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ANSWERS

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Instructions

1. This paper consists of section A, B, C and D.
2. Answer all questions in section A, B and C, and one (1) from section D.
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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SECTION A (15 MARKS)

Answer all questions in this section

1. For the item (i)-(x), Choose the correct answer from among the given alternatives and write its letter in the box provided.

(i) Which river flowed around the land of Havillah in the process of watering the Garden of Eden?

- A. Pishon
- B. Euphrates
- C. Gihon
- D. Tigris

Answer: The river that flowed around the land of Havillah was the River Pishon. It is described in Genesis as one of the four rivers flowing from Eden. The correct answer is **A. Pishon**.

(ii) Who was the son of a prostitute, who fled to Tob because of the conflict of inheritance with his brothers (Judges 11:1-13)?

- A. Jephthah
- B. Benjamin
- C. Judah
- D. Gilead

Answer: The son of a prostitute who fled to Tob after being rejected by his brothers was Jephthah. Later, he became a judge of Israel. The correct answer is **A. Jephthah**.

(iii) “Two nations are in your womb and two peoples born of you shall be divided, the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger” (Genesis 25:23). Whose enmity does this quotation predict?

- A. Rachel and Leah
- B. Bilhah and Rachel
- C. Abraham and Lot
- D. Jacob and Esau

Answer: The prophecy was about the conflict between Jacob and Esau, who were twins born to Rebekah. The correct answer is **D. Jacob and Esau**.

(iv) On their way to the Promised Land, the Hebrews passed through the sea on the dry land. What does the experience of crossing the Red Sea justify?

- A. God's power
- B. God's wisdom
- C. God's technology
- D. God's anger

Answer: The crossing of the Red Sea demonstrated God's mighty power to deliver His people from slavery. The correct answer is **A. God's power**.

(v) Moses encountered oppositions from different people during his leadership. Who were the three brothers that rebelled against him and were swallowed by the earth?

- A. Achan, Dathan and Korah
- B. Dathan, Korah and Abiram
- C. Abiram, Malshua and Achan
- D. Achan, Korah and Abiram

Answer: The men who led the rebellion against Moses were Dathan, Korah, and Abiram. As punishment, the earth opened and swallowed them. The correct answer is **B. Dathan, Korah and Abiram**.

(vi) Going against God's commands resulted into broken relationship between human beings and God. How can such relationship be restored in the society today?

- A. Obeying and following God's commandments and state laws
- B. Going around and help as many people as possible
- C. Being humble and speak in low voice
- D. Going to church and attend various meetings

Answer: A broken relationship with God can only be restored through obedience to His commandments and living according to His word. The correct answer is **A. Obeying and following God's commandments and state laws**.

(vii) Which one of the following sets are both names of persons and countries?

- A. Abraham, Sarah, Haran and Egypt
- B. Canaan, Haran, Shechem and Edom

- C. Mesopotamia, Ur of the Chaldeans, Egypt and Edom
- D. Shechem, Egypt, Edom and Haran

Answer: Among the options, Canaan, Haran, Shechem, and Edom are both personal names and geographical names. The correct answer is **B. Canaan, Haran, Shechem and Edom.**

(viii) In his last days, Isaac wanted to bless Esau but his plan was interfered by Rebekah. How did she know the plan?

- A. She listened to the instructions her husband gave to Esau
- B. Jacob told her that his father wanted to favor his son
- C. Isaac discussed the matter with her
- D. She saw Esau preparing good food for Isaac

Answer: Rebekah overheard Isaac instructing Esau to prepare food so he could bless him. The correct answer is **A. She listened to the instructions her husband gave to Esau.**

(ix) When God called Moses to go and deliver the Israelites from the hands of Pharaoh, he did not accept at once but gave excuses (Exodus 4:1-11). What was the reason for him to give excuses?

- A. He was not eloquent and very shy
- B. He was eloquent and the people did not know him
- C. He was not eloquent and the people did not know him
- D. He was not eloquent and the people did not like him

Answer: Moses felt unqualified because he was not eloquent in speech and the people did not recognize him as a leader. The correct answer is **C. He was not eloquent and the people did not know him.**

(x) At Mount Horeb, Moses received the Ten Commandments in different categories. What are the two main categories of the Ten Commandments?

