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**DIVINITY**

**8041/21**

Paper 2 The Four Gospels

**October/November 2015**

**3 hours**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**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.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

**DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.**

Answer **four** questions. If you choose to answer Question 1, answer in **one** version only.

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

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

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

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

All questions in this paper carry 25 marks.

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This document consists of **4** printed pages.

## REVISED STANDARD VERSION

- 1 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following passages (wherever possible answers should refer to the context of the passage but should not retell the story from which the passage is taken): [25]
- (a) So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. (Matthew 1:17)
- (b) These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” (Matthew 10:5–6)
- (c) “Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offence at him. (Mark 6:3)
- (d) And he came the third time, and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come; the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.” (Mark 14 : 41–42)
- (e) When the messengers of John had gone, he began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind?” (Luke 7:24)
- (f) And he said to them, “What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” (Luke 24:17–18 )
- (g) When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, “Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now.” (John 2:9–10)
- (h) And when he comes, he will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment ... (John 16:8)

## NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

- 1 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following passages (wherever possible answers should refer to the context of the passage but should not retell the story from which the passage is taken): [25]
- (a) Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Christ. (Matthew 1:17)
  - (b) These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.” (Matthew 10:5–6)
  - (c) “Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offence at him. (Mark 6:3)
  - (d) Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!” (Mark 14:41–42)
  - (e) After John’s messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?” (Luke 7:24)
  - (f) He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?” (Luke 24:17–18)
  - (g) And the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.” (John 2:9–10)
  - (h) When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment ... (John 16:8)

- 2 “Matthew presents Jesus as a teaching Messiah.” Discuss. [25]
- 3 Examine the importance of the Sermon on the Mount for Matthew’s Gospel. [25]
- 4 Assess the problems associated with the final chapter in Mark’s Gospel. [25]
- 5 Examine the meanings of the miracle stories found in Mark. [25]
- 6 “Luke is the most historically accurate of all the Gospels.” Discuss. [25]
- 7 Assess the claim that Luke believed the Kingdom of God had arrived through the ministry of Jesus. [25]
- 8 To what extent is John’s Gospel ‘anti-Jewish’? [25]
- 9 Assess the arguments for the apostolic authorship of John’s Gospel. [25]
- 10 Explain the importance of the transfiguration narrative in the gospel story. [25]
- 11 Discuss Jesus’ teaching on repentance and forgiveness. [25]
- 12 To what extent can the miracles be seen as parables in action? [25]
- 13 Examine the relationship between John the Baptist and Jesus in the Gospels. [25]
- 14 Why did the Pharisees challenge Jesus’ teaching? [25]

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