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**Instructions**

1. This paper consists of section A, B and C.
2. Answer **all** questions in section A and B and **two (2)** questions from section C.
3. Communication devices and any unauthorised materials are **not** allowed in the examination room.
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i) When one observes God's commandment which states, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor," he/she protects and preserves

- A. human rights.
- B. human basic needs.
- C. human life.
- D. human dignity.
- E. human resource.

**Correct answer: D.** human dignity.

Reason: Bearing false witness damages the reputation and respect of a person, hence when one avoids it, the dignity and honor of a neighbor are preserved.

ii) "Your name is Jacob, no longer shall your name be called Jacob but Israel shall be your name" (Genesis 32:28). Why was Jacob's name changed to Israel?

- A. He had striven with God and his enemies and still prevailed.
- B. He had striven with God and the Israelites and still prevailed.
- C. He had striven with God and men and still prevailed.
- D. He had striven with God and his brother and still prevailed.
- E. He had striven with God and his sons and still prevailed.

**Correct answer: C.** He had striven with God and men and still prevailed.

Reason: The name Israel was given to Jacob after wrestling with God and prevailing, symbolizing his struggles with both divine and human beings and his ultimate victory.

iii) What are the people who enter into a mutual agreement with God called?

- A. God's people.
- B. Covenant people.
- C. Contractual people.
- D. Gracious people.
- E. Divine people.

**Correct answer: B.** Covenant people.

Reason: In the Bible, those who make an agreement with God are referred to as covenant people because they live under God's covenant promises and obligations.

iv) In Genesis 13:1–18 we read about the story of Abram and the strife between the herdsmen of Abram and Lot. How did Abram solve the problem?

- A. He gave Lot a choice of where he wished to live.

- B. He gave Lot a choice of fighting with Lot's herdsman.
- C. He gave Lot a choice to go back to Haran.
- D. He gave Lot a choice of praying to God.
- E. He gave Lot a choice of selling all his animals.

**Correct answer: A.** He gave Lot a choice of where he wished to live.

Reason: Abram solved the conflict by letting Lot choose the land he wanted first, showing humility and peace-making.

v) During the time of the Israelites' oppression, God raised up the charismatic judges to help the people. What phrase in the mission of the church today could best be compared with what happened during Judges' time?

- A. Mission of liberation.
- B. Mission of evangelism.
- C. Mission of prayer.
- D. Mission for preaching.
- E. Mission of teaching.

**Correct answer: A.** Mission of liberation.

Reason: The judges liberated Israel from oppression, just as the church today works for liberation from sin and injustice.

vi) What was the major consequence of Adam and Eve's sin (Genesis 3:1–19)?

- A. They saw their nakedness and laboured for their food.
- B. They were chased out of the garden and laboured for their food.
- C. Death was declared to them and laboured for their food.
- D. Curse was laid to them and they laboured for their food.
- E. The ground bore thorns for them and laboured for their food.

**Correct answer: C.** Death was declared to them and laboured for their food.

Reason: The ultimate consequence of their disobedience was death, in addition to suffering and labor.

vii) Which lesson would you draw from God's reaction to Pharaoh's opposition through the ten plagues?

- A. God knows our thoughts.
- B. God is above our authority.
- C. God is above our sufferings.
- D. God provides for our needs.
- E. God guides all our future.

**Correct answer: B.** God is above our authority.

Reason: The plagues showed that God's power is supreme over Pharaoh's authority and all human rulers.

viii) In Genesis 9:11, God made a covenant with Noah not to destroy the Earth by flood ever again; yet, we still experience floods in various places today. How can you differentiate the current experience of floods from that of Noah?

- A. In Noah's days the flood was all over the world while today it happens in few places.
- B. In Noah's days the flood was a punishment while today's flood is a natural disaster.
- C. In Noah's days the flood was announced earlier while today's flood is not.
- D. In Noah's days the flood was consistent for a time while today's flood is not.
- E. In Noah's days the flood marked the end of sinful life while today's flood does not.

**Correct answer: B.** In Noah's days the flood was a punishment while today's flood is a natural disaster.

Reason: The flood of Noah was divine punishment, but modern floods are natural phenomena caused by weather and human activities.

ix) A certain Christian family belonged to denomination when the father divorced his wife, he took his children to denomination B and the mother went to sect C. When the family faith in B collapsed, he collected his children and went to sect F. This phenomenon can be regarded as;

- A. an act of abandoning a set of belief or turning away from one's belief.
- B. an attitude of mind which deals with seeking for old religious beliefs.
- C. a pride showing freedom of worship and personal standpoint.
- D. an act of turning away from traditional family faith to modern faith.
- E. a means through which people search for and discover God.

