

GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

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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.
 - 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.
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SECTION A
COMPULSORY

QUESTION 1
SHORT QUESTIONS

Questions 1.1 to 1.18 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 Multiple-choice questions

For each of the following questions or statements, FOUR possible answers or explanations are given. Choose the correct answer and then write only the letter of your choice next to the corresponding question number in your **answer book**.

1.1.1 When Jesus was born the Emperor was _____ .

- A. Augustus
- B. Caiaphas
- C. Domitianus
- D. Pontius Pilate

- 1.1.2 The epistle (letter) of James is addressed to “the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad”. This refers to _____ .
- A. all the Christians in the dispersion
 - B. the Diaspora
 - C. Jewish Christians in the farthest corners of Palestine, close to Syria
 - D. Jewish Christians in the farthest corners of Babylon, near Asia
- 1.1.3 Which one of the following is NOT true?
- A. The Holy Spirit is the comforter.
 - B. The Holy Spirit unites people with Christ.
 - C. The Holy Spirit is a wind.
 - D. The Holy Spirit is a person.
- 1.1.4 Why did Jesus teach His disciples to pray?
- A. They requested Him to do so.
 - B. He thought it would be good for them.
 - C. God instructed Him to do so.
 - D. Prophets taught their disciples to pray. 4x2=(8)
- 1.2 Explain each of the following words using no more than two sentences in each case:
- 1.2.1 Ecclesia
 - 1.2.2 Eschatology
 - 1.2.3 Paraclete
 - 1.2.4 Synoptic
 - 1.2.5 Sacrament 5x2=(10)
- 1.3 Give the names of the persons to whom the following statements refer:
- 1.3.1 He was a king and a priest in the time of Abraham.
 - 1.3.2 He was the educator of Paul.
 - 1.3.3 He is the angel whom we read about in the letter of Jude.
 - 1.3.4 He asked Jesus questions about being born again.
 - 1.3.5 He was released in the place of Jesus. 5x2=(10)
- 1.4 To whom did John address his three letters? 3x2=(6)
- 1.5 Name FOUR of the main themes in the letter of James. 4x2=(8)

- 1.6 Read the following Bible quotation and answer the questions that follow:
“A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the Son of David, the Son of Abraham”
- 1.6.1 Identify the gospel from which this verse has been taken. (2)
- 1.6.2 To whom is this gospel addressed? (2)
- 1.6.3 Why does the author of this gospel use this particular introduction? (2)
- 1.7 Name the TWO “sons of thunder”. 2x2=(4)
- 1.8 What is the relationship between the writers of the General Letters of Jude and James? (2)
- 1.9 Why can the authors of the Bible not be seen as the primary authors? (2)
- 1.10 When did Jesus publicly declare that He is the Son of God? (2)
- 1.11 Who was the first convert in the church of Philippi? (2)
- 1.12 Which of Paul’s letters is really a testimonial for a run-away slave? (2)
- 1.13 Summarize the Law (Ten Commandments) in one word. (2)
- 1.14 Name TWO wrong attitudes in prayers that Jesus warned believers against. 2x2=(4)
- 1.15 When will God’s rule be perfected? (2)
- 1.16 Which petition of the Lord’s Prayer reminds us of words spoken by Jesus on the night before He died? Give the petition and the words of which they remind us. 2x2=(4)
- 1.17 Write down the fourth petition of the Lord’s Prayer. (2)
- 1.18 Write down the doxology from the Lord’s Prayer and give the meaning of the word “Amen”. 2x2=(4)

[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 Write notes on the language and style of the Gospel according to Mark. (20)
- 2.2 Discuss the reasons why Paul wrote his letter to the Church in Philippi. (30)
- 2.3 The author of II Peter refers to himself as “an Apostle” of Jesus Christ, but there are arguments against Peter’s authorship of this letter. Discuss the reasons for the view that he was the author, as well as arguments against this theory. (30)
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QUESTION 3

- 3.1 “The author of John’s Gospel was a Jew, a resident of Palestine, an eye-witness of Jesus’ deeds and a disciple of Jesus.” Discuss this statement with examples. (34)
- 3.2 Group Paul’s letters chronologically and give one central theme of each letter in no more than two sentences. (32)
- 3.3 Most scholars agree that the Book of Revelation was written in about the year A.D.96. What evidence is there to support this theory? (14)
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QUESTION 4

- 4.1 Give evidence from the Gospel according to Mark that the author was a Jew who addressed his Gospel to the Romans. (20)
- 4.2 Discuss the similarities and differences between the Fourth Gospel and the three letters of John. (20)
- 4.3 Paul’s letters are written in the same form as other letters of that time. Explain the general form of Paul’s letters. (20)
- 4.4 The letter to the Philippians contains considerable information on the circumstances in which Paul finds himself and the prospects facing him. List these circumstances and prospects and comment on them. (20)
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QUESTION 5

- 5.1 Write short notes on Paul's background and his conversion. (22)
- 5.2 Give reasons why Paul possibly had a stronger bond of friendship with the Philippian church than with any other church. (12)
- 5.3 Discuss the authorship of the General Letter of Jude. (16)
- 5.4 Discuss the various aspects of Jesus Christ's sovereignty over His Church on earth as revealed in Revelation chapters 1 to 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 first words of the Bible are: "In the beginning, when God created the universe". (Gen. 1:1)
Explain the Christian's belief in God as Creator. (26)
- 6.2 Give a detailed discussion of the name "Jesus". (18)
- 6.3 There are fundamental reasons why superstitious beliefs are not acceptable for Christians. Explain. (20)
- 6.4 In the letter to the Galatians, Paul writes about Christian freedom from the bondage of the law, but he also stresses the need to exercise this freedom with responsibility.

Bearing the South African situation in mind, how can a Christian enjoy this "newly found freedom" with responsibility?

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[80]**QUESTION 7**

- 7.1 Explain the origin and trust of a Christian in the resurrection of the dead. (16)
- 7.2 What does eternal life mean to a Christian? (14)
- 7.3 Discuss the purpose of the Ten Commandments as it is revealed to us in the New Testament. (20)

- 7.4 Jesus summed up His attitude towards the Sabbath by saying: "The Sabbath was made for the good of man, man was not made for the Sabbath." Explain. (12)
- 7.5 The introductory words of the Lord's Prayer are:
 "Our Father who art in heaven"
 Fully discuss this introduction. (18)
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QUESTION 8

- 8.1 Explain God's relationship with human beings before the fall of man in sin. (22)
- 8.2 In the Old Testament we read of various covenants which God made with His people. Explain God's relationship with the people of the Old Covenant. (30)
- 8.3 According to the third commandment God's name should not be used for evil purposes. Explain the significance of this commandment for the Christian today. (14)
- 8.4 "The prayer of a good person has a powerful effect." (James 5:16)
 Explain why it is accepted that prayer offered in faith and obedience can be powerful and effective. (14)
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QUESTION 9

- 9.1 Discuss, in terms of the following Biblical quotation, the fact that the essence of the Christian belief is contained in the Bible.
 "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living." (II Tim. 3:16) (20)
- 9.2 Write notes on God as provider, sustainer and governor of the whole creation. (24)
- 9.3 Explain how the Holy Spirit is not only a power but is God Himself. (22)
- 9.4 There is a strong feeling that one must be sensitive to other religions in South Africa. Using the name of Christ has therefore become a sensitive issue while praying in public. Explain why the Christian prayer must be offered in the name of Jesus. (14)
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TOTAL FOR SECTION C: [160]

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