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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 1

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Themes in the Synoptic Gospels



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**THURSDAY 30 MAY, AFTERNOON**

### TIME

2 hours.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

**You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.**

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Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **two** questions from Section A and the compulsory question in Section B.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.

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

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

### ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

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

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## Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) Clarify how the Synoptic Gospels are similar yet different. [20]
- (b) “For scholars, not all solutions to the Synoptic Problem are equally valid.”  
Critically assess this claim. [30]
- 2 (a) Discuss the ethics of Jesus contained in the Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13–21). [20]
- (b) “No one Christological title can describe Jesus.”  
To what extent do you agree with this claim? [30]
- 3 (a) Examine Mark’s account of the Empty Tomb with particular reference to its distinctive features (Mark 16:1–8). [20]
- (b) “For Christians today, the resurrection is more about hope than historical fact.”  
Critically evaluate this statement. [30]



## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

#### Theme: Religious Texts, Authority and Interpretation

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) "Religious texts can be used to condemn or condone."

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.

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- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, critically assess how far religious leaders can effectively influence wider society.

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