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ANSWERS

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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.
4. Write your **Examination Number** on every page of your answer booklet(s).

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i) As human beings, how do we differ from the rest of animals indicated in the creation story (Genesis 1:1-2:25)?

- A. Human beings have will power while the rest of the animals have not.
- B. The rest of animals have intellect while human beings have not.
- C. The rest of animals are created in God's image while human beings are not.
- D. Human beings are created similar to each other while animals are not.
- E. The rest of animals have thinking ability while human beings are not.

Correct Answer: A. Human beings have will power while the rest of the animals have not.

Reason: According to Genesis 1:26–27, human beings were uniquely created in God's image, giving them reason, free will, and authority over other creatures. Animals lack this divine gift of will power.

ii) If you were in the same situation as Cain and God warned you about the sin before you committed it, what would you avoid in order to remain safe from committing sin?

- A. Self-exalting
- B. Jealousy
- C. Desire
- D. Anger
- E. Self-rejection

Correct Answer: B. Jealousy.

Reason: Cain killed his brother Abel because of jealousy (Genesis 4:5–8). Avoiding jealousy would have prevented him from committing sin.

iii) How can you describe Abraham in few words?

- A. A holy man of all nations.
- B. A man of old age who talked to God.
- C. A good father to his children.
- D. A father of faith and exalted father.
- E. A father of Jacob, Isaac and Esau.

Correct Answer: D. A father of faith and exalted father.

Reason: Abraham is called the father of faith because he trusted God and obeyed His call (Romans 4:11, Hebrews 11:8). His name also means exalted father.

iv) In Genesis 29:31-35, the roots of Israel started with children born to Leah. Each child had a name with its meaning being connected to thanking God for His greatness. What do you think could be the reason for thanking God for each child who was born?

- A. Rachel could claim Leah's children to hers, so Leah needed God's protection.
- B. The husband's love was to Rachel; God gave Leah babies by a man with no love.
- C. It was the custom for women in the Near East to thank God when she got a baby.
- D. Since she was unloved, thanking God would save her from being divorced.
- E. In Jewish tradition, each child was from God, therefore, thanking Him was must.

Correct Answer: E. In Jewish tradition, each child was from God, therefore, thanking Him was must.
Reason: Hebrews considered every child as a gift from God (Psalm 127:3). Leah thanked God for each child born despite her struggles.

v) According to Exodus 12:43-51, the Israelites were given rules on how to celebrate the Passover Feast. What was the important condition for the bought slaves to celebrate the Passover?

- A. Application
- B. Circumcision
- C. Consecration
- D. Honesty
- E. Neatness

Correct Answer: B. Circumcision.

Reason: Exodus 12:48 shows that no uncircumcised male could eat the Passover meal. Circumcision was the condition even for slaves.

vi) While in the Desert of Sin, God gave manna to Hebrews. How did the Israelites see God in this miracle?

- A. The creator and controller of the earth.
- B. The saviour of all forms of human life.
- C. The merciful provider of our wants.
- D. The loving and responsive father.
- E. The conscientious and almighty creator.

Correct Answer: C. The merciful provider of our wants.

Reason: In Exodus 16, God provided manna daily, showing His mercy as provider of their needs.

vii) What would have happened if the order of Joshua to the twelve tribes of Israel to take up stones and pass on before the ark, would not have taken place?

- A. The Israelites would be defeated in war.
- B. God would have punished the twelve tribes of Israel.
- C. Joshua would be very angry.
- D. The children of Israel would not remember what happened.
- E. The ark of the covenant would be destroyed.

Correct Answer: D. The children of Israel would not remember what happened.

Reason: The twelve stones were a memorial of crossing the Jordan (Joshua 4:6–7). Without them, future generations would forget God’s miracle.

viii) “So the dead whom he slew at his death were more than those whom he had slain during his life” (Judges 16:30). What gave Samson power to be able to push the pillars and cause the building to fall and kill many Philistines?

- A. The prayer he made and the assistance of a boy near him.
- B. The prayer he made and his hair that began to grow.
- C. The prayer he made and the assistance from Dagon god of Philistines.
- D. The prayer he made and the assistance from Delilah his wife.
- E. The prayer he made and the assistance from his fellow Israelites.

Correct Answer: B. The prayer he made and his hair that began to grow.

Reason: Samson’s strength returned after praying to God and because his hair, the symbol of his vow, had grown back (Judges 16:28–30).

ix) “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; ...” (Acts 1:8). In what manner is the kind of “power” insisted by this quotation demonstrated in the church today?

- A. Witchcraft, courage and ability.
- B. Witchcraft, sorcery and courage.
- C. Courage, ability and authority.
- D. Sorcery, authority and ability.
- E. Courage, authority and witchcraft.

Correct Answer: C. Courage, ability and authority.