- A. Man's relationship with God and his or her relationship with other creatures
- B. Man's relationship with God and his or her relationship with animals
- C. Man's relationship with God and his or her relationship with spiritual beings
- D. Man's relationship with God and his or her relationship with other people

Answer: The Ten Commandments are divided into two categories, those concerning man's relationship with God and those concerning man's relationship with other people. The correct answer is **D. Man's relationship with God and his or her relationship with other people.**

2. Match the names of kingdoms in List A with the names of kings in List B as shown in the table below:

LIST A

- i) Jarmuth
- ii) Lachish
- iii) Jerusalem
- iv) Eglon
- v) Hebron

LIST B

- A. Adonizedek
- B. Debir
- C. Hoham
- D. Hiram
- E. Jabin
- F. Japhia
- G. Piram

Answers:

- i) Jarmuth – F. Japhia
- ii) Lachish – D. Hiram
- iii) Jerusalem – A. Adonizedek
- iv) Eglon – G. Piram
- v) Hebron – B. Debir

3. Show the importance of water to human beings and other living things referring to the rivers God made in the Garden of Eden.

(a) Identify the function of the river in the Garden of Eden.

Answer: The river in the Garden of Eden functioned to water the garden, making it fertile and able to support plants, animals, and human life. It was a source of sustenance and life for all that God created there.

(b) Name the river that flowed around the land of Cush.

Answer: The river that flowed around the land of Cush was the River Gihon.

(c) List three types of minerals that were found in River Pishon.

Answer:

(i) Gold

(ii) Bdellium

(iii) Onyx stone

(d) Suggest two ways for preserving water sources in Tanzania.

Answer:

(i) Planting trees and protecting forests to prevent soil erosion and maintain river catchment areas.

(ii) Avoiding pollution by controlling waste disposal in rivers and lakes, and encouraging proper sanitation practices.

4. When Noah came out of an ark he went before the Lord in worship and thanksgiving:

(a) What did Noah do in the process of worship and thanksgiving?

Answer: Noah built an altar to the Lord and offered burnt sacrifices of clean animals and clean birds as a way of worship and thanksgiving.

(b) What was God's reaction towards Noah's act?

Answer: God was pleased with the aroma of Noah's sacrifice and resolved never again to curse the ground or destroy all living creatures as He had done.

(c) Name the sign of the covenant God made with Noah.

Answer: The sign of the covenant God made with Noah was the rainbow, placed in the sky as a reminder that He would never again destroy the world with a flood.

(d) What two lessons do you learn from what Noah did to God?

Answer:

(i) We learn the importance of giving thanks and worshipping God after receiving His deliverance and blessings.

(ii) We learn that obedience and devotion to God bring favor and blessings from Him.

5. In the book of Genesis 17:10-17, God made covenant with Abraham, that all males among his people shall be circumcised:

(a) What does the concept of covenant mean in this verse?

Answer: A covenant in this verse means a solemn and binding agreement between God and Abraham, marked by circumcision as a sign of loyalty and belonging to God's chosen people.

(b) What was the importance of circumcision in this covenant?

Answer: Circumcision was a physical sign of the covenant, showing that Abraham's descendants were set apart as God's chosen people. It symbolized purity, obedience, and identity in God's family.

(c) What would happen if males were not circumcised?

Answer: Any male who was not circumcised would be cut off from the covenant community because he had broken God's command, meaning he would not share in the blessings promised to Abraham.

(d) What spiritual message does this verse have to today's Christians?

Answer: The spiritual message is that Christians are called to live in obedience and holiness as a sign of their covenant with God. Physical circumcision is no longer required, but spiritual circumcision of the heart through faith in Christ is essential for belonging to God's people.

6. (a) Why was the Joseph son of Jacob hated by his brother? Give three reasons

- (i)
- (ii)
- (iii)

Answer:

- (i) Joseph was hated because their father Jacob loved him more than the rest, as shown by giving him a special coat of many colors.
- (ii) He was hated because he reported the bad behavior of his brothers to their father, which made them resent him.
- (iii) He was also hated because of his dreams, which suggested that one day he would rule over them, and this increased their jealousy.

