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SECTION A

**QUESTION 1  
SHORT QUESTIONS**

1.1.1	Lydia from Thyatira	
1.1.2	Theophilus	
1.1.3	Joseph of Arimathaea	
1.1.4	Simon of Cyrene	
1.1.5	Gaius	5x2=(10)
1.2.1	Amen	
1.2.2	Trinity	
1.2.3	Gospel	
1.2.4	Hades / Sheol / Gehenna	
1.2.5	Church	5x2=(10)
1.3.1	False	
1.3.2	True	
1.3.3	True	
1.3.4	True	
1.3.5	True	5x2=(10)
1.4.1	13	
1.4.2	1	
1.4.3	3	
1.4.4	7	
1.4.5	2	5x2=(10)
1.5.1	C	
1.5.2	A	
1.5.3	D	
1.5.4	B	
1.5.5	E	5x2=(10)
1.6.1	D	
1.6.2	D	
1.6.3	D	
1.6.4	D	
1.6.5	D	5x2=(10)

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SECTION B  
INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

QUESTION 2

2.1 Main Themes of the letter of James

- Patience and perseverance in the face of difficulties (1:2-16; 5:7-11)
- Be doers and not only hearers of the Word (1:19-27; 2:14-26)
- The right relationship between rich and poor (2:1-13; 5:1-6)
- Condemnation of social distinctions (2:1-13)
- Control of the tongue (1:26; 3:1-12)

5x2=(10)

2.2 Vivid detail in Mark

- During the storm at sea, Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with His head on a pillow.
- Feeding of multitude – people sat in rows in groups of 100 and 50.
- Blind man who got his sight back- saw people who looked like trees.
- Jesus put his arms around the children.
- Only Mark tells about the recovery of sight of the blind man – and the children who came to Jesus.

2x5=(10)

2.3 (Two marks for Headings)

**The Power of His Sovereignty:**

1. He rules over heaven

- Being equal to God, He has the power of God
- He rules over heavenly world of angels
- He holds seven stars in His right hand.

(Max 8)

2. He rules over the world

- John clearly states this at the beginning of his book.
- Christ rules with firmness and strength.
- His feet shone like brass
- He is thus all-powerful.

(Max 4)

3. He rules over death and the world of the dead

- Everything that exists is subject to Christ's power
- Nothing can avoid His sovereignty
- Not even death

(Max 6)

4. He can share His sovereignty

- His power is so great that He can share it if He chooses to do so.
- No one can prevent Him to do so.

(Max 2)  
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2.4 Peter was not the author of the second letter of Peter

- Peter was an illiterate fisherman.
- His mother-tongue was Aramoaic.
- The letter was written in an excellent Greek.
- He might have used a scribe to write the letter for him.
- The letter explained that Silvanus wrote down Peter's thoughts.
- The letter has similarities to Paul's letters to the Ephesians and Romans.
- Some Bible scholars believed that the letter was written after Peter's death.
- Peter refers to himself as an "elder".
- Peter the apostle of Jesus possibly set this letter
- and asked Silas to write it.

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[60]**QUESTION 3**3.1 5 Judes / Judases-persons

1. Judas of Damascus in whose house Ananias laid hands on Paul to give him the Holy Spirit after his conversions (*Acts 9:11*)
2. Judas Barsabas, a leading figure in the early Church. He carried the news to Antioch that the Church was open to the Gentiles. He was also a prophet (*Acts 15:22.27.32*)
3. Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus.
4. Judas, not the Iscariot, also called Thaddeus. (*Lk. 6:16; Jn. 14:22, Mt. 10:3*) He was an apostle. Luke calls him Judas, son of James.
5. Judas, the brother of Jesus (*Mt. 13:55*), who was also the brother of James.

5x2=(10)

3.2 For Matthew Christianity is the true fulfilment of the Old Testament

- Throughout his Gospel, Matthew's aim is to show that Jesus is the true Messiah.
- Born and trained under the Jewish Law.
- Lord of the church that goes beyond Judaism.
- That was the best way he knew of convincing his fellow Jews that Jesus was the Christ.
- Isaiah – prophesised a child would be born to a young maiden
- Hosea – prophesised God would call his son from Egypt
- Zechariah – prophesised that the Messiah would enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey.
- It happened a week before his crucifixion.

