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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES/BIBLE KNOWLEDGE**

**2040/01**

Paper 1 The Life and Teaching of Christ as contained in the  
Synoptic Gospels

October/November 2003

**2 hours 30 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.  
Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.  
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.  
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **five** questions.

Answer **Question 1** and **four** other questions.

Answer **Question 1** in **one** version only.

Revised Standard Version of **Question 1** is printed on page **2**.

New English Bible Version of **Question 1** is printed on page **3**.

**Questions 2–10** are printed on pages **4** and **5**.

You are advised to spend no longer than 40 minutes on **Question 1**.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **6** printed pages and **2** blank pages.



## REVISED STANDARD VERSION

1 Choose **five** of the passages (a) to (i) and answer the questions which follow.

- (a) When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 1:18)

When he learnt that Mary was pregnant, what did Joseph decide to do? Why did Joseph not do what he had planned? What was said about the child she was to bear? [6]

- (b) He took him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple. (Luke 4:9)

Describe how the devil tempted Jesus on this occasion. How did Jesus reply to the devil? [6]

- (c) "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" (Mark 1:24)

Who said this, and in what building? What else did he say? What did Jesus say in reply? [6]

- (d) "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it?" (Mark 4:30)

Give Jesus' answer to his own question. Explain what is said in the parable about the birds. [6]

- (e) A woman named Martha received him into her house. (Luke 10:38)

What do we learn about Martha on this occasion? Explain Jesus' treatment of her. [6]

- (f) And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" (Mark 10:2)

Give the conversation between Jesus and the Pharisees which followed this. [6]

- (g) At that saying his countenance fell, and he went away sorrowful. (Mark 10:22)

What had Jesus said to the man which had this effect on him? Why was he sorrowful? What does Mark tell us about the way Jesus looked at him? [6]

- (h) "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give ..." (Luke 19:8)

Complete this saying. Who said this, and what else did he say he would do? Give Jesus' reply and explain its meaning. [6]

- (i) The earth shook, and the rocks were split. (Matthew 27:51)

What other significant events and reactions does Matthew mention before ending his account of Jesus' death? [6]

## NEW ENGLISH BIBLE

1 Choose **five** of the passages (a) to (i) and answer the questions which follow.

- (a) Mary his mother was betrothed to Joseph; before their marriage she found that she was with child by the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 1:18)

When he learnt that Mary was pregnant, what did Joseph decide to do? Why did Joseph not do what he had planned? What was said about the child she was to bear? [6]

- (b) The devil took him to Jerusalem and set him on the parapet of the temple. (Luke 4:9)

Describe how the devil tempted Jesus on this occasion. How did Jesus reply to the devil? [6]

- (c) 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth?' (Mark 1:24)

Who said this, and in what building? What else did he say? What did Jesus say in reply? [6]

- (d) 'How shall we picture the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we describe it?' (Mark 4:30)

Give Jesus' answer to his own question. Explain what is said in the parable about the birds. [6]

- (e) A woman named Martha made him welcome in her home. (Luke 10:38)

What do we learn about Martha on this occasion? Explain Jesus' treatment of her. [6]

- (f) The question was put to him: 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' (Mark 10:2)

Give the conversation between Jesus and the Pharisees which followed this. [6]

- (g) At these words his face fell and he went away with a heavy heart. (Mark 10:22)

What had Jesus said to the man which had this effect on him? Why was he sorrowful? What does Mark tell us about the way Jesus looked at him? [6]

- (h) 'Here and now, sir, I give half my possessions ...' (Luke 19:8)

Complete this saying. Who said this, and what else did he say he would do? Give Jesus' reply and explain its meaning. [6]

- (i) There was an earthquake, the rocks split. (Matthew 27:51)

What other significant events and reactions does Matthew mention before ending his account of Jesus' death? [6]

Answer **four** of Questions **2–10**.

- 2 (a) Give an account of the way Herod reacted to the birth of Jesus. [10]
- (b) Comment on the aspects of Herod's character revealed by this incident. [8]
- 3 (a) What did John the Baptist say:
- (i) to the Pharisees and Sadducees (**Luke**: the multitudes or crowds), [8]
- and (ii) to the tax-collectors and soldiers who came to be baptized? [4]
- (b) Comment on **three** points of similarity between what John says here and the teachings and sayings of Jesus. [6]
- 4 (a) What does Jesus say in the Sermon on the Mount about the commandments:
- (i) 'You shall not kill' (**NEB** 'Do not commit murder'), [6]
- and (ii) 'You shall not commit adultery'? [6]
- (b) Comment on the differences between his teachings and those of the Jews on these two laws. [6]
- 5 (a) Recount the discussions Jesus had with the Pharisees and John's disciples about:
- (i) fasting, [6]
- and (ii) plucking corn on the Sabbath. [6]
- (b) Explain Jesus' arguments in these two discussions. [6]
- 6 (a) Describe the miracles Jesus performed when he fed the crowds of five thousand and four thousand. [12]
- (b) Outline the main differences (**not** those about numbers) between the accounts. [3]
- (c) Explain why Matthew and Mark include both these miracles. [3]
- 7 (a) How did Jesus deal with the following questions and requests from his disciples?
- (i) 'Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?' [5]
- (ii) 'Lord, do you want us to bid fire to come down and consume them?' (i.e. the Samaritans who would not receive them into their village) [2]
- (iii) 'Lord, teach us to pray ...' [5]
- (b) Explain the teaching Jesus gave in his replies to these questions. [6]

- 8 (a) Recount the parable about the man who went out early to hire labourers for his vineyard. [12]
- (b) What is the meaning of this parable, and why did Jesus tell it? [6]
- 9 (a) During questions and discussions in the Temple area, what did Jesus say to the scribes (**NEB** lawyers) about:
- (i) swearing oaths, [8]
- and (ii) paying tithes? [4]
- (b) Comment on the effectiveness of Jesus' arguments. [6]
- 10 (a) Give an account of the crucifixion from the time Jesus came to Golgotha (**NEB** the Place of a skull) until he died. [12]
- (b) Write about the significance of **three** sayings of Jesus from the cross. [6]





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