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Paper 1 The Four Gospels

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **five** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer **three** questions.
 - Section B: answer Question 5.
 - Section C: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A

Answer **three** of the following four questions.

Answers should refer to the context of the passage wherever possible. Answers should **not** retell the story from which the passage is taken.

- 1 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

Matthew 3:13–15, NRSVA

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. [5]

- 2 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

Mark 2:23–25, NRSVA

One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, ‘Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?’ And he said to them, ‘Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food?’ [5]

- 3 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

Luke 2:22–24, NRSVA

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons’. [5]

- 4 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

John 12:12–15, NRSVA

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

‘Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!’

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

‘Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!’

[5]

[Total: 15]

Section B

Answer Question 5.

5 Read the following passage and then answer the question below:

Mark 9:2–9, NRSVA

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

‘The close relationship between Jesus and God is revealed most clearly through the transfiguration.’ Discuss. Refer to the passage above and other passages you have studied. [10]

Section CAnswer **EITHER** Question 6 **OR** Question 7.**EITHER**

- 6 (a) Examine what Mary’s song of praise (Luke 1:46–55) says about the kingdom of God. [10]
 (b) Assess the part played by women in Jesus’ ministry. [15]

OR

- 7 (a) Consider the part played by miracles in Jesus’ ministry. [10]
 (b) ‘The importance of faith is clear in Jesus’ miracles.’ Evaluate this claim. [15]

[Total: 25]

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