Reason: The Holy Spirit empowers believers with courage, spiritual gifts, and authority to witness (Acts 1:8).

x) Which of the following life style differentiates the modern Christian communities from early Christian community?

- A. Praying together in the church and in homes.
- B. Having a strong sense of unity between families.
- C. Breaking bread in each other's house every day.
- D. Living together and having all things in common.
- E. Devoting themselves to the apostolic teachings.

Correct Answer: D. Living together and having all things in common.

Reason: In Acts 2:44–45, early Christians shared everything in common. Today Christians live separately, not sharing all possessions.

xi) As Bible reader, what major lesson do you learn from the story of Ananias and Sapphira lying about the proceeds of the land they sold and the punishment they got according to Acts 5:1-11?

- A. It is right to lie if you do not give to God.
- B. It is not right to support a lie to God.
- C. It is not right to lie to men and to God.
- D. It is better to lie and be punished before God.
- E. It is better to lie and not be punished before God.

Correct Answer: C. It is not right to lie to men and to God.

Reason: Acts 5:4–9 shows that Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Spirit and were punished. The lesson is that dishonesty before God and man is a serious sin.

xii) On his way to Damascus, Saul was confronted by the risen Christ and that was the beginning of his call to follow him. What was Ananias' role in the call of Saul?

- A. He helped Saul to receive the communion.
- B. He helped Saul to receive the Holy Spirit.
- C. He helped Saul to receive confirmation.
- D. He helped Saul to receive affirmation.
- E. He helped Saul to receive strength.

Correct Answer: B. He helped Saul to receive the Holy Spirit.

Reason: In Acts 9:17, Ananias laid his hands on Saul, restoring his sight and enabling him to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

xiii) When Paul and Barnabas healed a crippled man, the crowd suggested that their gods had visited them in the likeness of men. What was the name of god that was given to Paul?

- A. Artemis
- B. Ashera
- C. Diana
- D. Hermes
- E. Zeus

Correct Answer: D. Hermes.

Reason: In Acts 14:12, the people of Lystra called Paul Hermes because he was the chief speaker.

xiv) It is said that, the building of the tower of Babel was made easy by technological advancement. Which technology was applied?

- A. Making bricks.
- B. Drawing skyscraping.
- C. Use of tar.
- D. Deep foundations.
- E. Melting by fire.

Correct Answer: A. Making bricks.

Reason: Genesis 11:3 records that the people used bricks instead of stone and tar for mortar to build the tower.

xv) Which motive prompted Moses to kill the Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew?

- A. Concern
- B. Discrimination
- C. Hatred
- D. Opposition
- E. Overconfidence

Correct Answer: A. Concern.

Reason: In Exodus 2:11–12, Moses acted out of concern for his fellow Hebrew who was being mistreated by the Egyptian.

xvi) When it was reported to Pharaoh that the Israelites had left, Pharaoh decided to follow them. What happened to Pharaoh's horsemen, army and chariots?

- A. They died in the sea shore and scattered in the sands.
- B. They escaped and went in the upper Egypt.
- C. They ran away fearing the fast moving water.
- D. They were swept by water, drowned and died in the sea.
- E. They stuck in the mud and Moses killed them.

Correct Answer: D. They were swept by water, drowned and died in the sea.

Reason: Exodus 14:28 explains that the entire Egyptian army was overwhelmed by the returning waters of the Red Sea.

xvii) God fulfilled his promise by choosing Joshua as Moses' successor and leader of the Israelites. What was the end goal of Joshua's leadership?

- A. Inheritance of the Promised Land.
- B. Remembrance of the promise of God.
- C. Fighting against their enemies.
- D. Acceptance of Joshua as their new leader.
- E. Forgetting Moses as their past leader.

Correct Answer: A. Inheritance of the Promised Land.

Reason: Joshua's main mission was to lead Israel into Canaan, the land promised to their ancestors (Joshua 1:6).

xviii) In the book of Judges, Deborah was the only woman to be raised to the position of prophetess and judge. If the situation in the book of Judges is improved, what would you consider to be the situation in Tanzania about women involvement in politics today?

- A. Few women are actively involved in politics.
- B. Majority of women are to be involved in politics.
- C. Women are not involved in politics.

- D. Women are really involved in politics.
- E. The culture does not allow women to involve in politics.

Correct Answer: A. Few women are actively involved in politics.

Reason: Just as Deborah's case was rare in Israel, even today relatively few women in Tanzania are active in politics compared to men.

xix) What did the multitudes do in connection with the signs and wonders which were done among His people through Acts 5:12-16?

- A. They came to receive the Holy Spirit and offerings from Peter and other apostles.
- B. They brought the sick and those that were afflicted with bad spirits for healing.
- C. They hated the apostles and did not listen to them at all.
- D. They were baptized by the Holy Spirit and remained silent most of their time.
- E. They caused a conflict between the apostles and rulers of Jerusalem.

