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Paper 1 The Portrayal of God in the Bible

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total:
Section A: answer **one** question.
Section B: answer **two** 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 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section A

Answer **one** question. Answer all parts of the chosen question.

EITHER

- 1 (a) Read the following passage and then answer the questions:

Acts 4:8-10, NRSVA

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.'

- (i) Identify why Peter and John had been put in prison. [2]
 - (ii) State how many people had heard the word proclaimed by Peter and John and had believed. [1]
 - (iii) Suggest **three** reasons why the message of Peter to the rulers and elders might have been difficult for the Jewish leaders to receive. [3]
- (b) Explain what this passage might teach Christians about God's overall plan for humanity. [6]
- (c) 'Peter and John are excellent role models for Christians today.' Discuss. [8]

[Total: 20]

OR

- 2 (a) Read the following passage and then answer the questions:

Galatians 5:17-18, NRSVA

For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.

- (i) State **three** of the works of the flesh, according to Paul. [3]
 - (ii) Explain Paul's teaching about freedom in Galatians 5. [3]
- (b) Explain Paul's teachings about the Spirit in Galatians. [6]
- (c) Discuss the view that this teaching is not helpful for modern-day Christians. [8]

[Total: 20]

Section B

Answer **two** questions. Answer all parts of the chosen two questions.

- 3** (a) Describe the event in Genesis where original sin came into the world, up until God first speaks. [6]
- (b) Explain how the relationship between God and humanity changed as a result of original sin. [6]
- (c) Assess the view that original sin has no relevance to Christians today. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 4** (a) Describe what happened after David killed Goliath, including when David was taken to meet Saul. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of David to Christians today. [6]
- (c) To what extent are the stories from the Bible about war relevant to modern-day Christians? [8]

[Total: 20]

- 5** (a) Outline how Isaiah's suffering servant is said to save people from sin. [6]
- (b) Compare the suffering servant to Christian beliefs about Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'Christians need more than just faith in Jesus to be saved from sin.' Discuss. [8]

[Total: 20]

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