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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.
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**i) According to the Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7, what qualities were the deacons supposed to have?**

- A. Men full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom.
- B. Men from Jerusalem and Greek speaking Jews.
- C. Greek speaking Jews and widows.
- D. Good looking men and men full of the Holy Spirit.
- E. Men from Jerusalem and from missionary descent.

**Correct Answer: A. Men full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom.**

Reason: Acts 6:3 states that deacons had to be men “full of the Spirit and wisdom” to serve faithfully.

**ii) What were the common duties of both the major and minor judges of the Old Testament?**

- A. Activists, deliverers and priests.
- B. Leaders, activists and judges.
- C. Rulers, deliverers and leaders.
- D. Leaders, scribes and prophets.
- E. Judges, prophets and kings.

**Correct Answer: C. Rulers, deliverers and leaders.**

Reason: Judges in Israel were chosen to deliver the people from enemies, rule them, and provide leadership (Judges 2:16).

**iii) Esau said to Jacob, “I am about to die, of what use is a birthright to me” (Genesis 25:32). What does this story teach?**

- A. We should be careful with what we eat.
- B. We should be careful with how we talk.
- C. We should be careful with what we do.
- D. We should be careful with our commitments.
- E. We should be careful with what we desire.

**Correct Answer: E. We should be careful with what we desire.**

Reason: Esau despised his birthright for temporary hunger, teaching us not to exchange eternal blessings for short-term desires.

**iv) Which description shows the reason the God used to command the life of baby Moses into the hands of the daughter of Pharaoh?**

- A. Pharaoh's daughter had been forced by her maidens to do so to save the baby.
- B. Pharaoh's daughter had no child and God wanted her to have her own baby.
- C. Pharaoh's daughter had pity for the baby and God used her to rescue the baby.
- D. Pharaoh's daughter was afraid of people who were around and so she saved him.
- E. Pharaoh's daughter was courageous to act contrary to her father who killed babies.

**Correct Answer: C. Pharaoh's daughter had pity for the baby and God used her to rescue the baby.**

Reason: Exodus 2:6 shows that she had compassion on Moses and rescued him despite the decree of Pharaoh.

**v) What did Joshua instruct his people to spare during the destruction of Jericho?**

- A. To spare anything made of silver, gold and iron.
- B. To spare only the people of Jericho.
- C. To spare all except those who will fight them.
- D. To spare all the animals in Jericho.
- E. To spare Rahab and her household only.

**Correct Answer: E. To spare Rahab and her household only.**

Reason: Joshua 6:17 states that Rahab and her family were spared because she hid the spies.

**vi) "Rise and go to the street of Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for a man of Tarsus named Saul" (Acts 9:11). Why was Ananias sent to Saul?**

- A. To pray and worship with him.
- B. To lay hands and baptize him.
- C. To eat and celebrate with him.
- D. To worship and sing with him.
- E. To fast and adore with him.

**Correct Answer: B. To lay hands and baptize him.**

Reason: Acts 9:17–18 shows Ananias laid hands on Saul, and he regained sight, was filled with the Spirit, and baptized.

**vii) “Be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves over the earth” (Genesis 1:28).**

**What do we learn from this quotation?**

- A. We are valuable in God’s eyes and we are more important than animals.
- B. We are valuable in the eyes of God but less important than animals.
- C. We are valuable in God’s eyes but animals are more important than we are.
- D. We are neither valuable in God’s eyes nor as important as animals.
- E. Animals are more valuable and important in God’s eyes than we are.

**Correct Answer: A. We are valuable in God’s eyes and we are more important than animals.**

Reason: Genesis 1:28 shows humans were given dominion over creation, meaning they are valued above animals in God’s plan.

**viii) The early church put more emphasis on communal life among believers which strengthened church. How was communal life practiced according to Acts 4:34-35?**

- A. By breaking bread in the temple.
- B. By praying together in the temple.
- C. By listening to the apostles’ teachings.
- D. By sharing what they had together.
- E. By living together in one house.

**Correct Answer: D. By sharing what they had together.**

Reason: Acts 4:34–35 shows believers sold possessions and shared with those in need, strengthening fellowship.

