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BIBLICAL STUDIES

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Paper 1 The Portrayal of God in the Bible

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer **one** question.
 - Section B: answer **two** questions.
- 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 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A

Answer **one** question. Answer all parts of the chosen question.

EITHER

- 1 (a) Read the following passage and then answer the questions:

Genesis 12:1, NRSVA

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.'

- (i) Identify **four** promises made to Abram before he sets out on his journey. [4]
- (ii) State what the Lord said he would give to Abram's offspring **and** how Abram responded to this promise. [2]
- (b) Explain what Christians might learn from this passage about God's overall plan for humanity. [6]
- (c) To what extent does the book of Genesis have any relevance for Christians today? [8]

[Total: 20]

OR

- 2 (a) Read the following passage and then answer the questions:

Acts 17:16, NRSVA

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols.

- (i) State **two** things that Paul was accused of being when he was in Athens. [2]
- (ii) Identify **four** teachings about God that Paul gives in his speech in Athens. [4]
- (b) Explain how Paul adapted his teaching for the Athenian audience. [6]
- (c) Assess the view that Christians focus too much on the resurrection of the dead. [8]

[Total: 20]

Section B

Answer **two** questions. Answer all parts of the chosen two questions.

- 3** (a) Describe the instructions that Moses gave to the elders of Israel to prepare for the Passover. [6]
- (b) Explain how the story of the Passover might help Christians to understand God's message of salvation. [6]
- (c) Compare the idea of God as liberator with other Christian understandings of the nature of God. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 4** (a) Describe the promises the Lord made in his covenant with David. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of these promises. [6]
- (c) 'Nations should be guided by God the king, not earthly rulers.' Discuss. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 5** (a) Outline Jonah's prayer while in the belly of the fish. [6]
- (b) Explain what Christians might learn from the experiences of Jonah. [6]
- (c) Assess the view that actions are more important than words in order to make society better. [8]

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