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SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

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BIBLICAL STUDIES HG

TIME: 3 hours

MARKS: 400

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer FIVE questions.
  - Question 1 (Section A) is COMPULSORY. All subsections of this question must be answered.
  - In addition, TWO questions from Section B and TWO questions from Section C must be answered.
  - The length of your answers should be in proportion to the marks allocated to each question.
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SECTION A  
**COMPULSORY**

**QUESTION 1**  
**SHORT QUESTIONS**

Questions 1.1 to 1.26 are short questions. Write the number of each question (including those of the subsections) in your **answer book** and write each answer next to the relevant number.

- 1.1 John says it was not his purpose to write a biography of Christ. Explain his main aim in writing his Gospel. 3x2=(6)
- 1.2 The first verse of the third Gospel and the first verse of Book of Acts show that both these books were written by the same author.
- 1.2.1 What is in these verses which shows this? (2)
- 1.2.2 Who was the author of these two books? (2)
- 1.3 Which Synoptic Gospel does not contain a genealogy of Jesus? (2)

1.4 Define each of the following terms:

1.4.1 Doxology

1.4.2 Metanoia

1.4.3 Hagios

3x2=(6)

1.5 Which book in the Bible tells of the missionary journeys undertaken by Paul? (2)

1.6 Which letter in the New Testament was initially incorrectly classified as one of Paul's letters? (2)

1.7 Name THREE individuals to whom Paul wrote letters. 3x2=(6)

1.8 Name THREE characteristics of the early Christian community to whom James wrote. 3x2=(6)

1.9 Who wrote a letter to his beloved Gaius? (2)

1.10 From which "Babylon" was I Peter probably written? (2)

1.11 Peter was an ordinary fisherman. In view of this, how can the high standard of the Greek used in I Peter be explained? (2)

1.12 There is an obvious similarity between II Peter and another general letter. Which other letter? (2)

1.13 Complete the title of the Book of Revelation:

"Revelation 1.13.1 Jesus Christ 1.13.2 John"

2x2=(4)

1.14 Is God the Father of everybody? Substantiate your answer. (2)

1.15 Give the meaning of each of the names of God:

1.15.1 Adonai

1.15.2 Jahweh

1.15.3 Elohim

1.15.4 Abba

4x2=(8)

1.16 Give the Hebrew for the word **Christ**. (2)

1.17 On what TWO conditions does God forgive sin? 2x2=(4)

1.18 What language did Jesus probably speak? (2)

1.19 In which language was the New Testament originally written? (2)

1.20 What is meant by **monogamous marriage**? (2)

1.21 What is **perjury**? (2)

- 1.22 Which commandment is transgressed when someone commits fraud? (2)
- 1.23 What words form the introduction to the Lord's Prayer? (2)
- 1.24 The word **kingdom** usually refers to a territory, but what does it mean when someone speaks about the Kingdom of God? (2)
- 1.25 Which one of the six petitions is only found in Matthew? (Give the full petition.) (2)
- 1.26 What do the words, "**and deliver us from evil**", in the sixth petition mean? (2)
- [80]**

**TOTAL FOR SECTION A: [80]**

### SECTION B INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

- Answer TWO questions from this section.
- Answer all the subsections of the questions that you choose.

#### QUESTION 2

- 2.1 Give evidence from the Gospel according to Mark to confirm the following characteristics:
- 2.1.1 Mark gives a very human picture of Jesus. (10)
- 2.1.2 Mark writes in vivid detail as if he were an eyewitness. (10)
- 2.1.3 Mark tells the story as a child would tell it. (10)
- 2.2 Write brief notes on the form of the Pauline letters. (20)
- 2.3 Discuss the authorship of the General Letter of James. (30)
- [80]**

#### QUESTION 3

- 3.1 Compare John's record of Jesus' ministry with that contained in the Synoptic Gospels. (30)
- 3.2 Explain the reasons why Paul wrote his letter to the Church in Philippi. (34)
- 3.3 Discuss the evidence which suggests that John the Apostle wrote the Book of Revelation. (16)
- [80]**

**QUESTION 4**

- 4.1 “The Fourth Gospel is always very precise about names but never mentions John (the author) by name.” Explain this statement. (10)
- 4.2 Explain briefly why Paul's letters are still meaningful to the life of the Church in the present day. (16)
- 4.3 Explain what Paul teaches the Church in Thessalonica about the Parousia and what Peter teaches about it in his Second Letter. (24)
- 4.4 Discuss the nature and purpose of the Book of Revelation, as an apocalyptic and prophetic writing. (30)
- [80]**

**QUESTION 5**

- 5.1 Study the following two quotations and explain how Paul and James do not contradict each other.
- Paul says:
- “Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.” (Romans 3:28)
- James says:
- “You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.” (James 2:24) (18)
- 5.2 In Paul's letter to the Philippians it seems that he intended to conclude this letter with the first verses of chapter 3, but it goes on for another 43 verses. What possible explanations are there for these concluding words in the middle of the letter? (18)
- 5.3 In the first letter of John, he attacks the gnostics' false teachings about Jesus. He counters their arguments with some important truths about Jesus. Discuss these arguments. (14)
- 5.4 Discuss the various aspects of Jesus Christ's Sovereignty over His Church on earth as revealed in Revelation, chapters 1-3. (30)
- [80]**

**TOTAL FOR SECTION B: [160]**

SECTION C  
**THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE**

- Answer TWO questions from this section.
- Answer all the subsections of the questions that you choose.

**QUESTION 6**

6.1 "The essence of Christian faith is contained in the Bible." Discuss this statement. (20)

6.2 Explain in detail the fact that God is a God of Covenants. (36)

6.3 Paul said in Romans 7:12:  
"Therefore the law is holy, just and good."

In Romans 7:7 he says:  
"..... I would not have known sin except through the law."

The whole Bible teaches the will of God and the essence of this teaching is stated in the Law.

Write explanatory notes on the purpose of the Law to substantiate the above statement and scriptural references. (24)  
**[80]**

**QUESTION 7**

7.1 Explain how God reveals Himself in a general and in a special way. (14)

7.2 "The Holy Spirit calls into existence the one universal Church of which Christ is the head." Discuss. (30)

7.3 Write notes on the characteristics of a truly Christian prayer. (36)  
**[80]**

**QUESTION 8**

- 8.1 Write complete notes on Jesus' religious and civil trial. (36)
- 8.2 Explain why Jesus' death on the cross is so important to Christians. (14)
- 8.3 What was the significance in Old Testament and New Testament times of the second commandment: "Do not make images for yourselves ...."? (30)
- [80]**

**QUESTION 9**

- 9.1 Discuss God's relationship with mankind as sinners. (26)
- 9.2 Explain the divine characteristics of the Holy Spirit. (18)
- 9.3 Discuss the meaning of the following petitions of the Lord's Prayer:
- 9.3.1 "Give us this day our daily bread."
- 9.3.2 "Hallowed be thy Name." (16)
- 9.4 Answer the following questions on the sixth commandment:
- 9.4.1 Why was this commandment important in the time of the Old Testament? (14)
- 9.4.2 How did Christ add new meaning to this commandment in New Testament times? (6)
- [80]**

**TOTAL FOR SECTION C: [160]**

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