perhaps expected act is how the entire jury and people present at the trial were made up of the Sanhedrin and Sadducees, the people that despised and wanted Jesus dead. ~~Strangely~~ ^{Most} ~~some~~ Christians however would instantly recognise this terrible injustice.



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In part (b) two developed reasons are given for 4 marks. These were:

Reason 1 – it is the pinnacle point of Christianity. This is developed by Jesus was 100% man and 100% God.

Reason 2 – One of Jesus' most divine moments. This is developed by - believing would allow Christians to keep in touch with Jesus

This part (c) response achieves Level 4 – 8 marks for a comprehensive explanation using one reason only Quality of Written Communication is good so it gains the upper of the two marks in level 4. The reason given is that it has no place in a modern trial (middle of the answer). This then developed by reference to the various illegalities in Jesus' trial - held at night; false testimony; no defence for Jesus.

In part (d)(i) two reasons with one developed are given for 3 marks. The first reason is that sins would have not been forgiven, which is developed by the world would have been more corrupt than it is. The second reason is that Christianity would not have started.

In (d)(ii) three reasons were given for 3 marks. These were:

Reason 1 – Son of God should not suffer such a death.

Reason 2 – Jesus could have continued spreading the word.

Reason 3 – Jesus could have avoided being caught

Question 7 (a)

Some candidates mixed healing miracles with nature miracles when answering this question.

write your answer here:

(a) A healing miracle is where Jesus shows his power to overcome human science and belief.



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Although the candidate has the beginnings of the idea about the miraculous, there is not a clear enough definition here to gain any marks.

write your answer here:

(a) A healing miracle is were someone who is sick or dying can be healed and be alright just by Jesus.



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This answer gets across the idea of what a healing miracle is and so is awarded 2 marks.

Question 7 (b) (c) (d)

(b) I don't think the feeding of the five thousand was possible. This is because no one would be able to perform a miracle and have enough food for five thousand people.

(c) The raising of Jairus' daughter shows Jesus could perform healing miracles. ~~That's~~ This is because ~~the~~ Jairus' daughter died before he got to her and he was able to wake her up and get rid of the evil spirits. To perform the healing miracle, ~~the~~ Jairus had to believe in Jesus. This also shows Jesus is the Son of God as he performed a healing miracle on Jairus' daughter.

(d) (i) I agree that Jesus is the Son of God. This is because he was able to perform many healing and nature miracles that only God could achieve. Also, he ~~the~~ ressurected from the ~~dead~~ dead.

(iii) People may disagree with me because today we know Jesus didn't cure people by getting rid of evil spirits and that they had an illness so Jesus wasn't really able to perform miracles.



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In this example there is just one simple reason given in part (b) which is that no-one is able to perform such a miracle.

This part (c) response gained the upper mark in Level 1 - 2 marks. There is just one feature here which is that he could perform healing miracles.

In part (d)(i) two simple reasons were given, these were:

Reason 1 - he could perform miracles.

Reason 2 - the resurrection.

In (d)(ii) one simple reason was given which was we know he didn't cure by getting rid of evil spirits.

(b) I don't think the feeding of the five thousand is possible because it seems almost impossible for someone to multiply the number of food and share it out across so many people with food still left over. Also, now-a-days why can't Jesus multiply food across to the starving people across the world, if he was so powerful to do it then. He shows he is able to have power over nature so he is ~~the~~ the Messiah.

(c) Firstly, it shows many people had a lot of faith in Jesus. When the woman touched Jesus to be healed, she immediately felt better.

As well as this, ~~the~~ this miracle shows that Jesus is the Messiah as the little girl was meant to be dead. Jesus told Jairus that she was only sleeping, told the girl to get up and she was healed. This shows Jesus' power over sickness.

furthermore, this miracle shows that Jesus was caring as he was suddenly told about the girl. He went to heal her even though he was doing other things.

Finally, Jesus shows ~~when~~ the messianic secret at the end of the story, showing he did not want to reveal his true identity. Perhaps this shows Jesus does not want people to know of him as anything other than 'son of man'. Showing humanity.

(d) (i) I agree because of all the miracles he has performed show evidence of his power which shows his divinity and that he is the son of God.

As well as this, Jesus chooses disciples with the best natures.

For ^{some} Christians, this shows he was setting examples for other people to show how to get into the kingdom of God.

(ii) On the other hand, when Jesus broke the sabbath laws, it suggests ~~that~~ he could not be the son of God because he could not set examples for other people.

Also, if Jesus was the son of God then it suggests that it is OK for Christians today to break laws. Most Christians today follow what Jesus did and will see that he broke sabbath laws.



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In this example, two reasons with one developed were given for part (b). The first reason was that it is impossible for this to happen. This is developed by adding and share it across so many people. The second reason is why doesn't Jesus feed the starving today.

In part (c) the candidate gives a full mark answer including three features with one developed. These were credited as follows:

Feature 1 - Jesus is Messiah.

Feature 2 - shows Jesus' power over sickness.

Feature 3 - shows he is caring. This is developed by he went to heal her even though he was doing other things.

In part (d)(i) one developed reason is given for 2 marks. This is about miracles which is developed by he is the Son of God. The rest of the response is not relevant.

In part (d)(ii) one simple reason is given which is breaking the sabbath laws set a bad example.

Question 8 (a)

Most candidates knew Elijah to be a prophet, but many of them were unable to add any more to specifically identify him.

Write your answer here:

- (a) Elijah was a prophet in the old testament who appeared beside Jesus in his ~~trans~~ transfiguration.



