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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 1

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Themes in the Synoptic Gospels



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FRIDAY 9 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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 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)** Using **one** example from Luke's Gospel, explain the methodology of characterisation in Narrative Criticism. [20]
- (b)** Critically assess the claim that biblical criticism has been totally negative in its influence. [30]
- 2 (a)** "The title 'Son of Man' used in Mark's Gospel displays the humanity of Jesus."
Present a case for this statement. [20]
- (b)** Critically evaluate the view that Jesus' attitude to wealth and poverty was relevant in his own time and is still relevant. [30]
- 3 (a)** Examine the distinctive features of Matthew's account of the death of Jesus on the cross. [20]
- (b)** "In his portrayal of the death of Jesus, Mark emphasises the total abandonment of Jesus, yet in Luke's version it is the opposite."
Critically assess this claim. [30]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Religious Texts, Authority and Interpretation

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) “Religious leaders have had extensive influence on society.”

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

- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, critically evaluate the view that evil is the only cause of all pain and suffering. [30]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
