

MPAMBA CDSS BIBLE KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS AND MODEL ANSWERS.

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The work is split into three parts. First part covers questions from the book of Isaiah. The second part covers questions from the Gospel according to Luke. The last part covers the book of Acts of the Apostles. Enjoy it.

PART ONE: THE BOOK OF PROPHET ISAIAH

1998

1. **Isaiah chapter 6** contains the vision of Isaiah
 - a. (i) Mention what the prophet saw in his vision in the Temple at Jerusalem **(3 marks)**
 - ✓ He saw God sitting on the throne
 - ✓ He saw flaming creatures each with six wings
 - ✓ He saw God's robe that filled the whole Temple
 - ✓ He saw a burning coal
 - ✓ He saw smoke which filled the whole Temple
 - ✓ He saw the foundation of the Temple
 - ✓ He saw the altar

Any three points

(ii) Describe **three** qualities of God as seen in the vision **(6 marks)**

- ✓ **God is King**
 - He was sitting on the throne
 - He is in control of world events
- ✓ **God is Holy**
 - He is not like man who is sinful
 - No one can look at Him



✓ **God is glorious**

- God's glory filled the Temple
- His glory is revealed when suffering and oppression ceases

✓ **God is judge**

- God will judge the people of Judah because of their sins

b. Explain the reaction of the prophet as recorded in v.5 (4 marks)

- ✓ He said that there was no hope for him
- ✓ He said that he was doomed
- ✓ He said that every word that passed his mouth was sinful
- ✓ He said that he lived among people whose every word was sinful

Any two points

c. (i) State the task that the Lord assigned to Isaiah (2 marks)

- ✓ To tell the people that; "no matter how much you listen, you will not understand"
- ✓ To tell the people that, "no matter how much you look, you will not know what is happening"
- ✓ To make the minds of the people dull
- ✓ To make the eyes of the people blind
- ✓ To make people's ears deaf

Any one point

(ii) In what ways did the Lord prepare the prophet for his work among the people of Judah?

(2 marks)

- ✓ He was purified by a burning coal that touched his lips
- ✓ His sins were forgiven
- ✓ He was made guilty free

Any two points

(iii) In what aspects would the prophet's task be difficult? (3 marks)

- ✓ People will not listen to his message
- ✓ People will not understand his message
- ✓ People will be stubborn

2. **Isaiah chapters 36 and 37** talk about the threat of the Assyrian king to the people of Judah in 701 BC

a. Outline the **four** arguments that the Assyrian officer used to intimidate King Hezekiah and his people (8 marks)

- ✓ The army of Judah could not match with the Assyrian army
- ✓ The people of Judah were only good at talking but lacked military strategy
- ✓ King Hezekiah deceives them when he tells them to rely on God
- ✓ People of Judah should not rely on their God because the gods of other nations failed to save their nations from the emperor of Assyria
- ✓ The people of Judah should not rely on Egypt because she was weak
- ✓ God was bringing judgment on Judah using Assyrians as His instruments
- ✓ Sennacherib will take care of the people of Judah and resettle them in another land where they will eat their own produce

Any four points

b. State briefly the **four** steps that Hezekiah took in response to the threat (8 marks)

- ✓ He tore his clothes in grief
- ✓ He put on sackcloth to show sorrow
- ✓ He went to the Temple of the Lord to pray
- ✓ He sent his officials with a message to prophet Isaiah

c. (i) What was the Lord's advice to King Hezekiah? (2 marks)

- ✓ Hezekiah should not let the Assyrians to frighten him

- ✓ God will cause Sennacherib to hear a rumour that will make him to go back to his country

Any one point

(ii) What did the Lord say will happen to Sennacherib? (2 marks)

- ✓ He will hear a rumour that will make him go back to his country
- ✓ He will go back to his country where the Lord will have him killed

Any one point

3. **Isaiah 40:1-7** talks about the restoration of the exiles of Judah to their homeland

a. Why was Jerusalem always important to the Jews? (2 marks)

- ✓ It was where their Temple for the worship of God was located

b. Relate God's message to be given to the Jews in exile by the prophet. (10 marks)

- ✓ Tell them that they have suffered long enough
- ✓ Their sins have been forgiven
- ✓ God has punished them in full for their sins
- ✓ Proclaim that all human beings are like grass
- ✓ People last no longer than wild flowers
- ✓ Grass withers and flowers fade when the Lord sends the wind blowing over them
- ✓ God would take care of them during their journey back to Judah

Any five points

c. Describe the preparations that would be made for the smooth return of the exiles to Jerusalem

(4 marks)

- ✓ By preparing a road in the wilderness
- ✓ By clearing the way in the desert for God
- ✓ By filling every valley and leveling every mountain
- ✓ By making the hills plain

- ✓ By making rough country smooth

Any two points

- d. What preparations are generally made in church or prayer house nowadays when an important visitor is coming? Mention any **four** (4 marks)
- ✓ Decorating the church
 - ✓ Cleaning around the church
 - ✓ Preparing delicious food for the visitor
 - ✓ Preparing some gifts for the visitor

1999

1. **Isaiah 38:1-8; 20-22** speaks about the sickness of King Hezekiah
- a. What was King Hezekiah suffering from?
- ✓ He was suffering from a boil or a swelling
- b. State the Lord's message that the prophet Isaiah brought to the king concerning his sickness

(2 marks)

- ✓ He should put everything in order
- ✓ He will not recover
- ✓ He will die

Any one point

- c. (i) What was Hezekiah's reaction? (2 marks)
- ✓ He turned his face to the wall
 - ✓ He cried bitterly
 - ✓ He went to the Temple to pray

Any one point

- (ii) Relate the Lord's response (8 marks)

- ✓ I, the Lord, the God of your ancestor David have heard your prayer and seen your tears
- ✓ I will let you live fifteen years longer
- ✓ I will rescue you and this city of Jerusalem from the emperor of Assyria
- ✓ I will continue to protect the city

(iii) What medication was used to heal the disease? (2 marks)

- ✓ He put paste of fig tree on the boil

2. One of the sins of the people of Israel concerned the worship of idols (Isaiah 44:9-20)

a. What do you understand by the **"worship of idols?"** (2 marks)

- ✓ It is the worship of man-made gods

b. In what ways did Isaiah say the Jewish worship of idols was ridiculous? (8 marks)

- ✓ Idols cannot save man from his troubles
- ✓ Idols cannot predict the future
- ✓ Idols are lifeless
- ✓ Idols are made by man who cannot make God
- ✓ The energy and skill of idol makers are all God's gifts
- ✓ The same tree that is used to make a god is used to make fire for man to warm himself
- ✓ The makers of idols rely on fire and hammer when making their gods
- ✓ Idols cannot control world events

Any four points

c. Why did the Jewish people find idol worship attractive? (8 marks)

- ✓ They wanted to worship a visible god unlike the invisible Yahweh
- ✓ The worship of Yahweh had a lot of restrictions unlike the idols

- ✓ They thought that idols were more powerful than Yahweh because they had been captured by Babylon who worshipped idols
- ✓ Some idol worshippers were more prosperous and successful than the Jews
- ✓ God seemed to take longer to answer their problems
- ✓ They did not like worship of Yahweh that was everyday's activity unlike the occasional worship of idols

Any four points

d. Suggest any **two** idols which are worshipped today **(2 marks)**

- ✓ Magicians
- ✓ Celebrities
- ✓ Physical images
- ✓ Positions
- ✓ Possessions
- ✓ Leaders
- ✓ Children
- ✓ Spouses

Any two points

3. **Isaiah 56:1-8** deals with the conversion of Gentiles and Eunuchs

a. Give reasons why the Jews did not accept the Gentiles and Eunuchs into the Temple **(8 marks)**

- ✓ Gentiles were not part of God's people according to the Law
- ✓ Gentiles were worshippers of idols
- ✓ Jews believed that contact with gentiles was defilement
- ✓ Gentiles were not circumcised as expected of God's people
- ✓ Eunuchs were unable to procreate or pass on life
- ✓ Eunuchs had mutilated their bodies which was God's creation

Any four points

b. State the prophet's answer to the question raised by the Gentiles and Eunuchs (6 marks)

- ✓ God will accept the foreigner's sacrifices
- ✓ God will give the foreigners joy in the house of prayer
- ✓ God will bring the foreigners to the sacred hill of Zion
- ✓ The castrated men names will be remembered in God's Temple
- ✓ The castrated men will be accepted as Jews
- ✓ The castrated men will be remembered among God's people

Any three points

c. What advice did God give to the returning exiles? (6 marks)

- ✓ They should do what pleases God by serving Him
- ✓ They should keep God's covenant faithfully
- ✓ They should do what is just and right
- ✓ They should honour God by keeping the Sabbath

Any three points

2000

1. When King Ahaz heard that the armies of Syria were in Israel, Ahaz and his people were terribly afraid (**Isaiah 7:2**)

a. (i) Which **two** kings threatened to capture Jerusalem? (2 marks)

- ✓ Rezin king of Syria and Pekah king of Israel

(ii) How did Haz and his people react to this threat? (2 marks)

- ✓ They were terrified with the combined power of Syria and Israel
- ✓ They trembled with fear like trees shaking in the wind
- ✓ Ahaz sought for an alliance with Assyria
- ✓ Ahaz inspected the water supply and defence mechanisms in readiness for a possible siege

- ✓ Ahaz burned his son as a sacrifice

Any one point

b. What did God command Isaiah to tell Ahaz? (8 marks)

- ✓ Ahaz should not be afraid
- ✓ He should keep alert and stay calm
- ✓ He should not be disturbed or frightened
- ✓ The anger of Rezin and Pekah is not dangerous than smoke from two smoldering sticks
- ✓ Rezin and Pekah will not be able to terrify Judah
- ✓ Syria and Israel are no longer strong

Any four points

c. Which were the consequences of Ahaz's refusal to take Isaiah's advice? (8 marks)

