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**SECTION A
COMPULSORY**

**QUESTION 1
SHORT QUESTIONS**

One sentence on the person

- 1.1.1 Mary
- Mother of Jesus / Sister of Lazarus / She anointed Jesus' feet with expensive perfume made of pure nard.
- 1.1.2 Zacchaeus
- Tax collector
- Jesus had a meal in his house.
- He sat in a tree in order to see Jesus.
- 1.1.3 Lazarus
- Jesus raised him from the dead.
- He was the brother of Martha and Mary.
- 1.1.4 Judas Iscariot
- He betrayed Jesus.
- He was a disciple once.
- 1.1.5 Nathaniel
- He sat under a fig tree and Jesus knew him even before He met him. 5x2=(10)
- 1.2 Explain the following statements:
- 1.2.1 Eschatology – Doctrine of the last things, judgement, heaven and hell.
- 1.2.2 Synoptic gospels – Mark, Luke and Matthew are the synoptic gospels
- Also means to see together (synoptic and gospel – good news)
- 1.2.3 Revelation – To unveil to reveal, to uncover something that was hidden or secret.
- 1.2.4 Metanoia – repent
- A change of heart
- Intention to change a life-style
- 1.2.5 hamartia – Missing our target
- Sin 5x2=(10)
- 1.3 TRUE or FALSE
- 1.3.1 True
- 1.3.2 True
- 1.3.3 False
- 1.3.4 False
- 1.3.5 False 5x2=(10)

- 1.4 Multiple-Choice Questions
- 1.4.1 C
- 1.4.2 D
- 1.4.3 C
- 1.4.4 B
- 1.4.5 A 5x2=(10)
- 1.5 Answer the questions
- 1.5.1 a - heart
- b - soul
- c - neighbour 3x2=(6)
- 1.5.2 d - done (2)
- 1.5.3 For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the Glory, for ever and ever Amen. (2)
- 1.6 Column A and B
- 1.6.1 C
- 1.6.2 E
- 1.6.3 A
- 1.6.4 D
- 1.6.5 B 5x2=(10)
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SECTION B
INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

QUESTION 2

- 2.1 Five people called James
- James the apostle, brother of John and Son of Zebedee
 - James, son of Alphaeus, was one of the twelve disciples
 - James, the father of Thaddius, one of the twelve disciples
 - James, son of Mary and brother of Joseph
 - James, the brother of Jesus
 - Letter is traditionally ascribed to the latter James 5x2=(10)
- 2.2 Mark – human picture of Jesus
- Emotions – sleep
 - Compassion – suffering
 - Anger and indignation
 - Can love someone – attractive
 - Ask questions and seek information
 - Hungry
 - Man among men – deeply involved in the human situation
 - Fully one with people
 - Know joy and sadness 5x2=(10)

2.3 Greatness of His sovereignty

(Headings: 1 Mark)

He is ever present to His Church

- By His death Christ freed people from sin
- Because He loved them
- He has made us part of a kingdom of priests
- When Christ ascended he did not abandon His people (Any) 2x2=(4)

He is omniscient

- This is the constant theme throughout the seven letters
- I know, I have done, I know your troubles
- Christ is all-knowing (Any) 2x2=(4)

He is equal to God

- Christ is equal to the God the Father and the Holy Spirit
- Christ is not only human, but divine (Any) 2x2=(4)

He rules over kings

- Christ does not rule over one nation only.
 - He rules over all nations. (Any) 2x2=(4)
- (20)**

2.4.1 John attack the Gnostics

- He has existed from the beginning
 - He is God's son and in an unique relationship with God
 - He is the Messiah
 - Jesus fulfils God's plan of salvation
 - He is truly and fully man
 - John knew the man Jesus
 - He is without sin
 - Jesus is the only one without sin and He took away the world's sin
 - He is the Paraclete
 - Jesus was called in by His Father to save us
- (20)
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QUESTION 33.1 Content of the letter of Judas

- Warning against false teachers (Gnostics)
- Description of false teachers
- Enoch's prophecy concerning false teachers
- Apostles' teaching concerning people who mock Christians
- Exhortation to remain true to the Christian faith
- Exhortation to care especially for those in doubt and those who are being led astray. (10)

