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SECTION A – THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

1998 EXAMINATION

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)**

- The Lord sitting on his throne
- The Lord's robe filling the whole temple
- Flaming creatures standing round the Lord
- Smoke filling the Temple
- The Lord's throne

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

- God is holy as he is separated from man in that man is sinful
- God is glorious symbolised by His robe filling the whole Temple
- God is King as he sits on the throne and controls history

- b. **Explain the reaction of the prophet as recorded in verse 5. (4 marks)**

- He said there was no hope for him
- He said he was doomed because every word that passed his lips was sinful and that he lived among a people whose every word was sinful

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

- To make the minds of the people dull, their ears deaf and their eyes blind so that they cannot see, or hear or understand

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

- He forgave the sins of Isaiah when one of the flaming creatures touched Isaiah's lips with a burning call **(2 marks)**

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

- People would not pay attention to him
- His message would fall on deaf ears
- people would reject the message due to their sins

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)**

- You are good at talking but you lack military power
- You cannot rely on Egypt for help since Egypt is weak and has already been defeated
- Your army cannot match the Assyrian army in skills
- It is the Lord himself who sent me to attack and destroy Judah
- Your king Hezekiah fools you when he tells you to rely on Yahweh

- 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
- He went to the Temple of the Lord
- He sent officials to prophet Isaiah with a message.

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

- Do not let the Assyrians frighten you by their claims that the Lord cannot save you



- (ii) **What did the Lord say would happen to Sennacherib?** (2 marks)
- Sennacherib will hear a rumour that will make him go back to his own country where the Lord will have him killed.
3. **Isaiah 40 verses 1 – 17 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 a symbol of God's covenant with his people since He gave them the land of Canaan as His chosen people
- b. **Relate God's message to be given to the Jews in exile by the prophet.** (10 marks)
- You have suffered long enough and your sins are forgiven
 - I have punished you in full for all your sins
 - Prepare in the wilderness a road for the Lord! Clear the way in the desert for our God
 - Fill every valley, level every mountain. The hills will become a plain, and the rough country will be made smooth.
 - Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and the human race will see it.
- c. **Describe the preparations that would be made for the smooth return of the exiles to Jerusalem.** (4 marks)
- Filling every valley
 - Levelling every mountain
 - Making hills become plain
 - Making the rough country become smooth
- d. **What preparations are generally made in church or prayer house nowadays when an important visitor is coming? Mention any four.** (4 marks)
- Cleaning their church thoroughly both inside and surrounding areas
 - Decorating their church
 - Preparing good activities such as choir to be presented during the worship service
 - Preparing very delicious food for the visitor or everyone around

1999 EXAMINATION

1. **Isaiah 38:1 – 8, 20 – 22 speaks about the sickness of King Hezekiah.**
- a. **What was King Hezekiah suffering from?** (2 marks)
- He was suffering from a boil
- b. **State the Lord's message that the prophet Isaiah brought to the King concerning his sickness.** (4 marks)
- Put everything in order because you will not recover
 - Get ready to die
- c. (i) **What was Hezekiah's reaction?** (4 marks)
- He turned his face to the wall and prayed
 - He began to cry bitterly
- (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 a paste made of figs on his boil



2. **One of the sins of the people of Israel concerned the worship of idols (44:9 -20)**
- What do you understand by the “worship of idols?”** (2 marks)
 - The worship of anything as a god
 - In what ways did Isaiah say that the Jewish worship of idols was ridiculous?** (8 marks)
 - Idols are made by man yet man cannot make God
 - The same tree used to make a god is used to make fire
 - The maker of idols becomes tired in the process of making their gods
 - The makers of idols rely on fire and hammer when making their gods
 - Why did the Jewish people find idol worship attractive?** (8 marks)
 - Babylonia, a developed nation was worshipping idols
 - Yahweh their God was unseen yet idols were seen
 - They thought idols were more powerful than Yahweh
 - Yahweh seemed to take long to answer their prayers
 - Suggest any two idols which are worshipped today.** (2 marks)
 - Spouses
 - Celebrities
 - leaders
 - Positions
3. **Isaiah Chapter 56 verses 1- 8 deals with the conversion of Gentiles and Eunuchs**
- Give reasons why the Jews would not accept the Gentiles and Eunuchs into the Temple.**
 - Gentiles were not circumcised
 - Gentiles were considered as unclean people
 - Castrated men could not bear children
 - Castrated men mutilated their bodies (8 marks)
 - State the prophet’s answer to the question raised by the Gentiles and Eunuchs.** (6 marks)
 - If the castrated man honoured Yahweh by observing the Sabbath, if he did what pleased Yahweh and faithfully kept Yahweh’s covenant, then his name would be remembered in Yahweh’s Temple and among Yahweh’s people longer than if he had sons and daughter.
 - If the Gentiles love Yahweh and serve Him, observe the Sabbath and faithfully keep Yahweh’s covenant the Lord will bring them to Zion, His sacred hill, give them joy in His house of prayer and accept sacrifices they offer on the Lord’s altar.
 - What advice did the Lord give to the returning exiles?** (6 marks)
 - They should do what is just and right for soon God will save them
 - Yahweh will bless those who always observe the Sabbath and do not misuse it
 - He will bring still other people to join the Jews

2000 EXAMINATION

1. **When King Ahaz heard that the armies of Assyria were in Israel, Ahaz and his people were terribly afraid (Isaiah 7:2)**
- (i) which two kings threatened to capture Jerusalem.** (2 marks)
 - King Rezin of Syria
 - King Pekah of Israel
 - (ii) How did Ahaz and his people react to this threat?** (2 marks)
 - They were so terrified that they trembled like trees shaking in the wind



- b. **What did God command Isaiah to tell Ahaz?** (8 marks)
- To keep alert, stay calm and not to be frightened or disturbed
 - The anger of Kings Rezin and Pekah is no more dangerous than the smoke from two smouldering sticks
 - The plot of Syria and Israel to invade Judah, terrify the people into joining their alliance, and then put Tabeel's son on the throne will never happen
 - Rezin and Pekah are mere creatures of God and will easily be destroyed by God
- c. **Which were the consequences of Ahaz's refusal to take Isaiah's advice?** (8 marks)
- War between Egypt and Assyria using Judah as the battlefield in which the people of Judah suffered destruction
 - King Ahaz's request of help from Assyria would be like hiring the same Assyria to destroy Judah as well
 - People of Judah will lead a nomadic life due to the war that would destroy their crops
 - The agricultural land of Judah would be overgrown with thorn bushes having been deserted
2. *In Isaiah Chapter 44:21 – 28, the Lord says "Israel, remember this..... you are my servant."*
- a. **What reasons does God give for Israel to return to Him?** (6 marks)
- He created Israel to be His servant
 - He will never forget Israel
 - He has swept Israel's sins away like a cloud
 - Yahweh, alone is the One who saves Israel
- b. **State any four ways in which God reacts to false beliefs in verse 25.** (8 marks)
- He makes fools of fortune tellers
 - He frustrates the predictions of the astrologers
 - He refutes the words of the wise
 - he shows that the wisdom of the wise is foolish
- c. **Explain any three predictions which the Lord makes concerning Judah.** (6 marks)
- People will live there again
 - Cities of Judah will be rebuilt
 - The cities will rise in ruins
3. *Isaiah Chapter 57 talks about the condemnation of Israel's idolatry.*
- a. **To which two groups of sinners are the leaders compared.** (2 marks)
- Sorcerers
 - Adulterers
 - Prostitutes
- b. **Explain the idolatrous practices which are being condemned by the Lord.** (6 marks)
- Worshipping fertility gods by having sex under sacred trees
 - Offering children as sacrifices in rocky caves
 - Worshipping smooth stones as gods
 - Pouring out wine and bringing grains as offerings to stones
 - Indulging in immoral sexual behaviours
- c. **Why did the Lord condemn these idolatrous practices?** (8 marks)
- Idolatry offends Him since it is a failure to love God
 - Idolatry makes people fail to recognize Yahweh's majesty
 - People forsake Yahweh because of idols
 - Yahweh is displeased with these idolatrous practices



- d. **Suggest any two reasons why people today are afraid of abandoning idolatrous practices.**
- Fear of getting mad or becoming deformed
 - Fear of losing their status in society
 - Fear of losing life
 - Fear of losing their wealth
- (4 marks)**

2001 EXAMINATION

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 invade Judah
 - They wanted to force the people of Judah to join the anti-Assyrian alliance
 - They wanted to replace King Ahaz with Tabeel’s son on the throne
- (ii) How did God rescue Jerusalem from Rezin and Pekah?** **(4 marks)**
- He used Assyrians to defeat Syria
 - He used Assyrians to destroy Israel
- b. **What message of encouragement did Isaiah and his companion take to Ahaz?** **(6 marks)**
- To keep alert, to stay calm, and not to be frightened or disturbed
 - The anger of King Rezin and King Pekah is no more dangerous than the smoke from two smouldering sticks
 - The plot made by Syria and Israel will never happen and Syria and Israel will be destroyed very soon.
- c. **Say how the name of Isaiah’s companion gave a warning of trouble to Ahaz.** **4 marks)**
- The meaning of the name, a few will come back, implied that if King Ahaz would not take heed, there would be destruction on Judah.
 - In this destruction, many people would be killed and only a few would remain.

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

- a. **Outline the charges which God brought upon Babylon.** **(8 marks)**
- Being cruel and merciless towards the aged Jews
 - Being arrogant thinking that she would last forever
 - Seeking a life of pleasure
 - Thinking she was a god
- b. **State how Babylon would be punished.** **(8 marks)**
- She would no longer rule the world
 - She would suffer humiliation
 - The country would lose direction
 - Loss of children and men through war
- c. **Why did God allow Judah to go into the Babylonian captivity?** **(4 marks)**
- It was a punishment for their sins
 - To purify them again into a people He wanted them to be
 - To prepare them for the mission of bringing salvation to all the nations



3. *Isaiah Chapter 59 contains Yahweh's responses to the people's complaints.*
- Write out four complaints which the people made against Yahweh.** (8 marks)
 - Yahweh was too weak to save them
 - Yahweh was too deaf to hear their call for help
 - Yahweh had cancelled the salvation promised by Deutero Isaiah
 - Yahweh's promise of a glorious future was not being fulfilled
 - What were Yahweh's responses to the people's complaints?** (6 marks)
 - Yahweh is not too weak to save them or too deaf to hear their cry for help
 - It is because of their sins that Yahweh does not hear them
 - It is their sins that separate the people from God when they try to worship him
 - The people are guilty of lying, violence and murder
 - List down three acts of injustice that Yahweh accused the people of doing.** (6 marks)
 - **Lying** in court to win the case
 - **Violence** in that they leave ruin and destruction wherever they go
 - **Murdering** innocent people

2002 EXAMINATION

- In Isaiah chapter 3, Yahweh threatens to take away the people's leaders and other things they depend upon.*
 - What type of leaders will Yahweh take away?** (8 marks)
 - Heroes and soldiers
 - Judges and Prophets
 - Fortune tellers and statesmen
 - Military and civilian leaders
 - Suggest any two reasons why Yahweh is taking away these leaders and things they depend on.**
 - Everything the people said and do was against the Lord
 - They openly insulted God himself
 - They sinned as openly as the people of Sodom did
 - Money lenders oppressed God's people

(4 marks)
 - What will be the consequences of this action by Yahweh? Mention four things.** (8 marks)
 - People will be governed by immature boys
 - Young people will not respect their elders
 - Worthless people will not respect their superiors
 - People will refuse leadership positions
- Isaiah 42:1 – 7 is a description of the lord's suffering servant.*
 - Mention four qualities of this servant.** (8 marks)
 - He is filled with God's Spirit
 - He is gentle in that he will not shout or raise his voice
 - He is patient and compassionate to the weak, poor and helpless
 - He is courageous in that he will not lose hope



- b. **What are the tasks the servant is sent to do?** (6 marks)
- Bringing justice to every nation
 - Bringing light to the nations
 - Opening the eyes of the blind
 - Setting free those who sit in dark prisons
- c. **In what way does Jesus fit in as the Lord's servant?** (6 marks)
- During His presentation in the Temple, Simeon said that Jesus would bring light to the nations
 - During Baptism Jesus was declared God's dear Son with whom God is pleased
 - At Nazareth, Jesus announced that the Spirit of the Lord was with him; Has sent him to proclaim liberty to the captives
 - During transfiguration Jesus was declared the chosen Son of God
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)
- Yahweh had chosen a pagan as His instrument
 - Yahweh had given Cyrus power though he was a Gentile
 - Yahweh had anointed Cyrus as a Messiah though he was not a Jew
 - Yahweh had given Cyrus a mission though he was not even circumcised
- b. **Write about what Yahweh said in response to the people's question.** (8 marks)
- Such questioning is not proper just as a pot cannot question a potter or a child cannot question the parents on why they made them like that
 - God is totally different from man hence God's thoughts are not like man's.
 - The creator is too great to be questioned or to be told what He ought to do
 - Yahweh has chosen Cyrus to fulfil His purpose and put things right
- c. **What tasks did Cyrus do for the Jews on Yahweh's behalf?** (6 marks)
- To conquer the nations and strip kings of their power
 - To rebuild Jerusalem, God's city
 - To set the captive people, the Jews, free
 - To rule on behalf of Yahweh

2003 EXAMINATION

1. *"Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed... And he began to cry bitterly". (Isaiah 38: 2)*
- a. **Explain the reason for which Hezekiah prayed and cried to the Lord.** (6 marks)
- He had served God faithfully and loyally
 - He had always tried to do what God wanted him to
 - He was sad that he would die so soon
 - There was a belief at that time that there no real life after death
- b. **State the Lord's reply to King Hezekiah's action.** (6 marks)
- I the Lord have heard your prayer and seen your tears
 - I will let you leave fifteen years longer
 - I will rescue you and this city of Jerusalem from the emperor of Assyria
 - I will continue to protect the city



- c. **What does this story illustrate about the work of the prophet?** (8 marks)
- Speaking on behalf of God by telling Hezekiah to put things in order
 - Warning Hezekiah of the coming death on behalf of God
 - Foretelling future events like the death of Hezekiah
 - Revealing the nature of God as One who listens to people's cry

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

- a. **"I have punished them in full for all their sins" (Isaiah 40:2)** (5 marks)
- God sent the Jews into Babylonian exile to punish them for their sins
 - Exile was not meant to destroy the Jews but rather to help them repent and come back to God
 - Now that the Jews have been punished enough, Yahweh will bring them back to their land, Judah
- b. **"Can anyone measure the ocean by handfuls?" (Isaiah 40:12)** (5 marks)
- What looks like impossible with human beings is very possible with God.
 - The Jews thought it would not be possible for them to fight against Babylonians and free themselves from the Babylonian exile
 - But God will bring them back to Judah since he is incomparable.
- c. **"You and all you do are nothing" (Isaiah 41:24)** (5 marks)
- God is challenging the idols that they do not exist and that there is nothing they can do.
 - They cannot predict the future or explain the events of the past
 - They cannot bring good or bring some disaster hence they are nothing
- d. **"Come! Buy wine and milk – it will cost you nothing!" (Isaiah 55:1)** (5 marks)
- God is inviting his people who are in exile to a banquet he has prepared for them
 - He will bring them out of Babylonian exile to their land where he will provide for all their needs
 - This will happen only if they listen to God's words and put it into action

3. **The author of Isaiah 55 – 56, made it clear that Jews of his time thought foreigners and eunuchs 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)
- They were not circumcised
 - They were not descendants of Abraham
 - They were worshippers of idols
 - They were considered unclean
- (ii) **The eunuchs** (4 marks)
- They mutilated their bodies
 - They could not bear children hence not contributing to the Jewish nation
- b. **What responses did the prophet give concerning the worship of Yahweh in his temple by the following?**
- (i) **Foreigners** (6 marks)
- If the foreigners love God and serve him, observe the Sabbath and faithfully keep His covenant, God will bring them to Zion, His sacred hill
 - He will give them joy in His house of prayer
 - He will accept the sacrifices they offer on His altar
 - God's Temple will be called a house of prayer for the people of all nations.



(iii) **The eunuchs** (6 marks)

- If the castrated man (eunuch) honours God by observing the Sabbath, and do what pleases God and faithfully keep God's covenant, then his name will be remembered in God's Temple and among God's people longer than if he had sons and daughters.
- That eunuch will never be forgotten.

2004 EXAMINATION**1. In Isaiah 5: 1 – 7, Isaiah told the parable of the vineyard.**

- a. **Give the meaning of the word "parable".** (2 marks)
 - An imaginary story with a spiritual meaning
- b. **How did the owner of the vineyard show that he was disappointed with his garden?**
 - Taking away the hedge round it
 - Breaking down the wall that protected it
 - Not pruning the vines
 - Not hoeing the ground (8 marks)
- c. **What privileges did the Israelites have as the chosen people of God?** (6 marks)
 - Knowledge of the One and True God
 - Knowledge of the Law that guided their life
 - Knowledge that God loved them as the father loved his children
 - Being given the responsibility to teach other nations the truths about God
- d. **Suggest reasons why Isaiah used a parable on this occasion to get his message across.**
 - To arouse people's attention
 - For people to understand the message easily
 - For people to remember the message easily
 - To avoid debates with his listeners (4 marks)

2. "They saw everything. There is nothing in the storerooms that I did not show them" (Isaiah 39:4)

- a. **Mention any two things which King Hezekiah showed the messengers from Babylon.**
 - Wealth
 - Military equipment (2 marks)
- b. **Why did Hezekiah receive the visitors the way he did?** (4 marks)
 - He felt so flattered by the visit of the great power
 - He wanted to show off
 - To show that he was an equal partner in the alliance
 - To get favourable terms for the alliance
- c. **Suggest any four reasons why the prophet Isaiah disagreed with Hezekiah's action?**
 - It showed that Hezekiah had lacked faith in Yahweh, the controller of history
 - Contacts with foreigners would expose Jews to pagan religion
 - The same Babylonians would come to destroy Judah
 - The same Babylonians would take the Jews into exile and even castrate some (8 marks)
- d. **State what Isaiah predicted would happen as a result of what Hezekiah did. (6 marks)**
 - Babylonia would become Judah's enemy and attack Judah
 - The wealth of Judah would be carried to Babylonia and nothing would be left in Judah
 - Descendants of Hezekiah would be taken into exile
 - Some of Hezekiah's descendants would be made eunuchs in Babylon



3. In Isaiah 56: 1 – 9 and 57: 1 – 13 Yahweh condemned Israel's leaders.

- a. Why did God condemn the leaders in these passages? (6 marks)**
 - Being blind in that they do not warn people since they know nothing
 - Being greedy in that they never get enough
 - Being selfish in that they do as they please and seek their own advantage
 - Being irresponsible in that they have no understanding of their responsibilities
- b. Suggest any three reasons why people started worshipping idols at this time. (6 marks)**
 - They forgot Yahweh and his covenant love
 - They had evil and corrupt leaders
 - Copying from foreign nations
 - They wanted to have a physical God just as pagans had
- c. Describe any four idolatrous practices condemned by God in these passages. (8 marks)**
 - Worshipping fertility gods by having sex under sacred trees
 - Offering children as sacrifices in rocky caves
 - Worshipping smooth stones as gods
 - Pouring out wine and bringing grains as offerings to stones
 - Indulging in immoral sexual behaviours

2005 EXAMINATION

1. Isaiah Chapters 3 and 4 describe chaos and the restoration of Jerusalem respectively.

- a. Mention any four sins that the women of Jerusalem are accused of committing. (4 marks)**
 - Pride which makes them despise the poor
 - Arrogance shown in walking with their noses in the air
 - Flirting or seducing men to have sexual intercourse with them
 - Agreeing with their husbands to rob the poor
- b. State any four ways in which God would punish the women of Jerusalem. (8 marks)**
 - Baldness instead of having fine hair
 - Stinking instead of using perfumes
 - Their beauty will be turned into shame
 - Wearing rags instead of fine clothes
- c. Describe how Jerusalem would be restored. (8 marks)**
 - There will be new growth after destruction
 - There will be holiness after cleansing
 - The Lord will be with his people
 - God's glory will cover and protect the city

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 demand that King Hezekiah and the people of Judah should surrender
- b. (i) How did Hezekiah show his faith in God after the second message from Sennacherib. (6 marks)**
 - He went to the Temple
 - He placed the letter in the presence of the Lord
 - He prayed
 - He praised God and asked him to save them from the Assyrians



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

- Sennacherib will not destroy Jerusalem city or shoot a single arrow against it
- No Soldiers with the shields will come near the city
- No siege mounds will be built round Jerusalem city
- Sennacherib will go back by the road on which he came without entering city

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

- An angel of the Lord killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers
- Then the Assyrian emperor Sennacherib withdrew and returned to Nineveh, where he was killed by his 2 sons.

3. Isaiah Chapter 47:1 – 15 is about Babylon's pride and humiliation.**a. Write out four accusations God makes against Babylon. (8 marks)**

- Being cruel and merciless towards the aged Jews
- Being arrogant thinking that she would last forever
- Seeking a life of pleasure
- Thinking she was a god

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

- She would no longer rule the world
- She would suffer humiliation
- The country would lose direction
- Loss of children and men through war

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

- They studied the stars
- They mapped out zones of the heavens and tell you from month to month what was going to happen.

2006 EXAMINATION**1. In Isaiah 7:11 the prophet says, "Ask the Lord God to give you a sign."****a. What is meant by a sign? (2 marks)**

- An event with special meaning

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

- Keep alert, stay calm, and do not be frightened
- The anger of King Rezin and of King Pekah is no more dangerous than smoke from two smouldering sticks
- The plot made by Syria and Israel to invade Judah and put Tabeel's son on the throne will never happen
- Kings Rezin and Pekah are mere creatures of God, hence God will destroy them

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

- I will not ask for a sign. I refuse to put the Lord to the test

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

- There will be war between Egypt and Assyria using Judah as the battle ground in which the people of Judah will suffer destruction
- By asking help from Assyria, Judah is like hiring a barber since Assyria will destroy Judah as well
- The people of Judah will lead a nomadic life due to the war that will destroy their crops
- The agricultural land of Judah will be overgrown with thorn bushes turning it into a pasture land



2. *Isaiah Chapters 42:1 – 7 and 49:1 – 6 contains descriptions of the Lord's servant.*

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

- He is filled with God's Spirit
- He is patient and compassionate to the poor and the weak
- He has the ability to express himself
- He is a pillar of strength due to his strong faith in God

(6 marks)

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

- Bringing justice to every nation
- Bringing light to the nations
- Bringing back the scattered Jews to God
- Being a light to the nations

(8 marks)

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

(6 marks)

- He trusted God
- He knew that God would defend his cause
- The Lord had given him power
- He knew that the Lord would reward him at the end of his life

3. *Isaiah Chapter 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 Spirit
- He was chosen by Yahweh

b. Give any four tasks the prophet was going to carry out.

(8 marks)

- To bring good news to the poor
- To heal the broken hearted
- To comfort all who mourn
- To announce the release to captives and freedom to those in prison

c. State what the future glory of God's people will be. Give any four points.

(8 marks)

- They will rebuild the cities that have long been in ruins
- Foreigners will take care of their flocks
- Foreigners will farm their land
- Foreigners will tend their vineyards
- They will enjoy the wealth of the nations

2007 EXAMINATION

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
- Religious gatherings such as the Day of Atonement

b. Give any three reasons why Jews used to offer sacrifices to God.