- ✓ Judah became a vassal state of Assyria and paid tribute
- ✓ Judah allowed the worship of Assyrian gods
- ✓ People of Judah started copying the consultation of mediums and fortune tellers
- ✓ It led to more corruption and oppression of the poor
- ✓ It led to the practice of sacred prostitution and fertility rites in honour of Assyrian gods

Any four points

2. **Isaiah 57** talks about the condemnation of Israel's idolatry

a. To which two groups of sinners are the leaders compared? (2 marks)

- ✓ Prostitutes
- ✓ Sorcerers
- ✓ Adulterers

Any two points

b. Explain the idolatrous practices which are condemned by the Lord. (6 marks)

- ✓ Offering of sacrifices to idols such as stones

- ✓ Offering of sacrifices on the high mountains combined with sacred prostitution
- ✓ Worshipping of the Canaanite fertility gods by having sex under the sacred trees
- ✓ Offering of children as sacrifices to a pagan god Molech
- ✓ Searching of gods to worship in the far and wide places including the world of the dead
- ✓ Offering wine and grain as sacrifices
- ✓ Setting up obscene idols in their homes
- ✓ Mocking God by making fun of the righteous people

Any three points

- c. Why did the lord condemn these idolatrous practices? (8 marks)

- ✓ Idolatry offends God because it is a failure to love Him
- ✓ Idolatry makes people fail to recognize Yahweh's majesty
- ✓ Worship of idols made people to forsake God
- ✓ Worship of idols made people to tell lies that made the righteous people be hurt

- d. Suggest any **two** reasons why people today are afraid of abandoning idolatrous practices

(4 marks)

- ✓ They fear losing their status in the society
- ✓ They fear losing their wealth
- ✓ They fear losing their life
- ✓ They fear becoming deformed

Any two points

2001

1. "Rezin, king of Syria and Pekah king of Israel attacked Jerusalem, but were unable to capture it (**Isaiah 7:1-9**)

- a. (i) Why did Rezin and Pekah attack Jerusalem? (6 marks)

- ✓ They wanted to force Ahaz into an alliance against Assyria

- ✓ They wanted to replace Ahaz with Tabeel's son on the throne
- ✓ They wanted to defend themselves from the Assyrian threat

(ii) How did God rescue Jerusalem from Rezin and Pekah? **(4 marks)**

- ✓ Syria was destroyed by Assyrian soldiers in 732 BC
- ✓ Israel was raided and destroyed by Assyrians in 701 BC

b. What message of encouragement did Isaiah and his companion take to Ahaz? **(6 marks)**

- ✓ That he should stay calm
- ✓ That he should keep alert
- ✓ That he should not be frightened
- ✓ That he should not be disturbed
- ✓ That the anger of King Rezin and Pekah is no more than smoke from two smouldering sticks.

Any three points

c. Say how the name of Isaiah's companion gave a warning of trouble to Ahaz. **(4 marks)**

- ✓ The name Shear-Jashub meant that many Jews would perish in the coming punishment
- ✓ The name Shear-Jashub meant that only a few Jews would return back from exile

2. **In Isaiah 47:1-15**, Isaiah accuses Babylon and foretells her punishments

a. Outline the charges which God brought upon Babylon **(8 marks)**

- ✓ She was cruel and merciless especially towards the aged exiles
- ✓ She was arrogant thinking that she would last forever
- ✓ She insulted God by thinking that she was the greatest
- ✓ She thought she was God
- ✓ She was seeking a life of pleasure

- ✓ She was thinking to escape God's punishment through her magicians, fortunetellers and sorcerers

Any four points

- b. State how Babylon would be punished (8 marks)

- ✓ She will no longer rule the world
- ✓ She will suffer humiliation by losing her possessions
- ✓ She will experience war that will lead to the death of men and children
- ✓ She will be devastated and ruined by war
- ✓ Her fortunetellers and magicians will not be able to help her
- ✓ She will lose her sense of direction

Any four points

- c. Why did God allow Judah to go into Babylonian captivity? (4 marks)

- ✓ It was a punishment for their sins
- ✓ God wanted them to realize their sins and repent
- ✓ God wanted to purify them
- ✓ God was preparing them for the mission of bringing salvation to all nations

Any two points

3. **Isaiah 59** contains Yahweh's responses to people's complaints

- a. Write out four complaints which the people made against Yahweh (8 marks)

- ✓ Yahweh is weak since He has done nothing to save them
- ✓ Yahweh is too deaf to hear them since He seems not to answer their prayers
- ✓ Yahweh does not love them since He has left them alone
- ✓ Salvation promised by Deutero Isaiah was cancelled
- ✓ Yahweh is blind since He seems not to see their suffering
- ✓ Yahweh would not defend them from oppressors

Any four points

b. What were Yahweh's responses to the people's complaints? (6 marks)

- ✓ God is not weak that He can fail to save them but that their sins separated them from God
- ✓ God is not deaf that He can fail to hear their cries
- ✓ God is not weak that He cannot save them
- ✓ Salvation is not cancelled but just delayed
- ✓ It is because of people's sins that God cannot hear them

Any three points

c. List down any **three** acts of injustices that Yahweh accused the people of doing. (6 marks)

- ✓ They were accused of murder
- ✓ They were accused of lying in court
- ✓ They were violent
- ✓ They planned to hurt others
- ✓ They were corrupt and unjust

Any three points

2002

1. In **Isaiah 3**, Yahweh threatens to take away the peoples leaders and things they depend upon.

a. What type of leaders will Yahweh take away? (8 marks)

- ✓ Their heroes and their soldiers
- ✓ Their judges and their prophets
- ✓ Their fortunetellers and their statesmen
- ✓ Their military and civilian leaders
- ✓ Their politicians and everyone who uses magic to control events

Any four points

- b. Suggest any **two** reasons why Yahweh is taking away these leaders and things they depend upon

(4 marks)

- ✓ They plundered the vineyards of the poor
- ✓ They had filled their houses with what they had taken from the poor
- ✓ They have crushed God's poor people
- ✓ They had taken advantage of the poor
- ✓ They were misleading the people
- ✓ They oppressed the poor
- ✓ They never defended the widows and orphans when they presented their cases in court

Any two points

- c. What will be the consequences of this action by Yahweh? Mention **four** things **(8 marks)**

- ✓ Everyone will take advantage of everyone else
- ✓ Young people will not respect their elders
- ✓ Worthless people will not respect their superiors
- ✓ There will be chaos because of taking away their things and leaders
- ✓ They will be governed by immature boys

Any four points

2. **Isaiah 42:1-7** is a description of the Lord's suffering servant

- a. Mention **four** qualities of this servant

(8 marks)

- ✓ He is gentle, not violent, quite and meek
- ✓ He is patient and compassionate to the weak, poor and helpless
- ✓ He is courageous, persevering and not giving up
- ✓ He is faithful and obedient

b. What are the tasks the servant is sent to do? (6 marks)

- ✓ To bring justice to every nation
- ✓ To bring light to the nations
- ✓ To open the eyes of the blind
- ✓ To set free those who sit in dark prisons

Any three points

c. In what way does Jesus fit in as the Lord's servant? (6 marks)

- ✓ At Jesus' presentation in the Temple, Simeon said that Jesus would bring light to the nations
- ✓ During Jesus' baptism, Jesus was declared God's dear son with whom God is pleased
- ✓ At the beginning of Jesus' ministry at Nazareth, Jesus announced that the spirit of the Lord was upon him to proclaim liberty to prisoners
- ✓ During the transfiguration, Jesus was declared as the chosen son of God

Any three points

3. Some exiled Jews in Babylon questioned Yahweh's choice of Cyrus as his instrument to rescue them

a. Why did the Jews question this decision by Yahweh? (6 marks)

- ✓ Cyrus was a gentile and therefore could not be God's anointed
- ✓ Cyrus was not part of God's chosen people and therefore he could not rescue them
- ✓ Cyrus was not circumcised as was required of God's people
- ✓ Cyrus worshipped idols and therefore not fit to be called God's anointed
- ✓ Cyrus did not know the God of Israel
- ✓ It was strange that Yahweh anointed Cyrus as a Messiah yet he was not a Jew
- ✓ It was strange that Yahweh made Cyrus a shepherd yet he was a gentile

Any three points

b. Write about what Yahweh said in response to the people's questions (8 marks)

- ✓ A clay pot does not argue with its maker
- ✓ A child does not complain to its parents why it is made in the way it is
- ✓ God is holy, His thoughts are totally different from man's
- ✓ God is too great to be questioned
- ✓ Cyrus is chosen by God to fulfill His purpose

Any four points

c. What tasks did Cyrus do for the Jews on Yahweh's behalf? (6 marks)

- ✓ He allowed the Jews to return to Judah
- ✓ He allowed the Jews to carry home the Temple vessels that were taken by the Babylonians
- ✓ He encouraged the Jews to rebuild the Temple and Jerusalem city
- ✓ He promised to give the Jews a grant for the rebuilding of the Temple
- ✓ He appointed Sheshbazzar as the leader for the returning Jews

Any three points

2003

1. "Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed....and began to cry bitterly"

a. Explain the reasons for which Hezekiah prayed and cried to the Lord. (6 marks)

- ✓ He had been faithful and dedicated in serving God
- ✓ He was sad at the thought of dying soon
- ✓ There was a belief at that time that there was no real life after death

b. State the Lord's reply to king Hezekiah's action (6 marks)

- ✓ God had heard his prayer and seen his tears
- ✓ God added fifteen more years to his life
- ✓ God promised to protect him and the city of Jerusalem from the Emperor of Assyria

- ✓ God promised to continue protecting the city

Any three points

c. What does this story illustrate about the work of the prophet? **(8 marks)**

- ✓ A prophet provides messages of hope to the people
- ✓ A prophet encourages people that in spite of failures and punishments that sin brings, God will not abandon them
- ✓ A prophet acts as an arbitrator when two sides are in disagreements
- ✓ A prophet predicts about the future
- ✓ A prophet warns leaders to behave according to God's will

