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RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

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Paper 1 The Portrayal of the Life and Teaching of Jesus

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** 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 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- Where there are differences in quotations from the Bible:
 - NIV** indicates New International Version
 - RSV** indicates Revised Standard Version

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Answer any **four** questions.

- 1 (a) Give an account of the birth of John the Baptist. [6]
- (b) Explain John the Baptist's role in preparing the way for Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'John the Baptist and Jesus were very similar.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 2 (a) Give an account of Jesus's parable about the two men who built houses. [6]
- (b) Explain why this parable might be relevant to Christians today. [6]
- (c) 'Parables are a useful way of teaching.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 3 (a) Describe the healing of the daughter of Jairus. [6]
- (b) Explain what this miracle story might teach about Jesus and his work. [6]
- (c) 'Jesus's attitude towards the sick was very different from that of people today.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 4 (a) Give an account of the parable Jesus told about the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. [6]
- (b) Explain the teaching in this parable. [6]
- (c) 'The Pharisees were popular religious leaders.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 5 (a) Outline what happened when Jesus went with his disciples to pray on the Mount of Olives. [6]
- (b) Explain what this event might show about the person of Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'The events on the Mount of Olives showed the disciples to be weak.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 6 (a) Describe what happened at the crucifixion from noon (**RSV** the sixth hour) onwards. [6]
- (b) Explain why Jesus's actions in the Temple in Jerusalem may have contributed to his death. [6]
- (c) 'Luke was writing his gospel for Gentiles.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

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