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This answer correctly identifies Elijah as one of those at the Transfiguration.

Write your answer here:

- (a) Elijah ~~is~~ is the prophet said to be sent by God ~~to~~ ~~the~~ before the coming of Jesus.



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This is an example of the other correct identification that a lot of candidates gave.

Question 8 (b) (c) (d)

(b) I believe that Jesus didn't need to be baptised as Jesus was God's Son. ~~He had the~~ If he was God, then why did he need to be cleansed of sin to God. Sure this means that he was baptised because he sinned against himself. This means that God didn't need to give Jesus, Jesus could just give himself.

Another reason why it is that surely Jesus was God's Son, there was no need for him to be baptised as surely Jesus hadn't sinned. how can Jesus sin against what is his own rules.

(c) The calming of the storm might cause problems today as because modern day science tells us that an energy can't be destroyed, it can only be transferred. People then think weather and Jesus walked on water to the boat. This causes problems because it is impossible so how are we expected to believe it.

Additionally, the story says that the disciples were ^{and thought Jesus was a ghost} tired so they may have been hallucinating and therefore Jesus didn't actually walk on water. This would mean that he ~~wasn't~~ didn't move to was the

Son of God by showing his power over nature.

Furthermore, in the story Jesus also calms the heavy storm that is ~~causing~~ causing the disciples to be unsafe and but this is also impossible to do and defies the laws of nature.

Additionally, Jesus calming the storm could have been a coincidence because the storm happened to die down at the time Jesus told it to, which again means the Jesus didn't show his power over nature which proved he was the Son of God.

(d) (i) Yes I agree because it says in the Mark's gospel that Jesus healed the paralysed man and so we should believe it.

Additionally, Jesus is proven to be the Son of God so we should believe that he could heal people as he himself rose from the dead.

Furthermore, he raised Jairus' daughter back from the dead which shows that he has got power over sickness.

He also healed legion who had many demons inside him so that is also proof of

(ii) On the other hand we shouldn't believe that Jesus could heal the sick because it is impossible to heal people without giving them any sort of medication or operation.

Furthermore in the raising of Jairus' daughter she could have been ~~asleep~~ asleep and therefore Jesus didn't heal her.

Additionally, when Jesus healed Legion he probably had epilepsy and Jesus didn't heal him it just appeared so ^{temporarily} ~~temporarily~~ because he wasn't having an epileptic fit.

Finally we have advances in science and know how to heal people and that what Jesus did was impossible.



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In part (b) two developed reasons were given which was awarded four marks. The reasons were:

Reason 1 - Setting an example developed by to cleanse them of their sin.

Reason 2 - He was the Son of God developed by a voice said this is my son.

In part (c) two simple reasons were awarded for four marks. The reasons credited were:

Reason 1 - He stills the storm which is against the laws of nature.

Reason 2 - coincidence.

In part (d)(i) three simple reasons were given leading to three marks being awarded. The reasons were:

Reason 1 - it says so in Mark so we should believe it.

Reason 2 - he could heal because he rose from the dead.

Reason 3 - he raised Jairus' daughter.

Whilst in (d)(ii) three simple reasons were also given leading to three marks being awarded. These were:

Reason 1 - Impossible to heal without medication.

Reason 2 - Jairus daughter could have been asleep.

Reason 3 - Legion probably had epilepsy.

(b) I believe that Jesus didn't need to be baptised as Jesus was God's Son. He ~~had~~ the I, if he was God, then why did he need to be cleansed of sin to God. Sure this means that he was baptised because he sinned against himself. This means that God didn't need to give Jesus, Jesus could as just give himself.

Another reason why it that surely if Jesus was God's Son, there was no need for him to be baptised as surely Jesus hadn't sinned. how can Jesus sin against what is his own rules.

(c) The calming of the storm might cause problems today as because modern day science tells us that energy can't be destroyed, it can only be transferred. People then think weather



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This answer to part (b) gives one developed reason leading to 2 marks being awarded. The reason was that he was God's son which was developed by why would he need to be cleansed. The rest of the answer is repetition and therefore cannot be credited with any further marks.

In part (c) this response achieves Level 4 – 8 marks for giving three reasons with one developed. Quality of Written Communication is good so it gains the upper of the two marks in level 4. The reasons were credited as follows:

Reason 1 – Science tells us energy can't be destroyed.

Reason 2 – Humans don't have the power to calm storms.

Reason 3 – Story may be a metaphor this is developed by an argument between the disciples.

In part (d)(i) there is one developed reason given which is awarded 2 marks. The reason is that the raising of Jairus' daughter shows Jesus has the power. This is developed by he brings her back to life.

One fully developed reason is given in part (i) for 3 marks. This was that Jesus said she is not dead but asleep which was developed by saying maybe in a coma and further developed by a lack of scientific knowledge at the time.

Paper Summary

Teachers and candidates should note the following:

1. Make sure candidates read the question carefully and understand what it is they are being asked to do.
2. Learn the glossary definitions of the keywords used in part (a) questions as the definitions are included as part of the mark scheme.
3. Look for ways of developing the reasons given in part (b) questions.
4. Look for development in the reasons/features/ways given in part (c) questions. One way of doing this is by giving examples or relevant quotations from Mark's Gospel.
5. One way of answering part (d) questions is to try and give three simple reasons on each side of the argument.

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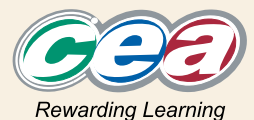
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