**Correct answer: A.** an act of abandoning a set of belief or turning away from one's belief.

Reason: Moving from one denomination to another shows abandoning the original faith.

x) What does the story of Joseph's meeting with his brothers in Egypt as narrated in the book of Genesis chapter 42 teach us?

- A. We should forgive those who wrong us but never forget at once.
- B. We should forgive those who wrong us and forget at once.
- C. We should forgive those who wrong us only once.
- D. We should forgive those who wrong us but remember it later.
- E. We should forgive those who wrong us and revenge later.

**Correct answer: B.** We should forgive those who wrong us and forget at once.

Reason: Joseph forgave his brothers fully and restored their relationship without holding grudges.

xi) Why do you think the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house in Egypt according to Genesis 12:10–20?

- A. He took Sarai, Abraham's wife to make her a ruler.
- B. He took Sarai, Abraham's wife to make her people slaves.
- C. He took Sarai, Abraham's wife to make her his wife.
- D. He took Sarai, Abraham's wife to make her kill her husband.
- E. He took Sarai, Abraham's wife to make her a responsible woman.

**Correct answer: C.** He took Sarai, Abraham's wife to make her his wife.

Reason: Pharaoh took Sarai into his palace, and God afflicted him until he released her.

xii) Which lesson can be drawn from the context of Moses' birth?

- A. No one can claim to know God.
- B. No one can hide from the face of God.
- C. No one can kill the servants of God.
- D. No one can oppose what God proposes.
- E. No one can stand before the holy God.

**Correct answer: D.** No one can oppose what God proposes.

Reason: Even though Pharaoh ordered the killing of Hebrew boys, God preserved Moses, showing that His plan cannot be opposed.

xiii) What prompted Samson to destroy the Philistines crops?

- A. His father in law gave Samson's wife to his friend.
- B. His father in law married his wife.
- C. His father in law's wife married Samson's friend.
- D. His wife was killed by Samson's father in law.
- E. His wife ran away from his house.

**Correct answer: A.** His father in law gave Samson's wife to his friend.

Reason: Samson's anger was provoked when his wife was given to another man, leading him to burn Philistine crops.

xiv) Which human activities contribute to the destruction of God's creation today?

- A. Zero grazing and terracing.
- B. Water pollution and zero grazing.
- C. Terracing and deforestation.
- D. Afforestation and air pollution.
- E. Deforestation and pollution.

**Correct answer: E.** Deforestation and pollution.

Reason: Cutting down trees and polluting the environment are major causes of environmental destruction today.

xv) Which description represents the reason for the growth of Christianity during times of oppression and persecution?

- A. Christianity is not the work of humans but of God through the Holy Spirit.
- B. Christianity is the work of humans and not of God through the Holy Spirit.
- C. Christianity is the work of persecutors and of the apostles of Jesus.
- D. Christianity is the work of persecutors through Holy Spirit that filled them.
- E. Christianity is the work of the apostles of Jesus through their own power.

**Correct answer: A.** Christianity is not the work of humans but of God through the Holy Spirit.

Reason: Christianity grew even under persecution because it was established by God through His Spirit, not by human power.

xvi) Identify the Judges who best represent the major Judges:

- A. Debora, Elon, Shamgar, Jephthah, Gideon and Jair.
- B. Samson, Othniel, Abdon, Ibzan and Jephath.
- C. Ehud, Shamgar, Barak, Elon and Tola.
- D. Othniel, Samson, Debora, Gideon and Abdon.
- E. Ehud, Othniel, Jephthah, Samson and Gideon.

**Correct answer: E.** Ehud, Othniel, Jephthah, Samson and Gideon.

Reason: These five are recognized as the major judges in Israel's history.

xvii) In the Book of Genesis, God gave human beings conditions or instructions to follow, such as those given to Adam and Noah in the same way as those that He gives to people today. By so doing, what does God give human beings to exercise?

- A. Their willpower.
- B. Their obedience.
- C. Their humbleness.
- D. Their submission.
- E. Their respect.