Any four points

2. Briefly describe what you understand by each of the following statements as they occur in **Isaiah 40-55**.

a. "I have punished them in full for all their sins" (**Isaiah 40:2**)

- ✓ The exile was a punishment for the people of Judah
- ✓ They had been punished enough
- ✓ Their punishment had come to an end
- ✓ They were about to be released from the exile
- ✓ God had forgiven their sins in full

b. "Can anyone measure the ocean by handfuls?" (**Isaiah 40:12**)

- ✓ God is powerful
- ✓ God cannot be compared to anyone
- ✓ God is the controller of world events
- ✓ God does not consult in order for Him to know and understand how things should be done
- ✓ Idols are weak

c. "You and all you do are nothing" (**Isaiah 41:24**)

- ✓ Idols are useless
- ✓ Those who worship idols are disgusting
- ✓ Idols do not know the past and future
- ✓ Idols do not know the meaning of events
- ✓ Idols cannot perform signs and wonders which inspire admiration and fear
- ✓ It was God who controlled Cyrus and not Marduk or any other gods

d. "Come! Buy wine and milk-it will cost you nothing!" (**Isaiah 55:1**)

- ✓ It is an invitation for the people to the banquet or feast
- ✓ The banquet will be for free
- ✓ The invitation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles alike
- ✓ It is an invitation of mercy

3. The author of **Isaiah 55-56** made it clear that Jews of his time thought foreigners and eunuch should not be allowed to worship Yahweh in the Temple

a. Suggest **two** reasons in each case why the Jews did not allow the following into the Temple:

(i) The foreigners **(4 marks)**

- ✓ Jews considered any contact with foreigner as defilement
- ✓ Foreigners were not circumcised as expected of God's people
- ✓ Foreigners were believed to be worshippers of idols
- ✓ Jews believed that foreigners were not part of God's people according to their interpretation of the Law

Any two points

(ii) The eunuchs **(4 marks)**

- ✓ They were unable to pass on life or procreate

- ✓ They had mutilated their bodies, the creation of God

- b. What responses did the prophet give concerning the worship of Yahweh in His Temple by the following:
 - i. Foreigners (6 marks)
 - ✓ God will bring them to Zion, His sacred hill
 - ✓ God will give them joy in the house of prayer
 - ✓ God will accept their sacrifices

 - ii. The eunuchs (6 marks)
 - ✓ Their names will remembered in God's Temple
 - ✓ They will be accepted as Jews
 - ✓ They will be remembered among His people

2005

1. **Isaiah chapters 3 and 4** describes the chaos and the restoration of Jerusalem respectively
 - a. Mention any **four** sins that the women of Jerusalem are accused of committing (4 marks)
 - ✓ They were full of arrogance which was shown in their walking with their little and careful steps
 - ✓ They were full of pride which made them despise the poor
 - ✓ They were fond of flirting and seducing men to immoral acts such as sexual intercourse
 - ✓ They agreed with their husbands to rob the poor in order to enjoy luxuries
 - ✓ They had excessive love of luxuries

Any four points

- b. State any **four** ways in which God would punish the women of Jerusalem (8 marks)

- ✓ Their heads would be bald
- ✓ All their ornaments and jewels would be taken away
- ✓ Their bodies would stink because they will stop using perfume
- ✓ They would lose their husbands in war
- ✓ They would suffer the disgrace of being childless
- ✓ Seven women will take hold of one man to remove the shame of being husbandless
- ✓ Their beauty will turn into shame
- ✓ They would lose their freedom in that instead of using fine belts, they would use coarse ropes

Any four points

- c. Describe how Jerusalem would be restored **(8 marks)**
- ✓ By bringing new growth after destruction
 - ✓ By bringing holiness after cleansing
 - ✓ By punishing people in order to clean the nation
 - ✓ By being with His people
 - ✓ By making every plant and fruit to become beautiful and large
 - ✓ By God's glory that will cover and protect the whole city of Jerusalem
 - ✓ By calling the survivors holy
 - ✓ By the Lord washing away the guilt of Jerusalem and the blood that was shed there
 - ✓ By the Lord sending a cloud in the day and smoke and a blight flame at night

Any four points

2. **Isaiah chapters 36 and 37** are about the Assyrian threat to Jerusalem.
- a. Why did Sennacherib send his official to Jerusalem? **(2 marks)**
- ✓ To persuade the city of Jerusalem to surrender
 - ✓ To threaten the people of Judah so that they should surrender
- b. (i) How did Hezekiah show his faith in God after the second message from Sennacherib?

(6 marks)

- ✓ By going to the Temple of the Lord to pray
- ✓ By consulting Prophet Isaiah and being ready to follow his advice
- ✓ By asking Isaiah to pray to Yahweh for the people of Judah
- ✓ By believing that Yahweh would punish Sennacherib

Any three points

(ii) What did God say to Hezekiah about the Assyrian threat? **(8 marks)**

- ✓ Sennacherib will not enter the city of Jerusalem or shoot any single arrow against it
- ✓ No single soldier will come near Jerusalem and no siege mounds will be built around it
- ✓ Sennacherib will go back by the road on which he came without entering the city
- ✓ The Lord will defend the city of Jerusalem
- ✓ God is in control because of the promise he made to David that his kingdom will last forever

Any four points

c. Describe how God rescued Jerusalem from the Assyrians. **(4 marks)**

- ✓ The angel of the Lord killed 185000 Assyrian soldiers in their camp
- ✓ Sennacherib withdrew and returned to Nineveh
- ✓ Sennacherib was killed by two of his sons when he was worshipping his idols

Any two points

3. **Isaiah 47:1-15** is about Babylon's pride and humiliation

a. Write out **four** accusations God makes against Babylon **(8 marks)**

- ✓ She was cruel and merciless especially towards the aged exiles
- ✓ She was arrogant thinking that she would last forever
- ✓ She insulted God by thinking that she was the greatest
- ✓ She thought she was God

- ✓ She was seeking a life of pleasure
- ✓ She was thinking to escape God's punishment through her magicians, fortunetellers and sorcerers

b. Describe the punishment that would come upon Babylon (8 marks)

- ✓ She will no longer rule the world
- ✓ She will suffer humiliation by losing her possessions
- ✓ She will experience war that will lead to the death of men and children
- ✓ She will be devastated and ruined by war
- ✓ Her fortunetellers and magicians will not be able to help her
- ✓ She will lose her sense of direction

c. Describe how the Babylonian astrologers worked (4 marks)

- ✓ They studied the stars
- ✓ They mapped out zones of the heavens
- ✓ They predicted what was going to happen to Babylonia

Any two points

2006

1. In **Isaiah 7:11** the prophet says, "Ask the Lord your God to give you a sign."

a. What is meant by a sign? (2 marks)

- ✓ It is an event or object that has a special meaning
- ✓ It is an event through which a believer is assured of God's intervention

Any one of the definitions

b. State the message of assurance King Ahaz received from the Lord before he was given a sign. Give any **four** points (8 marks)

- ✓ Isaiah was told to take his son Shear Jashub and meet King Ahaz
- ✓ Isaiah was to tell Ahaz to keep alert and stay calm
- ✓ That Ahaz should not be frightened or disturbed
- ✓ That the anger of King Rezin and his Syrians and of King Pekah is no more dangerous
- ✓ That the plot Rezin and Pekah had would never happen
- ✓ That Syria was no stronger than Damascus its capital and that Damascus is no stronger than King Rezin
- ✓ That within 65 years Israel would be too shattered to survive as a nation
- ✓ That Israel was no stronger than Samaria its capital city and Samaria was no stronger than King Pekah
- ✓ If King Ahaz's faith was not enduring, he would not endure

Any four points

- c. What was King Ahaz's reply when he was told to ask for a sign? (2 marks)

- ✓ He refused to ask for a sign
- ✓ He refused to put the Lord to the test

- d. Give any **four** oracles that king Ahaz received from the Lord (8 marks)

- ✓ The armies of Egypt, the flies, and those of Assyria, the bees would fight each other in Judah causing destruction and suffering
- ✓ The Assyrian army would come and conquer Ahaz and his people
- ✓ The invading Assyrian army will turn the Jewish farming land into wilderness
- ✓ The people of Judah will only see darkness when they looked up the sky
- ✓ The people of Judah would have no way to escape from the time of trouble
- ✓ There would be famine in the land
- ✓ For the few survivors in the land, they would have milk and honey

Any four points

2. **Isaiah chapters 42:1-7 and 49:1-6** contain descriptions of the Lord's servant.

a. Mention any **three** qualities of this servant of Yahweh as described in these passages

(6 marks)

- ✓ He is gentle, not violent, quite and meek
- ✓ He is patient and compassionate to the weak, poor and helpless
- ✓ He is courageous, persevering and not giving up
- ✓ He is faithful and obedient
- ✓ He is able to express himself powerfully
- ✓ He is the pillar of strength due to his faith in God
- ✓ He knows his aim in life

Any three points

b. What is the mission of the servant in the first and second servant songs? Give any **four** points

(8 marks)

- ✓ To bring justice to every nation
- ✓ To bring light to the nations
- ✓ To open the eyes of the blind
- ✓ To set free those who sit in the dark prisons
- ✓ To bring back the scattered or crypto Jews to Jews

Any four points

c. State any **three** reasons why the servant kept his faith in God in spite of the failure to accomplish his mission

(6 marks)

- ✓ He trusted God because He is the one who appointed him
- ✓ He knew that God would defend his cause
- ✓ He knew that he would be rewarded
- ✓ He knew that the Lord was the source of his strength

Any three points

3. **Isaiah 61:1-10** is about the prophet's inspired message

a. How was the prophet prepared to carry out his tasks? (4 marks)

- ✓ He was filled with God's Holy Spirit
- ✓ The Lord chose him

b. Give any **four** tasks the prophet was going to carry out (8 marks)

