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BIBLE KNOWLEDGE 2

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time: 2:30 Hours

ANSWERS

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Instructions

1. This paper consists of sections A , B and C with a total of twelve (16) questions. Section A consists of
2. questions from the Gospel according to Matthew, Section B from the Gospel according to Luke and
3. Section C from the Acts of the Apostles.
4. Answer three (3) questions from either section A or B ; and two (2) questions from section C .
5. Question 1 is compulsory for candidates who choose to answer questions from section A and question 5
6. is compulsory for candidates who choose to answer questions from section B .
7. 4. Each question carries twenty (20) marks.
8. 5. All communication devices, Bibles and any other unauthorized materials are not allowed in the
9. examination room.
10. 6. Write your Examination Number on every page of your answer booklet(s).

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1. Write short answers to the following questions:

(a) "Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region." (Mt. 2:16).

(i) How did the wise men trick Herod?

The wise men tricked Herod by not returning to him after finding Jesus; they went back to their country by another route as warned in a dream.

(ii) What was the purpose of Herod in killing all those children?

Herod's purpose was to eliminate the newborn "King of the Jews" he perceived as a threat to his throne.

(b) Jesus once said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick." (Mt. 9:12). What caused him to say this?

Jesus said this in response to criticism for dining with tax collectors and sinners, explaining His mission to save those in need of spiritual healing.

(c) "Prompted by her mother, she said, 'Give me the head of John the Baptist here on the platter.'" (Mt. 14:8).

(i) Identify the mother.

Herodias.

(ii) Identify the person requesting the Baptist's head.

Herodias' daughter, traditionally identified as Salome.

(iii) Who was John the Baptist?

John the Baptist was a prophet who prepared the way for Jesus and baptized Him.

(iv) Where was John the Baptist at the moment his life was sought?

He was in prison.

(d) "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." (Acts 9:34).

(i) Who performed this healing in the name of Jesus?

Peter.

(ii) Where did the healing take place?

In Lydda.

(e) It is reported that when Paul was in Ephesus, "there arose no little stir concerning the Way." (Acts 19:23).

(i) What does the term "Way" stand for or mean here?

The term "Way" refers to Christianity or the teachings of Jesus.

(ii) What business did the Way threaten that made the Ephesians react so badly against the Way?

The Way threatened the business of silversmiths who made idols and shrines for the goddess Artemis, leading to economic losses.

2. Match the item in LIST A with the response in LIST B by writing the letter of the corresponding response beside the item number in List A.

LIST A

- (i) Herod
- (ii) Herodias' daughter
- (iii) Herodians
- (iv) Centurion
- (v) King of the Jews
- (vi) Sergius Paulus
- (vii) Zeus and Hermes
- (viii) Agrippa
- (ix) Demetrius
- (x) Paphos and Perga

LIST B

- A. Testified Jesus as the son of God
- B. Charge against Jesus put on the cross
- C. The proconsul, a man of intelligence
- D. Greek gods
- E. Thought Jesus was John the Baptist risen from the dead
- F. Used by her mother to cause death of John the Baptist
- G. Witnessed Jesus answering the question about paying to Caesar
- H. Towns Paul visited
- I. A silversmith who made silver shrines
- J. The king and son of Herod
- K. Testified Jesus wrongly
- L. Welcoming address
- M. Paul died there
- N. Athenians' gods
- O. Knew Jesus very well but could not testify Him
- P. Salome
- Q. Witnessed Jesus rising Lazarus from the dead
- R. Christians called by that name for the first time
- S. Lazy soldier
- T. Palestinian cities

Answers

- (i) E
- (ii) F

- (iii) G
- (iv) A
- (v) B
- (vi) C
- (vii) D
- (viii) J
- (ix) I
- (x) H

3. Jesus once said, "You are the salt of the earth — you are the light of the world" (Mt. 5:13).

From this teaching, what are the most responsibilities that we are given as Christians?

As Christians, we are responsible for:

- Preserving moral values in society like salt preserves food.
- Shining as examples of righteousness and goodness in a dark world.
- Leading others to God through our words and deeds.
- Maintaining purity and integrity in our faith.

4. "Where is he who has been born King of the Jews?" (Mt. 2:2).

(a) Who asked this question?

The wise men (Magi).

(b) Who was asked this question?

King Herod.

(c) What was the immediate response of the one who was asked?

Herod gathered the chief priests and scribes to inquire where the Messiah was to be born.

(d) The one who was asked was unhappy with this question. Why?

Herod was unhappy because he saw the newborn King as a threat to his rule and authority.

5. Study the map below, then answer the questions that follow.

(a) Identify the provinces marked A, B, and C.

A - Galilee

B - Samaria

C - Judea

(b) Name the cities and towns marked as D, E, F, G, H, I, and J.

D - Tyre

E - Decapolis

F - Nazareth

G - Jerusalem

H - Jericho

I - Bethlehem

J - Hebron

6. State the account in Acts 6:1-6 that gives the beginning of the equivalent office of the elders in the church today.

In Acts 6:1-6, as the early church grew, a dispute arose between the Hellenists and the Hebrews regarding the neglect of widows in daily food distribution. The apostles resolved to appoint seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom, to manage these tasks so that the apostles could focus on prayer and ministry. The seven men, including Stephen, Philip, and others, were prayed over and ordained through the laying on of hands, marking the beginning of the role of deacons in the church.

7. "So in the present case, I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of men, it will fail, but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them, you might even be found opposing God" (Acts 5:38-39).

(a) Identify the speaker of these words.
Gamaliel.

(b) To whom were they addressed?
The Sanhedrin.

(c) Identify the persons referred to as "these men."
The apostles.

