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Matriculation Examination

Hilary Term 2018

BIBLICAL STUDIES

Examination Hall

4th April 14.00-17.00

Answer FOUR questions, TWO from section A and TWO from section B.

**WRITE YOUR CAO NUMBER ON THIS PAPER. WRITE YOUR NAME IN THE SPACE PROVIDED
AND SEAL IT.**

A copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, complete with the Apocrypha, is provided with this paper.

Answer four questions, two from section A and two from section B.

Section A.

1. The destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians was a momentous event in Jewish history. How do the biblical writers deal with this trauma?

2. Write an essay assessing the achievements of **either** David or Solomon.

3. Discuss the theme of social justice in the book of Amos. How does the book relate the idea of justice and morality to Creation theology?

4. EITHER

Discuss the role of Job's friends in the book of Job.

OR

The book of Job raises serious questions about divine justice. Discuss.

5. In the story of Joseph the God of Israel is shown to triumph over the gods of Egypt.

Discuss, outlining how you think this idea may have been important to the ancient Jews.

Section B.

7. Outlining its background, explain the issue of the conversion of the Gentiles in Acts.

8. How does the account of miracles in Mark's Gospel contribute to the readers' understanding of the identity of Jesus?

9. What social problems is Paul struggling with in 1 Corinthians? How does he deal with them?

10. In spite of the radical nature of Jesus' teaching, Jesus' view of the world was thoroughly Jewish. Discuss this statement. Your answer should focus on at least two of the following: the temple, the torah (law), Jewish Scripture (viz. the Old Testament).

11. How would you account for the popularity of Jesus within his own day?

12. What did the institution of the temple mean to Jewish communities in the time of Jesus?