- ✓ To announce the good news
- ✓ To heal the broken hearted
- ✓ To announce release of captives and freedom to prisoners
- ✓ To proclaim that the time has come when the Lord will save His people and defeat their enemies
- ✓ To comfort all who mourn
- ✓ To give to those who mourn in Zion joy and gladness instead of grief

Any four points

c. State what the future glory of God's people will be. Give any **four** points (8 marks)

- ✓ Their shame and disgrace would be ended
- ✓ They will live in their own land
- ✓ Their joy would last forever
- ✓ God would make an everlasting covenant with them
- ✓ They would be famous among nations
- ✓ Foreign nations would serve them
- ✓ Jerusalem would be rebuilt
- ✓ They would be called priests of God
- ✓ They will enjoy wealth of the nations

- ✓ Their wealth will be doubled

Any four points

2007

1. **In Isaiah 1:10-24** God condemns the leaders of the people of Judah because of their sacrifices

- a. Mention any **two** gatherings when Jews could bring their sacrifices to God **(4 marks)**

- ✓ New Moon festivals
- ✓ Sabbaths
- ✓ Passover
- ✓ The Day of atonement
- ✓ The Jewish New Year
- ✓ The Feast of Tabernacle

Any two points

- b. Give any **three** reasons why Jews used to offer sacrifices to God **(6 marks)**

- ✓ For adoration or paying homage to God
- ✓ For reconciliation or expiation of their offences
- ✓ For thanksgiving to God
- ✓ For communion with God in a meal
- ✓ For asking for forgiveness of their sins
- ✓ For their petitions to be received by God

Any three points

- c. What accusations did God make against the leaders of Jerusalem? Give any **three** points

(6 marks)

- ✓ They were accused of oppressing the poor
- ✓ They were accused of being unjust by not defending the rights of vulnerable people such as orphans and widows

- ✓ They were accused of living an extravagance or luxurious life of drinking and feasting
- ✓ They were accused of lacking faith in God
- ✓ They were accused of seizing land from the poor
- ✓ They were accused of leading the people into idolatry
- ✓ They were accused of practicing corruption in courts

Any three points

- d. Give any **two** reasons why Christians give offerings to God today. **(4 marks)**
- ✓ To take care of the ministers of God.
 - ✓ To thank God for the blessings they have received.
 - ✓ To assist in running the Church
 - ✓ To assist the needy through the Church

Any two points

2. **In Isaiah 45:1-19**, the Lord appoints Cyrus
- a. Why did God appoint Cyrus? Give any **three** reasons **(6 marks)**
- ✓ To be king and rule on behalf of Yahweh
 - ✓ To conquer nations
 - ✓ To help the chosen people of God to return from exile
 - ✓ To order Jerusalem to be rebuilt
 - ✓ To order the Temple to be rebuilt

Any three points

- b. How was God going to help Cyrus so as to succeed in his mission? State any **four** ways **(8 marks)**
- ✓ By opening the gates of cities for him to enter
 - ✓ By preparing a way for him
 - ✓ By leveling mountains and hills for him
 - ✓ By giving him the wealth to use
 - ✓ By making him triumphant wherever he went

- ✓ By calling him by name which made him a Messiah

Any four points

- c. Why did God choose Cyrus, a Gentile, to carry out his mission? Suggest any **three** reasons

(6 marks)

- ✓ God wanted to show that He has absolute freedom and authority as the creator and master of people
- ✓ God wanted to show His righteousness
- ✓ God wanted to show that His plan of salvation is for all nations
- ✓ God wanted to show that He is Holy and that His ways are not like man's ways

Any three points

3. **Isaiah 55:1-9** contains God's invitation

- a. State any **four** groups of people being invited **(4 marks)**

- ✓ The Jews
- ✓ The Gentiles
- ✓ The Thirsty
- ✓ People without money

- b. Narrate God's invitation to the people **(8 marks)**

- ✓ Come everyone who is thirsty, here is water.
- ✓ Come, you that have no money, buy corn and eat.
- ✓ Come! Buy wine and milk, it will cost you nothing
- ✓ Why spend money on what does not satisfy?
- ✓ Why spend your wages and still be hungry?
- ✓ Listen to me and do what I say, and you will enjoy the best food of all
- ✓ Listen now, my people, and come to me

- ✓ Come to me and you will have life
- ✓ I will make a lasting covenant with you
- ✓ I will give you the blessings I promised to David
- ✓ I made him a leader and commander of nations
- ✓ Through him I showed them my power
- ✓ Now you will summon foreign nations
- ✓ At one time they did not know you
- ✓ But now they will come running to join you
- ✓ Turn to the Lord and pray to Him now that He is near
- ✓ Let the wicked leave their wicked ways of life and change their way of thinking
- ✓ Let them turn to the Lord, our God
- ✓ He is merciful and quick to forgive

Any four points

- c. Mention any **two** conditions one must fulfill to receive God's offer of mercy (4 marks)
- ✓ Listen to God's word and do what the word says
 - ✓ They should go without delay or hesitation
 - ✓ They should repent
 - ✓ They should seek God wherever He may be found and trust Him

Any two points

- d. What are the similarities between the invitation in Isaiah and the one in the parable of the Great Feast found in Luke's Gospel? Give any **two** points (4 marks)
- ✓ Both invitations are open to everyone
 - ✓ The feast is free in both cases
 - ✓ Those who refuse the offer will be punished
 - ✓ Those who refuse will not enjoy the best food

Any two points

2008

1. **Isaiah 6:1-13** is about the vision and call of Isaiah

a. Mention **two** things Isaiah saw in his vision in the Temple

(4 marks)

- ✓ He saw God sitting on the throne
- ✓ He saw flaming creatures each with six wings
- ✓ He saw God's robe that filled the whole Temple
- ✓ He saw a burning coal
- ✓ He saw smoke which filled the whole Temple
- ✓ He saw the foundation of the Temple
- ✓ He saw the altar

Any two points

b. How did Isaiah react to what he saw happening in the Temple?

(4 marks)

- ✓ By saying that there was no hope for him
- ✓ By saying that he was doomed for every word that passed through his mouth was sinful
- ✓ By saying that he lived among people whose every word was sinful
- ✓ By confessing his sins
- ✓ By saying that he had seen God with his own eyes

Any two points

c. Relate the message Isaiah was told to deliver to the people of Israel?

(6 marks)

- ✓ To tell them that "no matter how much you listen , you will not understand"
- ✓ To tell them that "no matter how much you look, you will not know what is happening"
- ✓ To make the minds of the people dull
- ✓ To make their ears deaf
- ✓ To make their eyes blind

Any three points

- d. "How long will it be like this, Lord? (Isaiah 6:11). What was God's response to this question? State any **three** points
(6 marks)

- ✓ Until the cities are ruined and empty
- ✓ Until the houses are uninhabited
- ✓ Until the land becomes a desolate waste
- ✓ Until all the people are sent away from the land
- ✓ Until all those remaining behind are destroyed
- ✓ Until those remaining behind become like a stump of an oak tree that has been cut down

Any three points

2. **Isaiah 38** contains Hezekiah's illness and recovery

- a. What was Hezekiah suffering from? (2 marks)

- ✓ He was suffering from a boil or a swelling

- b. Relate Hezekiah's prayer to God when he was told that he was going to die (4 marks)

- ✓ Remember, Lord, that I have served you faithfully and loyally
- ✓ I have always tried to do what you wanted me to do

- c. What was the Lord's message to King Hezekiah after his prayer? (8 marks)

- ✓ God had heard his prayer and seen his tears
- ✓ God added fifteen more years to his life
- ✓ God promised to rescue him and the city of Jerusalem from the emperor of Assyria
- ✓ God promised to continue protecting the city

- d. Suggest any three lessons leaders today can learn from Hezekiah (6 marks)

- ✓ They should have faith in God
- ✓ They should accept their own mistakes and learn from them

- ✓ They should be very patriotic in making policies
- ✓ They should aim at developing their nations
- ✓ They should be active in international politics by making friends

Any three points

3. **Isaiah 56:1-8** deals with the conversion of foreigners and castrated men.
- a. Why did the Jews not accept each of the following groups of people into the Temple?
State any **two** reasons for each

- i. Castrated men **(4 marks)**

- ✓ They were unable to pass on life or procreate
- ✓ They had mutilated their bodies, the creation of God

- ii. Foreigners **(4 marks)**

- ✓ Jews considered any contact with foreigner as defilement
- ✓ Foreigners were not circumcised as expected of God's people
- ✓ Foreigners were believed to be worshippers of idols
- ✓ Jews believed that foreigners were not part of God's people according to their interpretation of the Law

Any two points

- b. What did Isaiah advise the castrated men to do in order to be saved? Give any **three** reasons

(6 marks)

- ✓ They should honour God by keeping the Sabbath
- ✓ They should keep God's covenant faithfully
- ✓ They should do what pleases Yahweh

- c. Suggest any **three** reasons why some church members are excluded from congregations today?