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3.3.1 He kept record of the apostles' private conversations

- The conversation at the well in Samaria
- What was said when they were alone with Jesus after their last meal together
- Thomas' reaction when the other disciples told him that they had seen the risen Jesus
- Disciples' question regarding the man who had been born blind. (Any) 3x2=(6)

- 3.3.2 He records the disciples' feelings at difficult times during Jesus' ministry:
- He knew their reaction in Canan in Galilee
  - Their reaction when Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman
  - He understood their fear when Jesus was walking on the water
  - He knew what was going through their minds during their last meal with Jesus. (8)
- 3.4 **The results (consequences) of His sovereignty:**
- He will judge mankind**
- As a result of His sovereignty He has the power to judge over mankind fairly. (Max 4)
  - **He will give eternal life**
  - After judging mankind, He can either reward people with eternal life or eternal damnation
  - Those who remained faithful will never experience "second death." (Max 4)
  - **He will give citizenship of His Kingdom**
  - Those who do not renounce their faith in Christ will be judged favourably and they are guaranteed a place in His Kingdom (Max 4)
  - **He will share His sovereignty**
  - Christ calls on people to repent and turn away from their sins. – If they heed to this call they will be one of Him. (Max 4)
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#### QUESTION 4

- 4.1 **Luke may be called the Gospel of the Holy Spirit**
- Zechariah - is told that his son John is filled with the Holy Spirit
  - Gabriel - Greets Mary and tells her that the Spirit is with her
  - Elizabeth - is filled with the Spirit at the sight of Mary.
    - This awareness of the power of the Holy Spirit continues right through his gospel
    - It was in the power of the Holy Spirit that Jesus went to Galilee
    - Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit. 5x2=(10)
- 4.2 **Reasons for the letter to the Philippians (1 Mark for Headings) 1x6=(6)**
- Letter of thanks
  - Thanking them for the gifts and for Epaphroditus (Max 2)
  - Letter of explanation
  - Explained why Paul sent Epaphroditus back
  - He was ill he did not abscond (Max 4)
  - Letter of encouragement
  - They must carry on with their good deeds (Max 2)

- Call for unity
  - Euodia and Syntyche must live in harmony and stop fighting (Max 2)
  - Letter of warning
  - Warns against the danger of the Judaisers who is contradict to the gospels. (Max 2)
  - Personal newsletter
  - He told them about his personal circumstances and that he wanted to send Timothy to visit them. (Max 2)
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#### 4.3 Characteristics of Paul's letters

- They were letters not essays
  - They were written independently of each other
  - Their content is doctrinal / theological
  - They contain exhortations and personal references
  - They were public letters intended for circulation
- 5x2=(10)

#### 4.4 The Officials' Son

- The Officials' Son was healed
  - With the second sign Jesus reveals Himself as New Temple
  - Jesus' cleansing of the temple is a pointer to Him being the New Temple the only way to reach the Father in Heaven, is to accept Him as Saviour.
  - The New Temple is open to gentiles.
  - He calls all human beings, the Jews (Nicodemus) Samaritans (woman at the well) or Gentiles (the officials' son) to a new life in the kingdom of God
- 5x2=(10)

#### 4.5 Matthew is interested in the Church

- He speaks about the right way of fasting, prayer and almsgiving (Charity)
  - He states the Christian stand on marriage and divorce.
  - He states how brothers in faith must treat each other.
  - He is the only gospel writer using the word 'church'.
  - Peter is the rock upon which the church is to be build.
  - Matthew uses the word church in another way- if one fails to correct a brother the church should do it.
- 5x2=(10)  
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### QUESTION 5

#### 5.1 The writing style of Mark

##### **Simplicity and Realism**

- Tells the story like a child would.
  - A child can understand it easily.
  - It is told like it had happened (realistic).
  - Connect statements with "and", "at once", "as soon as".
  - Uses these phrases 41 times.
  - Talks of past events in the present tense (historical present tense).
  - Straightforward story of eyewitness.
  - Eyewitness probably was Peter.
- 2x5=(10)

**Mark often uses Aramic words**

- It was the language of the ordinary Jew in the time of Jesus.
  - Mark did not write for a Jewish audience.
  - Possibly for Romans because he explains all Aramic words to them.
  - Explained all Aramic expressions e.g. BOANERGES-men of thunder, talita koem-little girl I tell you to get up...
  - Probably as Peter told Mark his story he would remember what Jesus had sounded like and would slip back into his home language.
  - Efrata = open
  - Legio = many
- 5x2=(10)

5.2 **Luke may be called the gospel of prayer**

- Makes mention of Jesus' prayer before His baptism, before He chose the twelve disciples, during his glorification and in Gethsemane.
  - Jesus prayed for Peter's faith.
  - The two prayer parables: the unrighteous Judge (18: 1-8) and the friend at midnight (11:5-8)
  - It stated the importance of prayer in a believer's life.
  - It can be called a Gospel of Prayer
- 5x2=(10)