**ix) When Abram was 99 years old, God Almighty appeared to him and renewed his covenant. What happened when the covenant was renewed?**

- A. Abram’s name was changed to Abraham, Sarai his wife’s name to Sarah.
- B. Abram’s years were added to live longer and he was exalted.
- C. Sarai will bear a son and Abraham will be richer and richer.
- D. Abraham moved to Haran with his family to search for pasture.
- E. Abraham’s name was changed to Abram, Sarai his wife’s name to Zilpah.

**Correct Answer: A. Abram's name was changed to Abraham, Sarai his wife's name to Sarah.**

Reason: Genesis 17:5,15 records that during the covenant renewal, God changed their names as a sign of promise.

**x) It is Philip who baptized the Ethiopian eunuch the minister of the Candace, queen of Ethiopians.**

**Which of the following descriptions shows the way he baptized him (Acts 8:26-40)?**

- A. The Eunuch went first into the water and Philip followed him and baptized him.
- B. They both went down into the water and Philip baptized him.
- C. The Eunuch went first into the water and the Eunuch followed him.
- D. Philip remained in the water after baptizing the Eunuch.
- E. The Eunuch remained in the water after being baptized.

**Correct Answer: B. They both went down into the water and Philip baptized him.**

Reason: Acts 8:38 clearly says both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and Philip baptized him there.

**xi) After the death of Joshua, the Israelites slowly started falling away from God's commandments.**

**As a result, God punished them. What will happen if Christians fall away from God's commandments today?**

- A. Their relationship with God will be strengthened.
- B. They will be excommunicated from the Church.
- C. They will be punished immediately.
- D. Their relationship with God will be damaged.
- E. They will hear the voice asking them to repent.

**Correct Answer: D. Their relationship with God will be damaged.**

Reason: Disobedience separates believers from God, breaking their close relationship with Him (Isaiah 59:2).

**xii) The Book of Exodus begins by referring to water as a means to limit the population growth of the Israelites by throwing all male Israelite children into the waters of Nile (Exodus 1:22). However, water was also used as a means to save life in the desert. Identify the waters used as a means to save the Israelites in the desert.**

- A. The waters of Marah, Massah and Meribah.
- B. The waters of Meribah and Elim.

- C. The waters at Rephidim, Marah and Nile.
- D. The waters of Marah, Massah, Meribah and Rephidim.
- E. The waters in Rephidim, Elim and Succoth.

**Correct Answer: D. The waters of Marah, Massah, Meribah and Rephidim.**

Reason: In these places God provided water miraculously for His people to survive in the wilderness (Exodus 15–17).

**xiii) Joshua sent spies to view the Promised Land, especially Jericho (Joshua 2:1). What report did these spies bring to Joshua after spying the land?**

- A. The enemies are very strong; we are unable to enter there.
- B. The Lord has given all the land into our hands.
- C. The land is very good for us to live, but dangerous for our lives.
- D. The inhabitants of the land are brave because of us.
- E. The inhabitants wanted to kill us when Rahab told the king about us.

**Correct Answer: B. The Lord has given all the land into our hands.**

Reason: Joshua 2:24 shows the spies testified that God had delivered the land to them because the inhabitants were terrified.

**xiv) Jacob went to Padan-aram and worked for his uncle Laban for seven years in order to be given Rachel for he had loved her most; instead he was given Leah (Genesis 29:15-34). Which practice in today's society is related to what Laban did to Jacob?**

- A. Female genital mutilation.
- B. Forced marriage.
- C. Polygamous marriage.
- D. Gender based violence.
- E. Early marriage.

**Correct Answer: B. Forced marriage.**

Reason: Leah was given to Jacob against his will, just as forced marriages happen when one is married without consent.

**xv) Imagine you were to address your fellow youths in regard to the prevention of HIV and AIDS, which two of God's commandments would you emphasise to be observed?**

- A. You shall not commit adultery, and you shall not commit murder.
- B. You shall not commit adultery, and you shall not covet your neighbour's house.
- C. You shall not commit adultery, and you shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
- D. You shall not commit adultery, and you shall not steal.
- E. You shall not commit adultery, and you shall not bear false witness.

