

DIVINITY**9011/31**

Paper 3 The Apostolic Age

October/November 2016**3 hours**

No Additional Materials are required.

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.Answer at least **one** question from **each** Section.

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

All questions in this paper carry 25 marks.

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

Section A

Answer at least **one** question from this section.

If you choose question **1**, answer in **one** version only.

Colossians and Hebrews

REVISED STANDARD VERSION

- 1** Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following, with brief reference to the general context: [25]
- (a) He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. (Colossians 1:18)
 - (b) Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience ... (Colossians 3:12)
 - (c) But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one. (Hebrews 2:9)
 - (d) Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrines of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God ... (Hebrews 6:1)
 - (e) Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. (Hebrews 12:3–4)
 - (f) For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. (Hebrews 13:14–15)

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

- 1 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following, with brief reference to the general context: [25]
- (a) And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. (Colossians 1:18)
- (b) Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. (Colossians 3:12)
- (c) But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. (Hebrews 2:9)
- (d) Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God ... (Hebrews 6:1)
- (e) Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. (Hebrews 12:3–4)
- (f) For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that confess his name. (Hebrews 13:14–15)
- 2 'The Apostle Paul is clearly not the author of Colossians.' Discuss. [25]
- 3 To what extent is faith the central concern in Hebrews? [25]
- 4 Compare and contrast the ethical teachings of Colossians and Hebrews. [25]

Section B

Answer at least **one** question from this section.

- 5 How important was the conversion of Paul to the growth of the Church in Acts 1–21? [25]
- 6 ‘Paul’s theology focused so much on the death of Christ that he underestimated the importance of the resurrection.’ Discuss. [25]
- 7 Compare and contrast the contributions of Philip and Barnabas to the spread of Christianity. [25]
- 8 ‘The Letter of James powerfully reflects Jesus’ concern for the poor and outcast.’ Discuss. [25]
- 9 Examine Paul’s teachings about the salvation of the Jewish people. [25]
- 10 What, if anything, can we learn about the worship of early Christians from the writings of Paul and James? [25]

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