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Introduction

This specification is now well-established, being the 4th year in which it has been examined.

Centres should now be familiar with the layout and weighting of the paper. One new change this year has been the addition of four possible marks being awarded for Spelling, Punctuation and Spelling (SPaG). This is awarded in Section 1 (Q1 or Q2) only.

Unit 16 is the unit which covers Mark's Gospel. This unit is generally taken in combination with one of the Religion and Life papers or with either Christianity or Catholic Christianity. It is the only unit in the Edexcel Religious Studies 'suite' of papers which is a textually-based paper.

Question 1(a),(b),(c),(d)

In general, Q1 as a whole was quite well-done. Most candidates were able to answer 1(a), 1(b) and 1(d) without any difficulty. 1(c) did provide challenges for some candidates, who confused the sending out of the twelve Apostles with the call of the disciples and therefore they lost marks accordingly.

This is an example of a full-mark answer.

Write your answer here:

- (a) The Sons of Zebedee were James and John who were called to follow Jesus and become his disciples.
- (b) As a disciple I do not think Peter should have denied Jesus because he knew Jesus in the flesh and saw him do miracles, therefore there should have been no doubt in his mind that Jesus was the messiah and ~~so~~^{so} he should have stood up for him to get eternal life in heaven. Also, Peter was one of the 12 which meant he was one of Jesus' closest disciples. Peter promised Jesus he would not deny him however when the time came, he denied him to save his own skin. So he should not be used as he was one of Jesus' closest friends and Jesus trusted him.
- (c) In the sending out of the twelve, Jesus sent out the disciples in twos. He said to them to take nothing but their staff and sandals. ~~At~~ He

continued to say "no bread, no money, no bag in your belt". This clearly showed that the nature of discipleship involved leading a ~~or~~ simple life. Asking them to take only sandals and a staff meant Jesus was asking ~~the~~ them to leave behind all their worldly possessions. It shows that the nature of discipleship is to not be distracted by possessions and to focus solely on God. ~~By~~ By asking them to do this, Jesus showed that he demanded complete obedience and that they needed to have trust in God. When sending out the twelve, Jesus gave them the power to drive out ~~demon~~ demons and anoint the sick. This shows that the nature of discipleship involved caring for others and offering service to those who need ~~it~~ it. It also shows that disciples must be willing to make sacrifices such as leaving behind their homes, friends, families and jobs; they must now lead a life devoted to God.

(d) (i) I agree that Jesus asked the rich man to do too much because he would have worked very hard (possibly all his life) for his wealth, so for somebody to expect him to just give it all up is a huge thing to ask. His possessions would have become part of him and he may have grown attached to them so it would be hard. Also, for somebody to give up everything they own is completely irresponsible ~~as~~ as there is a ~~chance~~^{chance} they could end up poor. There was no solid proof that Jesus was the son of God so the man would be silly to do so.

(ii) However, a Christian may say that Jesus did not ask the man for too much as the rich man had become attached to his wealth and was worshipping money rather than God. Therefore Jesus was only trying to get him to prioritise. Also, if the man did give up his wealth he would be rewarded with eternal life in heaven, which is far greater than any money on earth, so Jesus was not asking for too much.



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This response should not need a full explanation of why it was awarded the marks it was given.

1(a) Fully correct answer

1(b) Two developed reasons were given

1(c) Two developed ways were given, leading it to level 4 and the higher of two marks awarded as it was a coherent answer

1(d)(i) Three valid reasons were given

1(d)(ii) Two reasons, with one of them developed, were given

SPaG There were virtually no errors, so it was awarded the maximum mark.



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Examiner Tip

Be careful that you only answer the parts (a), (b), (c), (d) from one of the two questions on the page. If you take parts from both questions you could lose many marks.

This is an example of a well-answered question, which could have been improved even more.

Write your answer here:

- (a) Sons of Zebedee are John and James, and the first disciples of Jesus.
- (b) No because even though Jesus had predicted that Peter would deny knowing him three times, Peter should have been loyal to Jesus.

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Also, Peter should have been shown as selfish and untrustworthy as he denied knowing Jesus; Peter also said that he would never deny knowing Jesus but he did and that was shown as two-faced.

- (c) The nature of discipleship is shown in the sending of the twelve by showing us what the ~~disciple~~ disciple had to do to be committed to God and Jesus.

Disciples were not allowed to take money with them, any extra clothing or shoes. They were not allowed to take any food with them as Jesus did not want them to be held down with any extra baggage. And they also had to be ~~completely~~ completely committed to God by leaving all their families, friends and jobs behind to be fully committed and not to be distracted by anything.