(6 marks)

- ✓ They involve themselves in theft such as taking church money and using it on their

personal projects

- ✓ They are involved in extramarital relationships or infidelity
- ✓ They are involved in corrupt practices such as offering bribes in order to be voted into a church leadership position
- ✓ They involve themselves in premarital sex which is against church rules
- ✓ They involve themselves in smoking and beer drinking
- ✓ They involve themselves in polygamy

Any three points

2009

1. **In Isaiah 5:1-7** God expresses His disappointment with the people of Judah through a parable.
 - a. What do the following characters represent in the parable?
 - i. Vineyard. (2 marks)
 - ✓ Represents Israel
 - ii. Friend. (2 marks)
 - ✓ Represents God
 - b. How did the "friend" show that he loved the vineyard? Give any **three** ways. (6 marks)
 - ✓ By digging the soil and clearing it of stones
 - ✓ By planting the finest vines
 - ✓ By building a tower to guard it
 - ✓ By digging a pit for treading the grapes
 - ✓ By waiting for the grapes to ripen

Any three points

c. State **three** ways in which God demonstrated His love for the pre-exile Jews. (6 marks)

- ✓ He freed them from bondage in Egypt
- ✓ He gave them the fertile land of Canaan
- ✓ He chose them to make Him known to all nations
- ✓ He revealed Himself to them through different events in history
- ✓ He made a covenant with them
- ✓ He gave the Law to guide them
- ✓ He gave them the prophets and leaders to guide them

Any three points

d. Suggest any **two** reasons why the passage is a parable. (4 marks)

- ✓ It is an imaginary story which is a description of a farmer and his vineyard
- ✓ The story is practical as it can be observed in life
- ✓ It has both moral and religious meaning

Any two points

2. **Isaiah 39:1-8** is about messengers from Babylon

a. Why did the King of Babylon send messengers to Hezekiah? Give **three** reasons (6 marks)

- ✓ To congratulate King Hezekiah on his recovery from sickness
- ✓ To ask for an alliance from Hezekiah against Assyria
- ✓ To spy on the land and wealth of Judah
- ✓ To bring a letter to King Hezekiah
- ✓ To bring gifts or presents to King Hezekiah

Any three points

b. Describe any **three** ways in which Hezekiah tried to impress the messengers who visited him

(6 marks)

- ✓ By warmly welcoming the messengers
- ✓ By showing them Judah's wealth
- ✓ By showing them his military equipment

c. What did Isaiah predict would happen as a result of Hezekiah's action to the messengers?

(8 marks)

- ✓ The wealth of Judah will be carried to Babylonia
- ✓ Everything stored in the palaces will be carried off to Babylonia
- ✓ Judah will be attacked by Babylonia
- ✓ Some of the direct descendants of King Hezekiah would be taken to Babylonian exile
- ✓ Some of the Jews will be castrated in Babylon and will serve in the palaces

Any four points

3. **Isaiah 44:9-20** is about God's devastating attack on idol worship.

a. What does Isaiah say will be the negative effects of idol worship on the people? Give any **two points** (4 marks)

- ✓ They will be disgraced
- ✓ They will be humiliated
- ✓ They will be terrified
- ✓ They will become too stupid to know what they are doing
- ✓ They will be too senseless to admit that idols are not gods at all

Any two points

b. Outline **four** ways in which Isaiah proved that worship of idols was a foolish act. (8 marks)

- ✓ Idols cannot save man from his troubles
- ✓ Idols cannot predict the future

- ✓ Idols are lifeless
- ✓ Idols are made by man who cannot make God
- ✓ The energy and skill of idol makers are all God's gifts
- ✓ The same tree that is used to make a god is used to make fire for man to warm himself
- ✓ The makers of idols rely on fire and hammer when making their gods
- ✓ Idols cannot control world events

Any four points

c. Suggest any **four** reasons for the presence of idolatry in the world today. **(8 marks)**

- ✓ People fear to lose their status in the society
- ✓ People fear losing their wealth
- ✓ People fear losing their life
- ✓ People fear of becoming deformed

2010

1. **Isaiah 1:21-31** is about "the once faithful city."

a. Explain why God describes the city of Jerusalem as a:

i. A whore **(2 marks)**

- ✓ She has rebelled against her God because of her sins of injustice and dishonesty

ii. Water **(2 marks)**

- ✓ Because Injustice has corrupted the whole of Judah's life contrary to what the Lord insists.

b. State any **three** sinful acts committed by the leaders of Jerusalem **(6 marks)**

- ✓ They were accused of oppressing the poor

- ✓ They were accused of being unjust by not defending the rights of vulnerable people such as orphans and widows
- ✓ They were accused of living an extravagance or luxurious life of drinking and feasting
- ✓ They were accused of lacking faith in God
- ✓ They were accused of seizing land from the poor
- ✓ They were accused of leading the people into idolatry
- ✓ They were accused of practicing corruption in courts

Any three points

c. How will the Lord restore justice to the people of Jerusalem? Give any **three** points

(6 marks)

- ✓ He will purify His people.
- ✓ He will give them rulers and advisers like those they had long ago.
- ✓ He will save Jerusalem and everyone who repents.
- ✓ He will crush everyone who sins and rebels against Him
- ✓ He will kill everyone who forsakes Him.

Any three points

d. What **two** lessons can religious leaders of today learn from this passage? **(4 marks)**

- ✓ They should learn that right worship that God wants is to practice justice
- ✓ They should learn not to be corrupt
- ✓ They should learn that God is more interested with righteousness and not sacrifices
- ✓ They should know that God will judge them if they do not lead His people well

Any two points

2. **Isaiah 36 chapters and 37** are about Sennacherib's threat to Jerusalem

a. In what **two** ways did Hezekiah react when he heard the report from his messengers?

(4 marks)

- ✓ He tore his clothes in grief
- ✓ He put on sackcloth

- ✓ He went to the Temple of the Lord to pray
- ✓ He sent his officials with the message to prophet Isaiah

Any two points

b. Give any **four** points which show that Hezekiah was faithful **(8 marks)**

- ✓ After getting the message, he went to the Temple of the Lord to pray
- ✓ He consulted prophet Isaiah for advice
- ✓ He asked Isaiah to pray for the people of Judah
- ✓ He believed that Yahweh would punish Sennacherib

c. What did Sennacherib say in his letter to intimidate Hezekiah? Give any **four** points **(8 marks)**

- ✓ God cheats you when he says that I will not defeat you
- ✓ Yahweh cannot save you since Assyrian gods are greater than any other gods
- ✓ Assyrians have been victorious over nations which had their gods
- ✓ Judah will not escape the destruction from the Assyrian Emperor
- ✓ The Assyrian Emperor can destroy any country he wishes to

Any four points

3. In Isaiah 61:1-11, the prophet proclaims the good news of deliverance

a. How is the prophet prepared to do the work? **(2 marks)**

- ✓ He was filled with God's Holy Spirit
- ✓ The Lord chose him

Any one point

b. State any **four** tasks of the prophet in this passage **(8 marks)**

- ✓ To announce the good news
- ✓ To heal the broken hearted

- ✓ To announce release of captives and freedom to prisoners
- ✓ To proclaim that the time has come when the Lord will save His people and defeat their enemies
- ✓ To comfort all who mourn
- ✓ To give to those who mourn in Zion joy and gladness instead of grief

Any four points

- c. How did Jesus use this passage during his ministry? (2 marks)
- ✓ He used it to introduce his ministry at Nazareth
 - ✓ He confirmed the fulfillment of this prophecy in him and his ministry

Any one point

- d. According to the prophet, what will be the future glory of God's people? Give any **four** points

(8 marks)

- ✓ Their shame and disgrace would be ended
- ✓ They will live in their own land
- ✓ Their joy would last forever
- ✓ God would make an everlasting covenant with them
- ✓ They would be famous among nations
- ✓ Foreign nations would serve them
- ✓ Jerusalem would be rebuilt
- ✓ They would be called priests of God
- ✓ They will enjoy wealth of the nations
- ✓ Their wealth will be doubled

Any four points

2011

1. **Isaiah 3:1-15** is about chaos in Israel.

a. Mention **four** things that Yahweh is going to take away from Jerusalem and Judah (**4 marks**)

- ✓ Water
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Their heroes and their soldiers
- ✓ Their judges and their prophets
- ✓ Their fortunetellers and their statesmen
- ✓ Their military and civilian leaders
- ✓ Their politicians and everyone who uses magic to control events

Any four points

b. What will be the consequences of Yahweh's action? Give any **four** points (**8 marks**)

- ✓ Everyone will take advantage of everyone else
- ✓ Young people will not respect their elders
- ✓ Worthless people will not respect their superiors
- ✓ There will be chaos because of taking away their things and leaders
- ✓ They will be governed by immature boys

c. Explain why people will be punished? Give any **four** reasons (**8 marks**)

- ✓ Everything people said and did was against Yahweh
- ✓ They openly insulted Yahweh
- ✓ They sinned openly as people of Sodom did
- ✓ Money lenders oppressed or exploited God's poor people
- ✓ Creditors cheated God's poor people

Any four points

2. **Isaiah 47:1-5** is about Babylonian pride and humiliation

a. Give any **two** reasons why Babylon is personified as a virgin (**4 marks**)

- ✓ She had never been conquered
- ✓ She was young and delicate

- ✓ She was a proud conqueror
- ✓ She was a world ruler

Any two points

b. Mention any **four** charges that the Lord makes against Babylon (8 marks)

- ✓ She was cruel and merciless especially towards the aged exiles
- ✓ She was arrogant thinking that she would last forever
- ✓ She insulted God by thinking that she was the greatest
- ✓ She thought she was God
- ✓ She was seeking a life of pleasure
- ✓ She was thinking to escape God's punishment through her magicians, fortunetellers and sorcerers

Any four points

c. Describe any **four** ways in which Babylon is going to be punished (8 marks)

- ✓ She will no longer rule the world
- ✓ She will suffer humiliation by losing her possessions
- ✓ She will experience war that will lead to the death of men and children
- ✓ She will be devastated and ruined by war
- ✓ Her fortunetellers and magicians will not be able to help her
- ✓ She will lose her sense of direction

Any four points

3. a. Explain **four** reasons that led the Jews to turn to idolatrous practices (8 marks)

- ✓ They wanted the worship of a physical and seen god unlike the unseen Yahweh
- ✓ They saw that developed countries like Babylon worshiped idols
- ✓ They thought that the worship of a physical god was easier than the worship of the unseen Yahweh
- ✓ They thought that the idols were more powerful than Yahweh because they had been

defeated by Babylon which was assisted by their gods

- ✓ The worship of God had more restrictions than the worship of idols
- ✓ Some idol worshippers were more successful in life than the Jews
- ✓ God seemed to take too long to answer their problems
- ✓ They did not like the worship of Yahweh which was everyday's activity unlike the occasional worship of idols

Any four points

b. Describe any **four** idolatrous practices which Yahweh condemns in Isaiah 57 (8 marks)