**Correct answer: A.** Their willpower.

Reason: By giving instructions, God allows human beings to exercise free will in choosing to obey Him or not.

xviii) Among important persons during the New Testament time were the Scribes. What was their main function?

- A. To keep money for the kings and purchase commodities.
- B. To keep the synagogues or Sanhedrin in good order.
- C. To preach the word of God to the gentiles.
- D. To supervise the election of leaders of the synagogues.
- E. To write documents for others or copy written material.

**Correct answer: E.** To write documents for others or copy written material.

Reason: The scribes were mainly responsible for writing, interpreting the law, and copying manuscripts.

xix) Which of the following Jewish sect was not in good terms with the Jews?

- A. Sadducees.
- B. Pharisees.
- C. Essenes.
- D. Samaritans.
- E. Scribes.

**Correct answer: D.** Samaritans.

Reason: The Jews and Samaritans had a long-standing conflict and were not in good terms with each other.

xx) As a member of the society, what behaviour of people these days resembles that of the people of Babel in Genesis 11:1–9?

- A. Pride and building themselves tall apartment for show off.
- B. Pride and living the whole family in the same place as a symbol of unity.
- C. Pride and putting more emphasis on technological advancement for greatness.
- D. Pride and speaking the same language as an identity.
- E. Pride and show off of their wealth pretending to be gods on earth.

**Correct answer: C.** Pride and putting more emphasis on technological advancement for greatness.

Reason: The people of Babel built a tower to glorify themselves; today, people's pride is shown through dependence on technology for power and greatness.

**2. Match the description of missionary activity in List A with the names of the respective places in List B by writing the letter of the correct response beside the corresponding item number in the answer booklet(s) provided.**

i) The missionaries began to preach the Gospel first to the Jews. – **F. Salamis**

Reason: In Salamis, Paul and Barnabas first preached the gospel to the Jews in their synagogues.

ii) The missionaries confronted an opponent of the Gospel. – **D. Paphos**

Reason: At Paphos, Paul confronted Elymas the sorcerer who opposed the message.

iii) The missionaries made many disciples in the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. – **E. Perga**

Reason: In Perga, they made many disciples as the Spirit guided them during their mission.

iv) The missionaries faced great opposition and discouragement. – **B. Iconium**

Reason: At Iconium, they faced strong opposition from Jews and Gentiles, leading to discouragement.

v) The missionaries preached the word of God on their way back to Antioch of Syria. – **A. Derbe**

Reason: On their way back from Derbe, they strengthened believers and continued spreading the word before returning to Antioch.

**3. “The conquest of Jericho began with the revelation of God to Joshua. Joshua saw a commander of the Lord's army holding a sword, meaning the conquest would be God’s undertaking and not man’s military force (Joshua 5:13-6:27).”**

a) One of the instructions given to Joshua was to march around Jericho once daily for six days and seven times on the seventh day with the priests blowing trumpets. This taught obedience and reliance on God.

b) The items spared were silver, gold, bronze and iron vessels which were dedicated to the Lord, while everything else was destroyed.

c) The lesson is that victory comes only through obedience to God’s instructions, not human strength.

**4. “Let another take his position of overseer” (Acts 1:20).**

a) The person was Judas Iscariot. He betrayed Jesus, leading to his death, and his place was to be taken by another.

b) He was replaced through casting lots among the disciples, and Matthias was chosen to take his place.



c) In the church today, when a leader's position becomes vacant, proper procedure such as prayer, selection and confirmation should be followed to ensure continuity of leadership.

**5. "According to Matthew 21:18-22 Jesus cursed the fig tree."**

a) Cursing the fig tree meant judgment on hypocrisy, since the tree looked fruitful but had no figs, symbolizing empty religion.

b) Jesus taught that faith without works is useless and that believers should be fruitful in their spiritual lives.

c) The Church today learns that Christians must be fruitful in their service to God and not just appear religious outwardly.

**6. In the Gospel according to Luke, women are regarded as the first witnesses of Jesus' resurrection (Luke 23 and 24).**

a) One incident was Mary Magdalene and other women finding the empty tomb and meeting angels who told them that Jesus had risen.

b) God wanted to show that women also had an important role in spreading the gospel and were not to be looked down upon.

c) Society today should treat women as equals, giving them dignity and opportunities in leadership and ministry.