(d) (i) Yes because if you've been saving up money or you earn a lot of money then it would be very hard to give all of that up to be committed to God. Some people may be too selfish to give all of their money and valuable ^{things} ~~stuff~~ to give to charity.

With us that we should give all of our riches or money to the ~~charity~~ charity and to be a disciple, you must not be weighed down with extra baggage. When the rich man asked Jesus "How can I get into heaven?" Jesus simply replied that you must give up everything you have and give it to the poor, the man face fell and he walked away. This shows that the rich man could not be committed to God and give up his money.



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1(a) This was a fully-correct answer.

1(b) This was one reason and one developed reason. The reason was that Peter should have been loyal. The developed reason was Peter said he would not deny Jesus which was developed by the addition of 'he did which was two-faced'. The 1st reason could have been improved by being developed by perhaps showing why Peter should have been loyal. This would have then gained an extra mark.

1(c) This gained only 4 marks out of 8. This was given for talking about not taking extra clothing or shoes. This was developed by the explanation that this was because Jesus did not want them held down by extra baggage.

The candidate refers in the answer to the disciples leaving families, friends and jobs behind. This is not in the relevant passage about the sending out of the 12, but is about the call of the disciples. So this could not be credited.

The candidate could have gained extra marks by including such things as being sent out in twos, being given authority to heal and cast out demons, or how to deal with rejection.

1(d)(i) Only two reasons were given and not developed. A third reason could have been that it was not fair to ask him to give up what he had worked hard for.

SPaG There were not a lot of mistakes and so it was given 3 marks



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Examiner Tip

The easiest way to answer the (d) questions is to give three valid reasons in each part.

Question 2(a),(b),(c),(d)

Q2 was less well-done than Q1 - especially in part (c).

Write your answer here:

- (a) True family is even a single man and woman that follow Jesus' teachings.
- (b) I do think that the disciples are good role models for Christians today because they were able to give up everything just to follow Jesus and this encourages us to make sacrifices and be selfless. ~~They were~~ Also, they followed everything that Jesus said, ~~and~~ even if they did fail a few times, they still continued to follow Jesus, ~~showing~~ showing Christians today that they shouldn't give up.
- (c) Jesus' teaching about service is important for Christians today because it shows ~~us~~ Christians that if they want to go to heaven, they must put others before themselves. It also encourages Christians that by 'being a slave for all'

you are doing good for the community and you are being selfless, which is what discipleship is all about. Furthermore, being of service to people is how the world works, if everyone was selfish and decided not to help anyone but themselves, the world would become bias and an unhealthy environment to ~~live~~ live in, since everyone would be rude and cautious. Jesus' teaching about service has opened up Christians minds and enabled them to be more giving and less greedy.

(d) (i) I agree because nowadays, people are less willing to give up their whole lives and all their possessions just to follow Jesus. Another reason is that, ~~there~~ there are many people in the world who follow a different religion or don't have any religion, so they wouldn't believe in Jesus' teachings about discipleship.

(ii) Some people might disagree with me because they might believe that if you really were true Christians, ~~you~~ ~~Jesus'~~ Jesus' teachings about discipleship should always be relevant because for you go to heaven you must follow what Jesus said. Also, because it is relevant since ^{all over} the world, many people ~~are~~ aspire to become nuns or priests, and that requires giving up everything to follow Jesus.



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This question is a (rare) example of a good attempt at this question - losing only 2 marks in the (d) section.

2 (a) Those who had learnt and produced the glossary definition received the full 2 marks. Those that had not learnt it often had difficulty understanding the term - often attempting sociological explanations. *Those who follow the teachings of Jesus* is the correct glossary definition.

2 (b) Most candidates who attempted this question answered it well - and most gave developed reasons, as here.

2 (c) This section was difficult for many candidates. Most candidates failed to recognise that the passage was based on Mark 10:41-45. Those who did not realise this wrote generally and discursively, and gained few marks. Those who did realise, however, usually produced good answers.

In this answer, there are three reasons given, with one developed, to reach level 4. The answer is coherent, so it gained the higher mark for level 4.

2 (d) In both parts, the candidate gave two reasons, therefore gaining 2 marks. If another reason had been given, or one of the reasons developed, then a further mark would have been awarded. For instance in (d)(ii), had the candidate given a relevant quote from the Gospel after saying *for you to go to heaven you must follow what Jesus said*, then this would have developed the reason sufficiently to gain the extra mark for that part.

SPaG: There were virtually no errors, so it was awarded the maximum mark.



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Developing reasons (often with a relevant quotation or reference to a relevant incident) will increase your marks.

Question 3(a)

Q3 (a) was difficult for some candidates, who had obviously not learned the glossary definition.

