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FOREWORD

This booklet contains reports written by Examiners on the work of candidates in certain papers. **Its contents are primarily for the information of the subject teachers concerned.**

DIVINITY

GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

<p>Paper 8041/02 The Four Gospels</p>

IMPORTANT NOTICE: It has been decided that Divinity AS and A Level will continue until at least 2007.

General comments

The overall performance of the candidates this year was good. However, there did not seem to be many candidates scoring high marks. Quite a few failed to understand the requirement of four questions and just answered **Question 1**, the gobbets.

Comments on specific questions

Question 1

Quite a large number of candidates chose this question.

- (a) Very popular and done well.
- (b) Again a popular choice.
- (c) This was not usually answered well – many did not know the correct context.
- (d) A popular choice.
- (e) A popular choice and well answered.
- (f) Also popular and well answered.
- (g)(h) Popular choices.

Question 2

This was a popular choice, with a lot of recounting of the Sermon on the Mount; some did this well but a few failed to show how Matthew used this to present Jesus in his gospel.

Question 3

This question on Matthew as 'the Gospel for the Church' was not a popular choice. It was answered with a lot of misunderstanding.

Question 4

This question on the authorship of Mark's gospel was a popular choice. It was reasonably well answered with a lot of good information about Peter.

Question 5

This was the most popular question, with some good answers. The best answers showed how these two incidents – Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi and Jesus' transfiguration – were important for the whole of Mark's gospel.

Question 6

This question was not always answered well. A lot of candidates muddled up their understanding of who was meant by the Gentiles – several included the Pharisees as Gentiles.

Question 7

This was a very popular choice and well done. There were a lot of good answers with detailed information about John the Baptist, not just the birth narratives.

Question 8

This question was not well answered – many candidates tended to ramble about the Johannine themes *without* emphasising *why* the gospel was written.

Question 9

Not many candidates chose this question on the teaching about the Spirit in John's gospel. Those who did attempt it did not do it very well.

Question 10

This was a popular choice, but all the accounts of the Last Supper were lumped together as one, without making much distinct comment.

Question 11

There were some good answers to this question on miracles and 'active parables'.

Question 12

This question on the teaching of Jesus on discipleship and commitment was a popular choice. It brought a variety of answers of varying standards.

Question 13

Very few candidates attempted this question on the historical accuracy of the resurrection accounts, and it was not answered well.

Question 14

Only a few candidates attempted this question on the politics of Palestine in the first century AD, but with quite good answers.