**Correct Answer: A. You shall not commit adultery, and you shall not commit murder.**

Reason: Observing sexual purity prevents HIV, while avoiding murder preserves life and health.

**xvi) In the story about the creation, on which day was man and woman created?**

- A. On the first day.
- B. On the second day.
- C. On the fifth day.
- D. On the sixth day.
- E. On the seventh day.

**Correct Answer: D. On the sixth day.**

Reason: Genesis 1:27,31 records that God created man and woman on the sixth day along with other living creatures.

**xvii) Identify the common themes which make the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts of the Apostles to be attributed to the same author.**

- A. The universality of salvation and the fulfilment quotations.
- B. The universality of salvation and the Messianic secret.
- C. The universality of salvation and the concept of sin.
- D. The universality of salvation and the human free will.
- E. The universality of salvation and the works of the Holy Spirit.

**Correct Answer: E. The universality of salvation and the works of the Holy Spirit.**

Reason: Both Luke and Acts emphasize salvation for all people and highlight the activity of the Holy Spirit in guiding the church.

**xviii) In Exodus 10:24, Pharaoh suggested that only Moses and his people should leave but their flock should remain behind. Moses insisted that they must go with their flock in order to sacrifice to their Lord. What lesson is learnt from this context?**

- A. All things are made for our achievement but important for God.
- B. Animals should be somehow recognised for worship by Egyptians.
- C. Clean animals should be used as food in accordance with God's will.
- D. Living things should not be neglected because they have feelings.
- E. Our possessions are for God's glory and part and parcel of our worship.

**Correct Answer: E. Our possessions are for God's glory and part and parcel of our worship.**

Reason: Moses showed that even their flocks belonged to God and were essential in worship, meaning all possessions must glorify Him.

**xix) Nod was the land where Cain dwelt when he departed from the face of the Lord. What is the meaning of the name Nod?**

- A. The land of fleeing.
- B. The land of revenging.
- C. The land of punishment.
- D. The land of wandering.
- E. The land of suffering.

**Correct Answer: D. The land of wandering.**

Reason: Nod means wandering, signifying Cain's punishment to live as a wanderer after killing Abel (Genesis 4:16).

**xx) Preparing special meals for special people is common in most of our societies as it is used to be during Abraham's time. What kind of food did Abraham prepare for his special guests who visited him at Oaks of Mamre (Genesis 18:8)?**

- A. Roasted meat and bitter herbs.
- B. Milk and honey.
- C. Curds, milk, cakes and calf.
- D. Bitter herbs and curds.
- E. Fruits, meat and milk.

**Correct Answer: C. Curds, milk, cakes and calf.**

Reason: Genesis 18:8 states that Abraham served his visitors butter, milk, cakes, and a tender calf he prepared, showing generosity and hospitality.



**2. Match the descriptions of people in List A with the names in List B by writing the letter of the correct day against the activity item number in List A in the answer booklet (s) provided.**

**LIST A**

- i) He led a rebellion, resisting Moses' civil authority.
- ii) He accompanied Moses up to the Mount Sinai.
- iii) He held up Moses' hands bringing victory to Israel.
- iv) He advised Moses on how to set up his administration.
- v) He was sent by Moses to spy on the Promised Land.

**LIST B**

- A. Caleb
- B. Reuel
- C. Hur
- D. Nadab
- E. Gershom
- F. Korah
- G. Purah

**Answers:**

- i) F. Korah – He led a rebellion against Moses' leadership (Numbers 16:1-3).
- ii) D. Nadab – He accompanied Moses to Mount Sinai as one of the chosen elders (Exodus 24:1).
- iii) C. Hur – He helped Aaron hold up Moses' hands during the battle against Amalek (Exodus 17:12).
- iv) B. Reuel – Also known as Jethro, he advised Moses on leadership and administration (Exodus 18:17-24).
- v) A. Caleb – He was among the spies sent to Canaan (Numbers 13:6).

**3. In the second account of Creation, God charged Adam with conditions for living in the Garden of Eden, but the emphasis was on what to eat and what not to eat. Referring to the book of Genesis 1:28-30 and 2:16-17;**

a) Why do you think it was important for God to put that condition to Adam?

