

Section A

Answer at least **one** question from this section.

If you choose Question **1**, answer in **one** version only.

*Colossians and Hebrews***REVISED STANDARD VERSION**

- 1** Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following, with brief reference to the general context:
- (a) Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ at Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father. (Colossians 1:1–2)
 - (b) These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Epaphras, who is one of yourselves, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always remembering you earnestly in his prayers... (Colossians 4:11b–12a)
 - (c) Therefore, holy brethren, who share in a heavenly call, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession. (Hebrews 3:1)
 - (d) Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham... (Hebrews 7:8–9)
 - (e) Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the Holy Place yearly with blood not his own... (Hebrews 9:25)
 - (f) And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. (Hebrews 11:39–40)

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

- 1 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following, with brief reference to the general context:
- (a) Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colosse:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father. (Colossians 1:1–2)
- (b) These are the only Jews among my fellow-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me. Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you... (Colossians 4:11b–12a)
- (c) Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. (Hebrews 3:1)
- (d) In the one case, the tenth is collected by men who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living. One might even say that Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham... (Hebrews 7:8–9)
- (e) Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. (Hebrews 9:25)
- (f) These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. (Hebrews 11:39–40)
- 2 How far can it be argued that Colossians and Hebrews were written to resolve similar problems and issues affecting the lives of those to whom they were addressed?
- 3 How is the universal and cosmic significance of the work of Christ presented in Colossians and Hebrews?
- 4 Give a critical assessment of the use of the Old Testament by the author of Hebrews.

Section B

Answer at least **one** question from this section.

- 5 What may be learnt from the structure and content of Acts concerning the author's distinctive interests and purpose?
- 6 Compare the roles and importance of Peter and Paul in the development of the ministry and mission of the early church.
- 7 'For he will render to every man according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, he will give eternal life.'
(RSV, Romans 2:6–7)
- 'God "will give to each person according to what he has done." To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honour and immortality, he will give eternal life.'
(NIV, Romans 2:6–7)
- How far does this statement by Paul in Romans conflict with his teaching on justification by faith elsewhere in this letter?
- 8 Examine Paul's teaching on the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians and Galatians.
- 9 'There are strong grounds for believing that in its original form the Letter of James was not a Christian document.' Discuss.
- 10 Assess the roles and importance of the churches in Jerusalem and Antioch (in Syria) in the development of the early church's ministry and mission.

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