**Luke may be called the Gospel of praise**

- Praising God appears more often in Luke's Gospel
  - The major hymns of praise only appear in Luke's Gospel
  - Magnificat (1:46-55)
  - Benedictus (1:68-79)
  - Nunc Dimitis (2:29-32)
  - Luke's Gospel is full of people praising God.
- 5x2=(10)

5.3 **The aim of the gospel of John**

- Miracles, believe, life
  - To give accounts of Jesus' miracles (signs)
  - so that people might believe
  - To make people believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God
  - To show people the way to eternal life through this belief (or faith)
- 5x2=(10)

5.4 **John was written by the apostle John**

- The writer speaks with authority as an apostle would
  - The author knew Jesus personally
  - The early Church Fathers quoted from his letter
  - The same words are used to express similar ideas in both, John's first letter and the fourth Gospel
- (Max 8)
- Examples: Word, only-begotten, Saviour, light and darkness.
- (Max 2)

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## SECTION C

## QUESTION 6

6.1 **God reveals Himself in a special way**

- In the Old Testament
- God reveals Himself as the One who promises and prepares mankind for salvation.
- He chose the Israel nation for this.
- In the New Testament
- God reveals Himself in the One who came to fulfil this plan of salvation in Jesus Christ
- By sending his Son as Saviour of mankind God delivers His promise
- In the Church
- God reveals Himself to the people who were responsible for writing the Bible, to His instrument of revelation.
- Prophets
- Jesus Christ
- Apostles

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6.2 **The two types of faith.**6.2.1 **We may believe that**

- the person accepts something is true,
- but it has no effect upon his behaviour.
- Example - He believes that smoking causes lung cancer, but he continues to smoke.

**We may believe in**

- Total belief
- The believers entire being is dominated by such a faith
- Example - The Christian will subject his whole life to earn eternal life

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**Scripture leads to God**

- Can lead to the conversion of the non-believer
- Can change a person's life
- E.g. Paul used to prosecute Christians but now he preaches the Word.

2x3=(6)

6.2.2 **Scripture reveals God to us**

- Scripture reveals to us who God is
- Scripture gives a definite shape to our faith

2x2=(4)

**Scripture affects the believer's life**

- Faith must make the believer a "doer" as well as a believer.
- Faith must make him treat everyone in a loving way.
- Faith must enable him to overcome the false values of his world.
- Faith must guide him to lead a pure life.
- Faith must bring him peace with God.

5x2=(10)

- 6.3 God as Abba (Open memorandum)
- Abba means father
  - Personal relationship with God
  - Can discuss problems with God
  - Can praise God and say thank you
  - Can ask God for your daily bread (10)
- 6.4 God's relationship with human beings
- God created human beings in His own likeness
  - Human beings probably do not resemble God physically
  - Humans have a relationship with God
  - They can have a dialogue with God
  - Humans have soul and conscience (Max 4)
  - God gave human beings control over His creation:
  - In order to do this humans must have a special relationship with God (Max 4)
  - Humans can make choices (Max 2)
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### QUESTION 7

- 7.1 John's message on Salvation
- Men and women are all children of God.
  - They are equal in the eyes of God.
  - Human beings are still subject to sin.
  - Humans must stop sinning and try to obey God.
  - Human beings must love each other as Christ loves us. (10)
- 7.2 And lead us not in temptation
- We ask God not to give us a difficult temptation
  - Nothing happens without God's will
  - We are tempted if God wants it to happen
  - We trust that God will not allow Satan to tempt us beyond our strength
  - We acknowledge God's omnipotence
  - We ask God not to make the cross we bear too heavy
  - We acknowledge total dependence on God
  - We beg Him for protection
  - The Evil one was seen as being the 'prince of the devils'
  - He was given various names: Satan, Beelzebub, Diabolus, Devil
  - We ask our Heavenly Father to protect us from the Evil One
  - and to give us strength to fight the forces of evil
  - We ask Him not to let us be tempted in such a way that we cannot resist. (20)



7.3 Thou shall not steal:

- Refers to the theft of property.
- Theft of people
- It underlines the right to ownership and to work
- Jesus condemns materialism
- Sincere generosity is demanded
- All forms of stealing are forbidden
- Vandalism is forbidden
- Idleness and laziness are condemned
- Benefiting ourselves at the expense of other people is not allowed
- Jesus stresses this command (Max 4 for appropriate examples)

7.4 God's covenant with Moses:

- God takes the initiative – He requires the people of the covenant to be faithful
  - God will take them away from Egypt where they were slaves
  - God gave them the 10 Commandments.
  - God will fulfil covenant promise.
  - They would be His own people, and He would bless and protect them. (10)
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**QUESTION 8**8.1 Relationship between God the Father and His Son, Jesus.

