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Matriculation Examination 2015

Biblical Studies

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

Section A.

1. Discuss the biblical writers' interpretation of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians?
2. The biblical writers see the institution of monarchy as threatening to Israel. Discuss.
3. Compare the monarchies of Saul and Solomon.
4. Discuss the theme of social injustice in the book of Amos.
5. 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.

6. 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. Discuss the importance of miracles in Mark's Gospel and how they contribute to the readers' understanding of the identity of Jesus.
9. Discuss the problem of divisions in the community at Corinth (1 Corinthians).
10. In spite of the radical nature of Jesus' teaching, Jesus remained a thorough Jew. Discuss. 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. Discuss the importance of the temple in the time of Jesus.