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Religious Studies

Paper 5

Christianity through
a Study of the
Gospel of Mark

MV24

[GRE51]

THURSDAY 16 MAY, AFTERNOON

Time

1 hour 30 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

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.

Do not write on blank pages.

Complete in black ink only.

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** and **two** from **three** questions in **Section B** in the spaces provided in this booklet.

Information for Candidates

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **Section B** Questions **5(c)**, **6(c)** and **7(c)**, where **two** questions only are required to be completed.

Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 The identity of Jesus

(a) (i) Complete the quotation from Mark's Gospel. [1 mark]

"I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the

_____."

(ii) Who baptised Jesus in the River Jordan? [1 mark]

(iii) Name the town that Jesus was leaving when he met blind Bartimaeus. [1 mark]

(iv) What title did blind Bartimaeus give to Jesus? [1 mark]

(v) What animal did Jesus use to travel into Jerusalem? [1 mark]

(b) Explain the importance of the calming of the storm for Christians today.

[5 marks]

(c) “Christians can learn more from modern religious leaders than from Jesus.”

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. [5 marks]

2 The death and resurrection of Jesus

(a) (i) Why did the Jewish religious leaders not want to arrest Jesus during the festival of Passover? [1 mark]

(ii) What did the chief priests promise to give Judas for betraying Jesus? [1 mark]

(iii) Name **two** disciples who went with Jesus into the Garden of Gethsemane. [1 mark for each]

1. _____

2. _____

(iv) What did Jesus ask them to do whilst he prayed? [1 mark]

(b) Do you think Jesus' death could have been avoided?

Give reasons for your answer.

[5 marks]

(c) “Jesus’ resurrection is the most important event in Mark’s Gospel.”

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. [5 marks]

3 The role and nature of discipleship

42 “If anyone should cause one of these little ones to lose faith in me, it would be better for that person to have a large millstone tied around his neck and be thrown into the sea.”

Mark 9:42 (GNB)

(a) Complete the rest of Jesus’ teaching on coping with temptation. [5 marks]

(b) Explain how a Christian's faith can be challenged in modern society.
[5 marks]

(c) “Spreading the Good News is more important today than ever.”

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. [5 marks]

4 Jesus the miracle worker

(a) Describe the healing of a woman with a haemorrhage. [5 marks]

(b) Do you think Jesus' actions prove that he was the Son of God?

Give reasons for your answer.

[5 marks]

(c) “Jesus’ miracles are difficult to accept in a scientific age.”

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. [5 marks]

Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section.

5 Discipleship

- (a) Retell Mark's account of the request of James and John. [5 marks]
- (b) Explain what Christians can learn from the widow's offering. [5 marks]
- (c) "Putting others first is the most important characteristic of a follower of Jesus."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Mark's Gospel in your answer. [10 marks]

6 Jesus and the Sabbath

(a) Describe the occasion when Jesus healed the man with an evil spirit.
[5 marks]

(b) Explain why Jesus wanted to keep his identity secret. [5 marks]

(c) “Keeping Sunday as a day of rest is no longer important.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Mark’s Gospel in your answer. [10 marks]

7 The teaching of Jesus

- (a)** Retell the Parable of the Sower. Do not include the meaning. [5 marks]
- (b)** Explain what Christians can learn about the Kingdom of God from Jesus' teachings. [5 marks]
- (c)** "It is too difficult to put the teaching of Jesus into practice."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Mark's Gospel in your answer. [10 marks]

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(Questions continue overleaf)

Write your answers to Section B here.

5 Discipleship

(a) Retell Mark's account of the request of James and John. [5 marks]

Use the lines below if required.

(b) Explain what Christians can learn from the widow's offering. [5 marks]

Use the lines below if required.

Use the lines below if required to
answer Question 5(c).

6 Jesus and the Sabbath

(a) Describe the occasion when Jesus healed the man with an evil spirit.

[5 marks]

Use the lines below if required.

(b) Explain why Jesus wanted to keep his identity secret. [5 marks]

Use the lines below if required.

(c) “Keeping Sunday as a day of rest is no longer important.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Mark’s Gospel in your answer. [10 marks]

Use the lines below if required to answer Question 6(c).

7 The teaching of Jesus

(a) Retell the Parable of the Sower. Do not include the meaning. [5 mark]

Use the lines below if required.

(b) Explain what Christians can learn about the Kingdom of God from Jesus' teachings. [5 marks]

Use the lines below if required.

(c) “It is too difficult to put the teaching of Jesus into practice.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Mark’s Gospel in your answer. [10 marks]

Use the lines below if required to answer Question 7(c).

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