(6 marks)

- To give thanks to God for the good things he has done for them
- To ask for forgiveness of their sins
- To adore God
- To ask God to answer their prayers



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

- Oppressing the poor
- Oppressing the orphans
- Denying the rights of the widows
- Practising corruption in courts

(6 marks)

d. **State any two reasons why Christians give offerings to God today.**

(4 marks)

- To thank God for the gifts he has given them
- To ask for forgiveness of their sins
- To ask for their needs
- To help run the church

2. In Isaiah 45:1 – 19, the Lord appoints Cyrus.

a. **Why did God appoint Cyrus? Give any three reasons.**

(6 marks)

- To rule on behalf of Yahweh
- To conquer nations by stripping kings of their power
- To help the Jews return to Jerusalem
- To order Jerusalem and the Temple be rebuilt

b. **How was God going to help Cyrus so as to succeed in his mission? State any four ways.**

- He would prepare the way for Cyrus
- Giving him treasure to use
- Giving him the needed strength
- Giving him honour

(8 marks)

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

- To show His absolute freedom and authority as the creator and master
- To show His righteousness in that Yahweh's plan of salvation is for all nations
- To show that Yahweh is holy as such His ways are not like man's. **(6 marks)**

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

a. **State any four groups of people being invited.**

(4 marks)

- Everyone who is thirsty
- Those that have no money
- The wicked who leave their way of life
- The foreign nations

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?

c. **Mention any two conditions one must fulfil to receive God's offer of mercy.**

(4 marks)

- Listen to the word of God and put it into action
- Seek God wherever he may be found
- Repent, leave sinful ways and come back to God
- No hesitation or delaying



- d. **What 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)
- Everything is free in both cases
 - Those invited are the poor in both stories
 - Both invitations are open to everyone
 - Those who refuse the offer will be punished in both stories

2008 EXAMINATION

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)
- The Lord sitting on his throne
 - The Lord's robe which filled the whole Temple
 - Flaming creatures standing round the Lord
 - Smoke which filled the whole Temple
- b. **How did Isaiah react to what he saw happening in the Temple?** (4 marks)
- He said there was no hope for him
 - He said that he was doomed since every word that passed his lips was sinful and that he lived among a people whose every word was sinful
- c. **Relate the message Isaiah was told to deliver to the people of Israel.** (6 marks)
- No matter how much you listen, you will not understand
 - No matter how much you look, you will not know what is happening
- 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 itself is a desolate waste
2. ***Isaiah 38 contains Hezekiah's illness and recovery.***
- a. **What was Hezekiah suffering from?** (2 marks)
- A boil
- 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
- c. **What was the Lord's message to King Hezekiah after his prayer?** (8 marks)
- I 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
- d. **Suggest any three lessons leaders today can learn from Hezekiah.** (6 marks)
- They should have faith in God
 - They should be very enterprising to develop their nations
 - They should be very patriotic in making policies
 - They should accept their own mistakes and learn from them



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 group:**

(i) **Castrated men**

(4 marks)

- They could not have children hence not contributing to the Jewish race
- They mutilated their bodies

(ii) **Foreigners**

(4 marks)

- They were not descendants of Abraham
- They were not circumcised
- They were considered unclean by the Jews

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

- Should honour God by keeping the Sabbath
- Should do what pleases Yahweh
- Should keep the covenant faithfully

(6 marks)

c. **Suggest any three reasons why some Church members are excluded from congregations today.**

- Due to sexual scandal
- Due to theft of any kind
- Due to corruption especially in the church
- Due to beer drinking especially if that church's rules forbid it

(6 marks)

2009 EXAMINATION

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)

- The land of Judah

ii. **Friend**

(2 marks)

- God

b) **How did the “friend” show that he loved the vineyard? Give any three ways.** **(6 marks)**

- He established the vineyard on fertile soil
- He dug the soil and cleared it of stones
- He planted the finest vines
- He built a tower to guard the vines

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

- He made them His chosen people from the time of Abraham
- He freed them from Egyptian slavery
- He gave them His Law to guide them
- He protected them from their enemies

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

- It is an imaginary story of a farmer and his vineyard
- It has one message only
- The lesson is at the end
- The story can be observed in life



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 Hezekiah for his recovery from illness
- To bring a letter to Hezekiah
- To give presents to King Hezekiah
- To seek an alliance against Assyria

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

- He welcomed them
- He showed them Judah's wealth
- He showed them Judah's military equipment **(6 marks)**

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

- The same Babylonians would come and attack Judah
- The wealth of Judah would be carried to Babylonia
- Some of descendants of Hezekiah would be taken into exile
- Some of the exiled Jews would be made eunuchs (would be castrated) **(8 marks)**

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)**

- Their worshippers will be humiliated
- Their worshippers will be terrified
- Their worshippers will suffer disgrace

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

- Idols are made by man yet man cannot make God
- The same tree used to make a god is also used to make fire to warm the man
- Makers of idols get tired in the process of making their gods
- Makers of idols rely on fire and hammer when making their gods

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

- Fear of losing their status in society
- Fear of losing their wealth
- Fear of losing their life
- Fear of getting mad

2010 EXAMINATION

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

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

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

- She has rebelled against her God due to her sins of injustice and dishonesty

(ii) **Water (2 marks)**

- Injustice has corrupted the whole of Judah's life against the Lord's will

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

- Always accepting gifts and bribes
- Never defending orphans in courts
- Never listening when widows present their cases



- c. **How will the Lord restore justice to the people of Jerusalem? Give any three points. (6 marks)**
- He will purify them just as metal is refined to remove all impurity
 - He will give them good leaders like those they had long time ago
 - He will crush everyone who sins and rebels against Him
 - He will save everyone who repents

- d. **What two lessons can religious leaders of today learn from this passage? (4 marks)**
- Not to be corrupt by refusing to accept bribes and suspicious gifts
 - Should be defending the orphans
 - Should be protecting the widows

2. *Isaiah Chapters 36 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 sack cloth
 - He went to the Temple of the Lord and prayed
 - He sent messengers to prophet Isaiah

- b. **Give any four points which show that Hezekiah was faithful. (8 marks)**
- Upon receiving a report of the first threat he went to the Temple of the Lord
 - He sent messengers to Prophet Isaiah showing that he was ready to follow God's advice through the prophet
 - He asked Isaiah to pray to God for the people who survive
 - He believed that Yahweh would punish Sennacherib

- c. **What did Sennacherib say in his letter to intimidate Hezekiah? Give any four points. (8 marks)**
- The God you are trusting in has told you that you will not fall into my hands but don't let that deceive you
 - You have heard what the Assyrian emperor does to any country he decides to destroy
 - Judah will not escape the destruction from the Assyrian emperor
 - My ancestors destroyed many cities while their gods were present

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 is filled with God's Spirit
 - He was chosen by God

- b. **State any four tasks of the prophet in this passage. (8 marks)**
- To bring good news to the poor
 - To heal the broken hearted
 - To comfort all who mourn
 - To announce the release to captives and freedom to those in prison

- c. **How did Jesus use this passage during His ministry? (2 marks)**
- He confirmed the fulfilment of this prophecy in Him when he was preaching in the synagogue at Nazareth

- d. **According to the prophet what will be the future glory of God's people? Give any four points (8 marks)**
- They will rebuild the cities that have long been in ruins
 - Foreigners will take care of their flocks
 - Foreigners will farm their land
 - Foreigners will tend their vineyards
 - They will enjoy the wealth of the nations



2011 EXAMINATION

1. Isaiah 3:1 – 15 is about chaos in Jerusalem.

- a. **Mention four things that Yahweh is going to take away from Jerusalem and Judah. (4marks)**
- Food
 - Water
 - Leaders
 - Everyone who uses magic
- b. **What will be the consequences of Yahweh's action? Give any four points. (8 marks)**
- People will be governed by immature boys
 - Young people will not respect their elders
 - Worthless people will not respect their superiors
 - People will refuse leadership positions
- c. **Explain why people will be punished. Give any four reasons. (8 marks)**
- Everything the people said and do was against the Lord
 - They openly insulted God himself
 - They sinned as openly as the people of Sodom did
 - Money lenders oppressed God's people

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 has never been conquered
 - She was soft and delicate
 - It implies youth and beauty since she had just risen up as an empire
- b. **Mention any four charges that the LORD makes against Babylon. (8 marks)**
- Being cruel and merciless towards the aged Jews
 - Being arrogant thinking that she would last forever
 - Seeking a life of pleasure
 - Thinking she was a god
- c. **Describe any four ways in which Babylon is going to be punished. (8 marks)**
- She would no longer rule the world
 - She would suffer humiliation
 - The country would lose direction
 - Loss of children and men through war
3. **a. Explain four reasons that led the Jews to turn to idolatrous practices. (8 marks)**
- They forgot Yahweh and his covenant love
 - They had evil and corrupt leaders
 - Copying from foreign nations
 - They wanted to have a physical God just as pagans had
- b. **Describe any four idolatrous practices which Yahweh condemns in Isaiah 57. (6 marks)**
- Worshipping fertility gods by having sex under sacred trees
 - Offering children as sacrifices in rocky caves
 - Worshipping smooth stones as gods
 - Pouring out wine and bringing grains as offerings to stones
 - Indulging in immoral sexual behaviours



- c. **Why does the LORD condemn idol practices in Isaiah 57? Give any three reasons. (6 marks)**
- Idolatry offends God since it is a failure to love God
 - It makes people fail to recognize Yahweh's majesty
 - People forsake God because of idols
 - Yahweh is not pleased with these idolatrous practices

2012 EXAMINATION

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)**
- The Lord sitting on his throne
 - The Lord's robe which filled the whole Temple
 - Flaming creatures standing round the Lord
 - Smoke which filled the whole Temple
- b. **Give any two ways in which Isaiah reacted to what he saw in the Temple. (4 marks)**
- He said there was no hope for him
 - He said that he was doomed since every word that passed his lips was sinful and that he lived among a people whose every word was sinful
- c. **Narrate the message which Isaiah was commissioned to deliver to God's people (6 marks)**
- No matter how much you listen, you will not understand
 - No matter how much you look, you will not know what is happening
- d. **Explain any three qualities of God as revealed in Isaiah's vision. (6 marks)**
- God is holy as he is separated from man in that man is sinful
 - God is glorious symbolised by His robe filling the whole Temple
 - God is King as he sits on the throne and controls history

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 filled with God's Spirit
 - He is gentle in that he will not shout or raise his voice
 - He is patient and compassionate to the weak, poor and helpless
 - He is courageous in that he will not lose hope
- b. **Explain any three tasks of the servant in the First Servant Song. (6 marks)**
- Bringing justice to every nation
 - Bringing light to the nations
 - Opening the eyes of the blind
 - Setting free those who sit in dark prisons
- c. **Give any three ways in which Jesus plays the role of the servant of the Lord. (6 marks)**
- During His presentation in the Temple, Simeon said that Jesus would bring light to the nations
 - During Baptism Jesus was declared God's dear Son with whom God is pleased
 - At Nazareth, Jesus announced that the Spirit of the Lord was with him; Has sent him to proclaim liberty to the captives
 - During transfiguration Jesus was declared the chosen Son of God



3. *Isaiah 59:1 – 4 describes the people's complaints and God's answer.*

- a. **State any two complaints which the people made to God.** (4 marks)
 - Yahweh was too weak to save them
 - Yahweh was too deaf to hear their call for help
 - Yahweh had cancelled the salvation promised by Deutero Isaiah
 - Yahweh's promise of a glorious future was not being fulfilled
- b. **Mention any four responses God gave to the people's complaints.** (8 marks)
 - Yahweh is not too weak to save them or too deaf to hear their cry for help
 - It is because of their sins that Yahweh does not hear them
 - It is their sins that separate the people from God when they try to worship him
 - The people are guilty of lying, violence and murder
- c. **What do some Christians do today when God seems not to answer their prayers? Give any four points.** (8 marks)
 - They stop going to church
 - They begin consulting fortune tellers to seek answers to their problems
 - They move from one church to another seeking for God
 - They begin saying bad things about one particular church where their prayers were not answered

2013 EXAMINATION

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)
 - An imaginary story with a spiritual meaning
- b. **What do the following characters represent in the parable?**
 - i. "my friend" (2 marks)
 - God
 - ii. "vineyard" (2 marks)
 - The land of Judah
- c. **Outline any four ways in which the friend cared for the vineyard.** (8 marks)
 - He established the vineyard on fertile soil
 - He dug the soil and cleared it of stones
 - He planted the finest vines
 - He built a tower to guard the vines
- d. **Give any three privileges the Israelites enjoyed for being God's chosen people.** (6 marks)
 - Knowledge of the One and True God
 - Knowledge of the Law that guided their life
 - Knowledge that God loved them as the father loved his children
 - Being given the responsibility to teach other nations the truths about God

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)
 - Wealth
 - Military equipment



- b. Why did the Babylonian King send his messenger to Hezekiah? Give any two points.**
- To congratulate Hezekiah for his recovery from illness
 - To bring a letter to Hezekiah
 - To give presents to King Hezekiah
 - To seek an alliance against Assyria (4 marks)
- c. Why did Hezekiah show Judah's possessions to Babylonian messengers? State any four points. (8 marks)**
- He felt so flattered by the visit of the great power
 - He wanted to show off
 - To show that he was an equal partner in the alliance
 - To get favourable terms for the alliance
- d. Suggest the importance of diplomatic relations among the world's nations. Give three points. (6 marks)**
- It helps in facilitating trade among nations
 - It helps nations to receive military support when attacked by enemies
 - It helps nations to receive humanitarian aid in times of national disasters
 - It helps nations to facilitate citizens' free movements to those other nations
- 3. Isaiah 56:1 – 8 is about the admission of converts.**
- a. Narrate the message of the prophet to eunuchs. (6 marks)**
- If the castrated man honours God by observing the Sabbath and if he does what pleases God and faithfully keeps God's covenant, then his name will be remembered in God's Temple and among God's people longer than if he had sons and daughters.
 - He will never be forgotten
- b. Give one reason why eunuchs were excluded from Jewish community. (2 marks)**
- They could not have children hence not contributing to the Jewish race
 - They mutilated their bodies
- c. Why are leaders likened to "greedy dogs that never get enough"? Give any two points. (4 marks)**
- They each do as they please
 - They seek their own advantage
- d. Suggest any four reasons why some members are excommunicated from their churches today. (8 marks)**
- Due to sexual scandal
 - Due to theft of any kind
 - Due to corruption especially in the church
 - Due to beer drinking especially if that church's rules forbid it

2014 EXAMINATION

- 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 festivals
 - Sabbaths
 - Religious gatherings such as the Day of Atonement
- b. What charges does the Lord make against His people? Give three points. (6 marks)**
- Oppressing the poor
 - Oppressing the orphans
 - Denying the rights of the widows
 - Practising corruption in courts



- c. **Give three ways in which people of Judah can make their religion acceptable to God. (6 marks)**
- They should wash themselves clean by repenting their sins
 - They should see that justice is done
 - They should help the oppressed
 - They should defend the widows in court
- d. **Suggest any three reasons why Christians give offerings to the Lord today. (6 marks)**
- To thank God for the gifts he has given them
 - To ask for forgiveness of their sins
 - To ask for their needs
 - To help run the church
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 the Jews who were in Babylonian exile
- b. **Relate God's message to be given to the exiled Jews by the prophet. (8 marks)**
- You have suffered long enough and your sins are forgiven
 - I have punished you in full for all your sins
 - Prepare in the wilderness a road for the Lord! Clear the way in the desert for our God
 - Fill every valley, level every mountain. The hills will become a plain, and the rough country will be made smooth.
 - Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and the human race will see it.
- c. **Explain any two qualities displayed by God in this passage. (4 marks)**
- Power and strength since he will defend his people against any danger
 - Gentleness since he will be gentle with the weak
- d. **Give three things which Christians do today in preparation for an important visitor to their Church. (6 marks)**
- Cleaning their church thoroughly both inside and surrounding areas
 - Decorating their church
 - Preparing good activities such as choir to be presented during the worship service
 - Preparing very delicious food for the visitor or everyone around
3. ***Isaiah 56:1 – 12 is about the admission of converts and bad leadership.***
- a. **Why were eunuchs excluded from Jewish community? (2 marks)**
- They could not have children hence not contributing to the Jewish race
 - They mutilated their bodies
- 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 observing the Sabbath
 - They should do what pleases God
 - They should faithfully keep God's covenant
- (ii) **Foreigners. (4 marks)**
- They should love God and serve him
 - They should observe the Sabbath
 - They should faithfully keep God's covenant
- c. **(i) To what are leaders in Isaiah 56 likened? Give two points. (2 marks)**
- Watch dogs that do not bark
 - Greedy dogs that never get enough



(ii) Give any three reasons for the answer in c (i)**(6 marks)**

- Worshipping fertility gods by having sex under sacred trees
- Offering children as sacrifices in rocky caves
- Worshipping smooth stones as gods
- Pouring out wine and bringing grains as offerings to stones
- Indulging in immoral sexual behaviours

d. How is God going to punish His people?**(2 marks)**

- He will expose their bad conduct
- When they cry to God for help God will not save them
- God will send the wind that will carry their idols off and destroy them

2015 EXAMINATION**1. *Isiah 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)**

- Guarding and preserving the messages that God had given them
- Telling people to listen to what the Lord is teaching them
- Discouraging people from consulting mediums

b. Outline any two experiences which the people of Judah would go through during this period.

- People would wander through the land, discouraged and hungry
- In their hunger and anger, they would curse their God and king
- They would have no way to escape from the time of trouble
- They would see trouble and terrifying darkness

(4 marks)**c. Suggest any three reasons that led Isaiah of Jerusalem to withdraw from public ministry**

- His prophetic work was fruitless since King Ahaz Could not cooperate with the prophet
- He wanted to pay more attention to his disciples
- He was waiting for the Lord to make his prophecies come true
- He wanted to give his disciples chance to write down his messages

(6 marks)**d. Suggest any two reasons why some church leaders may stop serving their churches or ministries today.****(4 marks)**

- Being frustrated by their top most bosses
- Not getting enough financial support from the ministry
- Not ready to continue living to their vows of chastity and poverty
- Willingness to join active politics

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 points. (4 marks)**

- You have suffered long enough and your sins are forgiven
- I have punished you in full for all your sins

b. Describe four ways in which a road for Yahweh will be prepared.**(8 marks)**

- Filling every valley
- Levelling every mountain
- Making the hills become a plain
- Making the rough country become smooth
- Making hills plain



- c. **Outline any three reasons to prove that Yahweh is incomparable.** (6 marks)
- Only Yahweh can measure the ocean by handfuls
 - Only Yahweh can measure the sky with his hands
 - Only Yahweh can hold the soil of the earth in a cup
 - Only Yahweh can weigh the mountains and hills on scales
- d. **What does the expression “all human beings are like grass that withers and flowers that fade” mean?** (2 marks)
- God’s salvation of his people does not depend on people’s efforts since people are weak and do not last long
3. **Isaiah 55: 1 – 9 contains God’s invitation.**
- a. **Identify the two groups of people that God invites.** (4 marks)
- Everyone who is thirsty
 - Those that have no money
- b. **Relate God’s invitation to these people.** (6 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?
- c. **Give three similarities between this invitation in Isaiah and the parable of the Great Feast in Luke 14: 15 -24.** (6 marks)
- Everything is free in both cases
 - Those invited are the poor in both stories
 - Both invitations are open to everyone
 - Those who refuse the offer will be punished in both stories
- d. **To what tasks does the Lord call Christians of society today? Give any two points.** (4 marks)
- Purifying themselves so as to be worthy of the salvation
 - Bringing Christ to all other people through their words and action
 - Helping the needy and all those suffering
 - Leading a holy life

2016 EXAMINATION

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.**
- To speak Aramaic to them
 - Not to speak Hebrew since all the people on the wall were listening
- b. **Name the Assyrian official’s reply to the request made by Hezekiah’ officials.** (6 marks)
- Do you think you and the King are the only ones the emperor sent me to say all these things to?
 - No, I am also talking to the people who are sitting on the wall, who will have to eat their excrement and drink their urine, just as you will
- c. **(i) How did Hezekiah’s official react to the speech made by the Assyrian official?** (2 marks)
- They tore their clothes in grief
 - They went and reported to the king what the Assyrian official had said



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

- Due to disagreements over boundaries or territories
- Due to competition over scarce resources such as minerals
- Due to differences in ideological beliefs especially between communism and capitalism
- Due to competition for international markets

2. In Isaiah Chapter 44:9 – 20, the prophet condemns the worship of idol.

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

- Idols are made by man yet man cannot make God
- The same tree used to make a god is also used to make fire to warm the man
- Makers of idols get tired in the process of making their gods
- Makers of idols rely on fire and hammer when making their gods **(8 marks)**

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

- Babylonia, a developed nation was worshipping idols
- Yahweh their God was unseen yet idols were seen
- They thought idols were more powerful than Yahweh
- Yahweh seemed to take long to answer their prayers

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

- Some people use charms as they fight for their success
- Some ladies accept to have sex with bosses so as to be employed or be promoted
- Some students give items to their teachers so as to be given good grades
- Some party followers praise their leaders so as to be given hand-outs

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 bring good news to the poor
- To heal the broken hearted
- To comfort all who mourn
- To announce the release to captives and freedom to those in prison

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

- Foreigners will take care of their flocks
- Foreigners will farm their land
- Foreigners will tend their vineyards **(6 marks)**

c. In what three ways did Jesus Christ fulfil the passage during His Ministry as recorded in the Gospel? (6 marks)

- Jesus Christ proclaimed the good news of salvation to the poor
- Jesus Christ healed the sick
- Jesus Christ comforted all who mourned by raised their dead relatives
- Jesus Christ released those who were captives of evil spirits by driving evil spirits out of them



2017 EXAMINATION

1. *In Isaiah 1: 10 -17, the Lord condemns religious practices in Judah.*

- a. (i) **Why does the Lord liken leaders of Jerusalem to the people of Sodom and Gomorrah? Give one point.** (2 marks)

- They were as sinful as those of Sodom and Gomorrah

- (ii) **Give two reasons why God rejected the people's sacrifices.** (4 marks)

- The Jews continued committing sins hence their sacrifices were corrupted by sins
- The Jews exploited Yahweh's favourites such as the poor, the orphans and the widows
- The leaders were corrupt
- The Jews were selfish and greedy

- b. **Explain the following religious ceremonies that were practised by the Jews:**

- (i) **New Moon Festival** (2 marks)

- A day of rest at the beginning of each month when the Jews offered sacrifices to God celebrated when the first crescent moon appeared

- (ii) **Sabbath** (2 marks)

- Weekly gatherings held on the seventh day of the week, a day of rest to adore God who rested on the seventh day after creating the world

- (iii) **Passover Festival** (2 marks)

- The feast of unleavened bread in which the Jews commemorated how the Lord freed them from Egyptian slavery

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

- They should wash themselves clean by repenting their sins
- They should see that justice is done
- They should help the oppressed
- They should defend the widows in court

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

- To give thanks to God for the good things he has done for them
- To ask for forgiveness of their sins
- To adore God
- To ask God to answer their prayers

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 three reasons.**

- He was so disfigured that he hardly looked human
- There was nothing attractive about him
- He had no dignity or beauty to make people take notice of him
- He was despised and rejected

(6 marks)

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

- He was wounded and beaten
- He was treated harshly
- He was arrested and sentenced to die
- He was put to death for the sins of the people

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

- The servant had joy after a life of suffering
- The Lord gave him a place of honour
- The servant knew that he did not suffer in vain



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

- It was God's will that Jesus suffered
- Jesus was so disfigured that he hardly looked human during his suffering moments
- Jesus was despised and rejected
- Jesus was glorified by raising from death

3. In Isaiah 59: 1 – 4, the people complained to Yahweh.

a. (i) Give any one complaint the Jews made. (2 marks)

- Yahweh was too weak to save them
- Yahweh was too deaf to hear their call for help
- Yahweh had cancelled the salvation promised by Deutero Isaiah
- Yahweh's promise of a glorious future was not being fulfilled

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

- Rebelling against God, rejecting God and refusing to follow God
- Oppressing others
- Turning away from God
- Justice was driven away
- There is little honesty that those who stop doing evil find themselves the victims of crime

(8 marks)

b. Give any three problems the post-exilic Jews faced when they returned to Judah. (6 marks)

- They found a poor country which was quite backward in comparison to Babylonia
- There was injustice and all kinds of corruption in Judah
- They suffered attacks by their neighbours and foreign nations
- There was tension between the Jews and Samaritans who were considered as unclean by the returned Jews since they had mixed blood between Jews and Assyrians

c. Suggest any two things the Jews needed to do for God to answer their prayers. (4 marks)

- They had to stop lying in court
- They had to stop being violent
- They had to stop murdering people
- They had to stop hurting others

2018 EXAMINATION

1. In Isaiah 37: 8 – 38, the Assyrians sent a letter to Judah.

a. Outline any four points contained in Sennacherib's letter to Judah (8 marks)

- The God you are trusting in has told you that you will not fall into my hands but don't let that deceive you
- You have heard what the Assyrian emperor does to any country he decides to destroy
- Judah will not escape the destruction from the Assyrian emperor
- My ancestors destroyed many cities while their gods were present

b. How did King Hezekiah react after receiving the letter? Give any two points. (4 marks)

- He took the letter and read it
- He went to the temple and placed the letter in the presence of the Lord
- He prayed asking God to listen to all the things that Sennacherib was saying to insult the living God



c. Outline any two actions that the Lord will do in reaction to Sennacherib's insults to Him.

- The Lord will take Sennacherib back by the road on which he came without entering Jerusalem city
- The Lord will defend Jerusalem city and protect it **(4 marks)**

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

- They should turn to God whenever they are in trouble
- They should have faith in God that he will deal with their trouble

2. Isaiah 38: 1 – 8 deals with the illness and miraculous recovery of King Hezekiah.

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

- A boil

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 way and prayed
- He began to cry 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 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

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

- He put a paste made of figs on his boil

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

- They anoint the sick with holy oil
- They give the sick people blessed water to use as medication
- They place their hands on the sick people and pray for their healing
- They ask patients attendants to fast on behalf of the sick for the recovery of the sick

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

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

- The Lord filled him with His Spirit
- The Lord strengthened him
- The Lord chose him

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

- He is filled with God's Spirit
- He is gentle in that he will not shout or raise his voice
- He is patient and compassionate to the weak, poor and helpless
- He is courageous in that he will not lose hope

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

- Bringing justice to every nation
- Bringing light to the nations
- Opening the eyes of the blind
- Setting free those who sit in dark prisons

d. Explain any two tasks that church leaders usually do for their Church members

- They preach the Word of God to them
- They baptize those who wish to join the church
- They pray for the sick to be healed
- They support the needy by mobilising and distributing material resources **(4 marks)**



2019 EXAMINATION

2. *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.**
 - Triumphant glory by making himself an offering for sins
 - Carrying out the sorrows and sins of others
 - Helping others by the sorrows inflicted on him

(4 marks)
- b. **Describe any three qualities of the servant in the Fourth Servant Song.** **(6 marks)**
 - Does not look attractive or successful
 - Suffers without complaining or defending himself
 - Is honest, sincere, truthful and trustworthy
 - Is despised and rejected by people
- c. **Describe any three ways in which the servant suffered in the Fourth Servant Song. (6 marks)**
 - He was wounded and beaten
 - He was treated harshly
 - He was arrested and sentenced to die
 - He was put to death for the sins of the people
- d. **Give any two lessons Christian leaders can learn from the experiences of the servant in the Fourth Servant Song.** **(4 marks)**
 - One should be ready to suffer for the sake of God's work
 - One should be ready to be honest just like the Fourth Servant
 - Do not give up suffering but have the hope of seeing its fruits after death
 - God always vindicates his people even though they look like rejected by others people

2020 EXAMINATION

2. *Isaiah 61: 1 – 11 contains the good news of deliverance.*

- a. **Identify any six tasks which the prophet was anointed to perform.** **(6 marks)**
 - To bring good news to the poor
 - To heal the broken hearted
 - To comfort all who mourn
 - To announce the release to captives and freedom to those in prison
 - To proclaim that the time of salvation has come
 - To give those who mourn in Zion joy and gladness instead of grief
- b. **Explain the future glory of God's people as announced by the prophet. Give any four points.**
 - They will rebuild the cities that have long been in ruins
 - Foreigners will take care of their flocks
 - Foreigners will farm their land
 - Foreigners will tend their vineyards
 - They will enjoy the wealth of the nations **(8 marks)**
- c. **How does this passage apply to Jesus Christ as recorded in the Luke's Gospel? Give any three points.** **(6 marks)**
 - Jesus Christ proclaimed the good news of salvation to the poor
 - Jesus Christ healed the sick
 - Jesus Christ comforted all who mourned by raised their dead relatives
 - Jesus Christ released those who were captives of evil spirits by driving evil spirits out of them



2021 EXAMINATION

2. Isaiah 1: 10 – 31 is about the social, religious and political sins of Israel.

- a. **(i) State any four religious practices of the Jews in this passage. (4 marks)**
- Trampling about in the Temple
 - Lifting their hands in prayer
 - Burning animals for sacrifice
 - Burning incense
- (ii) Why was God not pleased with the Jews for doing the practices in 1a(i)? (2 marks)**
- The Jews continued committing sins hence their sacrifices were corrupted by sins
 - The Jews exploited Yahweh's favourites such as the poor, the orphans and the widows
 - The leaders were corrupt
 - The Jews were selfish and greedy
- b. **What did God expect the Jews to do in order to please Him? Give any four points. (4 marks)**
- They should wash themselves clean by repenting their sins
 - They should see that justice is done
 - They should help the oppressed
 - They should defend the widows in court
- c. **Describe how God would restore Jerusalem. Give any two points. (4 marks)**
- He will purify them just as metal is refined to remove all impurity
 - He will give them good leaders like those they had long time ago
 - He will crush everyone who sins and rebels against Him
 - He will save everyone who repents
- d. **Give any three lessons Christians today can learn from this passage. (6 marks)**
- They should repent their sins
 - They should see that justice is done
 - They should stop doing evil and learn to do right
 - They should obey God so as to please him

2022 EXAMINATION

2. Isaiah 3: 1 – 26 is about a prophecy about the chaos in Jerusalem and the warning to the women of Jerusalem

- a. **Give any four groups of people that the Lord was going to take away (4 marks)**
- Heroes and soldiers
 - Judges and Prophets
 - Fortune tellers and statesmen
 - Military and civilian leaders
 - Politicians and magicians
- b. **Explain any three consequences of the Lord taking away leaders from Jerusalem (6 marks)**
- People will be governed by immature boys
 - Young people will not respect their elders
 - Worthless people will not respect their superiors
 - People will refuse leadership positions



c. **State any four sins the women of Jerusalem were accused of (4 marks)**

- Pride which makes them despise the poor
- Arrogance shown in walking with their noses in the air
- Flirting or seducing men to have sexual intercourse with them
- Agreeing with their husbands to rob the poor

d. **In what three ways would the women of Jerusalem be punished**

- Baldness instead of having fine hair
- Stinking instead of using perfumes
- Their beauty will be turned into shame
- Wearing rags instead of fine clothes