3.2 Matthew is the most Jewish

- Matthew knows the Jewish customs and beliefs
 - Know about: prayer, fasting, almsgiving
 - If it is done in wrong spirit, it is an act of pride
 - Orthodox Jew wear straps with scripture verses
 - They wear it on forehead and arms/fingers
 - Orthodox Jew would tithe his income
 - Many scribes tended to desire the highest and most prominent places
 - Orthodox Jews like
 - Sitting in prominent places at meals
 - Jews talk about kingdom of heaven
 - Not kingdom of God
 - They avoid using God's name
- (20)

3.3 He was an eyewitness

- Begins with detailed account of the events of a week
 - Events leading up to crucifixion itself
 - Are described day by day
 - Four days since He received the message of Martha and Mary about Lazarus
 - He raised Lazarus then
 - Call of Andrew and other disciples were at 16:00
 - It was midday when He was at fountain of Sychar
 - 13:00 when the official at Capernaum was healed
- (14)

3.4 The uniqueness of His sovereignty (headings 1 mark and 1 mark bonus)1. **He is seen as Priest**

- In his vision John saw someone like a human being “wearing a robe that reached to his feet, and a gold belt round his chest”. (1:13)
 - This is what the Old Testament priests wore
 - Thus, John clearly sees Christ as a priest
- (Max 4)

2. **He does the work of a priest**

- The Old Testament priests offered sacrifices on behalf of the people so that God would forgive their sins.
 - Christ, the Lamb, offered Himself in sacrifice on our behalf, and by His death He has freed us from our sins (1:5)
- (Max 4)

3. **He has made us priests**

- Not only did Christ act as a priest
 - He also “made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father
 - This is why He will give each of those who remain faithful to Him a new name: “I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem” (Philadelphia)
- (Max 4)

4. **He will share His sovereignty**

- If they need His call, He promises that they will be one with Him
- He will share His house with them

(Max 4)
(20)

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QUESTION 44.1 Luke makes mention of women**Women in the Gospel of Luke**

- Jewish women occupied the lowest positions in public life.
- They had no legal rights and their education was poor
- Luke mentions a few women:
Elizabeth, the mother of John
Mary, the mother of Jesus
Anne, the prophetess
Mary Magdalene, from whom 7 demons were driven
- Luke shows thus that all people, regardless of sex, colour or race, belong to the love circle of Jesus.

(10)

4.2 Themes of the letter to the Philippians

- Joy
- Joy used 16 x
- Gospel
- Used 9 x
- Gospel = Good News
- Christ died for mankind so that people can live with God
- Fellowship
- Keystone
- Thanked them for gift
- Sharing his work right from the start
- They should be unselfish
- Paul's spiritual ambition
- Completely dedicated to Christ
- Does not want to fail his duty proclaiming Christ

(Max 4)

(Max 6)

(Max 6)

(Max 4)

4.3 General form of the Pauline letters

- Preceding greeting
name the sender and recipient.
- Prescript – the greeting; prayer of good health; thanksgiving
- The body – message
- Final greetings – Salutations and personal greetings;
Guaranteed the authenticity of the letter;
- Took the place of the personal signing of one's name.

(Any 5=) 5x2=(10)

- 4.4 First sign (water into wine)
- Change water into wine wedding Cana
 - Moses changed water into blood
 - Led to deliverance Israel
 - Wine got finished
 - Jesus changed jars of water into wine
- (10)

- 4.5 Matthew – systematic gospel
- The main ideas of Jesus' teachings are organized into 5 main sections.
- The law of the Kingdom
 - Ambassadors of the Kingdom
 - The parables of the Kingdom
 - The personal relationship among the members of the Kingdom
 - Things are arranged into threes
 - Three temptations
 - Seven "How terrible for you"
 - Five main sections of teaching
- (10)
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QUESTION 5

- 5.1 Mark use Aramaic words
- Aramaic was language of the ordinary Jews in the time of Jesus
 - Mark did not write for a Jewish audience
 - Probably writing to the Romans
 - He explained all Aramaic words he used
 - Boanerges
 - Men of thunder
 - Talitha kourai
 - Little girl I tell you get up
 - Ephrata
 - Open
- (20)

- 5.2 Social justice
- Luke praises the good Samaritan
 - Jesus' love overcame the prejudice of Jews for the Samaritans
 - Joseph and Mary sacrificed two doves
 - When Jesus was circumcised
 - God choose a poor woman to be the mother of Jesus
 - Tax collectors were the most hated
 - Jesus was not afraid to eat with Zaccheus
 - Jesus spoke to a woman who was a notorious sinner
 - Everybody was important to Jesus
- (20)