(a) The passion of Jesus is his death by crucifixion on Good Friday, the pinnacle of Isaiah's messianic prophecy.



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The glossary definition required an acknowledgement that the Passion of Jesus was more than just Good Friday, so this answer only gained 1 mark as being partially-correct.



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Learn the glossary definitions of the key words to be sure of gaining the full marks.

(a) Passion of Jesus is the sufferings of Jesus before his crucifixion.



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This is the glossary definition, slightly re-worded. It shows that the Passion is more than just the crucifixion. 2 marks awarded

Question 3(b),(c),(d)

Section 2 Conflict and Argument was probably the weakest section this year.

Q3 (b) (c) (d) was the easiest of the two questions on this section although quite a few had difficulty with (c). Many saw Jesus' teaching about eating with 'unclean hands' as teaching on hygiene - failing to grasp what Jesus meant.

(b) I think Jesus was wrong to heal the shrivelled hand on the sabbath because the sabbath is a day of rest. On this day God rested and recommended everyone else would rest. But Jesus went against God's rule.

Another reason why I think Jesus was wrong to heal the shrivelled hand is because he said to him I forgive your sin. Only God can forgive sins. Therefore Jesus was blaspheming and associating himself with God.

(c) Jesus' teaching about eating with unclean hands is important for Christians today because he said it's not what comes from the

outside is sinful. It's what comes from the inside is what is sinful.

This shows that eating with unclean today isn't sinful it's what you say and commit is what is sinful.

I disagree

(d) (i) Jesus was right to cleanse out the temple because people were selling goods in the temple. They were making a business in God's house.

He was also right to cleanse the temple because people were stealing goods. So they were committing sins in God's house. They were also committing sins right in front of God.

(ii) Some people may disagree with me because Jesus was very aggressive. He shoved and pushed people over to stop them.

Also some people may disagree with me is because he ruined businesses. He pushed stalls over and broke a lot of goods that people were selling.



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3 (b) This answer provided one developed reason - that the sabbath was a day of rest. This was developed by reference to God resting on that day.

The second reason given was invalid, since Jesus did not, on this occasion, forgive the man's sins. Therefore, this response gained 2 marks instead of 4.

Another valid reason could have been that Jesus was deliberately antagonising the authorities.

3(c) Just one reason is given here - Jesus said that it was what comes from the inside that is sinful. Things which could have been added which would have improved this answer, including such points as that Jesus was challenging hypocrisy; challenging people's attitudes to tradition etc.

3(d)(i) Three valid reasons were given, leading to maximum marks.

3(d)(ii) Two valid reasons were given here.

Other reasons could have been that Jesus had no authority to do what he did, or that what he did was bound to cause conflict.

to his crucifixion.

(b) I think Jesus was right to heal the man with the shrivelled hand on the sabbath because as ^{Jesus} ~~he~~ said, "is it better to do good on the sabbath or evil?" The answer is obviously "good," and Jesus was doing a good thing by relieving this man of his pain. Also, Jesus said that "God made the sabbath for man, not man for the sabbath" which means that God gave the Jews the sabbath as a day of rest, not to cause them trouble.

(c) In Jesus' teachings, the teachers of the law saw Jesus' disciples eating without performing the correct rituals. They asked Jesus why do they eat with unclean

hands, Jesus responded by saying "nothing a man eats can make him unclean as it does not go to his heart, but to his stomach and out the body." he continued by saying "it is what comes out of a man that makes him ~~unclean~~^{unclean}". This is significant to Christians today as it explains to them that no food is bad and they can eat whatever they want. It is also important as Jesus is saying that it is useless to follow unnecessary rules just for the sake of it, it is the intention in the person's heart that really matters. This teaching is significant as Jesus says "it is what comes out of a man that makes him unclean". This suggests that evil thoughts of murder, adultery, etc are what really make a person 'unclean'. This is important as it would encourage Christians to live a good life and think nice thoughts that do not hurt anyone.

- because as a Catholic, I believe
- (d) (i) I disagree with this statement, ~~as~~ Jesus cleansed the temple for a good reason. The temple is meant to be a place of prayer however the Jewish people turned it into a 'den of robbers' by selling merchandise to make a profit. Also, what they were doing in the temple goes against God's commandment to worship God as it seems like they were worshipping money and wealth, therefore it is good that he cleansed it as it showed them what they were doing wrong.
- (ii) However others may say Jesus was wrong to ~~cleanse~~ ^{cleanse} the temple because that was their Jewish tradition that they built up over many years, so it was rude of Jesus to tell the leaders that they had gotten it all wrong. Also, ~~Jesus~~ Jesus 'cleansed' the temple by throwing over desks and being disruptive. This would have been annoying for the people that work there as ~~it~~ that is how they make money to feed ~~their~~ their family and make their livelihood.