SECTION B – THE BOOK OF LUKE

1998 EXAMINATION

4. *In Luke 4 verses 14 – 30, we read about the encounter between Jesus and his fellow Jews in a synagogue on a Sabbath.*

a. Give four tasks that Jesus announced that He would do during His ministry. (8 marks)

- Bringing good news to the poor
- Proclaiming liberty to the captives
- Proclaiming recovery of sight to the blind
- Setting free the prisoners

b. (i) What was the hearer's immediate reaction to the reading by Jesus? (4 marks)

- They were all well impressed with him and marvelled at the eloquent words that he spoke
- They began to doubt him when they realised that he was the son of Joseph and later on they became angry at him

(ii) Suggest any two reasons for their reaction. (4 marks)

- They realized that He was one of them, a son of Joseph
- He had said that salvation will go to the Gentiles when he said that it was a Gentile widow from Zarephath who took care of prophet Elijah though there were many widows in Israel
- It was a sign that they had rejected Jesus
- Jesus had performed more miracles in Capernaum than in His own town

c. Describe the Jewish procedure of worship in a synagogue. (4 marks)

- The Torah was taken from the Covenant Box
- The Psalm was sung
- Two prayers were offered – The Shema and the 18 Benedictions
- A reading from the Torah as well as from the Prophets
- A comment on the reading by any Jewish male appointed by the Leader of the Synagogue

5. *In Luke 16 verses 19 – 31, Jesus used the parable of the Richman and Lazarus to teach about the Kingdom of God.*

a. Narrate the parable in your own words. (6 marks)

- There was once a rich man who dressed in the most expensive clothes and lived in luxury every day. There was also a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who used to be brought to the rich man's door, hoping to eat the bits of food that fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs would come and lick his sores.
- The poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the feast in heaven. The rich man died and was buried, and in Hades, where he was in great pains.
- The rich man then asked Abraham to have pity on him and send Lazarus to dip his finger in some water and cool his tongue, because he was in great pain. Abraham responded by saying that while on earth he was given all the good things while Lazarus got all the bad things. But now Lazarus is enjoying himself while the rich man was in pain.
- The rich man was also told that there was no need for Abraham to send Lazarus to warn the rich man's brothers so that they don't come to that place of pain since they have Moses and the Prophets to warn them. If they don't listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone were to rise from death



b. What did Jesus want to teach about the Kingdom of God in the Parable? (4 marks)

- In the Kingdom of God blessed are the poor unlike the rich who are condemned due to their selfishness
- Love of neighbour is a precondition for entering the Kingdom of God
- Those who care for others are acceptable before God
- Those who enrich themselves at the expenses of the poor will not enter the kingdom of God

c. Suggest two reasons why Jesus told the Pharisees this parable (4 marks)

- The Pharisees believed that those who were rich were favoured by God and would automatically enter the Kingdom of God
- They believed that those who were poor and sick could not enter the Kingdom of God

d. In what way is the parable applicable to us today? Give two points (4 marks)

- The rich have the responsibility of caring for the poor
- There are consequences of neglecting justice for the poor
- It shows lack of concern for the poor
- It teaches the danger of capitalism in which money becomes the master of people

e. Why do you think Jesus used parables in His teaching? (2 marks)

- To attract people's attention
- To help people to understand his message easily
- To help people remember his message easily
- To avoid debates

6. One of Jesus' teachings was about the resurrection of the dead. (Luke 20: 27 – 40)

a. What was the reply Jesus gave the Sadducees concerning resurrection? (6 marks)

- The men and women of this age marry, but the men and women who are worthy to rise from death and live in the age to come will not marry
- They will be like angels and cannot die. They are the children of God, because they have risen from death
- Moses clearly proves that the dead are raised to life when he speaks of God as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob indicating that he is the God of the living not of the dead, for to him all are alive

b. Suggest any three reasons why the Sadducees confronted Jesus with this question. (6 marks)

- They did not believe in life after death
- They wanted to prove that in the Law of Moses there is no provision that the dead will rise for there would be confusion in heaven according to the provision in the Law on marriage
- They wanted to trap Jesus so as to accuse him of teaching against the Law of Moses
- They had wrong idea of the resurrection in that they thought it meant bringing the dead to their old life

c. The Sadducees had some beliefs that were different from those of the Pharisees. Give four beliefs that you know of the Sadducees only. (8 marks)

- They did not believe in life after death
- They did not believe in angels
- They did not believe in the spirits
- They did not believe in the Divine Providence



1999 EXAMINATION

4. *In Luke 9: verse 1 – 12, Jesus sent out the twelve apostles on a special mission.*a. **Give any three reasons for which Jesus sent out the twelve on a mission.** (6 marks)

- To train them in the mission they would do after his departure
- To reach more people with the gospel
- To make his small community stronger by making the apostles share in his work
- Preaching was the duty of the apostles and not only to be done by Jesus alone

b. **What activities did they undertake during their mission?** (6 marks)

- Preaching the Kingdom of God
- Healing the sick (curing diseases)
- Driving out demons

c. **Outline three instructions that Jesus gave to the twelve to follow on their mission.** (6 marks)

- To take nothing with them for the journey
- To stay where they were welcomed until they left that town
- Where people don't welcome them, they should leave the town and shake the dust off their feet as a warning to them

d. **Explain the significance of one instruction that dealt with any household that would not receive the apostles.** (2 marks)

- It was a warning to them for refusing the gospel
- It was a curse that the apostles should not be blamed later
- It was a sign that those who reject the apostles will be punished
- It meant judgement that the people are responsible in rejecting salvation

5. *Jesus was constantly accused during His ministry by some members of the Jewish Community.*a. **Name any three groups of people who accused him.** (3 marks)

- The Chief Priests
- Teachers of the Law
- The elders
- The Sadducees

b. **For each of the accusations listed below explain the circumstances under which it occurred.**(i) **Using authority.** (5marks)

- One day when Jesus was in the Temple teaching the people and preaching the Good News, the chief priests and the Teachers of the Law together with the elders came and said to him, "Tell us, what right have you to do these things? Who gave you the right?"
- Jesus was accused and challenged to state the authority he used to enter Jerusalem as the Messiah, cleanse the Temple as well as teach the crowds in the Temple.

(ii) **Healing on the Sabbath** (6 marks)

- As Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on one Sabbath, there was a woman with an evil spirit that made her ill for 18 years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. Jesus told the woman that she was free from her illness. He placed his hands on her and at once she straightened herself up and praised God.
- The official of the synagogue was angry that Jesus healed on the Sabbath. He told the people to come for healing on any of the 6 days but not on the Sabbath. Jesus responded by saying if people untie the ox or donkey to give it water on the Sabbath, why should the descendant of Abraham not be released on the Sabbath



(iii) Forgiving sins**(6 marks)**

- When a paralysed man was brought to Jesus by four men who carried him and brought him down to Jesus through an opening they made on the roof, Jesus healed them seeing the faith of the four men who brought him. In the process of healing the paralysed man, Jesus said to the man, "Your sins are forgiven, my friend." This angered the Teachers of the Law and the Pharisees who began to say to themselves, "Who is this man who speaks such blasphemy! God is the only one who can forgive sins!"
- Thus, they accused Jesus of blasphemy since he forgave sins of the man, the authority which belongs to God only and according to them Jesus was not God hence did not have the authority to forgive sins.

6. Soon after the arrest, Jesus was taken to several places for trial.

- a. **What accusations were brought against him at the Council hearing?** **(6 mark)**
 - That Jesus was the Messiah
 - That he was the Son of God
- b. **Give the charges brought against him in the court of Pilate.** **(4 marks)**
 - Misleading people by telling them not to pay tax to the Emperor
 - Claiming that he himself is the Messiah, a King
 - Starting a riot among the people all through Judea with his teaching
- c. **Explain the treatment he received at the court of Herod.** **(4 marks)**
 - Herod and his soldiers mocked Jesus and treated Jesus with contempt
 - They put a fine robe on Jesus and sent him back to Pilate
- d. **Write out the responses of Jesus at each hearing** **(4 marks)**
 - When he appeared before the Council accepted that he was the Messiah, the Son of God.
 - When he appeared before Pilate, Jesus responded that Pilate had just said it that Jesus was the Messiah, the King
 - When he appeared before Herod, Jesus made no answer to any of the accusations made against him

2000 EXAMINATION**4. In Luke Chapter 3:3 John the Baptist said "Turn away from your sins and God will forgive you."**

- a. **Briefly narrate the prophecy from the Book of Isaiah which introduced John the Baptist as the forerunner of the Messiah.** **(6 marks)**
 - Someone is shouting in the desert: Get the road ready for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel!
 - Every valley must be filled up, every hill and mountain levelled off.
 - The winding roads must be made straight and the rough paths made smooth
 - The whole human race will see God's salvation
- b. **How did John the Baptist respond to the reaction of the groups that received his message.**
 - He told the people that whoever has two shirts must give on to the other man who has none and whoever has food must share it
 - He told the tax collectors not to collect more than what is legal
 - He told the soldiers not to take money from anyone by force or accuse anyone falsely and that they should be content with their pay**(6 marks)**



- c. **In what ways is John the Baptist regarded as belonging to the Old Testament Traditions.**
- His birth was announced by an angel like the birth of Isaac
 - He was born of ageing parents
 - He stayed in the wilderness like Prophet Elijah
 - His name was given by God
- (8 marks)**
5. ***Luke Chapter 12: 13 – 34 teaches reliance upon material possession and security.***
- a. **Relate the parable of the Rich Fool.** **(8 marks)**
- There was once a rich man who had land which bore good crops.
 - He planned to tear down his barns and build bigger ones, where he would store his corn and all his other goods. Then he would say to himself that he was a lucky man since he had all the good things he needed for many years. hence he would take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy himself.
 - But God said to him, “You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?”
- b. **Describe what Jesus taught about trusting in God.** **(6 marks)**
- People should not worry about the food they need to stay alive or about the clothes they need for their body.
 - Life is more important than food, and the body much more important than clothes.
 - The crows don’t sow seeds or gather harvests, God feeds them. people are worthy more than the birds. The wild flowers don’t work or make clothes for themselves, it is God who clothes the wild grass. Won’t God be all the more sure to clothe people?
 - Be concerned with God’s kingdom and he will provide you with food and clothes.
- c. **According to Jesus’ teaching, why is it better to have riches in heaven than on earth.**
- The riches will never decrease
 - This is because no thief can get to them, no moth can destroy them
 - Your heart will always be where your riches are
- (6 marks)**
6. ***Luke Chapter 19:28 – 44 is the fulfilment of the Prophecy found in the Book of Zechariah Chapter 9:9***
- a. **Narrate the prophecy which Jesus fulfilled in His triumphant entry into Jerusalem.** **(6 marks)**
- Rejoice, rejoice, people of Zion! Shout for Joy you people of Jerusalem
 - Look, your King is coming to you!
 - He comes triumphantly and victorious, but in a humble manner and riding on a donkey – on a colt, the foal of a donkey
- b. **Explain the reaction of the Pharisees to the jubilation of the disciples and Jesus’ reaction.**
- They asked Jesus to command His disciples to be quiet
 - This was because they were jealous of Jesus since He had become popular and that they were worried that the Romans would interpret it as a riot or uprising
- (4 marks)**
- c. **Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem?** **(4 marks)**
- The enemies would come and surround the city with barricades and blockade it, will destroy the city and its people
 - He knew that he would die in Jerusalem



d. **What was the significance of Jesus' riding a donkey and disciples laying the cloaks on the road? (6 marks)**

- Riding on a colt symbolized that Jesus is the Prince of Peace.
- The laying of cloaks on the road by the disciples symbolised Jesus' enthronement as the King
- The laying of cloaks on the road by the disciples symbolised loyalty to Jesus as the King

2001 EXAMINATION

4. ***The birth of Jesus was first announced to the shepherds who were out in the fields. (Luke 2:8 – 20)***

a. **Relate the speech given by an angel of the Lord to the shepherds. (8 marks)**

- Don't be afraid! I am here with the good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people.
- This very day in David's town your Saviour was born – Christ the Lord!
- And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger

b. **Give the meanings of the three different titles given to Jesus by the angel of Lord. (6 marks)**

- **Saviour:** Jesus will save all people from sin by guiding people to know the will of God
- **Christ:** Jesus is the Promised Messiah, the Son of God
- **Lord:** Jesus is the King of Kings

c. **Why was the status of the shepherds very low in the Jewish community? (6 marks)**

- They were suspected of being thieves
- They were poor
- They were not allowed to give evidence in court
- They were considered outcasts or unclean since they were always absent from worship

5. ***While Jesus was praying on the hill, his disciples saw him transfigured (Luke 9:29).***

a. **(i) Name the two men who were talking with Jesus. (2 marks)**

- Moses
- Elijah

(ii) What were the two men talking about? (4 marks)

- The way in which Jesus would soon fulfil God's purpose by dying in Jerusalem

b. **Describe the reaction of Peter and other apostles to what they had seen and heard. (6marks)**

- Peter said, "Master how good it is that we are here. We will build three tents, one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah.
- The disciples were afraid as the cloud came over them
- The disciples kept quiet and told no one at that time anything they had seen

c. **(i) State what the voice that came from the cloud said. (2 marks)**

- This is my Son, whom I have chosen – listen to him

(ii) What was the significance of the message in the voice? (6 marks)

- It reveals that Jesus is the Messiah
- It reveals that Jesus is the beloved Son of God
- It reveals that Jesus is a unique prophet
- It reveals that Jesus is the anointed One of God



6. *When Jesus was approaching Jerusalem, he taught the Parable of the Gold Coins (Luke 19: 11 – 27)*

a. **What did the servant who earned nothing with the coin say to his master? (4 marks)**

- Sir, here is your gold coin. I kept it hidden in the handkerchief
- I was afraid of you because you are a hard man. You take what is not yours and reap what you did not sow

b. (i) **State what the master said in response to the servant who earned nothing. (8 marks)**

- You bad servant! I will use your own words to condemn you.
- You know that I am a hard man, taking what is not mine and reaping what I have not sown.
- Well then, why did you not put my money in the bank?
- Then I would have received it back with interest when I returned.

(ii) **What was Jesus teaching in this parable on Jewish privileges? (4 marks)**

- They were the chosen people of God
- They had knowledge of the Law
- They had prophets to guide them
- The Messiah was with and among them

c. **Why did Jesus teach this parable as he was approaching Jerusalem? (4 marks)**

- He knew that people supposed that the Kingdom of God was just about to appear
- People expected that Jesus' going to Jerusalem would lead to an uprising against the Roman government and establish the Kingdom of God among the Jews against the Romans.

2002 EXAMINATION

4. *In Luke 14:1 – 24, Jesus was invited to eat in Pharisee's house on the Sabbath.*

a. **Describe what Jesus said and did when healing of the man who had swollen limbs. (8 marks)**

- Jesus asked the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees, "Does our Law allow healing on the Sabbath or not?" But they would not say anything.
- Jesus took the man, healed him, and sent him away.
- Then he said to them, "If any one of you had a son or an ox that happened to fall in a well on a Sabbath, would you not pull them out at once on the Sabbath itself?"

b. **Explain in your own words what Jesus taught about choosing places to sit when invited to a function? (4 marks)**

- When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place. it could happen that someone more important than you, has been invited, and your host, would have to come and say to you, 'Let him have this place'.
- Instead, when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place so that your host will come to you and say, 'Come on up, my friend, to a better place.' This will bring you honour in the presence of all other guests.

c. **What advice did Jesus give to anyone hosting a party? (4 marks)**

- When you give lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your rich neighbours – for they will invite you back, and in this way, you will be paid for what you did.
- When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; and you will be blessed, because they are not able to pay you back. God will repay you, on the day the good people rise from death.



5. ***In Luke Chapter 22:8, Jesus said, “Go and get the Passover meal ready for us to eat.”***

a. **Write an account of preparations made for the last Passover of Jesus and His disciples.**

- Jesus said that as Peter and John go into the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet them.
- They should follow him into the house he enters, and say to the owner of the house: “The Teacher says to you, where is the room where my disciples and I will eat the Passover meal?” He will show you a large room upstairs, where you will get everything ready’.
- The disciples were to remove all leavened bread from the room, buy the unleavened bread, herbs and wine. They were finally to lay a carpet. **(8 marks)**

b. **What are the probable reasons why Jesus wanted to hold the Passover in secret? (4 marks)**

- To avoid disturbances from the crowd
- To bid farewell to the apostles
- To prevent Jesus’ enemies from knowing his whereabouts
- To have a special time with his apostles

c. **Suggest reasons why Judas betrayed Jesus? (8 marks)**

- Judas loved money
- He was tempted by Satan
- He thought Jesus would miraculously escape while he had gained the money
- He was disappointed seeing Jesus failing to drive out Romans as he had expected

6. ***Jesus returned from the Jordan full of the Holy Spirit and was led by the spirit into the desert.***

a. **What did Jesus go into the desert? (6 marks)**

- To prepare for His mission
- To be tempted by the devil
- To be alone with God
- To decide how to establish the Kingdom of God

b. **List the temptations of Jesus and His answers. (6 marks)**

- The devil said to Jesus: “If you are God’s Son, order this stone to turn into bread”. Jesus responded, “The Scripture says, ‘Human being cannot live on bread alone.’”
- Then the Devil too Jesus up and showed him in a second all the kingdoms of the world. “I will give you all this power and all this wealth”, the devil said, “It has all been handed over to me, and I can give it to anyone I choose. All this will be yours, then if you worship me.” Jesus answered, “The Scripture says, ‘Worship the Lord your God and save him only.’”
- Then the Devil set Jesus on the highest point of the Temple in Jerusalem, and said to him, “If you are God’s Son, throw yourself down from here. For the scripture says, ‘God will order His angels to take good care of you.’ It also says, ‘They will hold you up with their hands so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones. Jesus answered, “The Scripture says, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

c. **According to the second temptation of Jesus, demonstrate how this temptation could be applied in our own life today. (8 marks)**

- We can be tempted to worship the devil for the sake of power
- We can be tempted to worship the devil so as to have wealth
- We can be tempted to kill others in order to have wealth
- We can be tempted to gain wealth without sweating for it



2003 EXAMINATION

4. *In Luke 2:22 – 39, Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple according to the law of Moses.*

a. **Why was Jesus brought to the temple?** (6 marks)

- To present Jesus to the Lord since every first born son was to be dedicated to the Lord
- To redeem Jesus by offering a pair of doves or two young pigeons
- To perform the purification ceremony since Mary had become unclean by giving birth to a child

Simeon and Anna spoke about Jesus on this occasion.

b. **Briefly describe Anna.** (6 marks)

- She was a prophet
- She was a widow
- She had been married for only 7 years
- She never left the Temple
- She was a daughter of Phanuel
- She was 84 years old when Jesus was presented in the Temple

c. **Explain the significance of Simeon's message to the following:**

(i) **listeners.** (4 marks)

- Jesus will suffer to fulfil his mission
- People will be divided over Jesus' message in that some will believe while others will reject the message
- The people who reject will perish

(ii) **Mary, the mother of Jesus.** (4 marks)

- Mary will suffer because of her son, Jesus
- Jesus, her son, will suffer to fulfil His mission
- People will be divided because of her Son, some will accept her son while others will reject him

5. *In Luke 11:1 – 13, Jesus teaches about prayer.*

a. (i) **What is "prayer"?** (2 marks)

- Spending time with God

(ii) **What are the key issues that the Lord's Prayer teaches about Christianity?** (8 marks)

- Christians have to honour the father
- Worldly values must give way to Godly values
- Christians should trust in God's provisions
- Christians should learn to forgive others so that God forgives them

b. **Outline the parable that Jesus taught his disciple to persevere in prayer.** (6 marks)

- Suppose one of you should go to a friend's house at midnight and say, 'Friend, let me borrow three loaves of bread. A friend of mine who is on a journey has just come to my house, and I haven't got any food for him!' And suppose your friend should answer from inside, 'Don't bother me! The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything'.
- Jesus said that even if he will not get up and give you the bread because you are his friend, yet he will get up and give you everything you need because you are not ashamed to keep on asking.



- c. **Give any four reasons why people pray these days.** (4 marks)
- To ask God for forgiveness
 - To ask God for wisdom during examinations
 - To thank God for all he has done for them
 - To ask God to guide them in their day to day activities
6. ***When Jesus was on the cross, a number of people spoke about him. (Luke Chapter 23:26 – 56)***
- a. **Describe what some people said about him indicating those**
- (i) **who sympathised with him.** (4 marks)
- The criminal on the right declared Jesus innocent by saying that Jesus had done no wrong
 - The army officer declared Jesus innocent by saying that Jesus was a good man
- (ii) **who did not sympathise with him.** (4 marks)
- The criminal on the left rebuked Jesus to save himself and save the two criminals since he was the Messiah
 - The Jewish leaders jeered at Jesus saying He saved others, let him save himself if he is the Messiah Whom God has chosen
 - The soldiers told Jesus to save himself if he was the king of the Jews
- b. **Explain the significance of the darkness and the tearing of the curtain in the temple when Jesus was on the Cross.** (8 marks)
- The darkness signified judgement in that from then on, everyone will be judged according to his attitude towards Jesus
 - The darkness was a symbol of universal judgement, Jews and Gentiles alike
 - The tearing of the curtain meant that the Jewish way of worshipping God as well as the time of the Temple was over
 - The tearing of the curtain meant that the holy of holies is gone in that all people have direct access to Jesus
- c. **Write out the role of Joseph of Arimathea played in the burial of Jesus.** (4 marks)
- He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus
 - He took the body down from the cross, wrapped it up in a linen sheet and placed it in a tomb which had been dug out of solid rock and which had never been used.

2004 EXAMINATION

4. ***When Jesus was twelve years old, his parents took him to Jerusalem for the Passover festival.***
- a. **What was the “Passover”?** (4 marks)
- A feast of unleavened bread to remind the Jews on how they got out of Egyptian slavery
- b. **Describe any four activities that took place during the Passover ceremony** (8 marks)
- Killing of the lamb
 - Roasting of the whole lamb
 - Eating of the meat together with unleavened bread and bitter herbs
 - Taking of wine while a hymn is being sung



c. **Explain fully what happened for Mary to say, “My son, why have you done this to us?”**

- When Jesus was 12 years old, his parents took him to Jerusalem for Passover. When the festival was over, they started back home, but the boy Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. His parents did not know this. They thought that he was with the group, so they travelled a whole day and then started looking for him.
- On the third day they found him in the Temple, sitting with the Jewish teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard him were amazed at his intelligent answers.
- His parents were astonished when they saw him, and his mother said to him, “My son, why have you done this to us?” **(8 marks)**

5. **The teacher of the Law asked Jesus “Who is my neighbour?” (Luke 10:29)**

a. **Relate the parable Jesus said in response to the lawyer’s question. (8 marks)**

- There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead.
- It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by, on the other side.
- In the same way, a Levite also came along, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by, on the other side.
- But a Samaritan who was travelling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. He went over to him, pour oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them. He then put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he told the innkeeper to take care of the wounded man and that when the Samaritan come back that way, he would pay the innkeeper.

b. **State any three duties performed by each of the following:**

(i) **Priests**

(3 marks)

- Offering prayers
- Burning incense
- Deciding what is clean and unclean
- Keeping and administering temple treasury

(ii) **Levites**

(3 marks)

- Interpreting the Law
- Judging the Law
- Teaching the Law

c. **Suggest any three reasons why the priest and the Levite were unwilling to assist their fellow Jew who lay half-dead. (6 marks)**

- They were afraid of being made unclean by touching blood
- They did not want to be delayed on their journey to Jerusalem
- They were afraid of being accusing of casing the injury to the man
- They were afraid of being attacked by the robbers who might have been hiding nearby



6. **a. Relate what the two disciples on their way to Emmaus said about Jesus. (8 marks)**
- This man was a prophet and was considered by God and by all the people to be powerful in everything he said and did.
 - Our chief priests and rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and he was crucified.
 - And we hoped that he would be the one who was going to set Israel free! Besides all that, this is now the third day since it happened.
 - Some of the women of our group surprised us. They went at dawn to the tomb, but could not find his body. They came back saying they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive. Some of our group went to the tomb and found it exactly as the women had said, but they did not see him.
- b. How did Jesus respond to their discussion? (6 marks)**
- How foolish you are, how slow you are to believe everything the prophets said!
 - Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter his glory
 - Jesus then explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures, beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets.
- c. Describe the events that led the disciples to eventually recognise Jesus. (6 marks)**
- As they came near the village, Jesus acted as if he were going further. They held him back saying, “Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark.
 - Jesus went in to stay with them. He sat down to eat with them, took the bread and said the blessing. He then broke the bread and gave it to them.
 - Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, but he disappeared from their sight.

2005 EXAMINATION

4. **Luke Chapter 3:1 – 38 describes the ministry of John the Baptist who preached the message of repentance.**
- a. According to John the Baptist, what is the meaning of the term “repentance”? (2 marks)**
- Turning away from one’s sins
- b. Relate what John the Baptist told the multitude that came to be baptized by him. (8 marks)**
- You Snakes! Who told you that you could escape from punishment God is about to send?
 - Do those things that will show that you have turned from your sins
 - Don’t start saying among yourselves that Abraham is your ancestor. I tell you that God can take these stones and make them descendants of Abraham
 - The axe is ready to cut down the trees at the roots; every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown in the fire
- c. How did John the Baptist testify that he was not the Messiah? Give any four points. (8 marks)**
- The one coming was greater than John
 - John baptized with water but the Messiah would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire
 - John was not good enough even to untie sandals of the one coming
 - The one coming would judge and separate the bad good from the bad people
- d. Why did Herod Antipas arrest John the Baptist? (2 marks)**
- Because John reprimanded Herod for marrying Herodias, his brother’s wife



4. In Luke Chapter 15, Jesus narrates the Parable of the Lost and the Found.

a. Relate the parable of the lost coin (6 marks)

- Suppose a woman who has ten silver coins loses one of them – what does she do? She lights a lamp, sweeps her house, and looks carefully everywhere until she finds it.
- When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together, and says to them, ‘I am so happy I found the coin I lost. Let us celebrate!’

b. Identify any three similarities in the three parables. (6 marks)

- They all talk about the lost
- The owner is in great pains after the loss
- The owner takes an initiative to go after the lost
- There is great joy after finding the loss

c. Suggest four lessons the church can learn today from these parables (8 marks)

- Christians should not only accept the upright but also they should forgive the lost
- Christians should search for the lost members of the church
- Care for the lost person is not a waste of time
- God forgives people who accept their mistakes

5. In Luke 8: 26 – 36, Jesus healed a man with demons.

a. How could people easily tell the man was demon possessed? Give any three ways. (6 marks)

- Moving around without clothes
- Not staying at home
- Spending his time in burial caves
- Breaking the chains when his hands and feet were fastened

b. How did the man with demons react when he saw Jesus? (6 marks)

- He gave a loud cry
- He threw himself down at Jesus’ feet
- He shouted, “Jesus’ Son of the Most High God! What do you want with me!”

c. Explain briefly what happened to the man after a large herd of pigs had drowned. (8 marks)

- The demons had gone out of him and he was sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind
- The man begged Jesus to allow him go with Jesus
- But Jesus sent the man away, saying, “Go back home and tell what God has done for you.
- The man went through the town, telling what Jesus had done for him

2006 EXAMINATION

4. In Luke 1:8 – 20, Zechariah was in the Temple.

a. What circumstances made Zechariah to be found in the Temple. Give any two points.