(d) Explain how these words are good advice even to us Christians today.
These words remind Christians to discern God's will in any action or undertaking. They encourage patience, caution, and trust in God's sovereignty, emphasizing that human efforts against God's plan will fail. Christians should seek God's guidance, avoid rash judgments, and trust that His purpose will prevail.

8. As it was for Jesus, the first enemies of Paul were his fellow Jews.

(a) Why did the Jews oppose Jesus?
The Jews opposed Jesus because He challenged their traditional religious practices, exposed their hypocrisy, and claimed to be the Son of God, which they considered blasphemy.

(b) Why did the Jews oppose Paul?
The Jews opposed Paul because he preached salvation through Jesus Christ to both Jews and Gentiles, undermining the Mosaic Law and traditional Jewish beliefs.

9. Give short answers to the following questions:

(a) "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof" (Lk. 7:6).

(i) Who spoke this statement?
The centurion.

(ii) Who is the Lord?

Jesus.

(iii) What was the Lord going to do to the house of the speaker?

Heal the centurion's servant.

(iv) Since the Lord did not go to the house, how did He accomplish the task that He would have done in the house?

Jesus healed the servant through His word from a distance.

(b) "Soon afterward He went to a city called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him" (Lk. 7:11).

(i) This is the opening verse of the record of Jesus' visit to a city of Nain. What miracle did He perform there?

Jesus raised a widow's son from the dead.

(ii) What prompted Jesus to perform the miracle at Nain?

He was moved by compassion for the grieving widow.

(iii) How did He perform the miracle at Nain?

Jesus touched the bier and commanded the young man to arise, and he came back to life.

(iv) What was the exclamation of the onlookers on Jesus for the miracle He performed?

The onlookers said, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people."

(c) "But who do you say that I am?" (Lk. 9:20).

(i) What was Peter's answer to this question?

Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

(ii) In response to Peter's answer, Jesus spoke two things. Mention them.

Jesus foretold His suffering, death, and resurrection.

(d) "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed" (Acts. 9:34).

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10. Match the item in LIST A with the response in LIST B by writing the letter of the corresponding response beside the item number in LIST A.

LIST A

- (i) Jericho
- (ii) Bethlehem
- (iii) The rich fool
- (iv) The rich young ruler
- (v) The Gerasene
- (vi) Sergius Paulos
- (vii) Zeus and Hermes
- (viii) Agrippa
- (ix) Demetrius
- (x) Paphos and Perga

LIST B

- A. Thought how he could inherit eternal life
- B. Wanted to follow Jesus
- C. The proconsul, a man of intelligence
- D. Greek gods
- E. A town near Jerusalem on the way to Samaria where Jesus healed the blind man
- F. "The House of Bread"
- G. Did not think of God
- H. Towns Paul visited
- I. A silversmith who made silver shrines
- J. The king and son of Herod
- K. He shared generously his wealth with the poor
- L. He asked Jesus to remove the demons that possessed him
- M. He defended Paul because he was his friend
- N. They were husband and wife
- O. There was the well of Jacob in this city
- P. The meaning of the name of this small town is hunger
- Q. He thought of God as well as his riches
- R. People of these two towns were enemies
- S. He was a witchdoctor of Athens
- T. The king and son of Caesar

Answers

- (i) E
- (ii) F
- (iii) G
- (iv) A
- (v) L
- (vi) C
- (vii) D
- (viii) J
- (ix) I
- (x) H

11. "If this man were a prophet he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him" (Lk. 7:39).

(a) Who is "this man"?

"This man" is Jesus.

(b) Who was the woman?

The woman was a sinner, traditionally identified as a repentant woman who anointed Jesus' feet.

(c) Whose remark was it?

The remark was made by Simon the Pharisee.

(d) Explain briefly the teaching of the narrative.

The narrative teaches about forgiveness and grace. Jesus highlights the contrast between the woman's great love and repentance and Simon's self-righteousness. It shows that those forgiven much love much, and Jesus' mission is to bring salvation to sinners.

12. Mention three conditions for becoming a disciple of Jesus according to the Gospel of Luke (Lk. 9:23).

(i) Deny oneself.

(ii) Take up one's cross daily.

(iii) Follow Jesus.

13. Study the map below, then answer the questions that follow:

(a) Write down the letters that stand for the following cities:

- (i) Bethlehem - I
- (ii) Jerusalem - H
- (iii) Jericho - G
- (iv) Emmaus - F
- (v) Samaria - L

- (vi) Nain - E
- (vii) Nazareth - A
- (viii) Capernaum - D

(b)

(i) Identify the features marked X and Y.

X - River Jordan

Y - The Dead Sea

(ii) Identify the feature that connects feature X and feature Y.

The Jordan River connects to the Dead Sea.

(iii) What is the present name of the so-called "Great Sea"?

The Mediterranean Sea.

14. State the account in Acts 6:1-6 that gives the beginning of the equivalent office of the elders in the church today.

In Acts 6:1-6, a dispute arose between the Hellenists and Hebrews over the daily distribution of food to widows. The apostles decided to focus on prayer and ministry, so they appointed seven men full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom to oversee this task. These men were ordained through prayer and the laying on of hands, marking the beginning of the role of deacons in the church.

15. "So in the present case, I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of men, it will fail, but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them, you might even be found opposing God" (Acts 5:38-39).

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The apostles.

(d) What were "these men" doing?

Preaching about Jesus and spreading the Gospel.

(e) Explain how these words are a good advice even to us Christians today.

These words encourage Christians to trust God's plan and discern His will. They remind us not to act impulsively or oppose what might be divinely inspired, emphasizing faith in God's ultimate authority over all plans and endeavors.

16. As it was for Jesus, the first enemies of Paul were his fellow Jews.

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The Jews opposed Paul because he preached salvation through Jesus Christ to both Jews and Gentiles, threatening their religious customs and beliefs.