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This is an example of a full-mark answer and particularly shows how marks could be gained on part (c) which here provided two developed reasons with a coherent answer which gained level 4 - 8 marks.

Question 4(a)

Those who had learnt the glossary definition had no difficulty with this question and many others were able to give at least an example of ritual cleanliness and gain one mark. Others, however, found it difficult.

(a) cleaning yourself before eating
up to the elbow.



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This response was an example of ritual cleaning, rather than a definition.

1 mark for a partially-correct answer.

(a) Ritual cleanliness is the Jewish tradition
of preventing anything dirty or unclean
from entering the body.



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This is the glossary definition and therefore gained 2 marks.

Question 4(b),(c),(d)

4 (b) was generally answered well but (c) (especially) and (d) were poorly-answered.

4 (c) was poorly done. This question is a specific bullet point in the specification and so must have been taught. Candidates seemed unable to make the leap from issues of sabbath observance to issues of community cohesion.

4 (d) often produced confusion between the paralysed man 2:1-12 (this question) and the man with the shrivelled (paralysed) hand (Q3 (b)). There were many answers that referred to Jesus healing on the Sabbath, which was not the case with the paralysed man.

(b) I believe that Jesus should have stopped the woman at Bethany from anointing him because at the time Jesus was not prepared for that kind of annointing.

Moreover if Jesus would have stopped the woman at Bethany from annointing him then it would of made Jesus look bad in front of his disciples. This is because the oil was expensive and ~~Jesus had~~ the woman annointed him with it but if he refused it would of shown that he didnt need it.

(c) The disagreements about the Sabbath are important for current issues of community cohesion because people say that the Sabbath is a day of rest. The ~~Sabbath~~ ~~is~~

day where you have to keep holy and spend time with your family.

This is a current issue of community cohesion because many people argue that you shouldn't keep the Sabbath as a normal day, they also mention how it is a day for praying to God and appologising your sins.

The Disagreements over the Sabbath are such as; people went to work, this may cause issues with the community because they believe it as the day God rested. The seventh day. Also known as the Sabbath.

Therefore the disagreements over the Sabbath are important for current issues of community cohesion because they prove a point that the sabbath is a day of rest and should be kept holy rather than busy and being at work.

(d) (i) I believe that Jesus shouldn't of healed the paralysed man, this is because by doing this he has made people blame him of blasphemy. Jesus shouldn't of healed the paralysed man because it caused problems which then rose up at the hearing for Jesus in front of the High priests and the Sanhedrin.

Moreover I believe that by Jesus healing the paralysed man, he was putting himself in danger of others as he knew that he was going to be killed.

(ii) On the other hand others may argue that Jesus should of healed the paralysed man, they may argue this because by doing this, Jesus proved to the people that he was the Messiah and that he had the power to heal the sick.

Also by doing this it would of threatened the Sadducees and Pharisees which meant that Jesus would've been more powerful than them.



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Examiner Tip

In the (c) questions, write each reason as a separate paragraph. It then shows your ideas clearly.

4 (b) Just one valid developed reason was given.

It would of made Jesus look bad - development – *because the oil was expensive*. The first part of the answer is not a valid reason.

4 (c) Two valid reasons were given.

- Many say you should not keep the Sabbath as a normal day
- Disagreement as people want to work but others say it is a day of rest.

Other reasons which could have been included might be that differences need to be discussed, bad laws need to be challenged etc. The answer is coherent, so the higher mark for level 2.

4 (d)(i) Two reasons were given:

- Jesus was accused of blasphemy
- Jesus was putting himself in danger.

Other reasons could have been that he had no authority to do this; he knew it would cause conflict.

4 (d)(ii) Again, two reasons are given.

- Jesus proved that he was the Messiah.
- He had the power to heal the sick.

Another reason could have been that it reflected Jesus' teaching that we should care for others.

Question 5(a)

The vast majority of candidates answering Q5(a) knew the identity of Judas Iscariot.

(a) Judas iscariot was one of the disciples that followed Jesus but he betrayed Jesus and told the high priest where Jesus was.



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5 (a) Judas is identified clearly here.

2 marks

Question 5(b),(c),(d)

Those candidates attempting Q5 (b) (c) (d) generally answered it quite well, although for some, 5 (c) proved difficult because they confused the trial before Pilate with the trial before the Sanhedrin. They wrote about the illegalities in that trial, the witnesses not agreeing etc.

Garden of Gethsemane for 30 silver pieces.