- He was doing his work as a priest in the Temple, taking his turn in the daily service
- Zechariah was chosen by lot among the many priests to burn incense on the altar **(4 marks)**

b. Relate in your words the speech of the angel Gabriel to Zechariah while he was in the Temple.

- Don’t be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son. You are to name him John. How glad and happy you will be
- He will be a great man in the Lord’s sight. He must not drink any wine or strong drink. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go ahead of the Lord, strong and mighty like the prophet Elijah. He will get the Lord’s people ready for him.

(6 marks)



- c. **Why were the people surprised that Zechariah named his son “John”?** (2 marks)
- Both Elizabeth and Zechariah named the son John yet there two did not say a word to each other about the son’s name.
 - No one in their clan had that name, John
- d. **Suggest any four reasons why John is place in the Old Testament prophetic tradition. (8 marks)**
- His birth was announced by an angel like the birth of Isaac
 - He was born of ageing parents
 - He stayed in the wilderness like Prophet Elijah
 - His name was given by God
5. ***Luke 19:1 – 10 is about Jesus and Zacchaeus.***
- a. **Relate the speech of Jesus before Zacchaeus.** (6 marks)
- Salvation has come to this house today, for this man, also, is a descendant of Abraham.
 - The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost
- b. **Give any three reasons why tax collectors were hated by the Jews.** (6 marks)
- They co-operated with the Romans whom their occupants
 - They were dishonesty and greedy
 - They were unclean by being in contact the unclean money, the Roman currency
 - They were in contact with the unclean people
- c. **How did Zacchaeus show a changed heart? State any three ways.** (6 marks)
- He said he would give half of his belongings to the poor
 - He said if he had cheated anyone, he would pay back four times as much
 - He followed Jesus’ advice of making friends with worldly wealth
 - He took action of helping the poor
- d. **What was the reaction of the people when Jesus offered to go into Zacchaeus house?** (2 marks)
- They started grumbling, “This man has gone as a guest to the home of a sinner”.
6. ***Luke 23:26 – 46 is about the crucifixion of Jesus.***
- a. **Give any two instances where Jesus was declared innocent.** (4 marks)
- The criminal on the right declared Jesus innocent by saying that Jesus had done no wrong
 - The army officer declared Jesus innocent by saying that Jesus was a good man
- b. **Narrate what Jesus said to the women who followed Him on the way to the cross. (8 marks)**
- Women of Jerusalem, Don’t cry for me, but for yourselves and your children.
 - For the days are coming when people will say, “How lucky are the women who never had children, who never bore babies, who never nursed them!”
 - That will be the time when the people will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Hide us”
 - For if such things as these are done when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?
- c. **How significant was the comment made by the criminal on the right hand side of Jesus? Suggest any three reasons.** (6 marks)
- He declared that Jesus was innocent
 - It shows that Jesus rule is begun by his death and resurrection
 - It shows that he has deep faith that the dying Jesus is truly king and can have mercy on him
 - It shows that God is more merciful than man thinks by asking to be remembered when Jesus comes as King
- d. **How did the soldiers ill-treat Jesus when he was on the cross?** (2 marks)
- They told Jesus to save himself if he was the king of the Jews



2007 EXAMINATION

4. *The birth of Jesus Christ was first announced to the shepherds who were out in the field.*a. **Relate the speech of the angel of the Lord said to the shepherds. (6 marks)**

- Don't be afraid! I am here with the good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people.
- This very day in David's town your Saviour was born – Christ the Lord!
- And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger

b. **What was the status of the shepherds in the Jewish society? Give any three points. (6 marks)**

- They were suspected of being thieves
- They were poor
- They were not allowed to give evidence in court
- They were considered outcasts or unclean since they were always absent from worship

c. **What did the shepherds do after receiving the news about the birth of Jesus? Mention four points. (8 marks)**

- They said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us".
- They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger
- When they saw him, they told Joseph and Mary what the angel had said about the child
- They then went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them

5. *Luke 8:40 – 56 is about Jairus' daughter and the woman who touched Jesus' cloak.*a. **Explain why Jairus wanted to see Jesus. (2 marks)**

- His only daughter who was 12 years old was dying

b. **Relate the story of how Jesus healed a woman who suffering from severe bleeding. (8 marks)**

- As Jesus was going to the house of Jairus, the people were crowding him from every side. Among them was a woman who had suffered from severe bleeding for 12 years. She had spent all she had on doctors, but no one had been able to cure her.
- She came up in the crowd behind Jesus and touched the edge of his cloak, and her bleeding stopped at once.
- Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" Everyone denied it. Peter said, "Master, the people are all round you and crowding in on you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I knew it when power went out of me."
- The woman saw that she had been found out, so she came trembling and threw herself at Jesus' feet. She told Jesus how she had been healed at once. Jesus said to her, "My daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

c. **State any two similarities between these two miracles. (4 marks)**

- They both concern females
- The daughter of Jairus was 12 years old and the woman had suffered for 12 years
- Both females are addressed as daughters
- There was physical contact in both miracles



d. Describe any three Jewish customs in regard to mourning which are similar to those practiced in Malawi. (6 marks)

- The corpse is kept in a room with relatives and friends, mostly women
- There is weeping and lamenting
- Friends provide food
- The mourning lasts for some days, about 3 to 7 days

6. In Luke 20:1 – 8, Jesus' authority is challenged.

a. Mention any two Jewish religious groups that challenged Jesus' authority in the Temple. (4 marks)

- The Chief Priests
- Teachers of the Law

b. What was Jesus' answer to the question by Jewish religious leaders? State any two points. (4 marks)

- Now let me ask you a question.
- Tell me, did John's right to baptize come from God or from human beings?

c. How did the Jewish religious leaders react to Jesus' answer? Give any three points. (6 marks)

- They started to argue among themselves, "What shall we say?"
- If we say 'From God', He will say, "Why then did you not believe John?" But if we say, "From Human beings", this whole crowd here will stone us because they are convinced that John was a prophet.
- They answered Jesus, "We don't know where it came from".

d. Suggest any three reasons why the Jewish religious leaders challenged Jesus' authority. (6 marks)

- They wanted to find ways of trapping Jesus
- They did not believe Jesus is the Messiah
- They felt insulted by Jesus' interference in temple affairs of which they were in charge
- They wanted to know the truth about Jesus' teachings

2008 EXAMINATION

4. In Luke 7:1 – 7, Jesus helped the Roman Officer in Capernaum.

a. What problem did the Roman Officer have? (2 marks)

- The servant who was dear to him was sick and about to die

b. What reasons did the Jewish leaders give for Jesus to help the Roman Officer? (4 marks)

- The Roman officer loved the Jewish people
- He had built a synagogue for the Jewish people

c. Relate the message the Roman Officer sent to Jesus through his friends. (6 marks)

- Sir, don't trouble yourself
- I don't deserve to have you come into my house, neither do I consider myself worthy to come to you in person. Just give an order, and my servant will get well
- I too, am a man placed under the authority of superior officers, and I have soldiers under me. I order this one, "Go!" and he goes. I order that one, "Come!" and he comes. I order my slave, "Do this!" and he does it.

d. What lesson can be learnt from this story? Suggest any four points. (8 marks)

- Do charity work to all people and not only to your friends and relatives
- Have faith in the mighty name of Jesus
- God fearing people are identified by what they do during their free time
- Good relationship with other people can help one to get what he needs most



5. In Luke 13:10 – 17, Jesus healed a crippled woman on the Sabbath.

a. What is the Sabbath?

(2 marks)

- The seventh day, the day of rest on which God rested after finishing the creation work

b. Relate how Jesus healed the crippled woman on the Sabbath.

(6 marks)

- As Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on one Sabbath, there was a woman with an evil spirit that made her ill for 18 years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. Jesus told the woman that she was free from her illness. He placed his hands on her and at once she straightened herself up and praised God.
- The official of the synagogue was angry that Jesus healed on the Sabbath. He told the people to come for healing on any of the 6 days but not on the Sabbath. Jesus responded by saying if people untie the ox or donkey to give it water on the Sabbath, why should the descendant of Abraham not be released on the Sabbath

c. What was Jesus' attitude towards the Sabbath? Give any two points.

(4 marks)

- He respected the Sabbath rules by going to the synagogues
- He would break the Sabbath rules if they would cause delay in relieving any suffering
- He would work even on the Sabbath

d. Suggest any four reasons why Jesus healed on the Sabbath?

(8 marks)

- It was a sign that he was the Lord of the Sabbath, the Messiah
- It signified that a person is of more value than the Law of the Sabbath
- It was to fight the devil everyday who is active everyday
- It was to perfect the Sabbath Law by helping people even on the Sabbath

6. In Luke 22:7 – 13, Jesus and His disciple prepare to eat the Passover meal.

a. How were the apostles going to identify the house prepared for the Passover meal as instructed by Jesus?

(8 marks)

- As Peter and John go into the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet them.
- They should follow him into the house he enters, and say to the owner of the house: "The Teacher says to you, where is the room where my disciples and I will eat the Passover meal?"
- He will show you a large room upstairs, where you will get everything ready'.

b. Suggest any three reasons why Judas betrayed Jesus.

(6 marks)

- Judas loved money
- He was tempted by Satan
- He thought Jesus would miraculously escape while he had gained the money
- He was disappointed seeing Jesus failing to drive out Romans as he had expected

b. Describe the three main activities during the Passover meal.

(6 marks)

- Killing of the lamb
- Roasting of the whole lamb
- Eating of the meat together with unleavened bread and bitter herbs
- Taking of wine while a hymn is being sung



2009 EXAMINATION

4. *Luke 1:5 – 23 is about the annunciation of the birth of John the Baptist.*

- a) **What did the angel Gabriel say would be the duties of John the Baptist? State three. (6 marks)**
- Getting people ready for the Lord
 - Preparing the way for the Lord
 - Bringing fathers and children together again
 - Turning disobedient people back to the way of the thinking of the righteous
- b) **Why was Zechariah in the Temple when the angel Gabriel appeared to him? Give any three reasons. (6 marks)**
- He was chosen by lot
 - To burn incense at the altar
 - To offer sacrifice
 - To offer prayers
- c) **What advice did John the Baptist give to the soldiers? Give any two points. (4 marks)**
- Not to take money from anyone by force
 - Not to accuse anyone falsely
 - To be content with their pay
- d) **Suggest any two reasons why Zechariah and Elizabeth were favoured by God. (4 marks)**
- They both lived good lives in God's sight
 - They both obeyed fully all the Lord's Laws and commands

5. *Luke 12:13 – 21 is about the parable of the rich Fool.*

- a) **Relate the parable of the Rich Fool as presented by Jesus. (8 marks)**
- There was once a rich man who had land which bore good crops.
 - He planned to tear down his barns and build bigger ones, where he would store his corn and all his other goods. Then he would say to himself that he was a lucky man since he had all the good things he needed for many years. hence he would take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy himself.
 - But God said to him, "You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?"
- b) **Why did Jesus tell this parable? (2 marks)**
- It was in response to the man who asked Jesus to tell his brother to divide with him the property their father left them
- c) **Explain three ways in which the rich man was foolish. (6 marks)**
- He put all his trust in the wealth rather than in God
 - He did not reflect anything about his death
 - He never asked himself the question of the meaning of life
 - He failed to consider who would get his wealth after his death
- d) **According to Jesus' teaching, why is it better to have riches in heaven than on earth? (4 marks)**
- The riches will never decrease
 - This is because no thief can get to them, no moth can destroy them
 - Your heart will always be where your riches are



6. Luke 19:28 – 4 describes the triumphant approach to Jerusalem.

a. Relate the instructions Jesus gave to the two disciple as He was about to enter Jerusalem.

- Go to the village there ahead of you. As you go in, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden.
- Untie it and bring it here.
- If someone asks you why you are untying it, tell him that the Master needs it. **(6 marks)**

b. Describe what the disciple did as Jesus was entering Jerusalem. Give four points. (8 marks)

- They threw their cloaks on over the animal and helped Jesus get on
- They spread their cloaks on the road
- They began to thank God and praise him in loud voice for all the great things that they had seen
- They shouted, "God bless the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory to god!"

c. Suggest three reasons why the Pharisee asked Jesus to rebuke His disciple. (6 marks)

- They were jealous since Jesus became popular
- They were worried that the Romans would interpret it as an uprising
- They were not friendly to Jesus as they had opposed him as Teacher

2010 EXAMINATION

4. Luke 1:26 – 38, is about the annunciation of the birth of Jesus.

a. Relate the angel's message to Mary. (8 marks)

- Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!
- Don't be afraid, Mary. God has found been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus
- He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob for ever. His kingdom will never end!

b. What was Mary's response to the angel's message? Give any two points. (4 marks)

- She said, "I am a virgin" How then can this be?
- She said, "I am the Lord's servant, may it happen to me as you have said".

c. What is the meaning of the name given to Mary's son? (2 marks)

- God saves (God is salvation)

d. What was the role of Joseph as a descendant of David in the upbringing of the child Jesus? Give any two points (6 marks)

- Joseph made Jesus a descendant of King David to whom was promised a son who would be the Messiah
- He completes the family setting hence Jesus was not raised by a single parent
- He provided the material support and security to Mary and Jesus
- He removed the shame on Mary of having a child outside marriage



5. *Luke 10:25 – 37 deals with the parable of the Good Samaritan.*

- a. **Relate what the Samaritan did to the man who was attacked by robbers. (8 marks)**
- The Samaritan went over to him, pour oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them.
 - He then put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he told the innkeeper to take care of the wounded man
 - He took out two silver coins and gave to the innkeeper. He told the innkeeper to take care of the man and that when the Samaritan come back that way, he would pay the innkeeper whatever else the innkeeper would spend on him.
- b. **Suggest any three reasons why the priest and the Levite did not help the wounded man. (6 marks)**
- They were afraid of being made unclean by touching blood
 - They did not want to be delayed on their journey to Jerusalem
 - They were afraid of being accusing of casing the injury to the man
 - They were afraid of being attacked by the robbers who might have been hiding nearby
- c. **Why did Jesus want the teacher of the Law to use scriptures when answering the question posed to him? Give any two points. (4 marks)**
- He wanted the teacher of the Law to realised that whatever Jesus was teaching was coming from the scriptures
 - He wanted the teacher of the Law to put into practice what the Law teaches and not just know it
- d. **How did this parable answer the lawyer's question? (2 marks)**
- Love of God is reflected in the love of neighbours and once a person shows love to the neighbour then he will receive eternal life

6. *Luke 24:13 – 35 is about two disciple of Jesus who were going to Emmaus.*

- a. **Relate what Cleopas said about Jesus on the road to Emmaus. (6 marks)**
- This man was a prophet and was considered by God and by all the people to be powerful in everything he said and did.
 - Our chief priests and rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and he was crucified.
 - And we hoped that he would be the one who was going to set Israel free! Besides all that, this is now the third day since it happened.
 - Some of the women of our group surprised us. They went at dawn to the tomb, but could not find his body. They came back saying they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive. Some of our group went to the tomb and found it exactly as the women had said, but they did not see him.
- b. **Explain why the disciples failed to recognize Jesus. Give any three points. (6 marks)**
- They could not expect Jesus to be alive since it was the third day since he died
 - They had completely give up their hope in Jesus
 - They failed to understand the scriptures that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter in his glory
 - It seems like their senses were supernaturally made dull
- c. **How did the disciples finally recognize Jesus? Give two points. (4 marks)**
- As they came near the village, Jesus acted as if he were going further. They held him back saying, "Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark.
 - Jesus went in to stay with them. He sat down to eat with them, took the bread and said the blessing. He then broke the bread and gave it to them.
 - Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, but he disappeared from their sight.



d. **State what the disciples did after recognizing Jesus. Give any two points. (4 marks)**

- They said, “Wasn’t it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?”
- They went back to Jerusalem to report to the apostles what had happened to them

2011 EXAMINATION

4. *In Luke 5:12 – 16, Jesus healed a man suffering from a dreaded skin disease.*

a. **Narrate the healing of the man with the dreaded skin disease. (6 marks)**

- Once Jesus was in a town where there was a man who was suffering from a dreaded skin disease.
- When he saw Jesus, he threw himself down and begged him, “Sir, if you want to, you can make me clean!”
- Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. “I do want to,” he answered. “Be clean!” At once the disease left the man.
- Jesus ordered the man not to tell anyone, but to go straight to the priest and let the priest examine him. He also told the man to offer the sacrifice as Moses ordered so as to prove to everyone that he was cured.

b. **Describe the Law regarding the purification of people with a dreaded skin disease. (8 marks)**

- One had to be examined by a priest
- One had to bring 2 birds to a priest for sacrifice to prove that he had been cured
- One had to bath and wash clothes
- After offering sacrifice, the priest gave them cured man a letter to re – join the community

c. **Give any three reasons why the reputation of Jesus grew. (6 marks)**

- The cured man spread the news about Jesus more widely
- Jesus showed extraordinary power in his miracles
- Because of his goodness for all especially the poor
- Jesus brought peace and happiness to the people

5. *In Luke 14, Jesus is invited on the Sabbath to eat a meal at the home of one of the leading Pharisee.*

a. **State the Jewish Law of the Sabbath. (2 marks)**

- No work was allowed to be done on the Sabbath since it was a Day of rest

b. **Narrate the healing of the man with swollen limbs in the home of the Pharisee. (6 marks)**

- Jesus asked the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees, “Does our Law allow healing on the Sabbath or not?” But they would not say anything.
- Jesus took the man, healed him, and sent him away.
- Then he said to them, “If any one of you had a son or an ox that happened to fall in a well on a Sabbath, would you not pull them out at once on the Sabbath itself?”

c. **Relate what Jesus said on how one ought to behave when invited to a wedding feast. (8 marks)**

- When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place. it could happen that someone more important than you, has been invited, and your host, would have to come and say to you, ‘Let him have this place’.
- Instead, when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place so that your host will come to you and say, ‘Come on up, my friend, to a better place.’ This will bring you honour in the presence of all other guests.



d. State two instructions Jesus gave on how to invite guests to a lunch or dinner. (4marks)

- When you give lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your rich neighbours – for they will invite you back, and in this way, you will be paid for what you did.
- When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; and you will be blessed, because they are not able to pay you back. God will repay you, on the day the good people rise from death.

6. Luke 16:1 – 18 is about the shrewd manager.**a. Relate what the shrewd manager did to safeguard his position in society. (8 marks)**

- He called in all the people who were in debt with his master.
- He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe y master?' The man responded 100 barrels of olive oil. The manager then told the man to sit down and write fifty barrels.
- He asked the second man, 'How much do you owe?' The second man responded, '1000 sacks of wheat.' The manager the told the second man to write 800 sacks of wheat.

b. State any three things Jesus said should be done if one is to be welcomed in the eternal home.

- Making friends with worldly wealth so that when it goes out you will be welcomed in the Kingdom
- To be faithful in small matters can make one be faithful in large ones
- Not to serve two masters, God and money

(6 marks)**c. What did Jesus say were the consequences of serving two masters? Give any two points (4 marks)**

- One will hate one and love the other
- One will be loyal to one and despise the other

d. Suggest one lesson from the parable (2 marks)

- Make friends with one's wealth
- Choose God over money
- Do not use money to lead the self
- The best way one can make use of wealth is to give it away

2012 EXAMINATION**4. "His name is John" How surprised they all were?****a. Why were the people surprised with the name "John"? Give any two reasons. (4 marks)**

- Both Elizabeth and Zechariah named the son John yet there two did not say a word to each other about the son's name.
- No one in their clan had that name, John

b. Describe any four customs which Jewish parents followed after the birth of a son. (8 marks)

- Circumcision of a male child at the age of 8 days as a sign of belonging to God
- Naming ceremony in which the baby was given a name on the same day of circumcision
- Presentation and redemption in which the first born son was presented to the Lord and bought back or redeemed by offering sacrifice
- Purification of the mother to make herself clean since she became unclean in the process of giving birth



- c. **Give any four reasons why John is placed in Old Testament prophetic tradition.** (8 marks)
- His birth was announced by an angel like the birth of Isaac
 - He was born of ageing parents
 - He stayed in the wilderness like Prophet Elijah
 - His name was given by God
5. ***Luke 8:40 – 56 contains stories of Jairus daughter and the woman who touched Jesus' cloak.***
- a. **State any three common features in the two stories.** (6 marks)
- They both concern females
 - The daughter of Jairus was 12 years old and the woman had suffered for 12 years
 - Both females are addressed as daughters
 - There was physical contact in both miracles
- b. **Narrate the healing of the woman who touched Jesus' cloak.** (8 marks)
- As Jesus was going to the house of Jairus, the people were crowding him from every side. Among them was a woman who had suffered from severe bleeding for 12 years. She had spent all she had on doctors, but no one had been able to cure her.
 - She came up in the crowd behind Jesus and touched the edge of his cloak, and her bleeding stopped at once.
 - Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" Everyone denied it. Peter said, "Master, the people are all round you and crowding in on you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I knew it when power went out of me."
 - The woman saw that she had been found out, so she came trembling and threw herself at Jesus' feet. She told Jesus how she had been healed at once. Jesus said to her, "My daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace."
- c. **Describe any three mourning customs in Malawi which are similar to those practised by the Jews.** (6 marks)
- The corpse is kept in a room with relatives and friends, mostly women
 - There is weeping and lamenting
 - Friends provide food
 - The mourning lasts for some days, about 3 to 7 days
6. ***In Luke 23:1 – 43 Jesus was tried twice before Pilate.***
- a. **What accusations were brought against Jesus? Give any four points.** (8 marks)
- Misleading people
 - Telling people not to pay tax to the emperor
 - Claiming that he himself is the Messiah, a King
 - Starting a riot among the people all through Judea with his teaching
- b. **Give any two reasons why Pilate was suspicious of those who accused Jesus.** (4 marks)
- It was strange to see a Jew accusing a fellow Jew of being against the Roman rule yet all Jews were enemies of the Roman government
 - Pilate knew that the Jewish leaders were only jealous of Jesus
 - Pilate might have been tipped that Jesus was innocent
- c. **State any two ways in which Pilate tried to save Jesus.** (4 marks)
- He told the people that Jesus should be whipped and let go
 - He told the people that he found Jesus innocent
 - He appealed to the crowd two times for them to change their mind in favour of Jesus
- d. **Give any two reasons why Pilate finally sentenced Jesus to death** (4 marks)
- To please the Jews



- He was afraid of the riots in the city of Jerusalem if Jesus was released
- He was afraid of being dismissed from his position by the Roman if the Jews rioted
- He had a weak character, easily persuaded by the people

2013 EXAMINATION

4. *Luke 2:8 – 20 is about the shepherds and the angels.*

- Narrate the message of the angel of the Lord to the shepherds. (6 marks)**
 - Don't be afraid! I am here with the good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people.
 - This very day in David's town your Saviour was born – Christ the Lord!
 - And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger
- Describe the social status of the shepherds in the Jewish community. Give any three points. (6 marks)**
 - They were suspected of being thieves
 - They were poor
 - They were not allowed to give evidence in court
 - They were considered outcasts or unclean since they were always absent from worship
- Mention any two titles given to Jesus in the angel's speech to the shepherds. (2 marks)**
 - **Saviour:** Jesus will save all people from sin by guiding people to know the will of God
 - **Christ:** Jesus is the Promised Messiah, the Son of God
 - **Lord:** Jesus is the King of Kings
- Explain the importance of God's choice of shepherds as the first people to receive the message of the birth of Christ. Give any three points. (6 marks)**
 - It shows that Jesus came for sinners since shepherds were regarded as sinners
 - It shows that God's revelation is accepted by the humble people, the outcasts
 - It shows that believers have to be poor enough to recognize and accept the signs given by God
 - It shows that Jesus will be associated with sinners

5. *In Luke 7:1 – 10, Jesus heals a Roman Officer's servant because of the officer's faith.*

- What is "faith"? (2 marks)**
 - Complete confidence in God
- According to Jewish elders, why did the Roman Officer deserve Jesus' help? Give any two. (4 marks)**
 - The Roman officer loved the Jewish people
 - He had built a synagogue for the Jewish people
- Narrate the Roman Officer's message to Jesus. (8 marks)**
 - Sir, don't trouble yourself
 - I don't deserve to have you come into my house, neither do I consider myself worthy to come to you in person. Just give an order, and my servant will get well
 - I too, am a man placed under the authority of superior officers, and I have soldiers under me. I order this one, "Go!" and he goes. I order that one, "Come!" and he comes. I order my slave, "Do this!" and he does it.
- Explain the significance of the story of the Roman Officer to the Gentile audience of the Gospel. Give three points. (6 marks)**
 - Jesus came to save the Gentiles as well as Jews
 - It encouraged the Gentiles who wanted to share in faith



- Good relationship with others can help one to get what he needs
- Do charity work to all people and not only to your friends and relatives

6. Luke 24:1 – 11 is about the resurrection of Jesus.

- Narrate the speech made to women by the two men who wore bright shining clothes. (4 marks)**
 - Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive?
 - He is not here; he has been raised
 - Remember what he said to you while he was in Galilee; The Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and three days later rise to life
- How did Peter and the other disciples react to women's story about the resurrection? Give any three points. (6 marks)**
 - The apostles thought that what the women said was nonsense
 - They did not believe them
 - Peter got up and ran to the tomb. He bent down and saw the linen wrappings but nothing else.
- Why were the eleven disciples unwilling to believe the women's story about the resurrection? Suggest any three reasons. (6 marks)**
 - The testimony of women had no value in the Jewish society
 - They did not remember Jesus' words which they had to understand that He would rise
 - They failed to learn from the Scriptures that Christ should suffer and enter into his glory
 - The social status of women was poor as such not capable of saying something important
- How do Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection nowadays? Suggest any two points. (4 marks)**
 - They go to church for prayers
 - They cheer the sick in different hospitals as well as at home
 - They cheer the prisoners
 - They cheer the orphans in various orphanages

2014 EXAMINATION

4. In Luke 1: 5- 25, the Angel Gabriel announces the birth John to Zechariah.

- State any two qualities of John according to the angel's speech. (4 marks)**
 - He will be great in the Lord's sight
 - He will be filled with the Holy Spirit
 - He will be strong and mighty like Elijah
 - He must not drink wine or any strong drink
- Identify any three tasks that John would carry out in his mission. (6 marks)**
 - Getting people ready for the Lord
 - Preparing the way for the Lord
 - Bringing fathers and children together again
 - Turning disobedient people back to the way of the thinking of the righteous
- Narrate the angel's speech following Zechariah's failure to believe the message from the Lord. (4 marks)**
 - Because you have not believed, you will be unable to speak
 - You will remain silent until the day my promise to you comes true
- Give any three tasks of a priest serving in the Temple during Zechariah's days. (6 marks)**
 - Burning incense
 - Leading people in prayers



- Offering sacrifices
- Taking care of Temple treasures

5. ***In Luke 4:16 – 30, Jesus is rejected during a synagogue service in Nazareth.***

a. **What tasks did Jesus say He was going to fulfil in His ministry? Give any four points. (8 marks)**

- Bringing good news to the poor
- Proclaiming liberty to the captives
- Proclaiming recovery of sight to the blind
- Setting free the prisoners

b. **What was the immediate reaction of Jesus' audience to his preaching? State any two points.**

- They were all well impressed with him and marvelled at the eloquent words that he spoke
- They began to doubt him when they realised that he was the son of Joseph and later on they became angry at him

(4 marks)

c. **State any four points regarding Jewish procedure of worship in the synagogue. (8 marks)**

- The Torah was taken from the Covenant Box
- The Psalm was sung
- Two prayers were offered – The Shema and the 18 Benedictions
- A reading from the Torah as well as from the Prophets
- A comment on the reading by any Jewish male appointed by the Leader of the Synagogue

6. ***Luke 22:1 – 13 is about preparation for the Passover meal.***

a. **Relate Jesus' instructions given to Peter and John to ensure secrecy for the Passover meal.**

- As Peter and John go into the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet them.
- They should follow him into the house he enters, and say to the owner of the house: "The Teacher says to you, where is the room where my disciples and I will eat the Passover meal?"
- He will show you a large room upstairs, where you will get everything ready'.

