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Cambridge Ordinary Level

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Paper 1 The portrayal of the life and teaching of Jesus

For Examination from 2015

SPECIMEN MARK SCHEME

1 hour 30 minutes

MAXIMUM MARK: 80

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AO1: Describe and explain using knowledge and understanding.

These level descriptors should be used for all part **(a)** and **(b)** questions.

Level 4	6 marks	A thorough, well-developed and substantial response. A comprehensive account of the range and depth of relevant material, demonstrating an extensive and highly accurate knowledge and understanding of the subject. There is detailed explanation. The answer is well structured.
Level 3	4–5 marks	Demonstrates a clear understanding of the question. The information is quite detailed. Generally accurate knowledge and understanding of the subject matter. Covers the main points accurately. The information is in a structured format.
Level 2	2–3 marks	Demonstrates some understanding of the question. A fair, mainly relevant but generally undeveloped response. The candidate demonstrates some factual knowledge and understanding, which is fairly accurate but may lack specific detail. Some of the main points are covered but lack substance. The information will be presented for the most part in a structured format.
Level 1	1 mark	An attempt to answer the question, but demonstrates little understanding of the question. Very limited knowledge of the subject. Response includes only a small amount of relevant material. Information is reported in basic outline only or as a list, with little or no explanation. Mainly inaccurate, though some credible points may be made.
Level 0	0 marks	No attempt whatsoever to answer the set question, or the candidate provides a wholly irrelevant response.

AO2: Use evidence and reasoned argument to express and evaluate personal responses, informed insights and differing viewpoints.

These level descriptors should be used for all part **(c)** questions.

Level 4	7–8 marks	Recognises and explains the significance of the issue(s). A personal response is fully supported. A range of points of view, supported by justified arguments/discussion. The information is presented in a clear and organised way. Evidence of informed insights.
Level 3	5–6 marks	Understands the significance of the question. Seeks to move clearly beyond a purely descriptive approach. Justified arguments/different points of view, supported by some discussion. Evidence of appropriate personal response. Some evidence of informed insights.
Level 2	3–4 marks	Understands the question but the response is mainly descriptive. Only one view offered with limited support or discussion. Limited or no evidence of informed insights.
Level 1	1–2 marks	The candidate's response is descriptive with no attempt to discuss or evaluate the material at all. Viewpoints are unsupported.
Level 0	0 marks	No response submitted, or clearly lacks any understanding whatsoever of the subject matter.

- 1 (a) During time of King Herod, Magi from east went to Jerusalem/where is the one born King of the Jews?/saw star/come to worship him/King disturbed/consulted chief priests and scribes/asked where Christ was to be born/in Bethlehem of Judea/prophecy from Micah.

Herod summoned Magi secretly/found out exact time star appeared/sent them to Bethlehem/when found report back/so I may go to worship.

Magi went/followed star until it stopped over place where child was/saw child with mother/bowed down and worshipped/gifts of gold, incense and myrrh/warned in dream not to return to Herod/they returned home a different route. AO1 [6]

- (b) All relate to person and future work of Jesus.

Gold – royalty, kingship. Jesus as King who rules over a kingdom.

Incense – priestly function. Mediator between God and human beings.

Myrrh – used for anointing, especially dead bodies. Jesus' death. AO1 [6]

- (c) Possible reasons may include the difference in the accounts between Luke's and Matthew's Gospels; the supernatural elements such as angels, prophecy, virgin birth, star. Son of God born as a human being, in poverty. AO2 [8]

- 2 (a) Jesus dismissed crowds and sent disciples in boat to other side of lake/he went and prayed/boat buffeted by waves/during fourth watch, Jesus went to them/walking on water/disciples saw him walking on lake/terrified/it's a ghost/cried out in fear/take courage/it is I/don't be afraid.

Peter said 'Lord, if it's you, tell me to come to you on the water'/'come.'

Peter got out of boat/walked on water/went towards Jesus/saw wind/afraid/began to sink/Lord save me/Jesus reached out his hand and caught him/you of little faith/why did you doubt/climbed in boat/wind died down/worshipped him/truly, you are the Son of God. AO1 [6]

- (b) (i) Jesus cared as he saved Peter/able to do miracles/worshipped/recognised as Son of God.