(b) The Last Supper is important for Christians today because it is the first time transubstantiation occurs (where the ~~body~~^{bread} and wine turn into the body and blood of Christ) which is a key part of today's mass.

Secondly it is important because it is the last meal Jesus has with his disciples and is where he gives his confession that one of his disciples will betray him.

(c) Jesus trial before Pilate is significant because:

1) We see Pilate struggle to convict Jesus

with a crime and Pilate asks Jesus to say something in his defence. When Jesus says nothing, we know that Jesus has realised he needs to die.

2) Secondly, at the trial, we see the release of the murderer Barabbas. This is significant because the crowds present believe a murderer is more worthy of freedom than the son of God.

3) Thirdly, also relating to the release of Barabbas is that Barabbas translates to 'Son of God' (Bar = son Abba = God). So, Jesus is being imprisoned for being blasphemous calling himself the son of God and Barabbas being released also named the son of God and also a murderer.

4) The trial is also significant because we see the crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem have now turned against him at his trial.

(d) (i) 1 agree, Jesus did not rise from the dead because it defies everything scientific and logical we know.

2) I agree Jesus did not rise from the dead because his tomb was sealed with a large round stone too heavy for one man to move so he could not get out of the tomb.

3) I agree Jesus did not rise from the dead because ?

(ii) Someone may disagree by saying Jesus DID rise from the dead because it says so in the bible.

2) someone may disagree by saying he DID rise from the dead because Jesus ~~proph~~ prophesied it happening.

3) Someone may disagree by saying he DID rise from the dead because the disciples saw Jesus after his death on the road to Emmaus.



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5 (b) This was answered with two reasons - one developed.

The first reason is that it was where transubstantiation first took place - developed by an explanation of what that means.

The second reason is that Jesus says one of the disciples will betray him. This would have got an extra point if that second reason had been developed - probably by some reference to Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane.

5 (c) This gained 6 marks for three reasons given:

- Pilate was having difficulty convicting Jesus
- The crowd believing a murderer is more worthy of freedom than the Son of God
- The crowd who welcomed him now turning against him.

The paragraph about Barabbas is confused and in places inaccurate, and so gained nothing. The answer was coherent so gained the upper mark of level 3 - 6 marks

5 (d)(i) Two clear reasons were given - the third reason was, unfortunately, not completed.

5 (d)(ii) Three clear reasons were given - thus giving a maximum mark of 3.



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In the (c) questions, if you only tell the story that the question is based on you can only get a level 1: 2 marks. Reasons must always be given to take it further.

Question 6(a)

Most candidates attempting Q6 (a) had no difficulty in saying what the Last Supper was.

write your answer here.

(a) The last supper is the meal Jesus
had with his disciples in the
upper room.



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6 (a) There is no indication of this being the last meal or the origin of the Eucharist. One of these needs to be indicated for full marks. Therefore, this response is only partially-correct.

(a) The last supper is the last
meal Jesus had with the
disciples



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6 (a) This is a fully-correct answer.
2 marks

Question 6(b),(c),(d)

Q6 (b) (c) (d) was generally well-answered, but candidates needed to beware of some areas, as this next script shows.

his crucifixion.

(b) ~~that~~ I think the crucifixion of Jesus was necessary in order to ^{ful}fill the prophecy. His death as a result of the crucifixion also led to his resurrection which was also very important. His crucifixion showed Jesus suffering. This passion is what even Christians today find very symbolic. as ~~Jesus~~ this was the point where Jesus fulfilled his self-service and suffered pain on the cross for all of mankind to have their sins forgiven - although Jesus himself did not commit any.

(c) there are different attitudes to Judas ~~because~~ among Christians debating whether he was a traitor or a good person for handing

Jesus over to the authorities.

Some Christians believe Judas was a traitor and betrayed Jesus for money. Other Christians believe Judas was just helping to fulfil the prophecy by handing him over - leading to his death. Jesus also predicted his death three times. One of them, he mentioned that someone was going to betray him. Jesus already knew what would happen and on the night of his arrest he asked three of his disciples to stay awake and watch him while he prayed to God to see if he could avoid his fate. In the end, his disciples fell asleep and Judas brought the Pharisees over to have Jesus arrested. This could possibly have been prevented if the three disciples had not fallen asleep.

(d) (i) Gethsemane - the place of the skull - was where Jesus was crucified. I think that this did show that Jesus was only human. He suffered the pain just as any human would and during his suffering on the cross, ~~asked God why~~ questioned God's decision for having him die.