(6 marks)

b. **Give any three reasons why Judas betrayed Jesus. (6 marks)**

- Judas loved money
- He was tempted by Satan
- He thought Jesus would miraculously escape while he had gained the money
- He was disappointed seeing Jesus failing to drive out Romans as he had expected

c. **Explain the significance of the following actions during the Passover ceremony.**

(i) **The blood of the lamb being smeared on the door posts. (2 marks)**

- To remind the Jews the night during which the angels passed over their houses as they went house by house killing the first born sons of the Egyptians

(ii) **Eating of roasted meat with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. (2 marks)**

- The bitter herbs reminded the Jews of their Egyptian slavery while the roasted meat and the unleavened bread symbolised God's saving act was very urgent.

d. **How helpful was Judas's betrayal of Jesus to Jewish religious authorities? Give any two points.**

- It gave them an opportunity to arrest Jesus easily since Judas knew the place where Jesus went for prayers
- It gave them an opportunity to use other people, who even didn't know Jesus, in arresting Jesus without the authorities themselves being directly involved in the arrest

(4 marks)



2015 EXAMINATION

4. *In Luke 2:21 – 52, Jesus was taken to Jerusalem for the Passover ceremony.*

- a. **What is Passover?** (2 marks)
 - A feast of unleavened bread to remind the Jews on how they got out of Egyptian slavery
- b. **Outline any four practices done by Jews during the Passover Feast.** (8 marks)
 - Killing of the lamb
 - Roasting of the whole lamb
 - Eating of the meat together with unleavened bread and bitter herbs
 - Taking of wine while a hymn is being sung
- c. **Narrate what happened to Jesus during the Passover Feast when He was twelve years old.**
 - When Jesus was 12 years old, his parents took him to Jerusalem for Passover. When the festival was over, they started back home, but the boy Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. His parents did not know this. They thought that he was with the group, so they travelled a whole day and then started looking for him.
 - On the third day they found him in the Temple, sitting with the Jewish teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard him were amazed at his intelligent answers.
 - His parents were astonished when they saw him, and his mother said to him, “My son, why have you done this to us?” (8 marks)
- d. **Explain Jesus’ words to His parents in the Temple.** (2 marks)
 - He asked his parents that did they not know that he had to be in his father’s house for them to start looking for him. This meant that Jesus was doing the work of God in the temple, the house of God.

5. *Luke 13: 10 – 17 describes Jesus’ miraculous healing of a crippled woman on the Sabbath.*

- a. **Define a “miracle”.** (2 marks)
 - An extraordinary event in which God is seen at work
- b. **Narrate Jesus’ healing of the crippled woman on the Sabbath.** (6 marks)
 - As Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on one Sabbath, there was a woman with an evil spirit that made her ill for 18 years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. Jesus told the woman that she was free from her illness. He placed his hands on her and at once she straightened herself up and praised God.
 - The official of the synagogue was angry that Jesus healed on the Sabbath. He told the people to come for healing on any of the 6 days but not on the Sabbath. Jesus responded by saying if people untie the ox or donkey to give it water on the Sabbath, why should the descendant of Abraham not be released on the Sabbath
- c. **How did the official of the synagogue react to the healing in 5.b. above? State any four points.**
 - He was angry that Jesus healed on the Sabbath
 - He told the people that there are 6 days in which people should work
 - He told the people to come during those six days and be healed



- He ordered the people not to come for healing on the Sabbath (8 marks)
 - d. **Give any two ways in which people react to the healing of the sick by believers nowadays.**
 - Some people praise God for the healing mercies
 - Some people praise the pastor for the healing powers
 - Some people join that particular church to seek healing powers as well
 - Members of another church sometimes become sceptical of that healing miracle and consider it as staged hence castigate that particular church (4 marks)
6. ***“Tell us, what right have you to do these things?” Luke 20:2***
- a. **List any two Jewish religious sects which confronted Jesus on this occasion. (2 marks)**
 - The Chief Priests
 - Teachers of the Law
 - Elders
 - b. **What prompted the religious leaders to ask Jesus this question? Give any three points. (6 marks)**
 - Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem
 - Jesus’ driving out of merchants in the Temple
 - Jesus’ preaching in the Temple without their permission
 - c. **Explain how Jesus’ response put His questioners in a dilemma. Give any two points. (4 marks)**
 - If the leaders responded by saying John’s authority came from God, then Jesus would say, “why then did you not believe in John?”
 - If the leaders responded by saying that John’s authority came from human beings, the whole crowd would stone them because people were convinced that John was a prophet
 - d. **Explain any four reasons why some Jewish leaders hated Jesus. (8 marks)**
 - The priests were not happy by Jesus’ interference in the Temple affairs because they were in charge of the Temple
 - The teachers of the Law questioned the truth of Jesus’ teaching since they were the guardians of the truth
 - The Elders were not happy with Jesus’ claim that He was the Messiah for that would lead to an uprising against the Roman government
 - The Sadducees were not happy with Jesus teaching about the resurrection since they did not believe in life after death

2016 EXAMINATION

4. ***Luke 3:1 – 20 is the reaching of John the Baptist about repentance.***
- a. **What is the meaning of the term “repentance”? (2 marks)**
 - Turning away from one’s sins
 - b. **Narrate Isaiah’s prophecy about John the Baptist as the forerunner of Jesus. (8 marks)**
 - Someone is shouting in the desert: Get the road ready for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel!
 - Every valley must be filled up, every hill and mountain levelled off.
 - The winding roads must be made straight and the rough paths made smooth
 - The whole human race will see God’s salvation
 - c. **What advice did John the Baptist give to the soldiers? State any two points. (4 marks)**
 - Not to take money from anyone by force
 - Not to accuse anyone falsely
 - To be content with their pay



- d. **(i) How did John the Baptist declare that he was not the Messiah? Give any two points. (4 marks)**
- The one coming was greater than John
 - John baptized with water but the Messiah would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire
 - John was not good enough even to untie sandals of the one coming
 - The one coming would judge and separate the bad good from the bad people
- (ii) Why did Herod Antipas arrest John the Baptist? (2 marks)**
- Because John reprimanded Herod for marrying Herodias, his brother's wife
5. ***In Luke 19:45 – 48 and 20:1 – 8, the authority of Jesus is challenged by religious leaders.***
- a. **Name any two Jewish religious groups that challenged Jesus' authority in the Temple. (4 marks)**
- The Chief Priests
 - Teachers of the Law
 - Elders
- b. **How did Jesus respond to the question asked by the Jewish religious leaders? Give any two points. (4 marks)**
- Now let me ask you a question.
 - Tell me, did John's right to baptize come from God or from human beings?
- c. **Describe the reaction of the Jewish religious leaders to Jesus' answer. Give any three points. (6 marks)**
- They started to argue among themselves, "What shall we say?"
 - If we say 'From God', He will say, "Why then did you not believe John?" But if we say, "From Human beings", this whole crowd here will stone us because they are convinced that John was a prophet.
 - They answered Jesus, "We don't know where it came from".
- d. **Give the three reasons why the Jewish religious leaders challenged Jesus' authority. (6 marks)**
- They wanted to find ways of trapping Jesus
 - They did not believe Jesus is the Messiah
 - They felt insulted by Jesus' interference in temple affairs of which they were in charge
 - They wanted to know the truth about Jesus' teachings
6. ***Luke 24:13 – 35 is about the walk to Emmaus.***
- a. **Narrate what Cleopas and a fellow disciple said about Jesus on the way to Emmaus. (8 marks)**
- This man was a prophet and was considered by God and by all the people to be powerful in everything he said and did.
 - Our chief priests and rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and he was crucified.
 - And we hoped that he would be the one who was going to set Israel free! Besides all that, this is now the third day since it happened.
 - Some of the women of our group surprised us. They went at dawn to the tomb, but could not find his body. They came back saying they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive. Some of our group went to the tomb and found it exactly as the women had said, but they did not see him.
- b. **What was the reaction of Jesus to the discussion between Cleopas and his fellow disciple? Give any three points. (6 marks).**
- He said, "how foolish you are, how slow you are to believe everything the prophets said!"
 - Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter his glory
 - Jesus then explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures, beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets.
- c. **Suggest any two reasons why the disciples failed to recognize Jesus. (4 marks)**



- They could not expect Jesus to be alive since it was the third day since he died
- They had completely give up their hope in Jesus
- They failed to understand the scriptures that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter in his glory
- It seems like their senses were supernaturally made dull

d. How did the two disciples on the road to Emmaus eventually recognize Jesus? (2 marks)

- As they came near the village, Jesus acted as if he were going further. They held him back saying, “Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark.
- Jesus went in to stay with them. He sat down to eat with them, took the bread and said the blessing. He then broke the bread and gave it to them.
- Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, but he disappeared from their sight.

2017 EXAMINATION

4. Luke 2: 8 – 20 is about the Shepherds and the Angels.

- Narrate the song of praises to God sang by the great army of heavenly angels. (4 marks)**
 - Glory to God in the highest heaven
 - and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased
- Why was the social status of the shepherds very low in the Jewish community? Give four reasons. (8 marks)**
 - They were suspected of being thieves
 - They were poor
 - They were not allowed to give evidence in court
 - They were considered outcasts or unclean since they were always absent from worship
- Narrate the reaction of the shepherds after they had received the message of the birth of Jesus. (8 marks)**
 - They said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us”.
 - They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger
 - When they saw him, they told Joseph and Mary what the angel had said about the child
 - They then went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them

5. In Luke 11: 1 – 13, Jesus teaches about prayer.

- (i) What is prayer? (2 marks)**
 - Spending time with God
- (ii) What are the key issues that the Lord’s prayer teaches? Give any four points. (8 marks)**
 - Christians have to honour the father
 - Worldly values must give way to Godly values
 - Christians should trust in God’s provisions
 - Christians should learn to forgive others so that God forgives them
- b. Narrate the parable of the “midnight-friend” (6 marks)**
 - Suppose one of you should go to a friend’s house at midnight and say, ‘Friend, let me borrow three loaves of bread. A friend of mine who is on a journey has just come to my house, and I



haven't got any food for him!' And suppose your friend should answer from inside, 'Don't bother me! The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything'.

- Jesus said that even if he will not get up and give you the bread because you are his friend, yet he will get up and give you everything you need because you are not ashamed to keep on asking.

c. Give any four reasons why people pray today. (4 marks)

- To ask God for forgiveness
- To ask God for wisdom during examinations
- To thank God for all he has done for them
- To ask God to guide them in their day to day activities

6. In Luke 20: 9 – 18, Jesus was teaching the people in the Temple through the parable of the tenants in a vineyard.

a. Relate the parable of the tenants in the vineyard. (8 marks)

- There was once a man who planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants, and then left home for a long time. When the time came to gather the grapes, he sent a slave to the tenants to receive from them his share of the harvest. But the tenants beat the slave and sent him back without a thing.
- So he sent another slave. But the tenants beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him back without a thing.
- Then he sent a third slave. The tenants wounded him, too, and threw him out.
- Then the owner of the vineyard said, "What shall I do? I will send my own dear son. Surely, they will respect him!" But when the tenants saw him, they said to one another, "This is the owner's son. Let's kill him, and his property will be ours!" So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

b. What was the reaction of the tenants when the owner of the vineyard sent his own son to get his share? Give any two points. (4 marks)

- They agreed to kill the son so that his property would become theirs
- They threw the son out of the vineyard and killed him

c. Why did the Jews listening to the parable not accept the parable? Give any one point. (2 marks)

- They knew that this parable was against them since it came soon after questioning Jesus' authority

d. How so religious leaders suffer today for the sake of Christ? Give any three points. (6 marks)

- Some are insulted for no reason at all
- Some are beaten up
- Some are killed
- Some people fabricate bad stories about the religious leaders just to shame them

2018 EXAMINATION

4. Luke 1: 2 – 25 contains the Annunciation of John the Baptist's Birth.

a. Why was Zechariah in the Temple when the Angel Gabriel appeared to him. Give any two points. (4 marks)

- He was chosen by lot
- To burn incense at the altar
- To offer sacrifice
- To offer prayers



- b. **Relate the message of the angel to Zechariah.** (8 marks)
- Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son. You are to name him John. How glad and happy you will be
 - He will be a great man in the Lord's sight. He must not drink any wine or strong drink. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go ahead of the Lord, strong and mighty like the prophet Elijah. He will get the Lord's people ready for him.
- c. **Explain any two reasons why Zechariah and Elizabeth were favoured by God.** (4 marks)
- They both lived good lives in God's sight
 - They both obeyed fully all the Lord's Laws and commands
- d. (i) **How did Zechariah communicate with the people as he was going out of the Temple.** (2 marks)
- He made signs to them with his hands
- (ii) **What is the meaning of the name "John"?** (2 marks)
- God is gracious

5. *Luke 12: 13 – 34 is about the parable of the rich fool.*

- a. **Narrate the parable.** (8 marks)
- There was once a rich man who had land which bore good crops.
 - He planned to tear down his barns and build bigger ones, where he would store his corn and all his other goods. Then he would say to himself that he was a lucky man since he had all the good things he needed for many years. hence he would take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy himself.
 - But God said to him, "You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?"
- b. **What influenced Jesus to tell this parable?** (2 marks)
- It was in response to the man who asked Jesus to tell his brother to divide with him the property their father left them
- c. **Give any three ways in which the man proved to be foolish?** (6 marks)
- He put all his trust in the wealth rather than in God
 - He did not reflect anything about his death
 - He never asked himself the question of the meaning of life
 - He failed to consider who would get his wealth after his death
- d. (i) **Explain what Jesus taught about true security. Give one point.** (2 marks)
- People should not worry about the food they need to stay alive or about the clothes they need for their body but should be concerned with God's Kingdom and God will provide them with food and clothes.
- (ii) **Why is it better to have riches in heaven than on earth? Give one point.** (2 marks)
- The riches will never decrease
 - This is because no thief can get to them, no moth can destroy them
 - Your heart will always be where your riches are

6. *Luke 23: 26 -43 records the crucifixion of Jesus.*

- a. **What did the soldiers do to Simon of Cyrene when Jesus was arrested? Give any two points.**
- They seized him, put the cross on him
 - They made him carry the cross behind Jesus
- (4 marks)
- b. **Relate what Jesus said to the women who followed Him to "The Skull".** (8 marks)



- Women of Jerusalem, Don't cry for me, but for yourselves and your children.
 - For the days are coming when people will say, "How lucky are the women who never had children, who never bore babies, who never nursed them!"
 - That will be the time when the people will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Hide us"
 - For if such things as these are done when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?
- c. **Outline three points from the criminal's speech to the other criminal who insulted Jesus on the cross. (6 marks)**
- Don't you fear God
 - You received the same sentence he did
 - Ours, however, is only right, because we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong
- d. **What reward did Jesus promise the criminal who rebuked the insulting criminal? Give any one point. (2 marks)**
- He was promised to be with Jesus in Paradise that same day

2019 EXAMINATION

4. *Luke 19: 45 – 48 is about Jesus driving out temple merchants.*

- a. **Why did Jesus drive the merchants out? Give any three reasons. (6 marks)**
- They were misusing the temple by using it for trade instead of for prayers
 - The buying and selling activities disturbed the gentiles during prayers
 - The dishonesty of some traders in the Temple made a very bad impression on the Gentiles
- b. **Why was the cleansing of the Temple relevant to Jesus' mission as the servant of the Lord? Give any two points. (4 marks)**
- He ensured that the house of God was appropriately used for prayers and not for trade
 - He ensured that the house of God was for prayers by all people, Jews as well as Gentiles
- c. **What kind of commodities were being sold in the Temple area? Mention any two (2 marks)**
- Pigeons
 - The Jewish currency (Money exchange)
 - Lambs for the sacrifice
- d. **In what four ways do worshippers abuse houses of worship today? (8 marks)**
- Reading WhatsApp texts while in church
 - Chatting while in church
 - Selling food items in church
 - Students studying in church when examinations are near

2020 EXAMINATION

4. *Luke Chapter 15 is about the parables of the lost and the found*

- a. **In what three ways are the three parables similar? (6 marks)**
- They all talk about the lost
 - The owner is in great pains after the loss
 - The owner takes an initiative to go after the lost
 - There is great joy after finding the loss
- b. **Narrate the parable of the lost sheep. (8 marks)**



- Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. What do you do?
- You leave the other 99 sheep in the pasture and go looking for the one that got lost until you find it.
- When you find it, you are so happy that you put it on your shoulders and carry it back home.
- Then you call your friends and neighbours together and say to them “I am so happy I found my lost sheep. Let us celebrate!”

c. **What should be the attitude of the Church towards sinners today? Give any three points.**

- The Church should search for the lost members of the church
- The Church should rejoice when those who went astray come back and repent
- The Church should know that care for the sinner is not a waste of time
- The Church should demonstrate that God forgives people who accept their mistakes **(6 marks)**

2021 EXAMINATION

4. **Luke 10: 25 – 37 is about the parable of the Good Samaritan.**

- a. **(i) Define the term parable. (1 mark)**
 - An imaginary story of something observed in life and has spiritual meaning
- (ii) Give any three reasons why Jesus used parables in His teachings. (6 marks)**
 - To catch attention of listeners
 - To help the listeners understand his message easily
 - To help listeners remember the message easily
 - To void debates which may be useless
- b. **(i) How is the Samaritan in the story a challenge to the lawyer? (2 marks)**
 - The Samaritan proved that even a pagan can do the will of God rather than those who know God well
- (ii) What prompted Jesus to narrate the parable of the Good Samaritan? (2 marks)**
 - Jesus was responding to the question, “Who is my neighbour?” asked by the teacher of the Law
- c. **Explain any three reasons why the priest and the Levite did not assist the bloodied victim? (6 marks)**
 - They were afraid of being made unclean by touching blood
 - They did not want to be delayed on their journey to Jerusalem
 - They were afraid of being accusing of causing the injury to the man
 - They were afraid of being attacked by the robbers who might have been hiding nearby
- d. **State any three things which the Samaritan did for the bloodied victim. (3 marks)**
 - He poured oil and wine on his wounds
 - He bandaged the wounds
 - He took the man to an inn, where he took care of him
 - He paid for the care the man received from the innkeeper



2022 EXAMINATION

4. *Luke 24: 1 – 12 is about the story of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

- a. **What surprised the women upon their arrival at the tomb?** (2 marks)
 - They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb
- b. **Relate the message of the women at the tomb to the women** (8 marks)
 - Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive?
 - He is not here; he has been raised
 - Remember what he said to you while he was in Galilee; The Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and three days later rise to life
- c. **What was Peter's reaction when he got the message of Jesus' resurrection?** (4 marks)
 - Peter got up and ran to the tomb.
 - He bent down and saw the linen wrappings but nothing else.
- d. **Why did the women have a low status in the Jewish society? Give any three points. (6 marks)**
 - They could not attend schools
 - For them, praying was an option
 - No serious rabbi was seen training a lady as a disciple
 - They were considered as second class citizens, not equal to men
 - They could not testify in court



BIBLE KNOWLEDGE PAPER II – THE BOOK OF ACTS

1998 EXAMINATION

7. *The importance of prayer is one of the themes in Acts.*

- a. **Explain what you understand by this theme. (2 marks)**
 - The Church prayed before doing some important activities and making decisions as well as for its survival
- b. **Describe three occasions from the book of Acts when the apostles prayed together as a group.**
 - The disciples prayed when they wanted to choose the successor of Judas Iscariot. In their prayer they asked the Lord, who knows the thoughts of everyone, to show them which of the two, Matthias and Joseph Barsabbas He had chosen.
 - Peter and John were going to the Temple for prayers at three o'clock in the afternoon, the hour for prayer when they met the lame man at the beautiful gate and healed him after they told him that they did not have silver but would be given what they had, the healing in the name of Jesus of Nazareth
 - In prison at Philippi, about midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God when suddenly there was a violent earthquake, which shook the prison to its foundations, the doors opened at once and the chains fell off all the prisoners. **(12 marks)**
- c. **Describe any three occasions that religious people would pray for nowadays. (6 marks)**
 - When they want to ask for God's interventions in challenging situations such as drought
 - When they want to thank God for the harvest
 - When they want to swear in the new president and his vice
 - When they want to worship and adore God for his goodness

8. a. *Mention any four ways in which the Holy Spirit played a major role in the Old Testament.*

- The Spirit of the Lord took control of Saul and joined the religious dancing and shouting of the prophets who met him at Gibeah
- The Spirit of the Lord took control of David immediately after he was anointed as king of Israel by Samuel and was with David from that Day on
- The Lord filled the first suffering servant with His Spirit to bring justice to every nation
- The Spirit of the Lord took Ezekiel and set him down in a valley where the ground was covered with bones **(8 marks)**

b. The author of the Gospel of Luke shows that the Holy Spirit was at work during the life of Jesus. State any two occasions when this was true in the case of Jesus. (4 marks)

- Mary's conception of Jesus was through the power of the Holy Spirit that came on her
- During baptism, the Holy Spirit came down upon Jesus in a bodily form like a dove
- Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert where he was tempted by the devil
- When Jesus returned to Galilee to begin His ministry, the power of the Holy Spirit was with him



c. From the book of Acts, explain how the Holy Spirit is seen to be working in the lives of the following apostles.

(i) James

- After Peter had spoken in the Jerusalem meeting, James led by the Holy Spirit agreed with what Peter had spoken how God first showed his care for the Gentiles by taking from among them the people to belong to him.
- He then under the influence of the Holy Spirit said that the Gentiles should not be troubled to follow Jewish law of circumcision but that they should not eat meat offered to idols, they should keep themselves from sexual immorality, they should not eat any animal that has been strangled, or any blood.

(ii) Barnabas.

- While the disciples were serving the Lord, the Holy Spirit said to them, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul, to do the work to which I have called them.”
- The prophets and teachers fasted and prayed, placed their hands on Barnabas and Saul and sent them off.

(8 marks)

9. One of the themes you studied in Acts is: “To the Jews first, then to the Gentiles.”

a. Explain why the Gospel was preached first to the Jews and then to the Gentiles. (4 marks)

- In God’s plan of salvation, the Jews would be the first to receive salvation and the gentiles would get it later

b. Describe how this theme is illustrated by the following: (16 marks)

(i) Philip.

- Philip preached to the Ethiopian official, a Gentile, after an angel of the Lord ordered him to go and meet the Ethiopian eunuch. He explained to the eunuch the passage the eunuch was reading that talked about the suffering servant referring to Jesus.

(ii) Peter;

- Peter went to the house of Cornelius where he preached to the household upon being invited by Cornelius having been told by the angel of the Lord to invite Peter. As Peter preached, the people received the Holy Spirit and Peter finally baptised them

(iii) Believers as a group;

- The believers as a group were first Jews but when Gentiles started joining them, they did not resist. On the day of Pentecost, many of them converted, both Jews and Gentiles

(iv) Paul in Corinth.

- When Paul was in Corinth, he held discussions in the synagogue every Sabbath, trying to convince both Jews and Greeks. When the Jews opposed him, he protested by shaking the dust from his clothes and saying to them, “If you are lost, you yourselves must take the blame for it! I am not responsible. From now on, I will go to the Gentiles”. So he left them and lived in the house of Gentiles, Titius Justus.

1999 EXAMINATION



7. **a. Give three reasons why Demetrius made a speech accusing Paul in Ephesus. (6 marks)**
- Paul's message that man-made gods are not gods angered them since it meant the downfall of their business, selling the shrines of the goddess Artemis
 - There was a danger that the temple of Artemis would become useless due to Paul's message
 - There was the danger that their business would get a bad name
- b. What was the reaction of the crowd? (6 marks)**
- They became furious
 - They started shouting, "Great is the Artemis of Ephesus"
 - They seized Gaius and Aristarchus, the two Macedonians who were travelling with Paul and rushed with them to the theatre
- c. Identify three points contained in the address of the town clerk that made the crowd calm down. (6 marks)**
- Everyone agrees that Ephesus is the keeper of Artemis temple and the sacred stone that fell down from heaven
 - These men you have brought have not robbed temples or said evil things about our goddess
 - If Demetrius and his workers have an accusation against anyone, the courts are open and charges can be made there. there is a danger that we will be accused of riot
- d. What theme is illustrated by the town clerk's speech? (2 marks)**
- The author of Acts shows sympathy for the Romans (*Since the town clerk said that Paul and his friends have not robbed temples or said evil things about their goddess, Artemis*)
8. **One of the themes you have studied in the book of Acts is "The Church shares in the sufferings of Christ".**
- a. What charges were brought against Paul before Felix? (8 marks)**
- That Paul was a dangerous nuisance
 - That Paul started riots among the Jews all over the world
 - That Paul was a leader of the Nazarenes, a party which operates without government approval
 - That Paul tried to defile the temple
- b. Write out Paul's defence to each of the charges. (8 marks)**
- Paul denied to have stirred up anyone and challenged Felix to investigate
 - He denied to have defiled the Temple and that he had carried out the ceremony of purification
 - He said that he believed in the resurrection of the dead as many Jews did
 - He said that he also brought relief aid to Jerusalem
 - He admitted that he was a follower of "The Way, the true continuation and completion of the old Jewish Religion"
- c. Comment on the reaction of Felix hearing the presentations from both Tertullus and Paul. (4 marks)**
- He brought the hearing to a close and said that he would decide Paul's case when Lysias, the commander arrived
 - He ordered the officer-in-charge of Paul to put Paul under guard as well as give Paul some freedom and allow Paul's friends to provide for his needs
9. **From the book of Acts, narrate a story that shows how the Holy Spirit guided the church in the following ways:**
- a. In transforming believers (5 marks)**
- On the day of Pentecost, the believers were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them.



