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BIBLE KNOWLEDGE 1

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time: 2 ½ Hours

ANSWERS

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Instructions:

1. this paper consists eight questions.
2. Answer five questions.
3. Each question carries twenty marks.

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1. Write short answers to five (5) of the following questions.

(a) State the words that God used to explain what has to happen so that a man and a woman become one flesh (Genesis 2:24).

"That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh."

(b) Write four (4) names of the twelve sons of Jacob, including the name of the one who was sold to the Ishmaelites (Genesis 35:23-26).

(i) Reuben

(ii) Simeon

(iii) Levi

(iv) Joseph (the one sold to the Ishmaelites)

(c) With what do you associate the "burning bush" in Exodus? (Exodus 3:1-7).

The burning bush symbolizes God's presence and His call to Moses to deliver the Israelites from Egypt.

(d) What is the content or concern of the dietary law recorded in Leviticus chapter 11?

The dietary law distinguishes between clean and unclean animals for food, emphasizing holiness and obedience to God.

(e) As a vindication of His servant Moses, at one time God's anger was kindled against Aaron and Miriam (Numbers 12).

(i) What did Miriam and Aaron do to Moses that angered God?

They spoke against Moses because of his Cushite wife and questioned his unique role as God's chosen leader.

(ii) What happened to Miriam?

God struck Miriam with leprosy as a punishment.

(iii) What did Aaron do to avert God's anger against them?

Aaron confessed their sin and pleaded with Moses to intercede for them.

(iv) What would the application of this account be today?

The story teaches the importance of respecting God's chosen leaders and avoiding jealousy or criticism without cause.

(f) State (not necessarily a word-for-word account) the words of Deuteronomy 6:4.

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one."

(g) List down four (4) names of the Amorites' and Canaanite cities that were besieged by the Israelites as they entered the promised land (Joshua 5:13-10:43).

(i) Jericho

- (ii) Ai
- (iii) Hebron
- (iv) Lachish

(h) Who were the judges of Israel? (Define).

Judges were leaders chosen by God to deliver the Israelites from oppression, guide them in battle, and administer justice among them.

2. Match the responses in List B with the words/phrases in List A by writing the letter of the correct response beside the item number.

List A

- (i) Ark
- (ii) Moses
- (iii) You shall not uncover the nakedness of your sister
- (iv) Hid the men sent by Joshua to spy Jericho
- (v) Othniel and Ehud
- (vi) Sons of Eli
- (vii) Leah and Rachel
- (viii) Bilhah and Zilpah
- (ix) I AM
- (x) Nazirite

List B

- A. It is a box used to store the Temple coins.
- B. One separated or one consecrated.
- C. Philistine soldiers who often harassed the Israelite army.
- D. Rahab the harlot.
- E. It has no divine meaning.
- F. This is Noah's lifeboat.
- G. They pleased God when they rendered service to his people at Shiloh.
- H. This is the priest of Midian's son-in-law.
- I. These are priestesses who feared God.
- J. Judges.
- K. Zealots.
- L. Sisters married to the same husband.
- M. Or dishonor your brother-in-law.
- N. This is God's name as revealed to Moses.
- O. He did not want to go to Egypt because he did not know the way.
- P. Servants of Jacob's wives who bore him sons.
- Q. Each bore six sons who became the twelve tribes of Israel.
- R. Tribes of Israel.
- S. God forbade incest.

T. By covering them with big blankets in the bed.

Answers

- (i) A – It is a box used to store the Temple coins.
- (ii) N – This is God's name as revealed to Moses.
- (iii) S – God forbade incest.
- (iv) D – Rahab the harlot.
- (v) J – Judges.
- (vi) G – They pleased God when they rendered service to his people at Shiloh.
- (vii) L – Sisters married to the same husband.
- (viii) P – Servants of Jacob's wives who bore him sons.
- (ix) N – This is God's name as revealed to Moses.
- (x) B – One separated or one consecrated.

3. In the book of Genesis there are two creation stories, one is in Genesis 1:1–2:4a and another in Genesis 2:4b–25. List down two differences between the two stories.

(i) In Genesis 1:1–2:4a, the creation is described in a structured and chronological order over six days, with humanity created last. In Genesis 2:4b–25, the focus is on the creation of man first, followed by the garden and animals.

(ii) In Genesis 1:1–2:4a, God is referred to as "God" (Elohim), while in Genesis 2:4b–25, God is referred to as "Lord God" (Yahweh Elohim).

4. What did God promise the Israelites through Moses that they would be to Him if they obeyed Him and kept His covenant? (Exodus 19:1–6).

God promised the Israelites:

- (i) They would be His treasured possession among all nations.
- (ii) They would be a kingdom of priests.
- (iii) They would be a holy nation.

Reference: Exodus 19:5–6 – "Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

5. In Numbers 16:1–35, Moses and Aaron are in dispute with Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

(a) What was the matter in dispute?

The matter in dispute was Korah, Dathan, and Abiram questioning the leadership of Moses and Aaron, claiming that all the Israelites were holy and that Moses and Aaron were elevating themselves above the rest.

Reference: Numbers 16:3 – "They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them, 'You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is with them. Why then do you set yourselves above the Lord's assembly?'"

(b) How did the dispute end?

The earth opened up and swallowed Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, along with their households and followers, as a sign of God's judgment. Fire also consumed the 250 men offering incense.

Reference: Numbers 16:31–35 – "The ground under them split apart and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their households."

6. In the book of Deuteronomy, just before the Israelites had crossed the River Jordan and entered the promised land, Moses reminded them about God's prohibition to have other gods besides Him.

(a) What did the prohibition mean to the people who were about to enter Canaan?

The prohibition meant that the Israelites were to remain faithful to the one true God and avoid idolatry, which was prevalent among the Canaanites. It was a command to uphold their covenant relationship with God.

(b) What would this prohibition mean today?

Today, this prohibition emphasizes the need for undivided worship and devotion to God, avoiding idolatry in all forms, including materialism, pride, or dependence on worldly things.

7. In the two last chapters of the book of Joshua, Joshua's farewell to his people, Israel is recorded. State two important items of the farewell speech.

(i) Joshua reminded the Israelites of God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises, such as giving them the land of Canaan.

(ii) He warned them to serve God faithfully and avoid idolatry, renewing their covenant with the Lord.

Reference: Joshua 23:14–16 – "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord."

8. Give an account of the story of Samson in his relation to Delilah.

Samson fell in love with Delilah, a Philistine woman. The Philistine rulers bribed her to discover the secret of Samson's strength. After several failed attempts, Samson finally revealed that his strength was tied to his uncut hair, a symbol of his Nazirite vow. Delilah betrayed him by having his hair cut while he slept, leading to his capture by the Philistines. They gouged out his eyes and imprisoned him, but his strength returned when his hair grew back.

Reference: Judges 16:4–22 – "After putting him to sleep on her lap, she called for someone to shave off the seven braids of his hair."