(ii) Jesus as source of faith/rebuked for doubting/looked away from Jesus at waves. AO1 [6]

- (c) Agree – against common experience of law of nature. Not experienced them. Natural explanations. Accounts are unreliable or not meant to be taken as literal.

Disagree – Evidence of miracles, e.g. healings/resurrection. Laws of nature are only descriptions of what we expect to happen rather than what must happen. Existence of the supernatural. If there is a God, then he is not limited by laws of nature. AO2 [8]

- 3 (a) Landowner went out early to hire men to work in vineyard/agreed to pay them a denarius/third hour hired more/pay you whatever is right/sixth and ninth hour hired more/eleventh hour found others standing around/why here all day doing nothing?/because no one has hired us/go and work in vineyard.

Evening/said to foreman/call workers and pay wages/beginning with last ones hired/each received denarius/those first then expected to receive more/grumbled/these men worked only one hour yet we have borne burden and heat of day.

Not unfair/you agreed to work for denarius/take pay and go/I have right to do what I want with my own money/are you envious because I am generous/last will be first and the first will be last. AO1 [6]

- (b) Preceded by call to discipleship/entry is about obedience rather than the rewards/God is generous/benefits of kingdom open to all at whatever stage you enter kingdom/the king is free to do what he wants/kingdom open to all. AO1 [6]

- (c) Agree – stories vivid and memorable (e.g. good Samaritan); easy to retell to others; allowed listeners to think about meaning and work it out so they remembered it; earthly story that gave insight into the spiritual.

Disagree – parables not understood; Matthew 13 v13f implies parables deliberate so people won't understand; more than one purpose of parables. AO2 [8]

- 4 (a) Judas agrees to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver; Judas at the Last Supper where he asks Jesus 'Is it I, Master?' Jesus replies 'You have said so'; Judas at the arrest where he kisses Jesus; Judas full of remorse, returns the money and hangs himself. AO1 [6]

- (b) Possible views may include greed for the money/frustrated that Jesus did not act against the Romans/lost faith in Jesus/remorse for what he had done/aware of his sinful act/overcome with guilt such that he committed suicide. AO1 [6]

- (c) Agree – Judas betrayed Jesus; the disciples failed to understand about the role of the Messiah; Peter was rash and impulsive; the disciples deserted Jesus; the disciples had weak faith.

Disagree – the disciples were changed at Jesus' resurrection; growth of church; represented common humanity and showed how Jesus changed them. AO2 [8]

- 5 (a) (i) Possible occasions include: calling of Matthew; healing of demon possessed man; Sabbath conflicts; healing of demon possessed man who was blind and mute; parable of the tenants; paying tax to Caesar; whose son is the Christ?

(ii) Marriage at the resurrection. AO1 [6]

- (b) Popularity, critical of the Pharisees; appeared to be breaking the religious laws and encouraging others to break them; making false claims, blasphemy. AO1 [6]

- (c) Agree – could have not done miracles on Sabbath; could have avoided making any claims at his trial.

Disagree – the religious authorities had to be challenged as they had wrong understanding; part of Jesus' mission as Messiah; can't silence the crowd especially after a healing. AO2 [8]

- 6 (a) Simon of Cyrene carried cross; taken to Golgotha; offered Jesus wine/tasted then refused it/crucified him/divided clothes by lots/kept watch over him/sign placed above/this is Jesus, King of the Jews/two robbers crucified either side/passers-by hurled insults/you who are going to destroy temple and rebuild in three days, save yourself/come down if you are the Son of God.

Religious authorities mocked him/saved others but can't save self/he is King of Israel/come down and we will believe/trusts God then let God rescue him if he wants him/he said he was Son of God.

Sixth to ninth hour darkness/My God, my God, why have you forsaken me/he is calling Elijah/drink offered/others said leave him and let us see if Elijah comes to save him/cried out and gave up his spirit.

Curtain of temple torn in two from top to bottom/people appear from tombs. AO1 [6]

- (b) Temple curtain split – the barrier between God and human beings removed and action initiated by God. Direct access to God now possible.

People out of tombs – sign of the end times and the final resurrection. Jesus is the first fruits of those who will be raised at the last day. Made possible by death of Jesus. Death defeated. AO1 [6]

- (c) Possible reasons may include as an apology (Jesus fulfilling prophecy/Jesus is Messiah); teaching of meaning of Jesus' death; teaching about person of Jesus, especially royal kingship. AO2 [8]