- ✓ Offering of sacrifices to idols such as stones
- ✓ Offering of sacrifices on the high mountains combined with sacred prostitution
- ✓ Worshipping of the Canaanite fertility gods by having sex under the sacred trees
- ✓ Offering of children as sacrifices to a pagan god Molech
- ✓ Searching of gods to worship in the far and wide places including the world of the dead
- ✓ Offering wine and grain as sacrifices
- ✓ Setting up obscene idols in their homes
- ✓ Mocking God by making fun of the righteous people

Any four points

c. Why does the Lord condemn idol practices in Isaiah 57? Give any **two** reasons (4 marks)

- ✓ Idolatry offends God because it is a failure to love Him
- ✓ Idolatry makes people fail to recognize Yahweh's majesty
- ✓ Worship of idols made people to forsake God
- ✓ Worship of idols made people to tell lies that made the righteous people be hurt

Any two points

2012

1. **Isaiah 6:1-13** contains the vision and call of Isaiah

a. What did Isaiah see in his vision in the Temple? Give any **four** points (4 marks)

- ✓ He saw God sitting on the throne
- ✓ He saw flaming creatures each with six wings
- ✓ He saw God's robe that filled the whole Temple
- ✓ He saw a burning coal
- ✓ He saw smoke which filled the whole Temple
- ✓ He saw the foundation of the Temple
- ✓ He saw the altar

Any four points

b. Give any **two** ways in which Isaiah reacted to what he saw in the Temple (4 marks)

- ✓ By saying that there was no hope for him
- ✓ By saying that he was doomed for every word that passed through his mouth was sinful
- ✓ By saying that he lived among people whose every word was sinful
- ✓ By confessing his sins
- ✓ By saying that he had seen God with his own eyes

Any two points

c. Narrate the message which Isaiah was commissioned to deliver to God's people (6 marks)

- ✓ To tell them that "no matter how much you listen , you will not understand"
- ✓ To tell them that "no matter how much you look, you will not know what is happening"
- ✓ To make the minds of the people dull
- ✓ To make their ears deaf
- ✓ To make their eyes blind

Any three points

d. Explain any three qualities of God as revealed in Isaiah's vision (6 marks)

✓ **God is King**

-He was sitting on the throne

-He is in control of world events

✓ **God is Holy**

-He is not like man who is sinful

-No one can look at Him

✓ **God is glorious**

-God's glory filled the Temple

-His glory is revealed when suffering and oppression ceases

2. **Isaiah 42:1-7** is about the First Servant Song.

a. Describe **four** qualities of the servant of the Lord in this passage (8 marks)

- ✓ He is gentle, not violent, quite and meek
- ✓ He is patient and compassionate to the weak, poor and helpless
- ✓ He is courageous, persevering and not giving up
- ✓ He is faithful and obedient

b. Explain any **three** tasks the servant in the First Servant Song. (6 marks)

- ✓ To bring justice to every nation
- ✓ To bring light to the nations
- ✓ To open the eyes of the blind
- ✓ To set free those who sit in dark prisons

Any three points

c. Give any **three** ways in which Jesus plays the role of the servant of the Lord. (6 marks)

- ✓ At Jesus' presentation in the Temple, Simeon said that Jesus would bring light to the nations

- ✓ During Jesus' baptism, Jesus was declared God's dear son with whom God is pleased
- ✓ At the beginning of Jesus' ministry at Nazareth, Jesus announced that the spirit of the Lord was upon him to proclaim liberty to prisoners
- ✓ During the transfiguration, Jesus was declared as the chosen son of God

Any three points

3. In Isaiah 59:1-4 describes the people's complaints and God's answer (4 marks)
- a. State any **two** complaints which the people made to God
- ✓ Yahweh is weak since He has done nothing to save them
 - ✓ Yahweh is too deaf to hear them since He seems not to answer their prayers
 - ✓ Yahweh does not love them since He has left them alone
 - ✓ Salvation promised by Deutero Isaiah was cancelled
 - ✓ Yahweh is blind since He seems not to see their suffering
 - ✓ Yahweh would not defend them from oppressors

Any two points

- b. Mention any **four** responses God gave to people's complaints (8 marks)
- ✓ God is not weak that He can fail to save them but that their sins separated them from God
 - ✓ God is not deaf that He can fail to hear their cries
 - ✓ God is not weak that He cannot save them
 - ✓ Salvation is not cancelled but just delayed
 - ✓ It is because of people's sins that God cannot hear them

Any four points

- c. What do some Christians do today when God seems not to answer their prayers? Give any **four** points (8 marks)
- ✓ They stop believing in God by visiting witchdoctors

- ✓ They stop going to their respective churches
- ✓ Some involve themselves in prayer and fasting
- ✓ Some doubt if God really exists

2013

1. **Isaiah 5:1-7** is about God's condemnation of Judah's religion.

a. What is the meaning of the term "parable"? **(2 marks)**

- ✓ It is an imaginary story of something observed in life pointing to a spiritual truth
- ✓ It is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning
- ✓ A comparison which contains a teaching.
- ✓ A short story that uses familiar situations to illustrate a religious or moral point

Any one definition

b. What do the following characters represent in the parable?

i. "my friend" **(2 marks)**

- ✓ Represents God

ii. "Vineyard." **(2 marks)**

- ✓ Represents Israel

c. Outline any **four** ways in which the friend cared for the vineyard **(8 marks)**

- ✓ By digging the soil and clearing it of stones
- ✓ By planting the finest vines
- ✓ By building a tower to guard it
- ✓ By digging a pit for treading the grapes
- ✓ By waiting for the grapes to ripen

Any four points

d. Give any **three** privileges the Israelites enjoyed for being God's chosen people **(6 marks)**

- ✓ They were given a special and fertile land

- ✓ God had revealed Himself to them
- ✓ They were given laws to govern them
- ✓ They had prophets
- ✓ They were a light to other nations

Any three points

2. In **Isaiah 39:1-8** King Hezekiah of Judah received messengers from Babylonia

a. State any **two** things Hezekiah showed the messengers from Babylonia (2 marks)

- ✓ Silver
- ✓ Gold
- ✓ Spices
- ✓ Perfumes
- ✓ Military equipment

Any two points

b. Why did the Babylonian King send his messengers to Hezekiah? State any **two** points

- ✓ To congratulate King Hezekiah on his recovery from sickness
- ✓ To ask for an alliance from Hezekiah against Assyria
- ✓ To spy on the land and wealth of Judah
- ✓ To bring a letter to King Hezekiah
- ✓ To bring gifts or presents to King Hezekiah

(4 marks)

Any two points

c. Why did Hezekiah show Judah's possessions to Babylonian messengers? State any **four** points

(8 marks)

- ✓ Because Hezekiah was flattered by the visitors from a powerful country
- ✓ Because Hezekiah wanted to show that he was an equal partner in the alliance

- ✓ Because Hezekiah was showing off
 - ✓ Because Hezekiah wanted to get favourable terms for the alliance
- d. Suggest the importance of diplomatic relations among world's nations. Give **three** points
(6 marks)

- ✓ They help nations in doing trade between themselves
- ✓ They help to get military support from one another especially in time of conflicts
- ✓ They help nations to get financial support from one another
- ✓ They help in solving common problems among themselves

Any three points

3. **Isaiah 56:1-8** is about the admission of converts
- a. Narrate the message of the prophet to the eunuchs (6 marks)
- ✓ Those who cannot have children are part of God's people
 - ✓ They should honour God by observing the Sabbath
 - ✓ They should do what pleases God and keep the covenant
 - ✓ Their names will be remembered in God's Temple and among God's people
 - ✓ They will never be forgotten

Any three points

- b. Give **one** reason why eunuchs were excluded from Jewish community. (2 marks)
- ✓ They were unable to pass on life or procreate
 - ✓ They had mutilated their bodies, the creation of God

Any one point

- c. Why are leaders likened to "greedy dogs that never get enough"? Give **two** points (4 marks)
- ✓ Because they were greedy by seeking their own advantage

- ✓ Because they were selfish by pleasing themselves
- d. Suggest any **four** reasons why some members are excommunicated from their churches today.

(8 marks)

- ✓ They involve themselves in theft such as taking church money and using it on their personal projects
- ✓ They are involved in extramarital relationships or infidelity
- ✓ They are involved in corrupt practices such as offering bribes in order to be voted into a church leadership position
- ✓ They involve themselves in premarital sex which is against church rules
- ✓ They involve themselves in smoking and beer drinking
- ✓ They involve themselves in polygamy

2014

1. Isaiah 1:10-17 is about God's condemnation of Judah's religion.

- a. Mention any two religious ceremonies of the Jews.

(2 marks)

- ✓ New Moon Festival
- ✓ Sabbath
- ✓ Jewish New Year Festival
- ✓ Passover
- ✓ Atonement
- ✓ The Feast of Tabernacle

Any two points

- b. What charges does the Lord make against his people? Give **three** points. **(6 marks)**

- ✓ They were accused of living a sinful life
- ✓ They were accused of oppressing widows and orphans
- ✓ They were accused of not defending the rights of orphans and widows
- ✓ They were accused of hypocritical religion

- ✓ They were accused of rebellion against God

Any three points

- c. Give **three** ways in which people of Judah can make their religion acceptable to God.