(ii) Some Christians may disagree and say that Jesus was putting on an act and he was not really suffering. They would also say that Jesus died unusually quick - proving that he did not suffer as long as most humans did. Three days later, Jesus had also risen from his tomb and been resurrected, which showed he was divine as it was proved scientifically impossible.



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6 (b) This was answered with two reasons, one of which was developed.

The first reason was that it was necessary to fulfil the prophecy. This was developed by saying that Jesus suffered pain for all mankind.

The second reason was that it led to the resurrection.

6 (c) Two valid reasons were given here, leading to level 2 being awarded and a mark of 4, as it was coherent.

The reasons are that:

- Judas betrayed Jesus for money
- Judas was helping to fulfil the prophecy.

These two reasons could have been developed or two more reasons given such as that he was:

- taken over by Satan
- part of God's plan for Jesus.

6 (d) Unfortunately, the candidate has confused Gethsemane and Golgotha. Having done this for (d)(i), it automatically affects (d)(ii) as well.



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(b) questions ask for two reasons. There is no point in giving more than two reasons. Only two will be credited and the higher marks will only be given for development of the two reasons - not for additional reasons.

(b) Yes I do think that the crucifixion of Jesus was necessary because through this Jesus felt the worst possible human sufferings so he can understand and sympathise with us in a time of hardship. ~~Also~~ ~~that~~ Secondly it was also necessary because through his crucifixion he gives the ultimate sacrifice of his ~~the~~ life in order to save humanity and this shows us his love for us, and saves us.

(c) In Christians today there are many different attitudes to ~~the~~ Judas the betrayer.

Some people believe that he was a true

betrayer who betrayed Jesus for 40 silver ~~of~~ coins. He was only human and so ~~gave into~~ ^{gave into} temptation and betrayed Jesus. He was a bad man in their eyes who gave into Satan.

Other Christians believe that Judas was only fulfilling the scriptures and the ~~the~~ ^{prophesies} and carrying ~~the~~ ^{out} God's will. It was meant to happen so that Jesus could be crucified to save humanity and resurrect to show power over death and all evil.

Next some believe that Judas had gotten tired of Jesus as he was not the warlord Messiah he expected so due to frustration he gave up ~~and~~ lost faith and betrayed him. Finally some Christians even believe that by doing this Judas hoped to push Jesus to panic and so force him to take action.

like' the Messiah many hoped for. Judas cornered him to turn into the Messiah he expected to save himself and the Jews.

(d) (i) Yes ~~we~~ I agree with ~~the~~ ^{it} because at Gethsemane in Mark's Gospel it says that Jesus prayed and he asked his closest disciples to keep watch and stay by him at a time of anxiety and hardship. ~~the~~ We can ~~see~~ see that here like a human he wants to be comforted by the presence of ~~friends~~ friends. Secondly ^{we} also see ~~in~~ in Mark's Gospel that Jesus says "Take this cup of suffering from me" and this shows how he doesn't want to be crucified which shows that he like any human did not want to feel pain and death and was afraid.

(iii) Some people may disagree with me because Jesus does not run away and hide which shows inhuman bravery and determination. He is prepared to sacrifice his life inhumanly compassionately ^{and unselfishly}. Some may also argue with me by saying that Jesus predicts that his betrayer is coming so he has supernatural knowledge of what is coming which proves Jesus is more than just human.



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This is a full-mark answer which probably does not need any comment

Question 7(a)

Q7(a) was difficult for many candidates. Candidates often tend to get the names given to Jesus confused, as in this case. Again, learning the glossary definitions is the best way of approaching the (a) questions.

Write your answer here:

(a) Son of God, God son.



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7(a) 'Son of man' and 'Son of God' are not interchangeable terms.

0 marks

Write your answer here:

(a) ~~He is~~ The son of Man was a title used by Jesus and it was what he called himself as he suffered at the hands of men.



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7 (a) The correct definition - a variation on the glossary wording.

2 marks

Question 7(b),(c),(d)

Q7(b)(c)(d) was reasonably well-attempted but there was a number of candidates in 7(b) who talked about the transfiguration as a post-resurrection appearance.

(b) I do not think the transfiguration happened because. It seems impossible to imagine that any human on earth could experience such change.

Also, I think the disciples were just seeing things and ~~thought~~ thought that it was real but, we now know that it is impossible.

(c) When Jesus asked Peter who he thought Jesus was Peter answered 'you are Christ' this is symbolic today because it showed that Peter was one of the very few

people who truly understood who Jesus was.

Also, Peter then later went on to become the first Pope and this is very significant in the Catholic Church.

Moreover, Peter was a role model to Catholics today because even though he made mistakes he stuck by Jesus and ~~became~~ went on by Jesus command to start Christianity. This gives Catholics hope that even if things don't go so well sometimes they will be forgiven by God and can all do great things.

