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**DIVINITY**

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Paper 2 The Four Gospels

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**3 hours**



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
- 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.
- 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 100.
- All questions are worth 25 marks.

This document has 4 pages. Blank pages are indicated.

## 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 he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene." (Matthew 2:23)
  - (b) He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." (Matthew 15:24–25)
  - (c) And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." (Mark 2:5)
  - (d) Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung round his neck and he were thrown into the sea. (Mark 9:42)
  - (e) And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time. (Luke 1:20)
  - (f) Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. (Luke 17:15–16)
  - (g) This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' (John 1:30)
  - (h) But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (John 14:26)

## 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) ... and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene." (Matthew 2:23)
  - (b) He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."  
The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. (Matthew 15:24–25)
  - (c) When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." (Mark 2:5)
  - (d) And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. (Mark 9:42)
  - (e) And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time. (Luke 1:20)
  - (f) One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. (Luke 17:15–16)
  - (g) This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' (John 1:30)
  - (h) But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26)

- 2 'Matthew saw Jesus as the fulfilment of the Law.' Discuss. [25]
- 3 To what extent is the Great Commission (28:16–20) a summary of Matthew's purpose? [25]
- 4 'Nothing can be known about the authorship of Mark's Gospel.' Discuss. [25]
- 5 'In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' miracles prove his divinity.' Discuss. [25]
- 6 Examine what the birth and infancy narratives in Luke's Gospel show about the author's interests. [25]
- 7 Examine why Luke's Gospel is a synoptic gospel. [25]
- 8 'John presents his gospel as a spiritual one with a deeper meaning hidden beneath the surface.' Assess the accuracy of this view. [25]
- 9 Consider what the Prologue of John's Gospel tells us about Jesus. [25]
- 10 'Jesus' main purpose in life was to suffer.' Assess this view. [25]
- 11 'Jesus was mainly a teacher.' How far do you agree? [25]
- 12 Examine the extent of Roman influence on Jesus' birth, death and ministry. [25]
- 13 'The gospels present John the Baptist as the forerunner to Jesus.' Discuss. [25]
- 14 How far does the ethical teaching of Jesus come into conflict with Jewish teaching of the time? [25]

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