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COURSE CODE: BIL2313

COURSE TITLE: SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

EXAM DATE: MONDAY 6TH AUGUST 2018

TIME: 9:00AM-12:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Write your **student number** on the answer booklet provided.
- Read the questions carefully before attempting.
- This exam script consists of **six (6)** questions.
- Section A is COMPULSORY.
- Answer ANY TWO questions in Section B.
- *ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply*

SECTION A: Answer ALL questions

1. “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45).

- a) Discuss Mark’s understanding of Jesus as revealed in this passage. (8 marks)
- b) Explain the implications of (a) above for Christian leadership and Christian ministry today. Give examples to illustrate your answers. (7 marks))

SECTION B: Answer ANY TWO questions

2.Synoptic Gospel studies require negotiation of literary, cultural and contextual issues.

- a) Define the term Synoptic Problem. (3 marks)
- b) Discuss TWO hypotheses used in resolving the problem. (12marks)

3.Jesus ministry was characterized by dramatic actions as means of visually reinforcing his intended message.

- a) Identify and explain ONE dramatic action by Jesus from any of the Synoptic Gospels. (7 marks)
- b) Explain how the dramatic act may be understood as both the symbolic and actual fulfilment of the intended lesson. Give Bible references to support your answers. (8 marks)

4. Define the following terms and discuss how each aided the spread of Christianity.

- a) Pharisee (5 marks)
- b) Sadducees (5 marks)
- c) Sanhedrin (5 marks)

5.The Synoptic Gospels provide various portraits of the person of Jesus Christ.

- a) Discuss THREE portraits of Christ, one from each of the synoptic gospels. (9 marks)
- b) Explain how each portrait is related to the target audience of the gospel writer. Give Bible references to support your answers. (6 marks)