Finally, Matthew's account of Peter's confessions illustrates to Catholics that Jesus ~~trusted his~~ wanted his identity to be kept a secret as he didn't feel the authorities were ready to accept. Christians today accept Jesus as Christ and honour his patience with humans.

(d) (i) I agree because, the bible is a narrative document and nothing inside it is actually real.

Moreover, it seems ridiculous for a man to be filled with demons therefore this story is hard to believe.

Thirdly, it is not clear why this man was even sick and it can't be simply because of evil spirits ~~in~~ inside of him. This story does not make logical sense.

(iii) Whereas, some may argue that ~~Jesus~~ it is stated ^{in the bible} that Jesus healed Legion therefore, he did.

Also, Christians believe the bible is the ultimate truth even if it did not make logically sense, clearly Jesus had extraordinary abilities humans today can't comprehend.

Finally, Jesus wanted to heal the sick and that was his mission on earth and the healing of Legion is an example of his work.



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Examiner Tip

(b) questions. The question only asks for what you think. You should not give two sides to an argument (unlike in the (d) questions) unless you cannot make up your mind and can argue your point of view from both sides. But both reasons must be **your** point of view - not those of someone else.



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7 (b) This candidate gave two simple reasons:

- it seems impossible that any human could experience such a change
- the disciples were just seeing things.

These needed developing in order to gain the maximum 4 marks.

2 marks

7(c) Two reasons were given - leading to level 2 . The reasons were that Peter:

- recognises who Jesus is
- became the first pope.

4 marks

Other reasons that could have been given to increase the mark would have included references to Peter being given the:

- keys to the kingdom
- power of loosing and binding.

7 (d)(i) Two reasons given:

- It seems ridiculous for a man to be filled with demons
- The story does not make logical sense.

Another reason was needed to take this to the maximum mark.

7(d)(ii) Three reasons were given, leading to maximum marks being awarded.

(b) ~~Yes I believe~~ No, I believe this story was made up to show that Jesus was the son of God. If it did happen then why did the disciples flee when Jesus was arrested as they had heard God say "This is my son, whom I love, listen to him." so surely they would trust Jesus if they heard the ~~Lord say~~ God say "listen".

Also another fault in the story which shows it may not have happened is that how did anyone recognise the old testament prophets? They were thousands of years old therefore no Mark could have known "Elijah and Moses were ~~talking~~ talking with him".

(c) Matthew's account is important for Christians today as it shows that Peter was the founder of the Christian church. Jesus said "on this rock I will build my church." Rock Peter means rock, there

fore it shows Peter as being the first leader of the church. Christians believe this meant the first pope.

The second thing Mark says is "as I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven" which shows that all Pope's have been given the keys to heaven and helps us to understand why they are there, which is to guide us on the right path to heaven.

finally the ~~Pope~~ the Pope claims to be a successor of Peter which shows they have been appointed by God, just as Peter was.

Mark's account of this story was directed more about how people viewed Jesus and how Peter recognised Jesus was ~~the~~ "the Christ".

(d) (i) I agree that this did not happen as it seems the legion has a severe mental disorder and it was the screams of the man which scared the pigs. Evil spirits do not exist therefore this did not really happen. The spirits did not really recognise Jesus, when they said "Jesus, son of the most high" instead this was the man pleading for help. Others say the story is symbolic, not literal.

(ii) At many Christians believe this did really happen as Jesus shows his power over ~~not~~ evil in this story. "he gave permission and the spirit came out of the man and went into the pigs" shows that Jesus knew what he was dealing with as he is omniscient. Also it shows Christians he would free a human life at any cost, even a herd of 2000 pigs many also struggle to believe why Mark would have made this up if it didn't really happen.



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Examiner Comments

This is a full-mark answer to show how maximum marks can be achieved.

Question 8(a)

Q8 (a) was answered correctly by the majority of candidates who attempted it. However, there were some who answered it incorrectly or only partially correctly. Again, learning the glossary definition of these 'key words' will ensure that candidates gain the full marks.

Two examples are given here - one a partially-correct answer and the other, fully-correct.

Write your answer here:

(a) John the baptist was a man
that presoremed baptisms



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Examiner Comments

There is no indication given here that John the Baptist baptised Jesus - only that he baptised people. So only partially-correct.

Write your answer here:

(a) John the baptist was a prophet that
baptised Jesus and others in the River Jordan



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The glossary definition, so a fully-correct answer.

Question 8(b),(c),(d)

Q8 (b) (c) (d) Generally, this question was quite well-done by those who attempted it.