(6 marks)

- ✓ By washing themselves clean
- ✓ By stopping doing evil
- ✓ By learning to do right.
- ✓ By doing justice to the oppressed such as the orphans and widows
- ✓ By giving orphans their rights
- ✓ By defending the widows

Any three points

- d. Suggest any **three** reasons why Christians give offerings to the Lord today. (6 marks)

- ✓ To take care of the ministers of God.
- ✓ To thank God for the blessings they have received.
- ✓ To assist in running the Church
- ✓ To assist the needy through the Church

Any three points

2. Isaiah 40:1-17 is about God's plans to restore the Jews to their homeland.

- a. What task is the prophet given? (2 marks)

- ✓ To comfort and give hope to the exiled Jews
- ✓ To encourage the people of Israel

- b. Relate God's message to be given to the exiled Jews by the prophet. (8 marks)

- ✓ Tell them that they have suffered long enough
- ✓ Their sins have been forgiven
- ✓ God has punished them in full for their sins
- ✓ Proclaim that all human beings are like grass
- ✓ People last no longer than wild flowers

- ✓ Grass withers and flowers fade when the Lord sends the wind blowing over them
- ✓ God would take care of them during their journey back to Judah

Any four points

- c. Explain any **two** qualities displayed by God in this passage. **(4 marks)**
- ✓ God's strength shown by His ability to rescue His people
 - ✓ God's gentleness shown by His ability to care for the weak
 - ✓ God's greatness shown by His ability to bring the rescued people
 - ✓ God's glory shown when His people are rescued

Any two points

- d. Give any **three** things which Christians do today in preparation for a more important visitor to their church **(6 marks)**
- ✓ Decorating the church
 - ✓ Cleaning around the church
 - ✓ Preparing delicious food for the visitor
 - ✓ Preparing some gifts for the visitor

Any three points

3. **Isaiah 56:1-12** is about the admission of converts and bad leadership.
- a. Why are eunuchs excluded from Jewish community? **(2 marks)**
- ✓ They were unable to pass on life or procreate
 - ✓ They had mutilated their bodies, the creation of God

Any one point

- b. Give any two points contained in the prophet's answer on the conditions for admitting each of the following:
- i. Eunuchs **(4 marks)**

- ✓ They should honour God by keeping the Sabbath
- ✓ They should keep God's covenant faithfully
- ✓ They should do what pleases God

Any two points

- ii. Foreigners **(4 marks)**
- ✓ They should observe the Sabbath
 - ✓ They should do what pleases God
 - ✓ They should keep God's covenant faithfully

Any two points

- c. i. To what are leaders in Isaiah 56 likened? Give two points **(2 marks)**
- ✓ Watchdogs that do not bark
 - ✓ Greedy dogs that never get enough

Any one point

- ii. Give any **three** reasons for the answer in c (i) **(6 marks)**
- ✓ They are lazy in that they are inactive to speak against the evils in the society
 - ✓ They are greedy in that they are only interested in their own personal gains and advantages
 - ✓ They are selfish in that they do that which pleases themselves
 - ✓ They are corrupt by using their positions to enrich themselves
 - ✓ They are responsible and careless by not being able to understand their responsibilities
 - ✓ They are blind in that they do not warn people against idolatry and superstition

Any three points

- d. How is God going to punish His people? **(2 marks)**
- ✓ By using the pagan nations to attack the people of Judah

2015

1. **Isaiah 8:16-22** deals with Prophet Isaiah's withdrawal from public ministry.
- a. Give **three** tasks that Isaiah gave to his disciples according to this passage (6 marks)
- ✓ To guard and preserve his teachings by putting them in writing
 - ✓ To discourage people from consulting mediums because mediums could not help the people
 - ✓ To inform the people of Judah about the time of trouble in which people will curse their king and God
- b. Outline any **two** experiences which the people of Judah would go through during this period

(4 marks)

- ✓ People would wonder through the Land, discouraged and hungry.
- ✓ In their hunger and anger, they would curse their God and King.
- ✓ People would have no way to escape from the time of trouble.
- ✓ Instead they would see trouble and terrifying darkness.
- ✓ People would see nothing when they looked up to the sky or stare at the ground.

Any two points

- c. Suggest **three** reasons that led Isaiah of Jerusalem to withdraw from public ministry

(6 marks)

- ✓ His prophetic work was fruitless
- ✓ He was tired of King Ahaz's stubbornness concerning the Assyrian alliance
- ✓ He wanted to pay more attention and time to his disciples
- ✓ He was waiting for the Lord to make His prophecies come true
- ✓ He wanted to give his disciples to put his messages into writing

Any three points

- d. Suggest any **two** reasons why some church leaders may stop serving their churches or ministries today

(4 marks)

- ✓ They may be tired of the stubbornness of their members
- ✓ They may be frustrated by church member's inability to pay tithe

- ✓ They may be involved in scandals such as extramarital relationships

Any two points

2. **Isaiah chapter 40:1-17** is about the message of hope and picture of Yahweh as the incomparable God
 - a. State the message of comfort that Isaiah gives the exiled Jews. Give any **two** reasons **(4 marks)**
 - ✓ He told them that they had suffered long enough
 - ✓ He told them that their sins had been forgiven
 - ✓ He told that God has punished them in full for their sins
 - ✓ He told them that God would take care of them during their journey back to Judah

Any two points

- b. Suggest **four** ways in which a road for Yahweh will be prepared **(8 marks)**
 - ✓ By preparing a road in the wilderness
 - ✓ By clearing the way in the desert for God
 - ✓ By filling every valley and level every mountain
 - ✓ By making hills plain
 - ✓ By making rough country smooth

Any for points

- c. Outline any **three** reasons to prove that Yahweh is incomparable **(6 marks)**
 - ✓ Because only God knows the past and the future
 - ✓ Because only God knows the meaning of events
 - ✓ Because only God performs signs and wonders which inspire admiration and fear
 - ✓ Because only God and not Marduk or any other gods of the gentiles control Cyrus
 - ✓ Because only God and not astrologers predicted Cyrus's victory

Any three points

- d. What does the expression "all human beings are like grass that withers and flowers that fade"

(2 marks)

- ✓ Man is weak and does not last long

3. **Isaiah 55:1-9** contains God's invitation

a. Identify the **two** groups of people that God invites

(2 marks)

- ✓ The Jews
- ✓ The Gentiles
- ✓ The Thirsty
- ✓ People without money

Any two points

b. Relate God's invitation to these people
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- ✓ Come everyone who is thirsty, here is water.
- ✓ Come, you that have no money, buy corn and eat.
- ✓ Come! Buy wine and milk, it will cost you nothing
- ✓ Why spend money on what does not satisfy?
- ✓ Why spend your wages and still be hungry?
- ✓ Listen to me and do what I say, and you will enjoy the best food of all
- ✓ Listen now, my people, and come to me
- ✓ Come to me and you will have life
- ✓ I will make a lasting covenant with you
- ✓ I will give you the blessings I promised to David
- ✓ I made him a leader and commander of nations
- ✓ Through him I showed them my power
- ✓ Now you will summon foreign nations
- ✓ At one time they did not know you
- ✓ But now they will come running to join you

- ✓ Turn to the Lord and pray to Him now that He is near
- ✓ Let the wicked leave their wicked ways of life and change their way of thinking
- ✓ Let them turn to the Lord, our God
- ✓ He is merciful and quick to forgive

Any three points

- c. Give **three** similarities between this invitation in Isaiah and the parable of the Great Feast in **Luke 14:15-24** (6 marks)
- ✓ Both invitations are open to everyone
 - ✓ The feast is free in both cases
 - ✓ In both cases those who refuse the offer will be punished
 - ✓ In both cases those who refuse the offer will not enjoy the best food

Any three points

- d. To what tasks does the Lord call Christians of society today? Give any **two** points (4 marks)
- ✓ To serve the poor
 - ✓ To spread the gospel
 - ✓ To preserve the environment
 - ✓ To promote love and peace in the world

2016

1. In **Isaiah 36:1-22** the Assyrians threatened to invade Jerusalem
- a. State any **two** requests made by the three officials sent by Hezekiah to the Assyrian official (4 marks)
- ✓ That the official should speak in Aramaic
 - ✓ That the official should not speak in Hebrew
- b. Name the Assyrian official's reply to the request made by Hezekiah's officials (6 marks)

marks)

- ✓ He told them that the Emperor sent him not only to the king and the officials
- ✓ He told them that he was also talking to the people on the wall
- ✓ He threatened that the people will eat their excrement and drink their urine

c. (i) How did Hezekiah's officials react to the speech made by the Assyrian official **(2 marks)**

- ✓ They tore their clothes in grief
- ✓ They went to report to the king
- ✓ They put on sackcloth
- ✓ They were not happy because the official was speaking in Hebrew

Any one point

(ii) Why are there conflicts among countries today? Suggest any **four** points **(8 marks)**

- ✓ Because of fighting for territorial borders especially where there are minerals along the border
- ✓ Because of fight for control of governments especially where one faction uses force to remove an existing government
- ✓ Because of fight for economic resources
- ✓ Because of fight over ideological differences as was the case between capitalist USA and communist Russia in the Cold War
- ✓ Because of ethnic rivalries where one ethnic group believes its superior to the others
- ✓ Because of religious differences

Any four points

2. In Isaiah chapter 44:9-20, the prophet condemns the worship of idols

a. State how the prophet showed that idol worship was ridiculous. Give any **four** points

(8 marks)

- ✓ Idols cannot save man from his troubles

- ✓ Idols cannot predict the future
- ✓ Idols are lifeless
- ✓ Idols are made by man who cannot make God
- ✓ The energy and skill of idol makers are all God's gifts
- ✓ The same tree that is used to make a god is used to make fire for man to warm himself
- ✓ The makers of idols rely on fire and hammer when making their gods
- ✓ Idols cannot control world events

Any four points

b. Why were many Jews attracted to the worship of idols? Give any **three** points (6 marks)

- ✓ They wanted to worship a visible god unlike the invisible Yahweh
- ✓ The worship of Yahweh had a lot of restrictions unlike the idols
- ✓ They thought that idols were more powerful than Yahweh because they had been captured by Babylon who worshipped idols
- ✓ Some idol worshippers were more prosperous and successful than the Jews
- ✓ God seemed to take longer to answer their problems
- ✓ They did not like worship of Yahweh that was everyday's activity unlike the occasional worship of idols

Any three points

c. Suggest any **three** ways in which idols are worshipped today. (6 marks)

- ✓ By visiting magicians so as to keep one's wealth
- ✓ By putting stickers of Men of God in homes and cars
- ✓ By over-praising celebrities such as musicians and football players
- ✓ By overzealously following political and religious leaders

Any three points

3. **Isaiah 61:1-11** contains the prophet's inspired message

a. State any **four** tasks which the prophet was anointed to do (8 marks)

- ✓ To announce the good news
- ✓ To heal the broken hearted
- ✓ To announce release of captives and freedom to prisoners
- ✓ To proclaim that the time has come when the Lord will save His people and defeat their enemies
- ✓ To comfort all who mourn
- ✓ To give to those who mourn in Zion joy and gladness instead of grief

Any four points

- b. Outline the **three** activities which the foreigners would carry out for the people of Israel

(6 marks)

- ✓ They will serve the Israelites
- ✓ They will take care of the flock of Israelites
- ✓ They will farm the land for the Israelites
- ✓ They will tend the Israelites vineyards

- c. In what **three** ways did Jesus Christ fulfill the passage during his ministry as recorded in the Gospels?