- 5.3 **I AM** – statements
- I am the Bread of Life
 - I am the light of the world.
 - I am the gate of the sheep
 - I am the Good Shepherd
 - I am the resurrection and the life
 - I am the way, the truth and the life
 - I am the real vine.
- (10)

- 5.4 Content of 3 John
- Personal letter to thank Gaius for
 - Being hospitable to passing preachers
 - John asks Gaius to help these preachers on their way
 - Complaint about Diotrephes
 - Praise of Demetrius
- (10)
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SECTION C
THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE

QUESTION 6

- 6.1 Faith in general
- Faith can arise as a result of logical reasoning.
 - Faith can be based on what authority tells us.
 - Faith can be based on trust.
 - Faith can arise as a result of experiencing the effects of something.
 - Faith can be based on inner experience.
- (10)
- 6.2 God reveals Himself in a general way
- To everyone
 - God does not always reveal Himself in the same direct way as He did to Israel.
 - He does it through His creation with love. (Max 4)
 - At all times
 - Ever since humans have sinned God wanted to save mankind.
 - God makes Himself known to people at any age.
 - It's up to the individual to discover Him and believe in Him. (Max 4)
 - In all places
 - God reveals Himself at any place. (Max 2)
- 6.3 Why were the scriptures written?
1. **So that people will always remember what God has revealed about Himself**
 - Peter wanted to be sure that after his death Christ's followers would have a true record of God's revelation.
 - In the Scriptures we have this true record of what God has revealed. (Max 4)

2. **To remind people that it is God who speaks through the Scriptures**
- Although the Scriptures were written by human beings, it would be wrong to conclude that they are the work of man alone
 - On the contrary, the writers of Scripture wrote what came to them from God through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
 - For this reason, we can be sure that the Scriptures are truly the word of God.
- (Max 4)
3. **To bear witness to what God has done among people.**
- The Scriptures do not consist of made-up stories.
 - They are a record of what people like the apostles have actually experienced.
 - Therefore, the Scriptures bear witness to the fact that God is active among His people.
- (Max 4)
4. **So that people are able to study God's revelation and so come to understand it**
- The Scriptures are not only a record of God's action in history
 - They also contain teachings which God's faithful people must live by
 - This is why Peter says that Scripture is like a lamp shining in a dark place.
 - This light will guide us along the right path until Christ comes again on the Last Day
- (Max 4)
5. **So that people are able to live in terms of God's revelation**
- Since the Scriptures were inspired by God, they teach us the truth and guide us to lead godfearing lives.
 - Our knowledge of the Scriptures helps us to correct our won faults and gives us confidence to protest against what is wrong (to rebuke error)
- (Max 4)
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6.4 God's relationship with creation

- God created the world
 - Heaven and earth
- (Max 2)
- Without help
 - God commanded and he creates
 - He does not need a guide
- (Max 6)

- Everything that God has created is good
 - Everything is according to God's plan (Max 2)

 - God created everything out of nothing
 - God created earth out of nothing (Max 2)

 - God created the world through Christ
 - Christ is God
 - Therefore He is part of the creation
 - Throughout God made all things (Max 6)

 - God created the world through the Spirit
 - God is Trinity
 - The third person of the Trinity also participated in the creation (Max 2)
- (20)**
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QUESTION 7

- 7.1 Paul's message on salvation
- God saves people through faith
 - God saved Israel through obedience to the Law
 - God save people through their acceptance of Jesus Christ
 - Those who believe in the gospel will be saved
 - Mankind should avoid sin
- 5x2=(10)
- 7.2 Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us
 In modern English this fifth petition reads: "Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us."
1. **Forgive us our trespasses**
- Our trespasses are our sins, that is, our *hamartia*, our missing the target
 - Our failure to love
 - By asking God to forgive us our sins
 - We are, in fact, admitting that we have sinned and that we therefore need forgiveness. (Max 4)
2. **Forgiveness requires repentance (metanoia).**
- We can only pray for forgiveness if we are repentant. God will not simply "wipe out" our sins.
 - He requires of us a change of heart, a metanoia, an intention to change our lifestyle.
 - We therefore ask Him to forgive our sins, our failure to love.
 - Our "missing of the Christian target"
 - Because we want to re-establish our relationship of love with Him and with our fellow human beings. (Max 6)