8 (b) led to comments about the fact that Jesus said that Jairus' daughter was sleeping, so was this, in fact, a miracle? Also many candidates raised the question about why, if Jesus raised Jairus' daughter, he doesn't raise other people from the dead? A few candidates misunderstood the question and thought that it was about child-rearing.

8 (c) Most candidates knew the story and were able to comment on it. Some, however, confused it with walking on the water. Some pointed to possible allegorical interpretations of the story.

8 (d) Candidates could generally answer this question well, managing to find two or three reasons on each side of the argument.

(b) The raising of Jairus' daughter creates problems for Christians today because:

- She may not have been dead. Jesus himself claims that she was asleep and not dead. This today could be diagnosed as narcolepsy.
- It puts doubts in Christians' minds about the validity of Jesus' other miracles. They may not have been genuine miracles but may have been manipulated to seem like it.

(c) The calming of the storm shows Jesus' power over nature. He was able to silence something so powerful that was not man made. It showed that He was extraordinary.

It showed that He was the son of God. In Genesis, it is stated that God created all things including the storm that Jesus silenced. This shows that He is the son of God as only someone with such closeness to God could do such a thing.

It showed Jesus' frustration at the disciples' lack of faith. Even with the Messiah around the disciples were still scared. Jesus was frustrated that they still had no faith in him.

It shows that Christians can rely on Jesus to calm all storms in their lives. No storm is too big for Jesus to calm. Just Christians just need to believe in him to solve their problems.

(d) (i) Christians would agree with this statement because;

- Throughout Mark's gospel, Jesus performs miracles such as the healing of the paralytic. To have performed such wonderful miracles, Jesus must have been the Messiah.
- The Messiah was sent to save people from their sins. That is what Jesus did. He suffered at the hands of the Jews and Romans for other people. He must've been a Messiah to do this.
- God refers to Jesus as 'my son' on many occasions. The son of God must surely be the Messiah.

(ii) Some people may disagree because;

- Jesus did not suit the profile of the Messiah that had been depicted in the Torah. He was not a warrior and did not fight at any point. He could not have been the Messiah.

- He said that soon after he had gone to the kingdom of God, there would be a second and final coming. It has been two thousand years and there has been no second coming. He is not the Messiah.



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Examiner Tip

Q8 (b) is answered with two developed reasons.
4 marks

Q8 (c) is answered with two developed reasons thus gaining level 4. It is a coherent answer so gains the higher mark in level 4.

8 marks

Q 8 (d) is answered by three reasons on both sides of the argument gaining 3 marks each for parts (i) and (ii). 6 marks



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This is a full-mark answer, to show how maximum marks can be achieved.

Paper Summary

Teachers and candidates should note these general points in order to improve candidates' achievement in future years:

- There is a choice of two questions per section: each of these has four sub-questions. Candidates may either attempt the sub-questions in the top question (odd numbers) or the sub-questions in the bottom question (even numbered). Candidates who choose questions from a mixture of the top and bottom questions will not receive marks for all of their responses and will be at a clear disadvantage.
- Candidates are asked to indicate which question they have answered by putting a cross in a box at the top of the paper. Some candidates did not do this and they should be reminded to do so as part of examination preparation.
- The amount of lines given on the examination paper is more-than-adequate for candidates to achieve maximum marks. There is no need for candidates to write more than this. If candidates write more than can be inserted into the allocated lineage, then they are using up too much time on that particular question. Almost all of the candidates who used extra paper had already achieved maximum marks on that question. Any candidate who needs extra space can use the space allocated to other questions, as long as they indicate clearly on their paper that this is what they have done.
- Candidates produced some very interesting answers to the questions posed. This indicated that they and their teachers had not only studied the topic but, importantly, had linked them to their everyday life and that reflected in the society around them.
- Maximum marks on the part (a) questions are easily gained by learning the Edexcel glossary definitions.
- Only the candidate's point of view is credited in part (b) questions. The easiest way to gain full marks is for candidates to concentrate on stating their opinion and writing two separate reasons for it, each in a distinct paragraph, and then to develop each of the reasons with an example or a quote.
- Candidates can gain the higher mark within the level, on part (c) questions, by writing coherently. Part (c) questions test AO1 and so will either ask for candidates to 'Explain why' or to 'Explain how'.
- Many of the part (d) questions this year produced interesting answers. However, candidates should ensure that they start by stating their own view and reasons for it in part (d)(i) and then state reasons why someone might hold a different view in part (d)(ii), rather than mixing the two halves. At least one of the reasons given in either (d)(i) or (d)(ii) must be explicitly Christian (which can be a quote from Mark's gospel or a reference to something in it), to go beyond three marks.

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