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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES/BIBLE KNOWLEDGE**

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

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**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 **5** printed pages and **3** blank pages.



## REVISED STANDARD VERSION

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

- (a) “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children.”  
(Matthew 2:18)

Give the rest of this quotation. From which prophet was it taken?

Recount what had been done, and why it had been done.

[7]

- (b) “He is worthy to have you do this for him, for he loves our nation, and he built us our synagogue.”  
(Luke 7:4–5)

Who said this to whom? State the circumstances which led to this request.

Comment on what was said.

[7]

- (c) “John ... has been raised.”  
(Mark 6:16)

Who said this about whom? What other things were being said about this person here called “John”? Explain and comment on these things.

[7]

- (d) “God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you.”  
(Matthew 16:22)

Who said this to Jesus, and what was Jesus’ response? Explain carefully what was ‘never to happen’ to Jesus, and why Jesus’ response was so strongly worded.

[7]

- (e) “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.”  
(Luke 13:14)

What official said this? What was Jesus’ reply? Comment on what Jesus said.

[7]

- (f) “A man had two sons; and he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today’.”  
(Matthew 21:28)

Give the rest of this parable and the remarks of Jesus which followed it.

[7]

- (g) Trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.  
(Mark: 16:8)

What had just happened to cause the women to behave like this?

What is significant about this verse, and Mark’s version of these events?

[7]

## NEW ENGLISH BIBLE

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

- (a) 'A voice was heard in Rama, wailing and loud laments; it was Rachel weeping for her children...'  
(Matthew 2:18)

Give the rest of this quotation. From which prophet was it taken?

Recount what had been done, and why it had been done.

[7]

- (b) 'He deserves this favour from you,' they said, 'for he is a friend of our nation and it is he who built us our synagogue.'  
(Luke 7:4–5)

Who said this to whom? State the circumstances which led to this request.

Comment on what was said.

[7]

- (c) 'This is John ... raised from the dead.'  
(Mark 6:16)

Who said this about whom? What other things were being said about this person here called 'John'? Explain and comment on these things.

[7]

- (d) 'Heaven forbid!' he said. 'No, Lord, this shall never happen to you.'  
(Matthew 16:22)

Who said this to Jesus, and what was Jesus' response? Explain carefully what was 'never to happen' to Jesus, and why Jesus' response was so strongly worded.

[7]

- (e) 'There are six working-days; come and be cured on one of them, and not on the Sabbath.'  
(Luke 13:14)

What official said this? What was Jesus' reply? Comment on what Jesus said.

[7]

- (f) 'A man had two sons. He went to the first, and said, "My boy, go and work today in the vineyard."'  
(Matthew 21:28)

Give the rest of this parable and the remarks of Jesus which followed it.

[7]

- (g) ... besides themselves with terror. They said nothing to anybody, for they were afraid.

(Mark 16:8)

What had just happened to cause the women to behave like this?

What is significant about this verse, and Mark's version of these events?

[7]

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

- 2 (a) Relate the conversation about the birth of Jesus which took place at Nazareth between the angel Gabriel and Mary. [12]
- (b) Comment on Mary's reaction to the words of the angel Gabriel. [6]
- 3 (a) Describe the occasion when Jesus preached in the synagogue at Nazareth, including what he said in his sermon. [12]
- (b) Why was the congregation angry? [3]
- (c) What does this incident tell us about Jesus' attitude to his ministry? [3]
- 4 (a) Narrate the following parables which occur during the Sermon on the Mount:
- (i) you are the salt; [3]
- (ii) you are the light; [3]
- (iii) the wise and foolish builders. [6]
- (b) Explain the meaning of these parables. [6]
- 5 (a) What reply did Jesus give to John's disciples when they asked if he was the one to come, or should they look for another? [4]
- (b) When John's disciples went away, what did Jesus say to the crowds about John? [8]
- (c) What do we learn here about the kingdom of God, and the way people responded to the ministries of Jesus and John? [6]
- 6 (a) Relate what happened
- (i) when Jesus was in the district of Tyre and Sidon, and a non-Jewish woman asked him to heal her daughter, [7]
- and (ii) a deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to Jesus. [5]
- (b) Explain the significance of what Jesus said on these occasions. [6]

- 7 (a) Recount what happened when the Pharisees and Herodians (**NEB** men of Herod's party) questioned Jesus about taxes. [12]
- (b) Comment on **three** aspects of the argument. [6]
- 8 (a) Relate what Jesus said and did when he used the example of fig trees in the course of his teaching. [12]
- (b) Comment on the significance of **three** things he said or did. [6]
- 9 (a) Give an account of what Jesus said
- (i) when speaking of his coming betrayal by Judas, [6]
- and (ii) when he spoke to Peter of his coming denials of him. [6]
- (b) Give reasons for what Jesus said on these occasions. [6]
- 10 (a) Describe what happened when the risen Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples in Jerusalem after he had appeared to the two on the way to Emmaus. [12]
- (b) Explain how **three** things Jesus said or did on this occasion would help them to believe in his resurrection. [6]

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