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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 1

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Themes in the Synoptic Gospels



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TUESDAY 5 JUNE, MORNING

TIME

2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions from Section A and the compulsory question in Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of the pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each part question in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) Analyse the sources used by Luke in writing his Gospel. [20]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Matthew and Luke's copying of Mark poses no serious problems to an understanding of the gospels. [30]
- 2 (a) "The title Son of Man is essential to an understanding of the person and mission of Jesus."
Examine this statement. [20]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that the ethics of Jesus are only relevant to the lives of Christians. [30]
- 3 (a) Discuss what is distinctive about Matthew's account of the resurrection. [20]
- (b) "Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is an essential part of the faith of the Christian in any generation."
Critically evaluate this statement. [30]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Religious Texts, Authority and Interpretation

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) “The interpretation of religious texts is no easy matter.”

With reference to **one** example, discuss this statement. You must support your answer with reference to at least one other unit of study. [20]

- (b) Critically assess the view that religious leaders are no longer relevant to the important decisions and choices of society. You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