**7. "Luke 13:20-21 is about Jesus' parable of the leaven or yeast."**

a) The parable teaches that the kingdom of God is like yeast that a woman mixed into flour until it worked through all the dough.

b) The yeast represents the influence of the kingdom of God that starts small but spreads to transform the whole world.

c) The church today learns that small acts of faith can have great impact in spreading God's kingdom.

**8. In Luke 4:1-12 we read about the temptations of Jesus and the responses he gave to Satan which made him overcome all of Satan's temptations.**

a) In the third temptation, Jesus refused to throw himself down from the temple by quoting Scripture, showing that we should not put God to the test. This teaches Christians today to trust God without seeking signs.

b) In the second temptation, Jesus rejected Satan's offer of all kingdoms in exchange for worship, teaching Christians to worship only God and not seek worldly power.

c) In the first temptation, Jesus rejected turning stones into bread, showing that life depends on God's word, not just physical needs. This teaches believers to put spiritual needs above material ones.

**9. "In Matthew 16:24-28, Jesus talked about the cost of being a disciple, asking His disciples what they would benefit if they got everything on earth and lose their soul forever."**

a) The cost that Jesus mentioned was self-denial. This means a disciple must be ready to give up personal desires and ambitions.

Another cost was carrying one's cross. This symbolizes enduring suffering, persecution, and hardship for the sake of following Christ.

Jesus also mentioned following Him. This requires full obedience and commitment to His teachings and lifestyle.

b) The cost that seemed to bring conflict at that time was self-denial. People found it difficult to sacrifice their personal interests for the sake of others.

The call to carry the cross also brought conflict. Many Jews expected a Messiah who would bring prosperity and political power, not suffering and sacrifice.

c) Today, some disciples truly pay these costs. They dedicate their time and resources to preaching the gospel and helping the needy.

Others endure persecution, imprisonment, or even death in countries where Christianity is opposed.

However, many preachers today do not fully embrace these costs. Some prioritize wealth and fame over sacrifice and service, showing that the cost is not being paid by all.

**10. "The Pharisees added many rules to the Law of Moses. However, they insisted more on three laws about how people should behave in their community."**

a) The Pharisees were a Jewish religious group during Jesus' time. They were strict teachers of the Law of Moses.

They believed that by adding extra rules, they would help people obey the law more carefully and avoid sin.

They were respected by many people but also criticized by Jesus for hypocrisy and focusing too much on outward behavior.

b) One of the laws they emphasized was the Sabbath law. They insisted that no work should be done on the Sabbath day.

They also emphasized laws of ritual purity. People had to follow strict washing rules before eating and worshipping.

Another law they insisted on was tithing. People were required to give a tenth of their earnings and produce.

c) One belief of the Pharisees similar to that of the Church today is prayer. The Pharisees valued regular prayer in public and private life.

Another similarity is worship. The Pharisees stressed worship in the synagogue, just as the Church emphasizes worship in church services.

### **SECTION C (30 MARKS)**

**11. Refer to Acts 4:34-35 and show how communal life has become inapplicable in our society today.**

In the early church, people shared everything they had, and no one was in need.

Today, communal life is inapplicable because people are more individualistic and prefer to own their property privately.

Greed and corruption prevent the fair distribution of resources. Some people misuse what is shared for personal benefit.

The high cost of living makes people focus more on survival and personal gain rather than sharing.

Modern society is built on capitalism, which encourages competition and wealth accumulation instead of communal sharing.

**12. Assess the participation of the church in protecting the lives of the underprivileged people, as Moses intervened to protect the life of the Hebrew slaves.**

The church protects the underprivileged by providing basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter.

Churches also offer education to poor children who cannot afford school fees.

The church advocates for justice and human rights, speaking against oppression and exploitation.

Churches provide counseling and legal aid to those who cannot defend themselves.

In times of disasters, churches mobilize resources to rescue and support victims.

Through health services, churches protect the lives of the poor by running hospitals and clinics.

**13. Describe four teachings which Christians today can learn from the two creation stories presented in the book of Genesis Chapters 1-2.**

Christians learn that God is the Creator of everything. This teaches respect for nature and all created beings.

They learn the importance of rest. God rested on the seventh day, showing the value of the Sabbath.

They learn that human beings are made in the image of God. This gives all people dignity and responsibility.

They learn that God created man and woman to live in harmony. This shows the importance of family and unity.