3. **As we forgive those who trespass against us**

- The meaning of this part of the petition perhaps comes out more clearly in Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer:
- For we forgive everyone who does us wrong.
- In other words, we have no right to pray for the forgiveness of our own sins unless we have forgiven those who have done us wrong.
- Jesus made this very plain:
- If you forgive others the wrongs they have done you, your Father in heaven will also forgive you.
- But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive the wrongs you have done' (Mt 6:14-15)
- Here is a challenge which is very dear: We must be forgiving to be forgiven

(Max 10)
[20]7.3 Your are not to accuse anyone falsely

We should get rid of prejudice

- Commandment is closely connected with the third Commandment
- It protects the rights on one's neighbour.
- Christ is the truth.
- Only those who kept this commandment will enter the new Jerusalem.
- This commandment demands self-discipline in the use of one's tongue.
- We must not speak out of self-interest only.
- Malicious gossip is condemned.
- By bearing witness to the truth we bear witness to Christ.

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7.4 Covenant

- A covenant is a solemn agreement between two or more individuals or groups of individuals.
- When it is used in the Bible the word refers to a solemn agreement between God and human beings. The Biblical covenant has four main characteristics:
 1. They come from God who takes the initiative.
 2. They are directed to people who accept the demands from God.
 3. They include a promise of salvation.
 4. They involve physical signs which show that the covenant has been made.

(Any 5) 5x2=(10)
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QUESTION 8

- 8.1 Results of the relationship God – Jesus
- Jesus has knowledge of the Father
 - The Son knows the Father personally
 - The Father revealed His plan to the Son
 - Jesus shares in the Father's life and so gives life to all living beings.
 - No one comes to the Father except through the Son.
 - Jesus and the Father share everything.
- 5x2=(10)
- 8.2 Give us today our daily bread
- Gives us**
- All we have comes from God
 - We do not pray for ourselves only
 - We ask God to feed all his children
 - We are completely dependant on God
- This day**
- As Christians we ask only for what we need each day
 - We do not worry about the future because we trust God
 - So, do not worry about tomorrow.
- Daily Bread**
- we are not asking God for luxuries or wealth
 - we ask for daily necessities, which we really need in order to stay alive and healthy
 - we can pray in confidence knowing that He will give us what is good for us.
- (20)
- 8.3 **The Sabbath**
- The Sabbath is Holy / Sunday
 - The Sabbath is a day of rest for everyone, even the animals
 - The Sabbath is a day of worship
 - The Sabbath is seen as a blessing from God
 - Christ observed the Sabbath
 - Christ is Lord of the Sabbath
 - Day of resurrection
 - Day of good deeds and prayer
 - Second day of the Lord
- 5x2=(10)
- 8.4 The crucifixion of Jesus (Open memo)
- Jesus was taken to Golgotha
 - Golgotha = Place of the skull
 - He was crucified with two criminals
 - It was humiliating as it made him look like a criminal
 - The charge against him was made public
 - They wrote "Jesus of Nazareth the king of the Jews".
 - He was stripped naked
 - His clothes was divided amongst the soldiers
 - He suffered fully, His pain was not eased in any way
 - He only got sour wine
 - Jesus was very scared
 - He was willing to suffer
- (20)

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QUESTION 99.1 Conceived by Holy Spirit

- Conceived by Holy Spirit
- Mary was impregnated by the Holy Spirit
- She never had sexual intercourse with a man
- An angel announced the birth
- He belonged to the House of David

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9.2 Hallowed be thy name

- God's name has a specific meaning
- It belongs only to Him
- It spells out hope
- His name is unique, loving, exclusive
- Describes his relationship with creation
- His name is Holy
- His name differs from other names
- You are not allowed to misuse it
- You must honour it
- You must know it as Christian
- You may use it in prayer.

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9.3 You must not misuse the Name of the Lord

- In ancient times a name was believed to be powerful
- You could control / influence a person if you knew his name
- God revealed His name to Moses
- So that His people could know him
- The Israelites knew they were not allowed to misuse the name of God
- E.g. like swearing
- The Israelites understood that they could call on God's name in time of difficulty
- E.g. Psalmist beg God for help
- The Israelites understood that God's name could be used when taking a solemn oath
- They take an oath in order to prove the truth.

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9.4 He ascended into Heaven

- Forty days meant a long time
- That was the time that Jesus appeared to His disciples after His crucifixion
- Jesus ascended in a cloud after 40 days – a cloud means protection of God
- It means Jesus is with God

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[60]**TOTAL: 300**