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**DIVINITY**

**8041/23**

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) ...and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. (Matthew 1:19)
  - (b) Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. (Matthew 23:23)
  - (c) Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. And they watched him, to see whether he would heal him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. (Mark 3:1–2)
  - (d) For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)
  - (e) And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’” And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time. (Luke 4:12–13)
  - (f) And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities... (Luke 8:1b–2)
  - (g) And Jesus said to her, “O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” (John 2:4)
  - (h) Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.” (John 6:35)

## 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) Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. (Matthew 1:19)
  - (b) Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices – mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law – justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practised the latter, without neglecting the former. (Matthew 23:23)
  - (c) Another time he went into the synagogue, and a man with a shrivelled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. (Mark 3:1–2)
  - (d) For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)
  - (e) Jesus answered, “It says, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. (Luke 4:12–13)
  - (f) The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases... (Luke 8:1b–2)
  - (g) “Dear woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied, “My time has not yet come.” (John 2:4)
  - (h) Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.” (John 6:35)

- 2 Examine Matthew's use of the Old Testament in writing his Gospel. [25]
- 3 When, where, and by whom was Matthew's Gospel written? [25]
- 4 Comment on the significance of the title 'Son of Man' in Mark's Gospel. [25]
- 5 How far do you agree that the parables in Mark obscure the teaching of Jesus? [25]
- 6 On what basis was Luke able to claim to write an account that would convey 'the truth'? [25]
- 7 'Luke believed Jesus' ministry hailed the coming of the Kingdom of God'. Discuss. [25]
- 8 Assess the teachings of John's Gospel about the sacraments. [25]
- 9 Examine the main teachings of the Farewell Discourses in John 14–17. [25]
- 10 Discuss Jesus' relationship with the Jewish and Roman authorities in Jerusalem. [25]
- 11 How far did Jesus fulfil the role of the suffering servant? [25]
- 12 Discuss Jesus' teaching about retaliation and violence. [25]
- 13 Outline the 'Synoptic Problem' and assess possible solutions. [25]
- 14 Why did Jesus use parables as a method of teaching the people? [25]

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