(b) Suppose you are hated and abandoned by your classmates because of your honesty to teachers and other staff members from your school; which two qualities would you copy from Joseph to handle that situation? Give brief explanation for each of the qualities

- (iv)
- (v)

Answer:

- (iv) I would copy Joseph's patience. Even when he was hated and sold into slavery, he endured the hardships and trusted that God had a plan for his life. Patience helps one to remain strong during difficulties.
- (v) I would copy Joseph's forgiveness. Despite his brothers' cruelty, Joseph forgave them and provided for them when he became powerful. Forgiveness heals relationships and shows maturity.

7. A new king who did not know Joseph rose over Egypt and tortured the Hebrews with the intention to reduce their number, However, the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and became a threat to the king and his people (Exodus 1:8-22).

(a) How did the King and his people oppress Israelites?

Answer: The King and his people oppressed the Israelites by subjecting them to forced labor, making them

build store cities such as Pithom and Rameses, and treating them harshly as slaves. They also ordered the killing of Hebrew male infants.

(b) In three points, explain how today's leaders are oppressing people they lead**

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

Answer:

(i) Some leaders oppress people through corruption, by using public resources for personal gain instead of serving the citizens.

(ii) Leaders also oppress people by imposing heavy taxes and mismanaging the economy, making life difficult for the poor.

(iii) Leaders may oppress people by denying them justice, using power to silence or punish those who demand their rights.

8. In the month of Abib, the Hebrews started their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land.

(a) How many Hebrews came out of Egypt?

Answer: About six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children, came out of Egypt during the Exodus.

(b) How did God assure them of his presence day and night on their journey to the promised land?

Answer: God assured His presence by leading them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

(c) By which way did he lead them?

Answer: He led them through the wilderness by the longer route, not through the way of the land of the Philistines.

(d) Why did God not lead them through the way of the land of Philistines even though it was the nearest?

Answer: God did not lead them through the Philistine land because they might face war and turn back to Egypt out of fear.

(e) Give two reasons as to why it took them forty years to finish the journey?

Answer:

(i) It took forty years because of their disobedience and lack of faith, which led to wandering in the wilderness as punishment.

(ii) It also took forty years because God wanted to prepare a new generation that trusted Him, while the older disobedient generation died in the desert.

9. When the Israelites reached Canaan, each tribe was given by Joshua a piece of land as their inheritance except the Levites who were given a different type of inheritance (Joshua 13:1-14).

(i) Who were Levites?

Answer: Levites were the descendants of Levi, one of the sons of Jacob. They were chosen by God to serve as priests and caretakers of religious duties in Israel, including temple service and sacrifices.

(ii) Explain the inheritance given to the Levites (Joshua 13:14).

Answer: The Levites were not given land as their inheritance like the other tribes. Instead, their inheritance was the offerings and sacrifices made to God by the people of Israel. The Lord Himself was considered their portion.

(iii) Describe two activities of the Levites while in the Promised Land?

Answer:

- The Levites served as priests, offering sacrifices and leading worship on behalf of the Israelites.
- They also taught God's law to the people and acted as spiritual leaders, ensuring that Israel remained faithful to God's covenant.

(iv) What would happen if the Levites were to be given land to possess?

Answer: If the Levites were given land, they would become like the other tribes and might neglect their priestly and spiritual duties. Their special role of serving God full-time would be compromised, and Israel could lose proper spiritual guidance.

10. The life of Hebrews throughout their journey to the Promised Land was full of tests of faith, trust and obedience to God. With reference to Exodus chapter 14, 16 and 17, analyse four tests that many people in the society experience in their daily life.

Answer:

One test people face is the challenge of trusting God during times of danger and fear, similar to the Hebrews at the Red Sea in Exodus 14. Many today face life-threatening situations, but God calls them to put faith in His power to deliver.

Another test is the test of provision, like the Hebrews experienced in Exodus 16 when they lacked food and water. In daily life, people are tested when they lack resources such as food, shelter, or employment, and must trust God for sustenance.

A further test is the test of obedience. Just as the Hebrews were commanded to collect manna only as instructed, people today are tested in following God's commands even when it seems difficult or inconvenient.

Lastly, there is the test of perseverance in trials, like in Exodus 17 when the Hebrews doubted God at Massah and Meribah. In today's world, people are tested when enduring hardships such as sickness, injustice, or temptation, and must hold firm in faith rather than complain or give up.