Correct Answer: B. They brought the sick and those that were afflicted with bad spirits for healing.

Reason: Acts 5:15–16 states that people carried the sick into the streets, hoping even Peter's shadow would fall on them, and many were healed.

xx) During the persecution of believers in Jerusalem, Philip the deacon went down to the city of Samaria and preached about Jesus Christ and many believed Him including the person called Magus. Which lesson do you learn from the story?

- A. Believers should not preach in places of persecution.
- B. The gospel spreads even during persecution.
- C. The gospel should only be preached by apostles.
- D. The gospel is limited to Jerusalem only.
- E. Believers should stop preaching to avoid danger.

Correct Answer: B. The gospel spreads even during persecution.

Reason: Acts 8:4–12 shows that although persecution scattered the believers, Philip preached in Samaria and many came to faith.

2. Match the description about people in the book of Exodus in List A with their corresponding names in List B by writing the letter of the correct response beside the item number.

LIST A

- i) A person who made defensive mechanism with fear that an enemy would rise from inside.
- ii) A person whose life was protected in order to be the voice of the voiceless.
- iii) A person whose father liberated Israel from Egyptian cruelty.
- iv) A person who was appointed to be a speaker on behalf of another person.
- v) A person whose husband was rescued from death by the circumcision of one of his sons.

LIST B

- A. Aaron
- B. Eleazar
- C. Gershom
- D. Jochebed
- E. Moses
- F. Pharaoh
- G. Zipporah

Answers:

- i) F. Pharaoh – Pharaoh was fearful of the growing number of Israelites, so he created harsh defensive mechanisms, fearing they might rise against Egypt.
- ii) E. Moses – Moses’ life was protected from death as a child, so he could later be the voice of the voiceless Israelites.
- iii) C. Gershom – Gershom was the son of Moses, whose father later liberated Israel from Egyptian cruelty.
- iv) A. Aaron – Aaron was appointed by God to be a spokesman for Moses.
- v) G. Zipporah – Zipporah, Moses’ wife, circumcised their son to save Moses from death.

3. According to the book of Genesis,

i) In which form was the earth when God created the heavens and earth (Genesis 1:2)?

The earth was formless, empty, and covered with darkness, with the Spirit of God hovering over the waters.

ii) It is said that all creatures including human beings were equally blessed by God. Justify the statement showing how God had blessed them.

God blessed the creatures by giving them the ability to reproduce and multiply. Human beings were blessed with dominion over creation and the image of God, while animals and plants were blessed to flourish and fill the earth.

iii) In your opinion, what human deeds or behaviour do you think is against God's blessings for their multiplication? (Give one point).

One behaviour against God's blessings is abortion, as it destroys life and goes against God's command to multiply and fill the earth.

4. According to Acts 9:1-31, Saul had permission of going to different places so as to bring both men and women to Jerusalem for persecution.

i) What happened to him when he was near Damascus?

On the road to Damascus, a bright light from heaven shone around Saul, and he fell to the ground and heard the voice of Jesus asking why he was persecuting Him.

ii) In Damascus, Saul suffered for three days until Ananias was sent to help him. Identify three sufferings that Saul experienced.

He became blind and could not see.

He neither ate nor drank anything during those three days.

He was confused and humbled by the divine encounter, losing his power and authority.

iii) What did Jesus mean by asking Saul, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

Jesus meant that by persecuting His followers, Saul was directly opposing and persecuting Christ Himself, because believers are united with Him.

5. The Pharisees added many rules to the Law of Moses; however, they insisted more on three laws about how to behave in their community.

i) Briefly explain who the Pharisees were.

The Pharisees were a Jewish religious group who strictly followed the Law of Moses and traditions, emphasizing outward rules rather than inward faith.

ii) Mention three laws which insisted on how the Pharisees should behave in their community.

They insisted on paying tithes regularly.

They emphasized ceremonial washing and purification before meals.

They demanded strict observance of the Sabbath day.

iii) Identify one belief and teaching of the Pharisees which is similar to the belief and teaching of the church today.

Both the Pharisees and the church believe in the resurrection of the dead and life after death.

6. The birth of Jesus Christ is different from any other normal human birth and was shadowed by different events including that of census decree as shown in Matthew 1:18-2:12.

i) Why was it important for Jesus to be born from a virgin mother?

It was important to show that His birth was divine and not through human effort, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14 about a virgin conceiving.

ii) What was the reason behind the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem?

Jesus was born in Bethlehem because Joseph and Mary had gone there for the census, and it fulfilled the prophecy that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2).

iii) What might have happened if the wise men had not departed to their country by another way?

If the wise men had returned to Herod, he would have known the exact location of Jesus and might have killed Him.

7. “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14).

i) Identify three types of behaviour which show that children are fit for the kingdom of God.

