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HPA1570 Personification of Evil

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You are kindly asked to answer one question given in this test paper.

1. The Ministry of Exorcism can only be understood in the context of the Church's Evangelising Ministry. Comment this assertion in the light of the apostolic mandate given by Jesus Christ: "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to creation....these are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils..." (Mt 16, 15-18). Briefly pin point the historical development of this ministry in the Church.
2. The existence of evil spirits is based on progressive Biblical revelation. In which books of the Old Testament do we find an explicit mention of evil spirits. In which context are they mentioned? How does the Church interpret these texts today?
3. Do you think that the evil spirits mentioned in different Gospel texts are just symbols created by the authors to try and explain the mystery of evil? How does the Church interpret these texts? Have other interpretations been given to these texts? Mention accordingly.