

GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

BIBLICAL STUDIES HG

TIME: 3 hours

MARKS: 400

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer FIVE questions.
 - Question 1 (Section A) is COMPULSORY. All subsections of this question must be answered.
 - Answer TWO questions from Section B and TWO questions from Section C.
 - 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 1.13 are short questions. Write the number of each question (including those of the subsections) in your **answer book** and write your answer next to each number.

1.1 Give the meaning of the following words or names:

- 1.1.1 Metanoia
- 1.1.2 Ecclesia
- 1.1.3 Koinonia
- 1.1.4 Sacrament
- 1.1.5 Jesus

5 x 2 = (10)

1.2 Mention the names of the persons to whom the following statements refer:

- 1.2.1 His name means **rock**.
- 1.2.2 He is mentioned as co-author of the letter to the Philippians.
- 1.2.3 He was Peter's secretary.
- 1.2.4 He was Mark's nephew.

4 x 2 = (8)

- 1.3 Match one of Paul's letters in **Column A** with an appropriate theme in **Column B** by writing only the number and the correct symbol, e.g. 1.3.8 – h.

	COLUMN A		COLUMN B
1.3.1	Philippians	a.	justification by faith alone
1.3.2	Romans	b.	joy in the Lord
1.3.3	Ephesians	c.	questions about the Parousia / Second Coming
1.3.4	Colossians	d.	duties of various groups in the Church
1.3.5	I & II Thessalonians	e.	the church is the body of Christ
1.3.6	Titus	f.	warning against false teachings
1.3.7	Philemon	g.	taking Onesimus back

7x2= (14)

- 1.4 How many books of the New Testament are

1.4.1 gospels?

1.4.2 general letters?

1.4.3 Pauline letters?

1.4.4 apocalyptic documents / writings?

4 x 2 = (8)

- 1.5 Complete the following quotation:

"Therefore go and make 1.5.1 of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the 1.5.2 and of the 1.5.3 and of the 1.5.4" (Matt. 28:19)

4 x 2 = (8)

- 1.6 Explain briefly the apocalyptic symbols below that are found in the Book of Revelation:

1.6.1 Lamb

1.6.2 Colour black

1.6.3 Number three

1.6.4 Number forty

4 x 2 = (8)

- 1.7 Mention FOUR of the churches to whom John writes in the Book of Revelation.

4 x 2 = (8)

- 1.8 Explain the difference between **general revelation** and **special revelation** (Rev. 2 – 3).

2 x 2= (4)

- 1.9 Through whom is God most clearly revealed to us?

(2)

- 1.10 Who wrote a letter to Gaius?

(2)

- 1.11 In which two books of the Bible is the Lord's Prayer found?

2 x 2 = (4)

- 1.12 What attitude does forgiveness require in the transgressor?

(2)

- 1.13 What does the word "amen" mean?

(2)

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 Write notes on the Gospel according to Luke under the following headings:
- 2.1.1 Prayer plays an important role in Luke's Gospel. (16)
- 2.1.2 Luke refers to more medical matters than any other Gospel writer. (14)
- 2.2 Why are Paul's letters still significant for Christians in the modern world today? (14)
- 2.3 Discuss the contents of the General Letter of James and give reasons why Martin Luther called it an "epistle of straw". (20)
- 2.4 Discuss the authorship of the General Letter of Jude. (16)
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QUESTION 3

- 3.1 How did John use the word **Logos** in his Gospel to communicate his thinking to both Jews and Greeks. (18)
- 3.2 The themes of the letter to the Philippians include humility, unity and joy. Discuss the message the letter has for Christians. (16)
- 3.3 To whom did John write his three General Letters? Explain fully. (6)
- 3.4 Write notes on only TWO of the following heresies.
- 3.4.1 Gnostics
- 3.4.2 Judaisers
- 3.4.3 Antinomians (40)
- [80]**

QUESTION 4

- 4.1 Discuss the differences between the Synoptic Gospels and the Gospel according to John. (26)
- 4.2 Explain the role Epaphroditus played in Paul's life and Paul's attitude towards him. (16)
- 4.3 The General Letter of James gives us a clear picture of the early Christian Community. Mention FOUR outstanding characteristics of the early church. (8)
- 4.4 Discuss the Book of Revelation as a prophetic-apocalyptic book. (30)
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QUESTION 5

- 5.1 "The *Synoptic Problem* developed from the question why the three Synoptic Gospels were so similar if they were written independently from one another." Explain this statement. (20)
- 5.2 One characteristic of Luke's Gospel describes the Gospel as a universal Gospel. Discuss this characteristic thoroughly. (24)
- 5.3 Explain the arguments the scoffers used against the eschatological expectations of the Christians and how Peter refuted (contradicted) their viewpoints (2 Pet. 3). (20)
- 5.4 What is the purpose of the Book of Revelation? (16)
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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 Explain the Christian's belief in God as the Creator of the whole universe. (14)
- 6.2 Discuss God's relationship with man who had fallen into sin. (12)
- 6.3 What meaning does the special relationship between Jesus and God have for the Christian? (20)
- 6.4 What does the Bible teach about prayer offered in private and in public? (14)
- 6.5 Jesus said: "I have not come to do away with them (the Ten Commandments), but to make their teachings come true." Discuss this statement. (20)
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QUESTION 7

- 7.1 Discuss the different names of God in the Old Testament. (22)
- 7.2 Write notes on the Christian belief in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and refer particularly to its purpose and when it will take place. (20)
- 7.3 In the General Letter of James it is said that prayer offered in faith and obedience is very powerful. What does this mean? (12)
- 7.4 Discuss fully the implications of the second commandment: "Do not worship man-made images..." Concentrate particularly on the reasons why this commandment must be kept by the Christian. (26)
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QUESTION 8

- 8.1 How does the Holy Spirit fulfil the dual role of Comforter and Teacher? (18)
- 8.2 Philippians 2:9 reads: "Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name."
Discuss the exaltation of Christ with reference to His Ascension and the promises thereby fulfilled. (20)
- 8.3 Write down the Lord's Prayer in its complete form, as it is found in the Gospel according to Matthew. (20)
- 8.4 The ninth commandment, "Do not accuse anyone falsely", protects the rights of one's neighbour. Explain. (22)
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QUESTION 9

- 9.1 The essence of the Christian belief is contained in the Bible.
Discuss. (20)
- 9.2 Explain the difference between “believing in God” and “believing that God exists”. (10)
- 9.3 What must the attitude of the church be towards people with Aids? (12)
- 9.4 “The Holy Spirit is the author of faith in the forgiveness of sins.” Explain. (16)
- 9.5 What does a Christian expect in eternal life? (14)
- 9.6 Explain Jesus' summary of the Ten Commandments.
(Matthew 22:37- 40) (8)

[80]**TOTAL FOR SECTION C: [160]****TOTAL: 400****END**