Children are humble and dependent on others.

They are innocent and pure in their hearts.

They are obedient and quick to forgive.

ii) What should the parents do to make sure that children become a blessing in the family? (Give three points).

Parents should provide them with moral and spiritual guidance.

They should ensure the children get education and discipline.

They should love, care for, and protect them.

iii) Basing on the event, why do you think the parents should bring the children to Jesus?

Parents should bring children to Jesus so they can receive blessings, grow in faith, and learn how to live according to God's will.

8. Luke 22:66-23:26, portrays the way in which leaders fail to uphold justice in the society.

i) List down categories of people who acted as judges when the assembly held Jesus into custody.

The chief priests, the elders of the people, the scribes, and Pilate acted as judges over Jesus.

ii) As a reader of the Bible, show how Jesus is wrongly accused in our real life situations.

Like Jesus, innocent people today are sometimes accused of crimes they did not commit due to jealousy, hatred, or corruption.

iii) Leaders' failure to uphold justice in the society may lead to mob justice. Analyse the socio-economic effects of mob justice in your society.

Mob justice causes the loss of innocent lives when people are falsely accused.

It creates fear and insecurity in communities.

It reduces trust in legal systems and slows down economic growth as people fear to invest in unsafe areas.

9. “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer’; but you have made it a den of robbers” (Luke 19:46).

i) Briefly explain the story behind the quotation.

This statement was made by Jesus when He entered the temple in Jerusalem and found people selling goods and exchanging money. Instead of being used as a holy place of worship, the temple was turned into a marketplace for profit. Jesus became angry and drove out the money changers and sellers, declaring that God's house was meant for prayer, not for business or exploitation.

ii) In what way may the Church today be used as a den of robbers?

Today, the church may become a den of robbers when leaders misuse offerings and tithes for their own gain instead of serving God's work. It also becomes so when false preachers exploit believers by selling

miracles or charging money for prayers. When corruption, greed, and selfishness dominate church leadership, the house of God is turned into a den of robbers.

iii) What lesson do you get from the context of this text?

The lesson is that God's house must be respected as a place of worship and prayer. Christians should worship in truth and sincerity, not mixing faith with corruption or greed. Leaders are reminded to maintain holiness and accountability in managing church resources.

10. Luke 8:1-15 where there is a detailed account of the parable of the sower.

i) Summarise the parable in your own words.

A farmer went out to sow seeds. Some seeds fell on the path and were eaten by birds. Others fell on rocky ground, sprouted quickly but withered because they had no root. Some fell among thorns, which grew up and choked them. Others fell on good soil, where they grew and produced a great harvest.

ii) What do the words "sower," "seed" and "soil" stand for in the parable of the sower which you have summarised?

The "sower" represents God or anyone who preaches the Word of God. The "seed" stands for the Word of God that is given to people. The "soil" represents the hearts of people, showing how different individuals receive and respond to God's Word.

iii) Why is the parable relevant to Christian life today?

The parable is relevant because it teaches Christians to have open and receptive hearts for God's Word. It shows the dangers of letting sin, worldliness, and lack of faith choke spiritual growth. It encourages believers to be like good soil, living fruitful lives by practicing God's Word.

11. Refer to the story of Abram and Lot separating because of strife of their herdsmen recorded in the book of Genesis 13:1-18, to show how they can help the society live in peace and harmony.

The story shows that peace and harmony can be achieved through humility and selflessness. Abram allowed Lot to choose first, showing that leaders should avoid selfishness in resolving conflicts. The lesson is that disputes should be solved peacefully through dialogue rather than fighting. It also teaches the importance of compromise, forgiveness, and valuing relationships above material possessions.

12. After the entire nation had crossed the Jordan, the Lord ordered Joshua to choose twelve men from each tribe and instructed them to take twelve stones from the midst of Jordan, where priests' feet stood (Joshua 4:1-24). In four points, explain the meaning of Joshua's instruction of taking twelve stones.

The twelve stones were to serve as a memorial for future generations to remember God's miracle in parting the Jordan River.

The stones symbolized unity of the twelve tribes of Israel, showing that God was with all of them.

They reminded Israel of God's faithfulness and power in fulfilling His promises.

They acted as a testimony to other nations that Israel's God was mighty and to be feared.

13. In Acts 8 and 9 we read how persecution of the disciples enabled the word of God to be preached from Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria. Those who had been scattered went about preaching the word of God. Analyse the persecutions facing the church today by giving four relevant points.

Today the church faces persecution in the form of violence, where believers are attacked or even killed for their faith in some parts of the world.

Christians also face discrimination, where they are denied jobs, education, or fair treatment because of their beliefs.

False accusations and hatred against the church by non-believers continue to tarnish the image of Christianity.

There is also internal persecution where divisions, corruption, and false teachings weaken the church and hinder the spread of the gospel.