It was important for God to give Adam that condition as a test of obedience. God wanted Adam to freely choose to trust and obey Him, showing that humanity must live under God's authority.

b) What is Adam's action against the fulfillment of this condition termed? Give reason for your answer.  
Adam's action is termed disobedience or sin. This is because he went against God's direct command by eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

c) What conclusion can you draw from what God did in relation to the state of human life today?  
The conclusion is that disobedience to God leads to punishment, suffering, and death, while obedience leads to life and blessings. Human life today still reflects the consequences of Adam's sin, including struggles, pain, and mortality.

**4. "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you." (Acts 13:46)**

a) Describe the occasion of the statement.

Paul and Barnabas made this statement when the Jews in Antioch rejected the message of the gospel, and they decided to turn to the Gentiles who gladly accepted it.

b) What was the reaction of the people after hearing what was spoken to them?

The Jews became angry and opposed Paul, but the Gentiles rejoiced and glorified God's word, and many of them believed.

c) What lesson can you draw from the context of the quotation?

The lesson is that God's word is for all people, and if one group rejects it, God gives the opportunity to others. It shows that salvation is open to everyone who is willing to receive it.

**5. During Jesus' ministry there was the existence of Jewish groups/sects.**

a) Mention three Jewish sects which existed during Jesus' time.

The Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the Essenes.

b) Identify three groups which formed the group of the Sanhedrin.

The Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the scribes.

c) Differentiate between the teachings of the Pharisees and those of the Sadducees by giving one point.

The Pharisees believed in the resurrection of the dead, angels, and spirits, while the Sadducees rejected the resurrection and did not believe in angels or spirits.

**6. The soldiers who were guarding the tomb of Jesus reported to the people that his body was stolen from the tomb (Matthew 28:13).**

a) What caused them to deny such undeniable fact?

The Jewish leaders bribed the soldiers with money and instructed them to spread the false report that the disciples had stolen the body.

b) What fact would you refer to counteract their false report?

The fact is that Jesus rose from the dead as He had promised, and He appeared to His disciples and many others after His resurrection, which cannot be denied.

c) What conclusion can you draw from the incident evaluated above as a warning to the society today?

The conclusion is that lies and corruption are dangerous, as they blind people from the truth. It warns society today to reject falsehood and stand for truth even when pressured.

**7. In Luke 19:1-10, Jesus entered Jericho and as he was passing through, a man named Zacchaeus, a chief tax-collector who was rich wanted to see Him. However, on account of the crowd he could not see Jesus because he was short in stature. So he ran and climbed a sycamore tree. Jesus saw him and went to his place. There Zacchaeus was converted by promising to give half of his possession to the poor and if he had defrauded anyone of anything he could pay back four times.**

a) Show how the church calls people to serve God by giving one point.

The church calls people to serve God by preaching the gospel that convicts sinners to repent and change their lives, just as Zacchaeus did.

b) In one point, show how people ignore the call of God in their daily life.

People ignore the call of God by clinging to wealth and worldly pleasures instead of repenting and following God.

c) Show the significance of rich people in spreading the word of God to different people and places.

Rich people can use their resources to support missionaries, build churches, and provide for the needy, making it easier to spread the gospel widely.

**8. In Matthew 3:1-6 we read about the life of John the Baptist and his ministry. Imagine you are the servant of God.**

a) How can you apply his way of living in your life despite the change of life values today?

I can live a humble and simple life, focusing on spiritual growth rather than material possessions, and dedicating myself to preparing people for God's kingdom.

b) Show how you can use the isolation method of John the Baptist to win nonbelievers to God today. Isolation can be used through fasting, prayer, and reflection, which strengthens spiritual life. This gives a good example to nonbelievers and allows time to prepare messages that lead them to Christ.

c) What do you think will happen in people's lives, if preachers of today preach about bearing fruit of repentance as John the Baptist did?

People will turn away from sin, show genuine change in their lives, and live righteously. Society would become more peaceful, just, and God-fearing.

**9. A parable is an utterance which comprises some teachings which at the same time have a hidden meaning, thus requiring unveiling of the actual meaning for better understanding. Basing on the parable of the ten pounds (Luke 19:11-27);**

a) Analyse the teachings of Jesus on the person who traded and got ten pounds more.

