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SHG2650 Intro to New Test I –
The Gospels

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09.15 – 11.15

• **ANSWER BOTH SECTIONS**

SECTION I: THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

- Answer SIX (6) questions from Section I, and answer all six questions on a single answer booklet: 10 minutes for each question.
 1. Which are the three stages of Gospel Formation?
 2. What in a few words is the Two-Source Hypothesis?
 3. Redaction underlines an author's emphasis. Explain
 4. Where does Mark's foundational contribution to Christian faith lie?
 5. Mark's Gospel is a Theology of the Cross. How does he show this with regards to the Christological Title of Messiah?
 6. Give four reasons why the Gospel of Matthew is called "a Jewish Gospel".
 7. For Matthew, *teacher* and *master* are important categories for understanding Jesus Messiah. How would you show this by referring to the structure of Matthew's Gospel?
 8. What can be said about Luke as historian?
 9. Luke underscores the theme of salvation in a particular manner. Who are the beneficiaries of this salvation?
 10. Why does the Church need four Gospels and not just one?

SECTION II: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

- Answer ONE (1) question from Section II, and answer this question on a separate answer booklet: one hour for this question.
 11. How are revelation, life and death of Jesus presented in the Fourth Gospel? What is their relationship with the crucifixion of Jesus.
 12. How does the Fourth Gospel show that Jesus is God?
 13. How does the Fourth Gospel differ from the Synoptic Gospels?