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Religious Studies

Advanced

PAPER 3: New Testament Studies

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 1** Explore key ideas of the Healing of the Official's Son and the Healing at the Pool.

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- 2 Assess the significance of **two** forms of biblical criticism (source, form or redaction criticism) for understanding the relationship between the synoptic Gospels.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS



SECTION B

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

¹⁷ 'When he came to his senses, he said, How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

(Source: extract from 'the Holy Bible', New International Version® Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, International Bible Society, Luke 15:17–21, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3 (a) Clarify the ethical teachings illustrated in this passage from the parable of the Lost son.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the contribution of the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus for understanding the ethical teaching of Jesus.

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(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS



SECTION C

Write your answer in the space provided.

- #### 4 Evaluate the significance of Jesus' challenge to Judaism.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in New Testament Studies have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics
- Study of a Religion (excluding Christianity).

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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS
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