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Subject Title	Religious Studies
Paper No. / Title	Paper 3: The New Testament, Religion in Relation to Philosophy, Ethics and Morality, Historical Development of Islam (570CE-661CE)
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**THREE HOURS**

Answer **FOUR** questions chosen from **ONE SECTION ONLY**.

All questions carry equal marks.

*You are reminded of the necessity for good English and orderly presentation in your answers.*

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### Section 2.1 The Gospel According to Luke

1. Luke was not among the twelve apostles called by Jesus (Luke 6:12-16), but he is attributed with the authorship of the third Gospel. Discuss. (25 marks)

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2. Examine the passage of the sending out of the twelve disciples and show its relevance to the present day society. (25 marks)

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3. Assess the attitude of Jesus towards the main political and religious authorities in Palestine. (25 marks)

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4. With at least three miracles of Jesus, critically illustrate why these miracles could not be genuinely accepted by all as real miracles. (25 marks)

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5. Analyse the parable of the Good Samaritan and bring out Jesus' teachings on love and discipleship therein. (25 marks)

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6. Examine the importance of the appearance of Jesus on the road to Emmaus. (25 marks)

### Section 2.2 The Fourth Gospel

7. Discuss the purpose of the Fourth Gospel and its possible audience. (25 marks)

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8. Comment on the testimonies about Jesus Christ at the beginning of his ministry (John 1;19-51) and show how these testimonies introduce his Christological titles. (25 marks)

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9. "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (John 9;5). Discuss this statement showing its culmination in the theme 'Spiritual Blindness'. (25 marks)

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10. Examine the raising of Lazarus to life by Jesus as a pre-figuration of his own resurrection. (25 marks)

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11. Clearly bring out John's approach to the person of Christ and his mission. (25 marks)

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12. Identify and explain the significance of the events that marked Jesus' arrest, trials and crucifixion, confirming him as the promised Saviour of the world. (25 marks)

### Section 2.3 The Early Church as Reflected in Acts and 1 Corinthians.

13. Examine the significance of the Pentecost Event in Jerusalem. (25 marks)

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14. How can the speeches of Peter and Paul be illustrated in the context of the early Christian message in the Acts of the Apostles?. (25 marks)

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15. Comment on the significance of the Jerusalem Council at the dawn of Christianity. (25 marks)

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16. "The persecution of Christians in Jerusalem was a blessing in disguise". Examine the validity of this assertion. (25 marks)

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17. Discuss Paul's approach to the concept of marriage in the Corinthian Church. (25 marks)

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18. Examine Paul's teaching on food offered to idols. (25 marks)

### Section 4.1 Philosophy of Religion

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| 19. | Discuss the attributes of God.   | (25 marks) |
| 20. | Analyse the views of Emmanuel Kant on the existence of God.                  | (25 marks) |
| 21. | Discuss the concept of the goodness of God.                                  | (25 marks) |
| 22. | Examine Aristotle's influence on Christianity and understanding of God.      | (25 marks) |
| 23. | Death has always been a serious challenge to human existence.. Do you agree? | (25 marks) |
| 24. | Examine the five ways (Quinque vine) as a proof of the existence of God.     | (25 marks) |

### Section 4.2 Ethics and Morality

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| 25. | Examine the concept of utilitarianism in relation to human happiness.                                 | (25 marks) |
| 26. | Human freedom is regulated by the authority of the law. Discuss.                                      | (25 marks) |
| 27. | What is the problem with evil and suffering?  | (25 marks) |
| 28. | "Religious experiences are nothing than forms of psychological neurosis". Discuss.                    | (25 marks) |
| 29. | Assess the success of John Hick's argument for soul - making as a development of Ireanaeus' theodicy. | (25 marks) |
| 30. | The falsification principle presents no real challenge to religious beliefs. Comment.                 | (25 marks) |

### Section 6.0 The Historical Development of Islam (570CE – 661CE)

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| 31. | Show how the period of the Jahilliya was one of:<br>a) Social ignorance<br>b) Barbarism  | (10 marks)<br>(15 marks) |
| 32. | Comment on the experience of Prophet Muhammad during the Miraj.  | (25 marks)               |
| 33. | Examine the circumstances that led to the compilation of the Glorious Qur'an.  | (25 marks)               |
| 34. | "A good leader guarantees the continuation of his work in his absence". Substitute this statement with the sermon on Mount Arafat. | (25 marks)               |
| 35. | Of what importance was the death of Prophet Muhammad (SAS) to Islam?   | (25 marks)               |
| 36. | Abu Bakr Sidiq was successful as a Rightly Guided Caliph. Discuss.   | (25 marks)               |

**GO BACK AND CHECK YOUR WORK**