(6 marks)

- ✓ Jesus raised the dead
- ✓ Jesus healed the sick
- ✓ He preached the good news of salvation
- ✓ He claimed to have come to deliver people from sin

Any three points

2017

1. In **Isaiah 1:10-17**, the Lord condemns religious practices in Judah
- a. (i) Why does the Lord liken the leaders of Jerusalem to the people of Sodom and Gomorrah? Give any **one** point

(2 marks)

- ✓ They are as sinful as those of Sodom and Gomorrah

- (ii) Give **two** reasons why God rejected the people's sacrifices.

(4)

marks)

- ✓ They continued committing sins
- ✓ They combined God's worship with pagan practices
- ✓ They divorced religion from morality

Any two points

b. Explain the following religious ceremonies that were practiced by the Jews:

(i) New Moon Festival (2 marks)

- ✓ A day of rest at the beginning of each month when Jews offered sacrifices to God.

(ii) Sabbath (2 marks)

- ✓ The seventh day of the week in the Hebrew calendar, a day of rest and prayer.

(iii) Passover Festival (2 marks)

- ✓ A political and religious feast celebrated to remind the Jews of their release from the Egyptian slavery

c. What does Yahweh expect the worshippers to do? Give any **three** points (6 marks)

- ✓ They should wash themselves clean
- ✓ They should stop doing evil
- ✓ They should learn to do right.
- ✓ They should see to it that justice is done

Any three points

d. Suggest any **one** reason why the Jews offered sacrifices to God (2 marks)

- ✓ For adoration or paying homage to God
- ✓ For reconciliation or expiation of their offences
- ✓ For thanksgiving to God

- ✓ For communion with God in a meal
- ✓ For asking for forgiveness of their sins
- ✓ For their petitions to be received by God

Any one point

2. **Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12** is about the Fourth Servant Song.
- a. Why did the people of the world not view the Lord's servant positively? Give any **three** reasons.

(6 marks)

- ✓ He was badly wounded
- ✓ He was badly beaten
- ✓ He was disfigured that he hardly looked human
- ✓ He had nothing attractive about him
- ✓ He had no dignity or beauty for people to notice him

Any three points

- b. Give any **three** things the servant endured due to other people's sinfulness. **(6 marks)**

- ✓ Carrying out the sorrows and sins of others
- ✓ Healing others by the sorrows inflicted on him
- ✓ Making himself an offering for sins of others

- c. How did the Lord glorify His servant? Give any **two** points **(4 marks)**

- ✓ He was raised from the dead
- ✓ Kings became speechless with him
- ✓ Many nations marveled at him

Any two points

- d. How does Jesus perfectly identify with this servant? Give any **two** points **(4 marks)**

- ✓ Jesus was arrested and sent off to death

- ✓ Jesus was so disfigured that he hardly looked human
- ✓ Jesus was despised and rejected
- ✓ Jesus was treated harshly but endured it humbly
- ✓ Jesus rose from the dead and hence glorified

Any two points

3. In **Isaiah 59:1-4**, the people complained to Yahweh
- a. (i) Give any **one** complaint the Jews made to the Lord. (2 marks)
- ✓ Yahweh is weak since He has done nothing to save them
 - ✓ Yahweh is too deaf to hear them since He seems not to answer their prayers
 - ✓ Yahweh does not love them since He has left them alone
 - ✓ Salvation promised by Deutero Isaiah was cancelled
 - ✓ Yahweh is blind since He seems not to see their suffering
 - ✓ Yahweh would not defend them from oppressors

Any one point

- (ii) Outline any **four** sins committed by the people that separated them from the Lord. (8 marks)

- ✓ They committed murder of innocent people
 - ✓ They lied in court to win cases
 - ✓ They were violent by carrying out destruction
 - ✓ They planned to hurt others
 - ✓ They were corrupt
 - ✓ They were unjust
- b. Give any **three** problems the post-exilic Jews faced when they returned to Judah **(6 marks)**
- ✓ They found a poor and backward nation
 - ✓ They found a lot of injustices and corruption in Judah

- ✓ There was tension between the returnees and those who stayed behind on rebuilding of the Temple
- ✓ There was hostility between the Jews and the Samaritans
- ✓ They were frustrated with delay of the fulfillment of the promises Deutero Isaiah made

Any four points

- c. Suggest any **two** things the Jews needed to do for God to answer their prayers. **(4 marks)**
- ✓ They must stop lying in court
 - ✓ They must stop being violent
 - ✓ They must stop hurting the innocent
 - ✓ They must stop murder

Any two points

2018

1. **In Isaiah 37:8-38**, the Assyrians sent a letter to Judah.
- a. Outline any **four** points contained in Sennacherib's letter **(8 marks)**
- ✓ God cheats Hezekiah when He says Sennacherib will not defeat Judah
 - ✓ Yahweh cannot save Judah since Assyrian gods are greater than any other gods including Yahweh
 - ✓ Assyrians have been victorious over nations that had their gods before
 - ✓ Judah will not escape the destruction from the Assyrian Emperor
- b. How did King Hezekiah react after receiving the letter? Give any **two** points **(4 marks)**
- ✓ He read it
 - ✓ He went to the Temple
 - ✓ He placed the letter before the Lord
 - ✓ He prayed to the Lord

- c. Outline any **two** actions that the Lord will do in reaction to Sennacherib's insults to Him
(4 marks)

- ✓ Sennacherib will be forced to return back home
- ✓ The angel of the Lord will Assyrian soldiers in the camp
- ✓ Sennacherib will be killed by his two sons

Any two points

- d. Explain any **two** lessons that today's leaders can learn from Hezekiah's actions (4 marks)

- ✓ They should have faith in God
- ✓ They should exercise patience when faced with crisis

2. Isaiah 38:1-8, 21-22 deals with the illness and miraculous recovery of King Hezekiah

- a. What was King Hezekiah suffering from? (2 marks)

- ✓ He was suffering from a boil or a swelling

- b. (i) How did King Hezekiah react when the Lord told him to prepare to die? Give any **two** points

(4 marks)

- ✓ He turned his face to the wall
- ✓ He prayed to the Lord
- ✓ He cried bitterly

- (ii) Relate the Lord's response to Hezekiah after the King had prayed to Him. (6 marks)

- ✓ I, the Lord, the God of your ancestor have heard your prayer and seen your tears
- ✓ I will let you live fifteen years longer
- ✓ I will rescue you and the city of Jerusalem from the emperor of Assyria
- ✓ I will continue to protect the city

Any three points

c. What medication was used to heal King Hezekiah? (2 marks)

- ✓ He put paste of fig tree on the boil

d. Explain any **three** ways in which some pastors heal the sick nowadays (6 marks)

- ✓ They pray for the sick
- ✓ They give the sick people anointing water
- ✓ They lay their hands on the sick
- ✓ They give the sick people healing ornaments to wear

Any three points

3. **Isaiah 42:1-7** is about the First Servant Song.

a. Give any **two** ways in which God prepared the servant (4 marks)

- ✓ God strengthened him
- ✓ God filled him with His Spirit
- ✓ God gave him power

Any two points

b. Describe any **three** qualities of the servant (6 marks)

- ✓ He is gentle, not violent, quite and meek
- ✓ He is patient and compassionate to the weak, poor and helpless
- ✓ He is courageous, persevering and not giving up
- ✓ He is faithful and obedient

Any three points

c. Describe the mission of the servant of the Lord. Give nay **three** points (6 marks)

- ✓ To bring justice to every nation

- ✓ To bring light to the nations
- ✓ To open the eyes of the blind
- ✓ To set free those who sit in dark prisons

Any three points

d. Explain any **two** tasks that church leaders usually do for their church members **(4 marks)**

- ✓ They preach the Gospel to them
- ✓ They share items with those who lack basic needs
- ✓ They visit members who are lapsing
- ✓ They act as mediators when members are in a conflict
- ✓ They organize seminars where members are taught on variety of issues such as self reliance and financial prudence

Any three points

2019

1. **Isaiah 52:13-53:1-12** is about the Fourth Servant Song

a. What was the mission of the servant in the Fourth Servant Song? Give any **two** points

(4 marks)

- ✓ Carrying the sorrows and sins of others
- ✓ Healing others by the sorrows inflicted on him
- ✓ Making himself an offering for the sins of others

Any two points

b. Describe any **three** qualities of the servant in the Fourth Servant Song **(6 marks)**

- ✓ He does not look attractive or successful
- ✓ Suffering puts its mark on him
- ✓ He bears suffering without complaining or trying to defend himself
- ✓ He will be despised and rejected by people

Any three ways

c. Describe any **three** ways in which the servant suffered in the Fourth Servant Song

- ✓ He was disfigured beyond human recognition
- ✓ He was despised and rejected by people
- ✓ He was badly treated that he looked unattractive
- ✓ He endured suffering and pain
- ✓ He was wounded for the sins of others
- ✓ He was beaten because of the evil of others

Any three points

d. Give any **two** lessons Christian leaders can learn from the experiences of the servant in the Fourth Servant Song

- ✓ They should always aim at serving others
- ✓ They should be always humble
- ✓ They should refrain from being selfish

Any two points