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**DIVINITY**

**8041/21**

Paper 2 The Four Gospels

**October/November 2017**

**3 hours**

No Additional Materials are required.

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **four** questions. If you choose to answer Question 1, answer in **one** version only.

Revised Standard Version of Question 1 is printed on page 2.

New International Version of Question 1 is printed on page 3.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions in this paper carry 25 marks.



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This document consists of **4** printed pages and **1** Insert.

## REVISED STANDARD VERSION

- 1** Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following passages (wherever possible answers should refer to the context of the passage but should not retell the story from which the passage is taken): [25]
- (a) And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:2–3)
- (b) ... saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and he will send them immediately.” (Matthew 21:2–3)
- (c) As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way.” (Mark 1:2)
- (d) And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.” (Mark 10:17–18)
- (e) When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” (Luke 2:15)
- (f) And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” (Luke 5:5)
- (g) When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” (John 2:3–4)
- (h) Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice.” (John 18:37)

## NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

- 1 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following passages (wherever possible answers should refer to the context of the passage but should not retell the story from which the passage is taken): [25]
- (a) ... and he began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:2–3)
  - (b) ... saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” (Matthew 21:2–3)
  - (c) It is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way.” (Mark 1:2)
  - (d) As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good – except God alone.” (Mark 10:17–18)
  - (e) When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” (Luke 2:15)
  - (f) Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” (Luke 5:5)
  - (g) When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.” “Dear woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied, “My time has not yet come.” (John 2:3–4)
  - (h) “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” (John 18:37)

- 2 Examine how Matthew's christology emphasises the Jewishness of Jesus. [25]
- 3 'Matthew's Sermon on the Mount contains all the central ideas of Christian discipleship.' Discuss. [25]
- 4 The life of Jesus is one of suffering and persecution. How does Mark's Gospel show this? [25]
- 5 Examine Mark's presentation of the kingdom of God in the Parables. [25]
- 6 Assess the importance of the ministry of John the Baptist in Luke's Gospel. [25]
- 7 Consider how Luke shows that his gospel is for the gentile community. [25]
- 8 Critically examine the question of the authorship of John's Gospel. [25]
- 9 Examine the nature and purpose of John's passion narrative in John 18–19. [25]
- 10 In what ways were the actions of Jesus towards women revolutionary for that time? [25]
- 11 Compare and contrast the portrayals of the role of Pontius Pilate within all four gospels. [25]
- 12 'There is not enough evidence to prove or disprove the existence of Q.' Discuss. [25]
- 13 Consider the significance of the christological titles used in each of the gospels. [25]
- 14 'The gospels show the kingdom of God as a present reality.' Assess this claim. [25]

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