- The relationship is personal.
- Jesus is God's only Son.
- Jesus is equal to the Father.
- It's a father-son-relationship not a master-servant relationship. 3x2=(6)

Obligations of this relationship

- Christ is at the disposal of the Father
- Christ lives in willing obedience to the Father 2x2=(4)

8.2 Let your will be done**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven**

- This petition is found only in Matthew.
- Obedience to God's Will is a common theme in the Old Testament.
- Human beings find it hard at times to want God's will to be done.
- God's Will is seen as something negative and unavoidable.
- This reflects an unchristian understanding of God. God wants the best for us.
- God's Will is good – this petition is full of hope and joy.
- We can pray this in complete trust
- All things are perfect in heaven
- In the petition we ask that human beings on earth should just become as faithful as heaven.
- God will never forsake us or give us a cross that is too heavy to bear.
- God is our loving ABBA.
- On earth like in heaven – let everything be perfect for us
- Like in heaven. (20)

8.3 Fifth Commandment**Respect for people in authority**

- Firstly this commandment refers to one's parents
- The Israelites soon understood this in a wider context (Deut 17:12)
- The leaders of Israel were chosen by God – judges, priests, prophets, kings – people did not choose.
- Authority comes from God.
- All God-fearing authority must be obeyed.
- Revolt against God's established authority is forbidden.

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8.4 The crucifixion and burial of JesusCrucifixion

- He was humiliated by His death on the cross
- Crucifixion used by the Romans
- Humiliating death
- Jesus was taken to Golgotha. Had to carry His own cross.
- He was crucified along with two criminals.
- He was innocently crucified.
- The charge against Him was made public.
- He was stripped naked.
- He suffered fully; pain not relieved in any way.
- His clothing was looted.
- Christians must be willing to be humiliated and suffer for the Lord.

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His death and burial

- Christ's death is a historic truth.
- Fulfilment of the prophecy (Is. 53)
- Christ's Death was an act – to die was a purpose.
- His Death was the claim for justice and truth by God.
- His Death is proof of God's love for His people.
- His burial was part of His role as Mediator, punishment for sin.
  
- Because He was raised from the Grave, He changed the character of the grave. Instead of it being a terrible experience, it is a comfort because He carried the terror.
- The grave is the door to Eternal Life for believers.

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## QUESTION 9

- 9.1 Jesus is born from the Virgin Mary
- Virgin means young woman.
  - Angel Gabriel told Mary about her pregnancy.
  - Holy Spirit will impregnate Mary.
  - Jesus will truly be human.
  - Mary had no intercourse with a man.
  - Jesus will truly be God
- (Open memorandum) (10)
- 9.2 Let Thy Kingdom come  
**Thy kingdom comes**
- Kingdom means “rule of God.”
  - When we speak of the Kingdom of God we speak of Christ’s rule on earth.
  - God’s rule has already been established.
  - It has been established through Christ’s life, death and resurrection.
  - God would like His Kingdom on earth to prosper
  - Through our baptism we were made citizens of God’s kingdom.
  - When we pray “Thy Kingdom come” we are praying for ourselves that we may do God’s will here on earth.
  - That His kingdom may continue to flourish
  - God’s rule has not yet been perfected. It will be perfected only at the second Coming of Christ.
  - Thus we pray for God’s name to become known and honoured by all people through the Holy Spirit.
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- 9.3 Do not worship man-made images
- A tendency occurs to rate the success of pop stars and sport stars too highly.
  - Their fans treat them like God should be treated.
  - No matter what their lifestyle people adore them and worship them.
  - Charms and lucky mascots are of value to people.
  - Man should worship and trust God not charms.
  - The St Christopher medal “help you on the road”
  - Man should not worship fitness – it comes from God.
  - Man should not worship intelligence – it comes from God.
  - Man should thank God for talents
  - We must be an image of God
  - We must witness to God by being “living images” of Him
- (20)
- 9.4 Purpose of the second coming
- The living and the dead will be judged
  - Living – followed God’s will, they get eternal life
  - Dead – they rejected God – they will go to hell
  - The creation will be renewed or transformed
  - Parousia (second coming) challenges us to watchfulness, faithfulness and daily Christian living.
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