Jesus taught that when people are faithful with what God entrusts to them, they will be rewarded with greater responsibility. The servant who made ten more pounds was praised and given authority over ten cities. This shows that God values diligence and expects people to make good use of the opportunities and resources they are given.

b) How were the persons who got ten pounds more and the one who hid the pound under the making treated by the giver of the talent?

The servant who gained ten more pounds was rewarded with more responsibilities and honor. On the other hand, the one who hid his pound was punished because he wasted the opportunity and failed to use what he was given. His single pound was taken away and given to the one who had much, which shows that those who misuse God's gifts will lose them.

c) How should the people use their gift/talents given by God nowadays?

People should use their gifts to glorify God and serve others in society. Gifts such as teaching, leadership, healing, or helping the needy should not be hidden but multiplied for the good of the community. By doing so, people fulfill God's purpose and bring blessings both to themselves and others.

**10. In Luke 9:1-9 Jesus called the 12 Apostles and gave them power and authority over all demons and to heal diseases. He commissioned them and gave them instructions on how to go about it.**

a) What were the apostles commissioned to do?

The apostles were commissioned to preach the good news of the kingdom of God. They were also sent to heal the sick and cast out demons. This shows that their mission was both spiritual and physical, because it addressed people's souls through the gospel and their bodies through healing.

b) One of the instructions given to the apostles in their commission was not to take anything with them in their journey. What do you think was the reason for it?

The reason was to teach them total dependence on God. By not carrying food, money, or extra clothes, they were reminded to rely on God's provision through the people they served. It also allowed them to focus entirely on their mission without being distracted by material concerns.

c) As a today's Biblical reader, how can the church help preachers to follow these instructions given by God in their ministry?

The church can help preachers by providing their basic needs so that they can concentrate on their ministry. Christians can support preachers with food, shelter, and encouragement, allowing them to focus on spreading the gospel. The church can also teach preachers to trust God more than worldly wealth so that they remain faithful to their calling.

**11. One day Dinah the daughter of Jacob went to visit some of the Canaanite women. Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite took Dinah and raped her (Genesis 34:1-2). Basing on what happened to Dinah, suggest four measures girls should take so as to avoid being victims of sexual abuse in today's society.**

Girls should avoid going to unfamiliar places alone without company or protection. When girls are separated from family or trusted companions, they become easy targets for abuse.

Girls should dress modestly and maintain self-respect. Modesty helps reduce unnecessary attention and discourages potential abusers.

Girls should communicate openly with parents or trusted adults about where they are going. This provides security because others will know their whereabouts and can act quickly if there is danger.

Girls should seek knowledge about self-defense and their rights. When girls are empowered with awareness, they are able to resist abuse and report cases confidently.

**12. Being persuaded by the Jews from Antioch of Pisidia and Iconium, the people of Lystra stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, thinking that he was dead (Acts 14:19). In two points, explain how Christians today are persecuted and give two measures the Church should take to reduce the persecution.**

Christians today are persecuted through discrimination at workplaces or schools where their faith is mocked or rejected. This makes it difficult for them to freely express their beliefs.

Christians in some countries also face physical attacks, imprisonment, and even death because of their faith. This shows that persecution still exists in modern times.

The church should teach believers to stand firm in faith and to support one another in times of persecution. This strengthens their courage and unity in Christ.

The church should also work with governments and communities to promote religious freedom and tolerance. By doing so, the level of persecution is reduced and people of different faiths can coexist peacefully.

**13. Analyse the four main contents of Peter's speech on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14-36).**

Peter explained that the coming of the Holy Spirit was the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy. This showed that God's Spirit was poured out on all people as a sign of the last days.

Peter declared that Jesus of Nazareth was accredited by God through miracles, wonders, and signs, yet He was crucified by the people. This emphasized human guilt and responsibility for His death.

Peter affirmed that God raised Jesus from the dead, proving that He was the Messiah. He explained that King David had foretold the resurrection of Christ in the Psalms.

Peter concluded that Jesus was exalted to the right hand of God as both Lord and Christ. He called the people to repent, be baptized, and receive forgiveness of sins through Him.