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# Religious Studies

**Advanced**

**Paper 3: New Testament Studies**

Monday 18 June 2018 – Afternoon

**Time: 2 hours**

Paper Reference

**9RS0/03**

**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.
- 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 ways of interpreting Scripture.

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2 Assess the significance of the parables of the Lost in Luke's Gospel.

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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 question.**

8: 4 While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: 5 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. 6 Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.'

When he said this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

9 His disciples asked him what this parable meant. 10 He said, 'The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, "though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand".

(Source: Extract from the Holy Bible, New International Version® Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984 International Bible Society, Luke 8:4-10, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3** (a) Clarify the significant ideas illustrated in this passage.

*You must refer to the passage in your response.*

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(b) Analyse the claim that the parables of Jesus have little meaning for some hearers.

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**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 80 MARKS**



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