- All the people from different places heard them speak in their own languages about the great things that God has done
- b. **In the choice of leaders** (5 marks)
 - While the disciples were serving the Lord, the Holy Spirit said to them, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul, to do the work to which I have called them.” The prophets and teachers fasted and prayed, placed their hands on Barnabas and Saul and sent them off.
- c. **In controlling the decisions of leaders.** (5 marks)
 - In the Jerusalem meeting that discussed the circumcision of Gentiles as a pre-requisite for joining Christianity, the apostles and the elders said to the gentiles, “The Holy Spirit and we have agreed not to put any other burden on you besides these necessary rules: eat no food that has been offered to idols, eat no blood, eat no animal that has been strangled and keep yourselves from sexual immorality.
- d. **In giving believers courage.** (5 marks)
 - When Peter and John appeared before the Council after healing the lame man at the beautiful Gate, they were told not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, “You yourselves judge which is right in God’s sight – to obey you or to obey God. For we cannot stop speaking of what we ourselves have seen and heard.”

2000 EXAMINATION

7. *The Greek speaking Jews claimed that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of funds.*
- a. **Why were the seven helpers chosen?** (2 marks)
 - To help in the distribution of funds
 - b. **What qualities were required for one to be chosen a helper?** (6 marks)
 - Be full of the Holy Spirit
 - Be full of wisdom
 - Be full of faith
 - c. **Outline the accusations levelled against Stephen by the Greek speaking Jews.** (8 marks)
 - Speaking against Moses
 - Speaking against God (blasphemy)
 - Speaking against the Temple by saying that Jesus would tear down the Temple
 - Speaking against the Law and customs of Moses
 - d. **How did Stephen die?** (4 marks)
 - Members of the Council threw Stephen out of the city and stoned him
 - They kept stoning Stephen as he called out to the Lord, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!” He knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord! Do not remember this sin against them!” he said this and died.
8. *One of the themes in Acts of the Apostles is God saves mankind through Jesus Christ.*
- a. **What do you understand by the word “save” as used in this context?** (4 marks)
 - To enter the Kingdom of God, through faith in the witness of the Apostles and through repentance
 - b. **Give two stories where Jesus is directly involved in the saving act.** (8 marks)
 - When Paul was on his way to Damascus with letters of introduction to the synagogues to arrest followers of the Way, he saw a light that flashed round him. he fell to the ground and heard



the voice, "Saul, Saul why do you persecute me? When Paul asked, "Who are You Lord?" The voice said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting." From then on Paul did not persecute Christians any more as such Jesus saved the Christians from Paul's persecutions.

- In Jerusalem, while in the Temple, when Paul saw the Lord and told him to leave Jerusalem quickly, because the people there would not accept his witness about Jesus. The Lord commanded Paul to go out of Jerusalem for he would send Paul far away to the Gentiles.

c. **(i) Write out two acts of salvation Peter received from the angel when he was imprisoned.**

- When Peter and other apostles were arrested and put in the public jail, the angel of the Lord opened the prison gates and led Peter and the other apostles out and said that they should go and stand in the Temple, and tell the people all about this new life
- When Peter was arrested and jailed by Herod, the angel of the Lord shook Peter by the shoulder, woke him up, and told him to hurry and get up. At once, the chains fell off Peter's hands and he was led out of prison by the angel **(6 marks)**

(ii) **Identify a theme that is illustrated in this story.** **(2 marks)**

- The Church shares in Jesus' sufferings
- The Power of the Holy Spirit is irresistible

9. ***In the Book of Acts of the Apostles the Spirit Controls the decisions of the leaders. For each of the following apostles write out one specific story in which the Spirit is seen controlling decisions.***

a. **Peter** **(5 marks)**

- When Peter was still understanding the meaning of the vision he had at Joppa, the Holy Spirit told him that three men were there looking for him. He had to get ready and go down, and not to hesitate to go with them, for the Holy Spirit had sent him.

b. **Barnabas** **(5 marks)**

- While the disciples were serving the Lord, the Holy Spirit said to them, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul, to do the work to which I have called them." The prophets and teachers fasted and prayed, placed their hands on Barnabas and Saul and sent them off.

c. **Philip** **(5 marks)**

- The Holy Spirit ordered Philip to go over to the carriage of the Ethiopian eunuch and stay close to him. Philip obeyed and explain to the Ethiopian eunuch that the passage of the suffering servant he was reading referred to Jesus Christ. Thereafter, the Ethiopian eunuch believed and was baptised by Philip.

d. **James** **(5 marks)**

- After Peter had spoken in the Jerusalem meeting, James led by the Holy Spirit agreed with what Peter had spoken how God first showed his care for the Gentiles by taking from among them the people to belong to him. He then under the influence of the Holy Spirit said that the Gentiles should not be troubled to follow Jewish law of circumcision but that they should not eat meat offered to idols, they should keep themselves from sexual immorality, they should not eat any animal that has been strangled, or any blood.

2001 EXAMINATION

7. a. ***How did the early Christians in Jerusalem make sure that no one in the group was needy?***

- They continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another
- They would sell their property and possessions and distribute the money among all according to what each one needed **(4 marks)**



b. State what the daily life of the early believers was like (8 marks)

- They met as a group in the Temple
- They had their meals together in their homes, eating with glad and humble hearts
- They kept on praising God
- They kept on enjoying the good will of all the people.

c. Explain how Philip brought salvation to the principal city of Samaria. (6 marks)

- Due to persecution of the church in Jerusalem, the believers were scattered throughout the provinces of Judea and Samaria.
- They went everywhere, preaching the message.
- Philip went to the principal city of Samaria and preached the Messiah to the people there.

d. Name any theme which illustrated by the story of Philip in Samaria. (2 marks)

- Jesus uses the Church as his instrument of salvation (*Some people received physical salvation when many paralysed and lame people were healed*)
- God saves mankind through Jesus (*many people believed Philip's message about Jesus Christ and were baptized*)

7. a. Relate how Paul healed a lame man in Lystra. (6 marks)

- In Lystra there was a man who had been lame from birth and had never been able to walk. He sat there and listened to Paul's words.
- Paul saw that the man believed and could be healed, so he looked straight at him and said in a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet."
- The man jumped up and started walking around.

b. How did the people of Lystra react to this miracle? (8 marks)

- They started shouting, "The gods have become like men and have come down to us!"
- They gave Barnabas the name Zeus, and Paul the name Hermes, because he was a chief speaker.
- The priest of god Zeus, brought bulls and flowers to the gate, for he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice to the apostles

c. Outline briefly the speech of Paul and Barnabas in response to the people's reaction. (6 marks)

- Why are you doing this? We ourselves are only human beings like you!
- We are here to announce the Good News, to turn you away from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven, earth, sea and all that is in them.
- In the past he allowed all people to go their own way, but he has always given evidence of his existence by the good things he does.

8. In Acts Chapter 16, Paul and Silas were arrested and jailed in Philippi.

a. Explain what prompted the arrest of Paul and Silas. (6 marks)

- Paul had healed a young servant woman who had evil spirit that enabled her to predict the future.
- After being healed, it meant that her owners had no more chances of making money.
- They became angry and arrested Paul and Silas and dragged them to the authorities in the public square

b. How was the theme "the church shares in the suffering of Jesus" fulfilled by what happened to Paul and Silas at Philippi? (8 marks)

- Their clothes were torn off
- They were severely beaten



- They were thrown into jail
- Their feet were fastened between heavy blocks of wood
- c. **Why did the Roman official have to apologize to Paul and Silas about the arrest? (6 marks)**
 - Paul and Silas were not guilty of any crime
 - They whipped Paul and Silas in the public
 - They were imprisoned without trial
 - They were imprisoned unlawfully

2002 EXAMINATION

7. *After visiting Cornelius, Peter was strongly accused by the circumcision party of Jerusalem.*
- a. **What accusations were made against Peter by those who were in favour of circumcising Gentiles? (4 marks)**
 - Being a guest in the house of uncircumcised Gentile
 - Eating with Gentiles
 - Admitting Gentiles into the Church
 - b. **Identify four points contained in Peter's speech to the circumcision party to support the fact that God treats all people equally. (8 marks)**
 - He narrated his vision story in which he shows that his action was guided by the Holy Spirit
 - He quoted the words of Jesus that John baptized people with water but then the believers would be baptized with the Holy Spirit
 - He could not stop baptizing the Gentiles because God had given them the Holy Spirit just as the Jews received on the Day of Pentecost
 - He said that he had six witnesses, fellow believers from Joppa, the Jews, at that time
 - c. **i. Write out the necessary rules to the Gentiles which are contained in a letter from the church of Jerusalem. (6 marks)**
 - Not to eat food that has been offered to idols
 - Not to eat blood
 - Not to eat animal that has been strangled
 - Keep themselves from sexual immorality

ii. What effect did the message of the letter from Jerusalem bring to the Gentile believers of Antioch? (2 marks)

 - They were filled with joy by the message of encouragement, that they do not need to be circumcised to become Christians
8. *Before his ascension on Mount Olives, Jesus was asked: "Lord will you at this time give the kingdom back to Israel?"*
- a. **What attitude did the apostles have about Jesus' Messiahship as implied by their question? (6 marks)**
 - They thought the Messiah would defeat the Romans
 - The thought the Messiah would make the Jewish nation independent and glorious as in the days of King David
 - They thought the Messiah would re-establish the monarchy of David
 - They thought the Messiah would bring peace and prosperity among the Jews
 - b. **Relate Jesus' response to the apostles' question. (8 marks)**
 - The times and occasions are set by my Father's own authority, and it is not for you to know when they will be
 - But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth



- c. **Say how one of the themes in Acts of the Apostles is relevant to Jesus response. (4marks)**
- The Holy Spirit guides the Church in that *the Holy Spirit will give the disciples power to witness for Jesus in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*
 - God saves mankind through Jesus in that *the disciples will witness for Jesus in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth*
 - The Church's mission is universal in that *the apostles will witness for Jesus in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*
9. **When the apostles were arrested and brought before the council, Gamaliel showed that he was influential. (Acts 5:17 – 40)**
- a. **What factors contributed towards Gamaliel's influential status in the council. (6 marks)**
- He was a Teacher of the Law
 - He was a Pharisee
 - He was highly respected by the people
- b. **Relate Gamaliel's advice to the council during the trial of the apostles. (8 marks)**
- We must learn from past experience
 - Two of our fellow Jews, Theudas and Judas, once attracted a following but their deaths meant the end of their movements
 - Likewise, if the Jesus movement is human, it will end by itself
 - But if it's from God, any resistance would be useless and wrong
- c. **What happened to the apostles as a result of Gamaliel's advice to the council? (6 marks)**
- They apostles were whipped
 - They were ordered never again to speak in the name of Jesus
 - They were set free

2003 EXAMINATION

7. **When the day of Pentecost came, the believers gathered together.**
- a. **Explain what you understand by the term "Pentecost." (4 marks)**
- It is a Greek word meaning fiftieth referring to the Jewish feast of harvest celebrated 50 days after the Passover
- b. **How did Peter respond to the accusations of drunkenness on the day of Pentecost? (8 marks)**
- These people are not drunk as you suppose
 - This is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as foretold by Prophet Joel when he spoke of the last days
 - Jesus did mighty works that were signs that he came from God yet you, Jews, had him killed. God raised him up. Jesus shares in the power of God. He is the Messiah. He sent the Holy Spirit. What you now hear and see is His power.
 - Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit for the promise is made to you...in the first place.
- c. **What was the people's response to Peter's message about Jesus? (8 marks)**
- They were deeply troubled and asked Peter and the apostles what they should do
 - Many of them believed Peter's message and were baptized. About 3, 000 people were added to the group that day
 - They spent their time in learning from the apostles
 - They were taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and prayers
8. **One of the themes in the syllabus states: "The power of the Holy Spirit is irresistible".**
- a. **What does this theme mean? (4 marks)**



- Through the power of the Holy Spirit, nothing could stop the spread of the gospel from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. The mission of the apostles was unstoppable.
- b. **How did the magician of Paphos try to resist the Holy Spirit? (6 marks)**
 - The magician, Bar-Jesus (Elymas) tried to prevent governor Sergius Paulus from receiving the gospel and being baptized
 - He withstood Paul and Silas seeking to turn away Sergius Paulus from the faith
 - He was a false prophet
- c. **Write out Paul's speech in reaction to the magician's resistance (8 marks)**
 - You, son of the Devil
 - You are an enemy of everything that is good
 - You are full of all kinds of evil tricks and you always keep trying to turn the Lord's truths into lies
 - The Lord's hand will come down on you now. You will be blind and will not see the light of day for a time
- d. **Paul's speech to the magician had affected the governor of the Island. State what the effect was. (2 marks)**
 - When the governor saw what had happened, he believed for he was greatly amazed at the teaching about the Lord

9. After the ship-wreck Paul and his companions escaped to the Island of Malta.

- a. **Explain why the natives of Malta referred to Paul as a god. (6 marks)**
 - Paul gathered up a bundle of sticks and was putting them on the fire when a snake came out on account of the heat and fastened itself to his hand. The natives said to one another, "This man must be a murderer, but fate will not let him live, even though he escaped from the sea. Paul shook the snake off in the fire without being harmed at all. The natives were waiting for Paul to swell up or suddenly fall down dead.
 - But after waiting for a long time and not seeing anything unusual happening to Paul, they changed their minds and said, "He is a god."
- b. **(i) Recount what happened in the house of Publius' father. (8 marks)**
 - Publius' father was in bed, sick with fever and dysentery.
 - Paul went into his room, prayed, placed his hands on him, and healed him.
 - When this happened, all other sick people on the island came and were healed.
- (ii) Mention one theme that is illustrated by this incident (2 marks)**
 - Jesus uses the Church as His instrument of Salvation (*Publius, father got physical salvation for he was healed*)
- c. **What gesture of kindness was Paul's group accorded before they set sail for Rome? (4 marks)**
 - Paul and his friends were given many gifts.
 - When they sailed, the people put on board what Paul and his friends needed for the voyage.

2004 EXAMINATION

7. In Acts 8: 1 – 25, Philip the Evangelist preached in Samaria.

- a. **What prompted Philip to preach the Good News in Samaria? (4 marks)**
 - Due to persecution of the church in Jerusalem, the believers were scattered throughout the provinces of Judea and Samaria. They went everywhere, preaching the message.
 - Philip went to the principal city of Samaria and preached the Messiah to the people there.



- b. **What were the effects of Philip's preaching in Samaria? (6 marks)**
 - The crowds paid close attention to what Philip said, as they listened to him and saw the miracles that he performed
 - Evil spirits came out from many people with a loud cry
 - Many paralysed and lame people were healed. So there was great joy in that city
- c. **Why did the apostles in Jerusalem send Peter and John to Samaria? (2 marks)**
 - To pray for the believers so that they might receive the Holy Spirit
- d. **Outline Peter's response to a request made by Simon the magician. (8 marks)**
 - May you and your money go to hell, for thinking that you can buy God's gifts with money
 - You have no part or share in our work, because your heart is not right in God's sight
 - Repent then of this evil plan of yours
 - Pray to the Lord that he will forgive you for thinking such a thing

8. The early Church suffered persecution by both religious and political authorities.

- a. **Describe how Peter suffered at the hands of Herod Agrippa I in Acts Chapter 12. (6 marks)**
 - Peter was arrested
 - He was then put in jail where he was handed over to be guarded by four groups of four soldiers each. Herod planned to put him on trial in public after the Passover
 - Peter was kept in the inner cell of the jail. He was tied with two chains, and there were guards on the gate.
- b. **What happened at the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark, soon after Peter's release? (8 marks)**
 - Many people gathered at the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark, and were praying
 - Peter knocked at the outside door, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer it. She recognised Peter's voice and was so happy that she ran back in without opening the door, and announced that Peter was standing outside.
 - "You are mad!" the people told Rhoda. But Rhoda insisted that it was true, so they answered, "It is his angel."
 - At last the people opened the door, and when they saw him, they were amazed. Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet, and he explained to them how the Lord had brought him out of prison.
- c. **Suggest any three reasons why the Jewish authorities disliked the apostles. (6 marks)**
 - The apostles were preaching about Jesus who they condemned to death
 - The apostles accused the Jewish authorities of killing Jesus
 - The Jewish leaders were jealous of the apostles
 - The Sadducees in particular were not happy when the apostles preached about the resurrection of the dead

9. In Acts 19: 23 – 41, silversmiths rioted in Ephesus.

- a. **Why did Demetrius and his fellow silversmiths oppose Paul's preaching? (8 marks)**
 - Paul's message that man-made gods are not gods angered them since it meant the downfall of their business, selling the shrines of the goddess Artemis
 - There was a danger that the temple of Artemis would become useless due to Paul's message
 - There was the danger that their business would get a bad name
- b. **How did the people react to the speech made by Demetrius? (6 marks)**
 - They became furious
 - They started shouting, "Great is the Artemis of Ephesus"



- They seized Gaius and Aristarchus, the two Macedonians who were travelling with Paul and rushed with them to the theatre
- c. **What obstacles did Paul face as he preached the Gospel in Ephesus? (4 marks)**
 - The pagan beliefs were very strong
 - The silversmiths led by Demetrius opposed the spread of the gospel
 - The possible accusation that Christianity was a cause of riot in the city
- d. **State one theme that is highlighted by the story in Acts 19: 23 – 41. (2 marks)**
 - The power of the Holy Spirit is irresistible (*Since the gospel was opposed by Demetrius and the silversmiths but was never stopped from spreading*)
 - The Church shares in Jesus sufferings (*since the believers such as Gaius and Aristarchus who were travelling with Paul were seized by the mob*)
 - The author of Acts shows sympathy for the Romans (*Since the town clerk said that Paul and his friends have not robbed temples or said evil things about their goddess, Artemis*)

2005 EXAMINATION

7. a. **Describe how Peter healed Aeneas, a paralyzed man in Lystra. (6 marks)**
- When Peter visited Lydda, there was a man named Aeneas who was paralyzed. He had not been able to get out of bed for 8 years
 - “Aeneas”, Peter said to him, “Jesus Christ makes you well. Get up and make your bed”.
 - At once Aeneas got up.
- b. **Explain why Peter went to the following places:**
- i. **Joppa (6 marks)**
- He was invited by people when he was in Lydda. This was because Tabitha who was a believer became ill and died. So when the believer heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent men to him to ask him to hurry and go to Joppa. Peter went to Joppa and finally raised Tabitha who by then was dead.
- ii. **Caesarea (6 marks)**
- When Peter was in Joppa, trying to understand what the vision he had meant, the Holy Spirit told him that three men were there looking for him. So he had to get ready and go down, and he should not hesitate to go with him, for the Lord had sent them.
 - When Peter met the men, they told him that they were sent by Cornelius to look for him. Peter got ready and went with some of the believers from Joppa and arrived in Caesarea. While in Caesarea Peter preached to Cornelius household and baptized them when he saw that the Holy Spirit had come upon them.
- c. **State one theme which is illustrated by what happened in Caesarea in b (ii) above. 2 marks)**
- The Church’s mission is universal (*since Cornelius and his family received the Holy Spirit and were baptised though they were Gentiles*)
8. **After healing a young servant woman who had an evil spirit, Paul and Silas were brought before Roman officials. (Acts 16:16 – 40)**
- a. **What accusations were made against Paul and Silas on this occasion? (2 marks)**
- Causing trouble in the city
 - Teaching customs that are against the Roman Law
- b. **Mention any two ways in which Paul and Silas suffered before being jailed. (4 marks)**
- Their clothes were torn off



- They were severely beaten
- They were thrown into jail
- Their feet were fastened between heavy blocks of wood

c. Describe how Paul and Silas were rescued from prison. (8 marks)

- About mid night, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them
- Suddenly there was a violent earthquake, which shook the prison to its foundations. At once all the prison doors opened, and the chains fell off all the prisoners
- The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he thought that the prisoners had escaped. So he was about to kill himself, when Paul shouted that he should not harm himself for all the prisoners were there.
- The jailer then led Paul and Silas out of the prison

d. Identify any three themes relevant to the experiences of Paul and Silas in prison. (6 marks)

- The Church shares in Jesus' sufferings (*Since Paul and Silas were imprisoned in Philippi*)
- The Power of the Holy Spirit is irresistible (*Since the arrest and imprisonment of Paul and Silas was to stop them from preaching the gospel but they did not stop*)
- Prayer is important in the life of the Church (*since Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God and suddenly the prison doors got opened*)

9. One of the themes in Acts of the Apostles is "The Author's sympathy for the Romans."

d. Relate briefly one incident which shows this theme in each of the following:

i. Paul's trip to Rome. (6 marks)

- When Paul was travelling to Rome as a prisoner, Julius allowed him to go and see his friends at Sidon.
- He allowed Paul to be given what he needed
- When other soldiers suggested to kill all prisoners when there was a shipwreck, for fear that they would escape custody, Julius objected in order to save Paul

ii. Paul's stay in Rome. (6 marks)

- When he arrived in Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself with a soldier guarding him.
- People were able to visit him freely
- He was allowed to hold meetings with people outside his prison area though he was a prisoner

b. Narrate Paul's speech to the Jews of Rome. (6 marks)

- I was made a prisoner yet I did nothing wrong against our people or customs
- After questioning me, the Romans wanted to release me because of my innocence but the Jews opposed this.
- I was forced to appeal to the Emperor even though I had no accusation to make against my own people
- I am bound in chains like this for the sake of him for whom the people of Israel hope
- You are to know that God's message of salvation has been sent to the Gentiles. They will listen.

c. Why did Paul quote Isaiah in response to the reaction of the Jews in Rome? (2 marks)

- To show that their rejection of the gospel was already foretold and that God makes their rejection part of his salvation plan since the salvation will now go to the Gentiles.



2006 EXAMINATION

7. *Acts 9:1 – 26 is about the conversion of Saul.*

- a. **How did Paul persecute the Church after the death Stephen?** (4 marks)
- Going from house to house, dragging out believers both men and women
 - Throwing believers into jail
- b. **Give any two things that men who were travelling with Saul experienced as they approached the city of Damascus.** (4 marks)
- They heard the voice but could not see anyone
 - They saw Paul had fallen to the ground and that he could see a thing
- c. **(i) State two things that Ananias did to Saul.** (4 marks)
- He placed his hands on Saul to make him regain his sight
 - He baptized Saul
- (ii) What did Ananias say to Saul? Give any two points** (4 marks)
- Brother Saul, the Lord has sent me – Jesus Himself, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here.
 - He sent me so that you might see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit
- d. **How was Saul rescued from the Jews who wanted to kill him in Damascus?** (4 marks)
- His followers took him and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket

8. a. *What accusations were brought against Paul by the unbelieving Jews in Thessalonica? Give any two points.* (4 marks)

- Causing trouble everywhere now he has come to our city
- Breaking the laws of the Emperor by saying that they is another King, whose name is Jesus

b. *State any three problems Paul faced in Athens that made his mission difficult.* (6 marks)

- He was said to be an ignorant person
- Paul's culture was thought to be inferior
- When he taught about Jesus and his resurrection, people thought he was talking about two gods, Jesus and Resurrection

c. *Narrate Paul's speech to the Gentiles in Athens.* (8 marks)

- You are very religious, worshipping even the Unknown God
- This unknown God is the creator, not the created hence does not need a place for sacrifices
- God has given all a desire to find him but in search for God men have started worshipping idols due to ignorance
- This time of ignorance is now over. Repent now because there will be judgement
- God has appointed Jesus Christ as a judge. We are sure of this because God raised this man from dead.

d. *How did the people react to Paul's speech in 8c? Give any one point.* (2 marks)

- Some people made fun of Paul when they heard him speak about raising from dead while others said they would want to hear him again the following day
- Some men joined Paul and believed among whom was Dionysius

9. *In Acts 23:1 – 12, Paul was brought before the council where he declared that he was a Pharisee.*

- a. **How did the listeners react to Paul's declaration? Give any four points.** (8 marks)
- The Pharisee and the Sadducees started the quarrel
 - The Council got divided between the Pharisees and the Sadducees



- The Pharisees said they could not find anything wrong with Paul
 - The argument between the Pharisees and the Sadducees got so violent that the commander was afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces so he ordered the soldiers to get Paul away and take him to the fort
- b. **Which religious beliefs of the Pharisees were rejected by the Sadducees? Mention any three.**
- Life after death or resurrection of the dead
 - The existence of the angels
 - The existence of the spirits
 - Divine providence
- (6 marks)
- c. **State what the Lord said to Paul in the fort. Give any two points.**
- Don't be afraid! You have given your witness for me here in Jerusalem
 - You must also do the same in Rome
- (4 marks)
- d. **Identify any one theme associated with this story.**
- The author of Acts shows sympathy for the Romans (*When the argument between Pharisees and Sadducees got so violent the commander ordered soldiers to get Paul away for fear that he would be torn to pieces*)
 - God saves mankind through Jesus (*Paul said that he was on trial because of the hope that the dead will rise to life*)
 - The Church shares in Jesus' sufferings (*The High Priest Ananias ordered those who were standing close to Paul to strike him on the mouth when he said that his conscience was perfectly clear about the way he had lived before God*)
- (2 marks)

2007 EXAMINATION

7. **After healing the lame man at the Beautiful Gate, Peter addressed the people in Temple.**
- a. **Relate what Peter told the people in the Temple about Jesus.**
- It was the man's faith in Jesus that healed him
 - Pilate declared Jesus innocent, but you the Jews, killed him.
 - God raised Jesus up.
 - Whatever Jesus experienced was foretold long ago through the prophets
- (8 marks)
- b. **Mention any two groups of Jewish religious leaders that were offended by Peter and John.**
- Sadducees
 - Priests
- (4 marks)
- c. **Why were the Jewish leaders in 7b above offended?**
- Peter accused them of killing the Messiah
 - Peter preached about faith in the resurrection which the Sadducees did not believe in
 - Peter and John operated in the Temple without their permission
 - Peter preached about Jesus Christ whom they had condemned to death
- (2 marks)
- d. **Mention any three themes that are illustrated by the whole incident.**
- Jesus uses the Church as his instrument of salvation (*Peter said that it was not them who healed the lame man but his faith in Jesus*)
 - God saves mankind through Jesus (*Peter said that God announced long ago through the prophets that His Messiah had to suffer, referring to Jesus*)
 - Jesus works through the Holy Spirit (*When Peter healed the lame man, it Jesus himself who did it through the power of the Holy Spirit who gave the apostles the healing powers*)
- (6 marks)



