



2017 SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

DIVINITY

Time: 1 HOUR

Name: _____

School: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

**PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
ALL CANDIDATES MUST ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS
QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY
PLEASE CHOOSE ONE FROM QUESTIONS 2, 3 AND 4**

You are advised to spend about 30 minutes on each question.

All candidates must answer this question:

- 1) Please read this passage from the St Luke's Gospel carefully.

St Luke 7: 36-50

36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table.³⁷ And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment.³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.'⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.'⁴¹ 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?'⁴³ Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.'⁴⁴ Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair.'⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet.⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.'⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.'⁴⁸ Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.'⁴⁹ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?'⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

- i) What do we learn of Jesus' teaching about sin and forgiveness from this passage?

[5 marks]

- ii) Describe what this passage teaches us about Jesus' understanding of the nature of human relationships.

[5 marks]

- iii) Thinking about the ways in which 21st Century Christians live their lives and conduct their relationships, in what ways might the teaching of this passage be relevant to contemporary society?

[15 marks]

Candidates must answer one of these three questions:

EITHER

2)

“We build too many walls and not enough bridges” (Sir Isaac Newton)

- i) How might a Christian propose to deal with relations between the different nations of the world?

[15 marks]

- ii) Describe the lives and works of some Christian individuals who have tried to create a more just and fair society.

[10 marks]

OR

- 3) You have been asked to represent the school debating team. The motion is:

*“Schools should be places that promote freedom of expression and freedom of religion. There should be **no** compulsory religion in schools today.”*

Make sure you give at least three clear arguments supporting this motion, as well as three clear arguments which argue against the motion.

[25 marks]

OR

“Should I worship Him from fear of hell, may I be cast into it. Should I serve Him from desire of gaining heaven, may He keep me out. But should I worship Him from love alone, He reveals Himself to me, that my whole heart may be filled with His love and presence.” (Sadhu Sundar Singh)

- i) Outline the ways in which people seek to worship God in **at least two** World Religions?

[15 marks]

- ii) Use your imagination and your knowledge of different World Religions to describe the ideal place of worship in which people might encounter God.

[10 marks]