8. Acts 15:1 – 35 is about the meeting at Jerusalem.

- a. **What circumstances led to the call for the Jerusalem meeting? (4 marks)**
 - Some men from Judea went to Antioch and started telling the Gentile believers that they cannot be saved unless they were circumcised as the Law of Moses required them.
 - To resolve the matter, Paul and Barnabas brought it to the attention of the apostles who called for a meeting to discuss this important issue and come up with resolutions.
- b. **What was Peter's contribution to the meeting? State any three points. (6 marks)**
 - You know God chose me to preach the Good News to the gentiles. Gentiles believed and were baptized
 - God gave the Gentiles faith and the Holy Spirit which shows that God favours them just as the Jews.
 - We should not lay a burden on the Gentiles with an old Law which even we the Jews find hard to fulfil
 - We believe and are saved by the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as the Gentiles are
- c. **Relate what James said in support of what Peter said. (6 marks)**
 - I agree with Simon Peter because the Scripture supports his views
 - We must not impose our Laws on the Gentiles
 - Instead we should write a letter telling them not to eat any food that is ritually unclean because it has been offered to idols, to keep themselves from sexual immorality, not to eat any animal that has been strangled or any blood.
- d. **Mention any two themes related to the meeting in Jerusalem. (4 marks)**
 - God saves mankind through Jesus (*Peter said that Jews believe and are saved by the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as Gentiles are*)
 - The Holy Spirit guides the Church (*The Holy Spirit guided the members of the Jerusalem meeting to decide that they should force the Gentiles to be circumcised in order to be saved and join the Christian community*)
 - The Church's mission is universal (*Now that the meeting decided that circumcision was not necessary for the Gentiles to join Christianity, the Church's mission to bring about salvation also included Gentiles*)

9. In Acts 23, Claudius sends Paul to Caesarea.

- a. **Briefly outline the contents of the letter Claudius wrote to Felix about Paul. Give any four points. (8 marks)**
 - The Jews seized Paul and were about to kill him
 - I rescued him because I learnt that he is a Roman citizen
 - At the Jewish Council, I found out that he had not done anything for which he deserved to die or to be put in prison
 - The accusations made against him have nothing to do with our Roman Law.
 - I decided to send him to you when I knew that there was a plot against him and I have told the accusers to make their charges against him before you.
- b. **State any three accusations Tertullus levelled against Paul? (6 marks)**
 - That Paul was a dangerous nuisance



- That Paul started riots among the Jews all over the world
- That Paul was a leader of the Nazarenes, a party which operates without government approval
- That Paul tried to defile the temple

c. **What did Paul say in defence to the accusations made by Tertullus? Give any three points.**

- Paul denied to have stirred up anyone and challenged Felix to investigate
- He denied to have defiled the Temple and that he had carried out the ceremony of purification
- He said that he believed in the resurrection of the dead as many Jews did
- He said that he also brought relief aid to Jerusalem
- He admitted that he was a follower of "The Way, the true continuation and completion of the old Jewish Religion"

(6 marks)

2008 EXAMINATION

7. a. **Relate what happened on the day of Pentecost.** **(6 marks)**

- There was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they believers were sitting.
- Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there
- They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.
- The people then accused the believers of being drunk

b. **What did Peter say in his attempt to defend the people who were accused of being drunk**

- These people are not drunk as you suppose
- This is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as foretold by Prophet Joel when he spoke of the last days

(4 marks)

c. **Give any three statements from Peter's sermon which show that he was addressing the Jews rather than Gentiles.** **(6 marks)**

- He quoted from Prophet Joel since Jews were reading from various prophetic books
- He said, "listen to these words fellow Israelites"
- He said that he would speak plainly about their famous ancestor King David who died and was buried right there where the people were.
- He said that King David spoke about the resurrection of the Messiah

d. **What was Peter's final appeal to the people who were touched by his message?** **(4 marks)**

- Each one of them had to turn away from their sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that their sins would be forgiven
- To save themselves from the punishment coming on the wicked people

8. **In Acts 11:1 – 18, the Circumcision Party accused Peter.**

a. **What amazing event took place while Peter spoke in the house of Cornelius?** **(4 marks)**

- The Holy Spirit came down on all those who were listening to his message
- The people started speaking in strange tongues and praising God's greatness

b. **What did the Circumcision Party accuse Peter of?** **(4 marks)**

- Being a guest in the house of uncircumcised Gentile
- Eating with Gentiles
- Admitting Gentiles into the Church

c. **How did Peter defend himself? State any four points** **(8 marks)**



- He narrated his vision story in which he shows that his action was guided by the Holy Spirit
 - He quoted the words of Jesus that John baptized people with water but then the believers would be baptized with the Holy Spirit
 - He could not stop baptizing the Gentiles because God had given them the Holy Spirit just as the Jews received on the Day of Pentecost
 - He said that he had six witnesses, fellow believers from Joppa, the Jews, at that time
- d. **State the reaction by the Circumcision Party to Peter's defence.** (4 marks)
- They stopped their criticism
 - They praised God, saying, "Then God has given to the Gentiles also the opportunity to repent and live!"

9. ***One of the themes in Acts of the Apostles is "The Author's sympathy for the Romans." Show how the following Roman officials appear to be sympathetic towards Christians.***

- a. **Sergius Paulus (Acts 13:6 – 12)** (4 marks)
- He called Paul and Barnabas before him because he wanted to hear the word of God
 - The governor then believed for he was greatly amazed at the teaching about the Lord
- b. **Gallio (Acts 18:12 – 17)** (4 marks)
- He declared that Paul was innocent by saying that if the matter brought before him was evil crime that was committed, it would be reasonable for him to handle but since it was an argument about the words and names and the Jewish Law, let the Jews themselves settle it.
 - He refused to be the judge of that matter and hence drove them out of the court
- c. **The Town Clerk at Ephesus (Acts 19:21 – 41)** (4 marks)
- He said that the believers dragged to his court had not robbed the temple of their goddess "Artemis" or said evil things about their goddess
 - He said that the citizens of Ephesus would be responsible for the riots and not Paul and Barnabas
- d. **Felix (Acts 24:23)** (4 marks)
- He gave Paul some freedom while in custody
 - He allowed Paul's friends to attend to his needs
- e. **Julius (Acts 27:42 – 44)** (4 marks)
- When Paul was travelling to Rome as a prisoner, Julius allowed him to go and see his friends at Sidon.
 - He allowed Paul to be given what he needed
 - When other soldiers suggested to kill all prisoners when there was a shipwreck, for fear that they would escape custody, Julius objected in order to save Paul

2009 EXAMINATION

7. ***"Lord, will at this time give the kingdom back to Israel?" (Acts 1:6)***
- e. **Suggest any four factors which might have prompted the apostles to ask Jesus this question?**
- They were thinking of a material kingdom whereby a Jewish empire would be established
 - They were thinking of prosperity that would come to them thereafter
 - They were thinking about the end that would come very soon
 - They were thinking that the apostles would be a fulfilment of the promise that they will exercise authority over the tribes of Israel
- (8 marks)
- b. **What was Jesus' response?** (4 marks)



- The times and occasions are set by my Father's own authority, and it is not for you to know when they will be
- But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth
- c. **Give any two qualities of a person who was supposed to replace Judas Iscariot. (4 marks)**
 - Must be in the group from the time John preached until the ascension of Jesus
 - He must be able to witness that Jesus is risen
- d. **Suggest any two reasons why Christians pray today. (4 marks)**
 - To ask God for forgiveness
 - To ask God for wisdom during examinations
 - To thank God for all he has done for them
 - To ask God to guide them in their day to day activities

8. Acts Chapter 10 narrates Peters' encounter with Cornelius.

- b. **What does the passage say about Cornelius? Give any four points. (4 marks)**
 - He was a captain in the Roman Regiment called "The Italian Regiment"
 - He was a religious man
 - He did much to help the Jewish poor people
 - He was constantly praying to God
- c. **Relate the speech which Peter made before Cornelius. (6 marks)**
 - I now realize that it is true that God treats everyone on the same basis. Those who worship him and do what is right are acceptable to him
 - We are witnesses to what Jesus did after John's preaching. He was anointed by the Holy Spirit. He healed all who were oppressed by the Devil
 - Jesus was killed. God raised him up. We ate with him. Jesus is the judge of the living and the dead.
 - All the prophets spoke about him saying that all who believe in him will have their sins forgiven through the power of his name
- d. **Describe any two strange things that happened while Peter was speaking to Cornelius. (4 marks)**
 - The Holy Spirit came down on all those who were listening to his message
 - The people started speaking in strange tongues and praising God's greatness
- e. **Draw any three lessons from the story for Christians today. (6 marks)**
 - God shows no partiality
 - Everyone who does right is acceptable by God
 - No man should be called common

9. Acts 18:1- 17 is about Paul in Corinth.

- a) **Describe any two activities that Paul was involved in while in Corinth. (4 marks)**
 - Holding discussions in the synagogue every Sabbath
 - Preaching the message testifying to the Jews that Jesus is the Messiah
 - Making tents to earn a living
- b) **Relate what Paul said to the people who opposed his message in Corinth. (6 marks)**
 - If you are lost, you yourselves must take the blame for it
 - I am not responsible
 - From now on I will go to the Gentiles
- c) **Narrate what God told Paul in a vision in Corinth. (4 marks)**



- Do not be afraid, but keep on speaking
 - Do not give up, for I am with you, for many in this city are my people
- d) **How did Gallio defend Paul from the Jews who seized Paul?** (6 marks)
- He declared that Paul was innocent by saying that if the matter brought before him was evil crime that was committed, it would be reasonable for him to handle.
 - But since it was an argument about the words and names and the Jewish Law, let the Jews themselves settle it.
 - He refused to be the judge of that matter hence he drove them out of the court

2010 EXAMINATION

7. ***In Acts 4:1 – 22, Peter and John appeared before the Council.***
- a. **Mention any two groups of people who were annoyed with the teaching of Peter and John.**
- Sadducees
 - Priests
- (2 marks)
- b. **Explain the circumstance that led to the arrest of Peter and John. Give any four points. (8 marks)**
- Peter accused religious groups of killing the Messiah
 - Peter preached about faith in the resurrection which the Sadducees did not believe in
 - Peter and John operated in the Temple without their permission
 - Peter preached about Jesus Christ whom they had condemned to death
- c. **Narrate Peter's speech before the religious authorities. (8 marks)**
- The lame man is healed through the powerful name of Jesus of Nazareth
 - You crucified Jesus, rejecting the stone. God raised him up
 - Jesus is the head of the corner
 - Salvation is found in Jesus only
- d. **How did Peter and John react when they were told not to teach in the name of Jesus? Give two points. (4 marks)**
- They asked the Council to judge what was right in God's sight – to obey them or to obey God
 - They told the Council that they cannot stop speaking of what they had seen and heard
8. ***Acts 19:23 – 41 is about the riot at Ephesus led by Demetrius.***
- b. **Why did Demetrius and his fellow silversmiths oppose Paul's preaching? Give any two reasons. (4 marks)**
- Paul's message that man-made gods are not gods angered them since it meant the downfall of their business, selling the shrines of the goddess Artemis
 - There was a danger that the temple of Artemis would become useless due to Paul's message
 - There was the danger that their business would get a bad name
- (4 marks)
- c. **How did the people react to Demetrius' speech? Give any three points. (6 marks)**
- They became furious
 - They started shouting, "Great is the Artemis of Ephesus"
 - They seized Gaius and Aristarchus, the two Macedonians who were travelling with Paul and rushed with them to the theatre
- d. **Outline any three points in the town clerk's speech. (6 marks)**
- Everyone agrees that Ephesus is the keeper of Artemis temple and the sacred stone that fell down from heaven
 - These men you have brought have not robbed temples or said evil things about our goddess
 - If Demetrius and his workers have an accusation against anyone, the courts are open and charges can be made there. there is a danger that we will be accused of riot



- e. **Mention any two themes illustrated by Paul's experiences in Ephesus.** (4 marks)
- The power of the Holy Spirit is irresistible (*Since the gospel was opposed by Demetrius and the silversmiths but was never stopped from spreading*)
 - The Church shares in Jesus sufferings (*since the believers such as Gaius and Aristarchus who were travelling with Paul were seized by the mob*)
 - The author of Acts shows sympathy for the Romans (*Since the town clerk said that Paul and his friends have not robbed temples or said evil things about their goddess, Artemis*)
9. **In Acts 28:1 – 30, Paul went to Rome.**
- a. **What happened to Paul on the Island of Malta that led to the people to say that he was a murderer?**
- Paul gathered up a bundle of sticks and was putting them on the fire when a snake came out on account of the heat and fastened itself to his hand.
 - The natives said to one another, "This man must be a murderer, but fate will not let him live, even though he escaped from the sea. Paul shook the snake off in the fire without being harmed at all.
 - The natives were waiting for Paul to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. (6 marks)
- b. **How were Paul and his companions treated on the Island of Malta?** (6 marks)
- They lit a fire and made the people all welcome
 - Paul and his friends were given many gifts.
 - When they sailed, the people put on board what Paul and his friends needed for the voyage.
- c. **What did Paul say to the Jews of Rome? Give any two points.** (4 marks)
- I was made a prisoner yet I did nothing wrong against our people or customs
 - After questioning me, the Romans wanted to release me because of my innocence but the Jews opposed this.
 - I was forced to appeal to the Emperor even though I had no accusation to make against my own people
 - I am bound in chains like this for the sake of him for whom the people of Israel hope
 - You are to know that God's message of salvation has been sent to the Gentiles. They will listen.
- d. **How did Paul spend his time in Rome? State any two points.** (4 marks)
- Preaching about the Kingdom of God
 - Teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with boldness and freedom

2011 EXAMINATION

7. **In Acts 8:4 – 25, the Gospel is preached in Samaria.**
- a. **What did the people experience as they paid attention to what Philip said? Mention any two points.** (4 marks)
- Evil spirits came out from many people with a loud cry
 - Many paralysed and lame people were healed. So there was great joy in that city
- b. **Give any two reasons why the apostles sent Peter and John to the people of Samaria?**
- To pray for the believers so that they might receive the Holy Spirit
 - To preach the Word of God (4 marks)
- c. **Relate what Peter said to Simon the magician.** (8 marks)
- May you and your money go to hell, for thinking that you can buy God's gifts with money



- You have no part or share in our work, because your heart is not right in God's sight
- Repent then of this evil plan of yours
- Pray to the Lord that he will forgive you for thinking such a thing
- d. **Give two reasons why the people took keen interest in what Simon the magician was doing.**
 - He astonished them with his magic
 - He was regarded as "The Great power of God as the 'Great Power'" (4 marks)

8. **Acts 16: is about Paul and Silas in Philippi.**

- b. **What did the owner of the servant with an evil spirit do when they realized that their chance of making money was gone? Give any two points.** (4 marks)
 - They seized Paul and Silas and dragged them to the authorities in the public square
 - They brought Paul and Silas before the Roman officials
- c. **Relate the speech made by the owners of the servant before the Roman officials.** (4 marks)
 - These men are Jews, and they are causing trouble in our city
 - They are teaching customs that are against our Law
 - We are Roman citizens, and we cannot accept these customs or practise them
- d. **Describe what happened to Paul and Silas at mid night in prison.** (6 marks)
 - About mid night, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them
 - Suddenly there was a violent earthquake, which shook the prison to its foundations. At once all the prison doors opened, and the chains fell off all the prisoners
 - The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he thought that the prisoners had escaped. So he was about to kill himself, when Paul shouted that he should not harm himself for all the prisoners were there.
 - The jailer then led Paul and Silas out of the prison
- e. **Identify three themes in relation to the experiences of Paul and Silas in Philippi.** (4 marks)
 - The Church shares in Jesus' sufferings (*Since Paul and Silas were imprisoned in Philippi*)
 - The Power of the Holy Spirit is irresistible (*Since the arrest and imprisonment of Paul and Silas was to stop them from preaching the gospel but they did not stop*)
 - Prayer is important in the life of the Church (*since Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God and suddenly the prison doors got opened*)

9. **Acts 23:12 – 35 is about the plot against Paul's life.**

- a. **Narrate what Paul's nephew said before the commander.** (8 marks)
 - The Jewish authorities have agreed to ask you tomorrow to take Paul down to the Council, pretending that the Council wants to get more accurate information about him.
 - But don't listen to them, because there are more than 40 men who will be hiding and waiting for him
 - They have taken a vow not to eat or drink until they have killed him
 - They are now ready to do it and are waiting for your decision
- b. **Describe how Paul got rescued from the plot made by the Jews.** (8 marks)
 - He told the nephew of Paul not to tell anyone what he had told him
 - He ordered that 200 soldiers should get ready to go to Caesarea, together with 70 horsemen and 200 spearmen, and be ready to leave by nine o'clock the same night



- He ordered that Paul should be provided some horses to ride and that he should be transferred to the governor Felix
- c. **Identify two themes relevant to this story.** (4 marks)
 - The author shows sympathy to the Romans (*The commander secretly transferred Paul from Jerusalem to Caesarea to protect him from the Jewish plot against Paul's life*)
 - The Church shares in Jesus' suffering (*There was a plot made by the Jews against Paul's life*)
 - The power of the Holy Spirit is irresistible (*The plot to kill Paul did not materialise, hence Paul continued spreading the Good News*)

2012 EXAMINATION

7. **In Acts 5:17 – 42 the apostles were arrested and put in a public jail.**
- a. **Describe what happened to the apostles at night. Give any two points.** (4 marks)
 - An angel of the Lord opened the prison gates, led the apostles out
 - He told the apostles to go and stand in the Temple, and tell the people all about this new life
 - b. **Explain Gamaliel's status that helped to change the Council's decision. Give any two points.**
 - He was a Teacher of the Law
 - He was a Pharisee
 - He was highly respected by the people (4 marks)
 - c. **Relate Gamaliel's speech to the members of the Council during the apostles' trial.** (8 marks)
 - We must learn from past experience
 - Two of our fellow Jews, Theudas and Judas, once attracted a following but their deaths meant the end of their movements
 - Likewise, if the Jesus movement is human, it will end by itself
 - But if it's from God, any resistance would be useless and wrong
 - d. **How did the apostles react to the Council's decision after Gamaliel's advice? Give any two points.**
 - They were happy as they left the Council because God had considered them worthy to suffer disgrace for the sake of Jesus
 - They continued to teach and preach the Good News about Jesus the Messiah in the Temple and in people's homes (4 marks)
8. **In Acts 14:8 – 20 Paul healed a lame man in Lystra.**
- a. **Narrate how Paul healed the lame man in Lystra.** (6 marks)
 - In Lystra there was a man who had been lame from birth and had never been able to walk. He sat there and listened to Paul's words.
 - Paul saw that the man believed and could be healed, so he looked straight at him and said in a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet."
 - The man jumped up and started walking around.
 - b. **Relate the people's reaction to the healing of the lame man.** (6 marks)
 - They started shouting, "The gods have become like men and have come down to us!"
 - They gave Barnabas the name Zeus, and Paul the name Hermes, because he was a chief speaker.
 - The priest of god Zeus, brought bulls and flowers to the gate, for he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice to the apostles
 - c. **How did the apostles react to the people's action in 8.b. above? Give any two points.** (4 marks)
 - They tore their clothes and ran into the middle of the crowd
 - They shouted that they were only human beings and not gods

- They told the people that they were there to announce the Good News, to turn the people away from those worthless things to the living God
 - d. **Identify any two themes relevant to the story.** (4 marks)
 - Jesus uses the Church as his instrument of salvation (*The lame man was healed by Paul hence the healed man received physical salvation*)
 - The power of the Holy Spirit is irresistible (*The people of Lystra believed in many gods as such took Paul and Barnabas as gods so as to disrupt them from preaching the Good News*)
9. **In Acts 17:16 – 34, Paul interacted with Athenians.**
- a. **What “strange” teaching did Paul bring to the Athenians** (2 marks)
 - He preached about the resurrection of Jesus and people thought he was talking about two foreign gods, Jesus and resurrection.
 - b. **Relate the reaction of the Epicurean and stoic teachers to Paul’s public discussions with them.**
 - They debated with Paul
 - Some of them asked: What is this ignorant show off trying to say?
 - Others said that Paul seemed to be talking about foreign gods, Jesus and resurrection
 - They brought Paul before the city council the Aeropagus and told that they would like to know what this new teaching was that Paul was talking about (8 marks)
 - c. **How did Paul tell the Athenians were religious people? Give any three points.** (6 marks)
 - They had so many places of worship
 - They had so many altars dedicated to so many gods
 - They had another altar dedicated to the Unknown God
 - d. **In what two ways did people react to Paul’s speech?** (4 marks)
 - Some people made fun of Paul when he spoke about a resurrection from death and said that they wanted to hear Paul speak about resurrection again
 - Some men joined him and believed.

2013 EXAMINATION

Acts 2:1 – 21 is about the coming of the Holy Spirit.

- a. **State the meaning of the term “Pentecost”.** (2 marks)
 - It is a Greek word meaning fiftieth referring to the Jewish feast of harvest celebrated 50 days after the Passover
- b. **Narrate how the Holy Spirit came upon the believers on the day of Pentecost. (8 marks)**
 - There was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they believers were sitting.
 - Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there
 - They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.
 - The people then accused the believers of being drunk
- c. **Relate Peter’s response to the accusation of being drunk.** (6 marks)
 - These people are not drunk as you suppose
 - This is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as foretold by Prophet Joel when he spoke of the last days
 - Jesus did mighty works that were signs that he came from God yet you, Jews, had him killed. God raised him up. Jesus shares in the power of God. He is the Messiah. He sent the Holy Spirit. What you now hear and see is His power.



- Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit for the promise is made to you...in the first place.

d. **Identify any two themes relevant to the story.** (4 marks)

- God saves mankind through Jesus (*Peter told the people that God raised Jesus Christ from death thereby making him the channel of salvation*)
- Jesus works through the Holy Spirit (*He makes disciples talk in other languages*)
- The Church's mission is universal, To the Jews first then to the Gentiles (*On the Day of Pentecost, about 3000 people, the Jews were added to the group symbolising that the Jews were the first to receive salvation and the gentiles got it later on*)

7. **Acts 15:1 – 35 deals with the meeting at Jerusalem.**

a. **Why was the meeting in Jerusalem called? Give two points.** (4 marks)

- To discuss and decide whether Gentiles should be forced to be circumcised before being baptised
- There was a danger of division in the Church between those who wanted circumcision to be a must and those who said that faith in Jesus was enough for one to be baptized
- The Gentile Christians felt unaccepted by those Jewish Christians who believed they had to follow the Law of Moses
- The Christian Jews felt uncomfortable with their fellow Gentile Christians since the Gentiles did not follow the Laws of Moses

b. **Outline any three points in Peter's speech which approved of Gentile believers during the meeting.** (6 marks)

- You know God chose me to preach the Good News to the gentiles. Gentiles believed and were baptized
- God gave the Gentiles faith and the Holy Spirit which shows that God favours them just as the Jews.
- We should not lay a burden on the Gentiles with an old Law which even we the Jews find hard to fulfil
- We believe and are saved by the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as the Gentiles are

c. **Give any three recommendations made at the Jerusalem meeting to be followed by Gentile believers.** (6 marks)

- Not to eat food that has been offered to idols
- Not to eat blood
- Not to eat animal that has been strangled
- Keep themselves from sexual immorality

d. **Identify any two themes that are relevant to the meeting in Jerusalem.** (4 marks)

- God saves mankind through Jesus (*Peter said that Jews believe and are saved by the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as Gentiles are*)
- The Holy Spirit guides the Church (*The Holy Spirit guided the members of the Jerusalem meeting to decide that they should force the Gentiles to be circumcised in order to be saved and join the Christian community*)
- The Church's mission is universal (*Now that the meeting decided that circumcision was not necessary for the Gentiles to join Christianity, the Church's mission to bring about salvation also included Gentiles*)

8. **In Acts Chapter 24, Paul is tried before Governor Felix.**

a. **What accusations did Tertullus make against Paul? Give any three points** (6 marks)

- That Paul was a dangerous nuisance



- That Paul started riots among the Jews all over the world
- That Paul was a leader of the Nazarenes, a party which operates without government approval
- That Paul tried to defile the temple
- b. Which three beliefs did Paul say he shared in common with Jewish accusers? (6 marks)**
 - That he worships the God of their ancestors by following that Way which they say is false
 - That he believes in everything written in the Law of Moses
 - That he believes in everything written in the books of the prophets
 - That people, both the good and the bad will rise from death
- c. What did Governor Felix do after hearing from Tertullus and Paul? State any three points. (6 marks)**
 - He brought the hearing to a close
 - He said that he would decide Paul's case when Lysias, the commander arrives
 - He ordered the officer-in-charge of Paul to put Paul under guard
 - He ordered the officer in charge to give Paul some freedom and allow his friends provide for his needs
- d. State one theme relevant to Paul's trial before Governor Felix. (2 marks)**
 - The Church shares in Jesus' sufferings (*Paul had a trial just as Jesus had in his sufferings*)
 - The author of Acts shows sympathy towards Romans (*Governor Felix ordered that Paul be given some freedom and that Paul's friends can provide for his needs*)

2014 EXAMINATION

- 7. Acts 6:1 – 7 is about the seven helpers. (2 marks)**
- a. **Mention one reason for choosing the seven helpers. (2 marks)**
 - To help in the distribution of funds
 - b. **Narrate the apostles' speech to the whole group of believers on the choice of the seven helpers. (8 marks)**
 - It is not right for us to neglect the preaching of God's words in order to handle finances
 - So then, choose seven men among you who are known to be full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom
 - We will put them in charge of this matter
 - We ourselves, then, will give our full time to prayer and the work of preaching
 - c. **What happened after the apostles had prayed and placed their hands on the seven helpers? Give three points. (6 marks)**
 - The word of God continued to spread
 - The number of disciples in Jerusalem grew larger and larger
 - A great number of priests accepted the faith
 - d. **Identify any two themes relevant to the story. (4 marks)**
 - The Holy Spirit guides the Church (*The Holy Spirit guided the disciples in the choice of helpers*)
 - Importance of prayer in the life of the Church (*The disciples prayed for the men chosen to be helpers*)
 - Jesus works through the Holy Spirit (*Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus guided in the choice of the helpers*)
- 8. Acts 13:1 – 12 is about the choice of Barnabas and Saul. (4 marks)**
- a. **How did the prophets and teachers respond when the Holy Spirit told them to set apart Barnabas and Saul? (4 marks)**
 - They fasted and prayed
 - They placed their hands on Paul and Barnabas and sent them off



- b. **Briefly state what the author of Acts says about the magician of Cyprus. Give any four points**
- He claimed to be a prophet
 - His name was Bar-Jesus
 - He was a friend of the governor, Sergius Paulus
 - He opposed Saul and Barnabas when they were invited by Sergius Paulus since the governor wanted to hear the Word of God **(4 marks)**
- c. **Narrate Paul's speech to the magician of Cyprus.** **(6 marks)**
- You, son of the Devil
 - You are an enemy of everything that is good
 - You are full of all kinds of evil tricks and you always keep trying to turn the Lord's truths into lies
 - The Lord's hand will come down on you now. You will be blind and will not see the light of day for a time
- d. **Identify any three themes relevant to the story.** **(6 marks)**
- The power of the Holy Spirit is irresistible (*Simon the magician wanted to resist the spread of the gospel to Governor Sergius Paulus but did not succeed*)
 - The Holy Spirit guides the Church (*The Holy Spirit ordered the Church to set apart Barnabas and Saul to do His work*)
 - Prayer is important in the life of the Church (*The believers prayed before sending Barnabas and Saul*)
9. **Acts 27:13 – 44 is about the storm at sea.**
- a. **Narrate Paul's speech on safety when people on board gave up all hope of being saved**
- I beg you, take heart
 - Not one of you will lose your life, only the ship will be lost
 - For last night an angel of God came to me and said to me, "Don't be afraid, Paul! You must stand before the Emperor. And God in his goodness to you has spared the lives of all those who are sailing with you
 - So, take heart men! For I trust in God that it will be just as I was told but we will be driven ashore on some island **(8 marks)**
- b. **How was Paul helpful to others on their way to Rome? Give any two points** **(4 marks)**
- He warned the sailors of the dangers that lay ahead of their voyage
 - He begged the people to take heart for not one of them would lose their life
 - He warned the soldiers that if the sailors escape, then all the remaining would not survive
 - He encouraged the people to eat something
- c. **Describe how Paul was saved after the ship-wreck?** **(4 marks)**
- The soldiers made a plan to kill all the prisoners, in order to keep them from swimming ashore and escaping
 - But the army officer stopped them from doing this. Instead he ordered people to swim to the island. In that way, Paul's life was saved
- d. **Identify two themes relevant to the story.** **(4 marks)**
- The author shows sympathy to the Romans (*The army commander stopped the soldiers from killing all the prisoners and in so doing he saved Paul's life*)

- The power of the Holy Spirit is irresistible (*The storm at the sea would have led to the death of Paul when the soldiers planned to kill all the prisoners thereby stopping the spread of the gospel but it did not happen*)

2015 EXAMINATION

7. Acts 2:1 – 42 describes the coming of the Holy Spirit.

a. Narrate the extra ordinary events that happened to the apostles on this day. (6 marks)

- There was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they believers were sitting.
- Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there
- They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.
- The people then accused the believers of being drunk

b. How did the on-lookers react to the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles? Give any two points. (4 marks)

- They were all excited, because each one of them heard the believers speaking in his or her own language
- Others made fun of the believers, saying, “These people are drunk”.

c. What did Peter say about Jesus on this occasion? State any three points. (6 marks)

- Jesus of Nazareth was a man whose divine authority was clearly proven by all the miracles and wonders which God performed through him
- God had already decided that Jesus would be handed over to you. You killed him by letting sinful men crucify him
- But God raised him from death, setting him free from its power, because it was impossible that death should hold him prisoner

d. Identify any two themes in relation to what happened on this day. (4 marks)

- God saves mankind through Jesus (*Peter told the people that God raised Jesus Christ from death thereby making him the channel of salvation*)
- Jesus works through the Holy Spirit (*He makes disciples talk in other languages*)
- The Church’s mission is universal, To the Jews first then to the Gentiles (*On the Day of Pentecost, about 3000 people, the Jews were added to the group symbolising that the Jews were the first to receive salvation and the gentiles got it later on*)

8. In Acts 12 Herod persecuted the Church.

a. What led Herod to persecute the Church? (2 marks)

- He wanted to please the Jews

b. Relate how Peter was delivered from prison. (8 marks)

- The night before Herod was to bring Peter out to the people, Peter was sleeping between two guards. He was tied with two chains, and there were guards on duty at the prison gate.



- Suddenly, an angel of the Lord stood there, and a light shone in the cell. The angel shook Peter by the shoulder, woke him up and said, "Hurry! Get up!" At once the chains fell off Peter's hands
- Then the angel ordered Peter to fasten his belt, and put on his sandals. He ordered Peter to put on his cloak and follow him. Peter followed the angel out of prison, passing by all the guards and finally the gate opened by itself and they went out
- When the angel left him, Peter went to the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark. He knocked the door. When Rhoda recognized Peter's voice, she went to announce about Peter's arrival but people did not believe her. They said it was Peter's angel. Finally the door was opened and Peter got into the house.

c. **Describe how Herod died.** (6 marks)

- Herod was very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. The people went to him and asked for peace.
- On a chosen day, Herod put on his royal robes, sat on his throne and made a speech to the people.
- The people shouted that it was not a man speaking, but a god. At once an angel of the Lord struck Herod down because he did not give honour to God. He was eaten up by worms and died.

d. **State two themes that are relevant to the story in Acts Chapter 12.** (4 marks)

- The Church shares in Jesus' sufferings (*Peter was put in prison by Herod*)
- The power of the Holy Spirit is irresistible (*The imprisonment of Peter did not stop the spread of the gospel since the angel got him out of prison and continued to spread the gospel*)
- Prayer is important in the life of the Church (*When Peter arrived at the house of Mary, the Mother of John Mark, the people were praying there*)

9. **Acts 21:17 – 40 shows Paul finishing his third missionary journey in Jerusalem where he met James.**

a. **What did James advise Paul to do when he arrived in Jerusalem?** (6 marks)

- To join in the ceremony of purification of the four men who had taken a vow
- To pay their expenses then they will be able to shave their heads
- In this way everyone will know that there is no truth in the things that they have been told about Paul, but that Paul lived in accordance with the Law of Moses

b. **Why did James give the advice in 9.a.? Give any two reasons.** (4 marks)

- Paul had been defiled by his interactions with the Gentiles and their money
- Paul had to prove that he was not against the Law of Moses

c. **Mention any three accusations the Jews from Asia made against Paul in Jerusalem.** (6 marks)

- Teaching all the Jews in Gentile countries to abandon the Law of Moses
- Telling the gentiles not to circumcise their children
- Telling the Gentiles not to follow Jewish customs
- Defiling the Temple

d. **Identify any two themes which are illustrated in the story.** (4 marks)

- The Church shares in Jesus' sufferings (*Paul was arrested in the Temple*)
- The importance of prayer in the life of the Church (*When Paul was being arrested, he was praying in the Temple*)



- The author of Acts shows sympathy to the Romans (*The Roman army commander treated Paul well when he was arrested by giving him permission to speak to the Hebrews*)

2016 EXAMINATION

8. After the healing of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate, Peter and John were arrested and put in jail until the next day when they were brought before the Council. (Acts 4:1 – 22)

- a. **(i) Name any two groups of Jewish religious leaders who were offended by Peter and John.**
- Sadducees
 - Priests
- (2 marks)**

(ii) Why were Jewish leaders offended by Peter's speech? (2 marks)

- Peter accused the Priests of killing the Messiah
 - Peter preached about faith in the resurrection which the Sadducees did not believe in
 - Peter preached about Jesus Christ whom the priests had condemned to death
- b. **"How did you do this? What power have got or whose name did you use?" Relate Peter's response to the question before the Council. (8 marks)**
- The lame man was healed through the powerful name of Jesus of Nazareth
 - You crucified Jesus, rejecting the stone. God raised him up
 - Jesus is the head of the corner
 - Salvation is found in Jesus only
- c. **Why did the Council fail to punish Peter and John? Give any two reasons. (4 marks)**
- They accepted that the healing miracle had indeed taken place
 - All the people were praising God because of the miracle
 - The apostles did not break any Law
- d. **State any two themes that are illustrated by the incident. (4 marks)**
- The Church shares in Jesus' sufferings (*Peter and John were arrested and put in jail*)
 - The power of the Holy Spirit is irresistible (*Peter and John told the Council that they cannot stop speaking of what they have seen and heard, the gospel*)
 - The Holy Spirit guides the Church (*The Holy Spirit guided Peter and John to challenge the Council that they would not stop spreading the gospel*)

7. Acts 11:1 – 18 is about the Circumcision Party's accusations of Peter.

- a. **What amazing event took place while Peter spoke in the house of Cornelius? (2 marks)**
- The Holy Spirit came down on all those who were listening to his message and the people started speaking in strange tongues and praising God's greatness
- b. **What two things did the Circumcision Party accuse Peter of on the occasion? (4 marks)**
- Being a guest in the house of uncircumcised Gentile
 - Eating with Gentiles
 - Admitting Gentiles into the Church
- c. **(i) How did Peter defend himself? State any four points. (8 marks)**
- He narrated his vision story in which he shows that his action was guided by the Holy Spirit
 - He quoted the words of Jesus that John baptized people with water but then the believers would be baptized with the Holy Spirit
 - He could not stop baptizing the Gentiles because God had given them the Holy Spirit just as the Jews received on the Day of Pentecost
 - He said that he had six witnesses, fellow believers from Joppa, the Jews, at that time



(ii) State the reaction of the Circumcision Party to Peter's defence. (2 marks)

- They stopped their criticism
- They praised God, saying, "Then God has given to the Gentiles also the opportunity to repent and live!"

d. State any two themes reflected in the story. (4 marks)

- The Church's mission is universal (*Members of the Circumcision Party said that God has given to the Gentiles also the opportunity to repent and live*)
- Prayer is important in the life of the Church (*Peter told the members of the Circumcision Party that while he was praying he had a vision from the Lord that made him visit Cornelius' house*)
- The Holy Spirit guides the Church (*The Circumcision Party members were guided by the Holy Spirit to accept Gentiles in the Christian community*)

8. Acts 14:8 – 20 is about the healing of the lame man in Lystra by Paul.

a. Narrate how Paul healed the lame man. (6 marks)

- In Lystra there was a man who had been lame from birth and had never been able to walk. He sat there and listened to Paul's words.
- Paul saw that the man believed and could be healed, so he looked straight at him and said in a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet."
- The man jumped up and started walking around.

b. How did the people react to the healing of the man? State any three points. (6 marks)

- They started shouting, "The gods have become like men and have come down to us!"
- They gave Barnabas the name Zeus, and Paul the name Hermes, because he was a chief speaker.
- The priest of god Zeus, brought bulls and flowers to the gate, for he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice to the apostles

c. In what two ways did the apostles react to the people's action towards them? (4 marks)

- They tore their clothes and ran into the middle of the crowd
- They shouted that they were only human beings and not gods
- They told the people that they were there to announce the Good News, to turn the people away from those worthless things to the living God

d. State any two themes relevant to the story. (4 marks)

- Jesus uses the Church as his instrument of salvation (*The lame man was healed by Paul hence the healed man received physical salvation*)
- The power of the Holy Spirit is irresistible (*The people of Lystra believed in many gods as such took Paul and Barnabas as gods so as to disrupt them from preaching the Good News*)

2017 EXAMINATION

7. Acts 1: 6 – 26 contains events that took place in Jerusalem after the resurrection.

a. Relate Jesus' answer to His disciples when they asked Him whether He would give the kingdom back to Israel. (6 marks)

- The times and occasions are set by my Father's own authority, and it is not for you to know when they will be



- But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth

b. **Narrate what Peter said about Judas at a meeting of believers.** (8 marks)

- The Scripture had to come true in which the Holy Spirit speaking through David, made a prediction about Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus
- Judas was a member of the apostles' group, for he had been chosen to have a part in their work
- With the money that Judas got for his evil act, he bought a field, where he fell to his death
- He burst open and all his bowels spilt out

c. **Give any three themes relevant to this story.** (6 marks)

- Jesus works through the Holy Spirit (*Jesus said that when the Holy Spirit comes upon the apostles, they will witness for him in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth*)
- Prayer is important in the life of the Church (*The disciples prayed before choosing Judas' successor*)
- God saves mankind through Jesus (*Someone to replace Jesus must be able to witness the resurrection of Jesus*)

8. **Acts 15: 1 – 15 is about the meeting at Jerusalem.**

a. **Relate the words of a prophet which James had quoted to support Peter's speech that God cares for Gentiles.** (8 marks)

- After this I will return, says the Lord, and restore the kingdom of David
- I will rebuild its ruins and make it strong again
- And so all the rest of the human race will come to me, and all Gentiles whom I have called to be my own
- So says the Lord who made this known long ago

b. **Mention two people who accompanied Paul and Barnabas to Antioch with the letter from the council of Jerusalem.** (2 marks)

- Judas called Barsabbas
- Silas

c. **Mention three things which the Jerusalem Council had forbidden the believers in Antioch.**

- Not to eat food that has been offered to idols
- Not to eat blood
- Not to eat animal that has been strangled
- Sexual immorality

(6 marks)

d. **Identify any two themes that are relevant to the meeting in Jerusalem.** (4 marks)

- God saves mankind through Jesus (*Peter said that Jews believe and are saved by the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as Gentiles are*)
- The Holy Spirit guides the Church (*The Holy Spirit guided the members of the Jerusalem meeting to decide that they should force the Gentiles to be circumcised in order to be saved and join the Christian community*)
- The Church's mission is universal (*Now that the meeting decided that circumcision was not necessary for the Gentiles to join Christianity, the Church's mission to bring about salvation also included Gentiles*)

9. **Acts 28: 1 – 10, Paul and his companions escaped to the island of Malta after shipwreck.**

a. **How were Paul and his companions treated on the island of Malta. Give any three points.** (6 marks)

- They lit a fire and made the people all welcome
- Paul and his friends were given many gifts.
- When they sailed, the people put on board what Paul and his friends needed for the voyage.



- b. **Narrate what happened for the natives of Malta to call Paul a god.** (8 marks)
- Paul gathered up a bundle of sticks and was putting them on the fire when a snake came out on account of the heat and fastened itself to his hand. The natives said to one another, "This man must be a murderer, but fate will not let him live, even though he escaped from the sea. Paul shook the snake off in the fire without being harmed at all. The natives were waiting for Paul to swell up or suddenly fall down dead.
 - But after waiting for a long time and not seeing anything unusual happening to Paul, they changed their minds and said, "He is a god."
- c. **Relate what happened in the home of Publius' father.** (4 marks)
- Publius' father was in bed, sick with fever and dysentery.
 - Paul went into his room, prayed, placed his hands on him, and healed him.
 - When this happened, all other sick people on the island came and were healed.
- d. **Mention any one theme that is relevant to the story.** (2 marks)
- Jesus uses the Church as His instrument of Salvation (*Publius, father got physical salvation for he was healed*)

2018 EXAMINATION

7. Acts 6: 8 to 8: 1 – 3 is about the arrest and death of Stephen.

- a. **What accusations were levelled against Stephen? Give any four points.** (8 marks)
- Speaking against Moses
 - Speaking against God
 - Speaking against the Temple by saying that Jesus would tear down the Temple
 - Speaking against the Law and customs of Moses
- b. **How did the members of the council react after they had listened to the accusations levelled against them by Stephen? Give any two points.** (4 marks)
- They fixed their eyes on Stephen and saw that his face looked like the face of an angel
 - The High Priest asked Stephen if at all the accusations were true
- c. **What did Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, see when he looked up to Heaven? Give three points.**
- God's glory
 - Jesus standing at the right-hand side of God
 - The heavens opened
- d. **State what Stephen said before he died.** (2 marks)
- Lord! Do not remember this sin against them!

8. Acts 10: 1 – 33 contains the visions of Peter and Cornelius.

- a. **State any two reasons why God favoured Cornelius.** (4 marks)
- He was constantly praying
 - He was doing works of charity
- b. **Relate the vision of Peter.** (8 marks)
- Peter was praying and he was hungry.
 - Suddenly he saw heaven opened and something coming down that looked like a large sheet being lowered by its four corners to the earth.
 - In it were all kinds of animals, reptiles and wild animals.
 - A voice said to him, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat!" But Peter said, "Certainly not, Lord! I have never eaten anything ritually unclean or defiled.
 - The voice spoke to him again, "Do not consider anything unclean that God had declared clean. This happened three times, and the thing was taken back up to heaven.



- c. **State one lesson that Peter learnt from his vision.** (2 marks)
 - There should be no separation between Jews and Gentiles
- d. **Give any three themes that are relevant to the story.** (6 marks)
 - The Church's mission is universal (*Peter's vision taught him that there should be no separation between Jews and Gentiles*)
 - The author shows sympathy towards Romans (*Cornelius, a Roman official was favoured by God*)
 - The Holy Spirit guides the Church (*The Holy Spirit told Peter to get ready and go to meet the messengers sent by Cornelius*)

9. Acts 21: 27 – 36 describes Paul's arrest in the Jerusalem Temple.

- a. **State any three accusations that the Jews from the Province of Asia made against Paul, stirring up the Jews in Jerusalem.** (6 marks)
 - Teaching all the Jews in Gentile countries to abandon the Law of Moses
 - Telling the gentiles not to circumcise their children
 - Telling the Gentiles not to follow Jewish customs
 - Defiling the Temple
- b. **What were the reactions of the people who were stirred up by the Jews from the province of Asia from the province of Asia? Mention any three points.** (6 marks)
 - They all ran together and seized Paul
 - They dragged him out of the Temple and closed the Temple doors
 - They tried to kill Paul
 - They screamed that Paul should be killed when he was rescued by the commander
- c. **How did the Commander of the Roman troops rescue Paul from the mob? Give any three points.** (6 marks)
 - They rushed down to the crowd
 - When the people saw the troops, they stopped beating Paul
 - They carried Paul to the steps because the mob was so wild
- d. **State one theme which is relevant to Paul's arrest in the Temple in Jerusalem.** (2 marks)
 - The Church shares in Jesus' sufferings (*Paul was arrested in the Temple*)
 - The author shows sympathy to the Romans (*The commander of the Roman troops rescued Paul from the Mob*)

2019 EXAMINATION

5. Acts 3: 12 – 26 is about the healing of a lame man at the Beautiful Gate.

- a. (i) **Narrate how Peter healed the lame man at the Beautiful gate.** (8 marks)
 - One day, Peter and John went to the Temple at three o'clock in the afternoon.
 - There at the Beautiful Gate, was a man who had been lame all his life
 - Every day he was carried to the gate to beg for money from the people who were going to the Temple
 - When he saw Peter and John going in, he begged them to give him something



- Peter said to him, "I have no money at all, but I give you what I have: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I order you to get up and walk!" Then he took him by his right hand and helped him up. At once the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and started walking around.

(ii) What was Peter's speech to the people after healing the lame man? Give any three points.

- It is not us but the man's faith in Jesus that cured him
- Pilate declared Jesus innocent, but you killed Him. God raised him up. We are witnesses
- You, the people and rulers acted in ignorance, fulfilling the prophets
- Repent and listen to Jesus. God made a promise to you. If you believe it will be fulfilled. Then, all nations will be blessed in you. **(6 marks)**

b. Give any two themes that are relevant to the healing of the lame man at the Beautiful gate.

- Jesus uses the Church as his instrument of salvation *(The lame got physical salvation when Peter healed him)*
- Jesus works through the Holy Spirit *(The healing of the lame man was done by Jesus himself through the apostles who worked with the power of the Holy Spirit)* **(4 marks)**

c. Which two groups of Jewish religious leaders were offended by Peter and John? (4 marks)

- Sadducees
- Priests

6. In Acts 16: 16 – 40 Paul heals a young servant woman who had an evil spirit.

a. In what ways was the young servant woman helpful to the people of Philippi? (2 marks)

- She earned a lot of money for her owners by telling the fortunes
- She predicted the future by telling the people's fortunes

b. State any three ways in which Paul and Silas suffered at Philippi? (6 marks)

- Their clothes were torn off
- They were severely beaten
- They were thrown into jail
- Their feet were fastened between heavy blocks of wood

c. Describe one accusation which was brought against Paul and Silas. (2 marks)

- Causing trouble in the city
- Teaching customs that are against the Roman Law

d. (i) In which two ways do people make money out of other people's suffering in our society?

- They establish charity organisation and request for funding from donors to help those suffering but use most of the money for their personal needs
- They get employment in charitable organisations and earn good salaries
- They divert the given donations for the suffering people for their personal use **(4 marks)**

(ii) Give any three themes that are illustrated in this passage. (6 marks)

- Jesus works through the Holy Spirit *(The healing of the servant woman was done by Jesus himself through Paul who worked under the influence of the Holy Spirit)*
- Jesus uses the Church as an instrument of salvation *(The healing miracle brought salvation to the young servant woman)*
- The church shares in Jesus' sufferings *(Paul and Silas were arrested in Philippi after healing the young servant woman)*

2020 EXAMINATION

5. Acts 23: 12 – 35 contains the plot against Paul's life.



- a. **Describe the plot which some Jews made to kill Paul.** (6 marks)
- Some 40 Jews took a vow that they would not eat or drink anything until they had killed Paul.
 - Then, they went to the chief priests and elders and said, “We have taken a solemn vow together not to eat a thing until we have killed Paul. Now then, you and the Council send word to the Roman Commander to bring Paul down to you, pretending that you want to get more accurate information about him. But we are ready to kill him before he ever gets here”.
- b. **Relate the contents of the letter which the Roman commander wrote to Governor Felix of Caesarea.** (8 marks)
- The Jews seized Paul and were about to kill him
 - I rescued him because I learnt that he is a Roman citizen
 - At the Jewish Council, I found out that he had not done anything for which he deserved to die or to be put in prison
 - The accusations made against him have nothing to do with our Roman Law.
 - I decided to send him to you when I knew that there was a plot against him and I have told the accusers to make their charges against him before you.
- c. **How is the theme, “The author’s sympathy for the Romans” demonstrated through the commander’s actions? Give any three points.** (6 marks)
- He secretly transferred Paul from Jerusalem to Caesarea
 - He ensured that Paul was well secured on his way to Caesarea
 - In the letter to governor Felix, the commander indicated that Paul had not done anything for which he deserved to die or be put in prison

6. In Acts 28: 1 – 10 Paul arrived in Malta after the shipwreck.

- a. **Describe what happened for Paul to be called a murderer by natives of Malta.** (8 marks)
- Paul gathered up a bundle of sticks and was putting them on the fire when a snake came out on account of the heat and fastened itself to his hand.
 - The natives said to one another, “This man must be a murderer, but fate will not let him live, even though he escaped from the sea.
 - Paul shook the snake off in the fire without being harmed at all. The natives were waiting for Paul to swell up or suddenly fall down dead.
- b. **Why did the natives of Malta think that Paul was a “god”? Give any two points.** (4 marks)
- There was no swelling on Paul’s hand
 - Paul did not die as they expected
- c. **In what two ways did the natives benefit from Paul’s visit?** (2 marks)
- He healed Publius’ father
 - He healed many other sick people
- d. **Identify any three themes applicable to this story.** (6 marks)
- Jesus uses the Church as his instrument of salvation (*Paul healed Publius’ father and many other at Malta*)
 - Prayer is important in the life of the Church (*Paul prayed when healing the people*)
 - The power of the Holy Spirit is irresistible (*Paul did not die due to snake poisoning as the people expected hence was not stopped from spreading the gospel*)

2021 EXAMINATION

5. In Acts 4: 1 – 22 Peter and John appeared before the Council.

- a. **Give any two Jewish groups that accused them** (2 marks)



- Sadducees
- Priests

b. **Explain three reasons why the two groups accused Peter and John.** (6 marks)

- Peter accused them of killing the Messiah
- Peter preached about faith in the resurrection which the Sadducees did not believe in
- Peter and John operated in the Temple without their permission
- Peter preached about Jesus Christ whom they had condemned to death

c. **“How did you do this... and what powers have you got or whose name did you use?” Narrate Peter’s response to this question.** (8 marks)

- The lame man was healed through the powerful name of Jesus of Nazareth
- You crucified Jesus, rejecting the stone. God raised him up
- Jesus is the head of the corner
- Salvation is found in Jesus only

d. **Why was the Jewish Council greatly amazed with peter and John? Give any two points. (4 marks)**

- Peter and John were bold
- They learnt that they were ordinary men of no education
- They realized then, that they had been companions of Jesus

6. **Acts Chapter 10: 1 – 43 is about Peter and Cornelius.**

a. **(i) State any four admirable qualities of Cornelius.** (4 marks)

- He was a religious man
- He and his family worshipped God
- He helped the Jewish poor people
- He was constantly praying

(ii) Relate the angel’s message to Cornelius (8 marks)

- God is pleased with your prayers and works of charity and is ready to answer you
- And no send some men to Joppa for a certain man whose full name is Simon Peter
- He is a guest in the house of Simon the tanner of leather who lives by the sea

b. **What strange things happened while Peter was still speaking? Give any two points. (2 marks)**

- God had poured the Holy Spirit on the Gentiles
- The Gentiles began speaking in strange tongues and praising God’s greatness

c. **Describe any three themes which are relevant to the story.** (6 marks)

- The Church’s mission is universal (*Peter’s vision taught him that there should be no separation between Jews and Gentiles*)
- The author shows sympathy towards Romans (*Cornelius, a Roman official was favoured by God*)
- The Holy Spirit guides the Church (*The Holy Spirit told Peter to get ready and go to meet the messengers sent by Cornelius*)

2022 EXAMINATION

5. **In Acts 11: 1 – 20, Peter gives a report to the Church at Jerusalem.**

a. **Describe an extra-ordinary event which took place in the house of Cornelius in Caesarea**

- God poured out his gift of the Holy Spirit on the Gentiles and they began speaking in strange tongues and praising God’s greatness (2 marks)



b. What accusations were made against Peter by some Jew in Jerusalem? Give any two points.

- Being a guest in the house of uncircumcised Gentile
- Eating with Gentiles
- Admitting Gentiles into the Church (2 marks)

c. (i) What did Peter say in defence to the accusations in 5b? (8 marks)

- He narrated his vision story in which he shows that his action was guided by the Holy Spirit
- He quoted the words of Jesus that John baptized people with water but then the believers would be baptized with the Holy Spirit
- He could not stop baptizing the Gentiles because God had given them the Holy Spirit just as the Jews received on the Day of Pentecost
- He said that he had six witnesses, fellow believers from Joppa, the Jews, at that time

(ii) How did the apostles react to Peter's defence? (4 marks)

- They stopped their criticism
- They praised God, saying, "Then God has given to the Gentiles also the opportunity to repent and live!"

d. State any two themes that are relevant to the story of Peter's report (4 marks)

- The Church's mission is universal (*Members of the Circumcision Party said that God has given to the Gentiles also the opportunity to repent and live*)
- Prayer is important in the life of the Church (*Peter told the members of the Circumcision Party that while he was praying he had a vision from the Lord that made him visit Cornelius' house*)
- The Holy Spirit guides the Church (*The Circumcision Party members were guided by the Holy Spirit to accept Gentiles in the Christian community*)

6. In Acts 19: 21 – 41, there is riot in Ephesus.

a. Why was Demetrius annoyed by Paul's preaching in Ephesus? Give any three points.

- Paul's message that man-made gods are not gods angered them since it meant the downfall of their business, selling the shrines of the goddess Artemis
- There was a danger that the temple of Artemis would become useless due to Paul's message
- There was the danger that their business would get a bad name (6 marks)

b. Give any four points on how the crowd reacted after listening to Demetrius. (4 marks)

- They became furious
- They started shouting, "Great is the Artemis of Ephesus"
- They seized Gaius and Aristarchus, the two Macedonians who were travelling with Paul
- They rushed with Gaius and Aristarchus to the theatre

c. Explain any three points in the Town Clerk's speech to the rioting crowd. (6 marks)

- Everyone agrees that Ephesus is the keeper of Artemis temple and the sacred stone that fell down from heaven
- These men you have brought have not robbed temples or said evil things about our goddess
- If Demetrius and his workers have an accusation against anyone, the courts are open and charges can be made there. there is a danger that we will be accused of riot

d. Describe any two themes that are applicable to the riot in Ephesus (4 marks)



- The power of the Holy Spirit is irresistible (*Since the gospel was opposed by Demetrius and the silversmiths but was never stopped from spreading*)
- The Church shares in Jesus sufferings (*since the believers such as Gaius and Aristarchus who were travelling with Paul were seized by the mob*)
- The author of Acts shows sympathy for the Romans (*Since the town clerk said that Paul and his friends have not robbed temples or said evil things about their goddess, Artemis*)

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