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014/2 **BIBLE KNOWLEDGE 2**

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

TIME: 2:30 Hours **Thursday, 10th November 2016 p.m.**

Instructions

1. This paper consists of sections **A**, **B** and **C**. Section **A** consists of questions from the Gospel according to Matthew, Section **B** from the Gospel according to Luke and Section **C** from the Acts of the Apostles.

2. Answer a total of **five (5)** questions.

3. Choose **three (3)** questions from **either** section **A** or **B**; and **two (2)** questions from section **C**.

4. Question **1** is compulsory for candidates who choose questions from section **A** and question **5** is compulsory for those choosing questions from section **B**.

5. Each question carries **twenty (20)** marks.

6. Cellular phones, Bibles and other unauthorized materials are **not** allowed in the examination room.

7. Write your **Examination Number** on every page of your answer booklet(s).

SECTION A: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Answer **question 1** and **any other two (2)** from this section.

1. With reference to Matthew:

   (a) Paraphrase the story of the visit of the wise men from east during the birth of Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12). **(10 marks)**

   (b) Provide short answers for items (i) - (v):

   (i) Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?" (Matthew 5:13). What happens to the salt that has lost its saltiness? **(02 marks)**

   (ii) In the old days it was written, "You shall not commit adultery" (Matthew 5:27). Explain Jesus' teaching on this law. **(02 marks)**

   (iii) "Have you not read in the law how the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are guiltless? (Matthew 12:5). Why did Jesus ask this question? **(02 marks)**

   (iv) The Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, "Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders?" (Matthew 15:1-2). What was the tradition all about? **(02 marks)**

   (v) The disciples of Jesus said, "If such is the case of a man and his wife, it is not expedient to marry" (Matthew 19:10). Why did the disciples say so? **(02 marks)**

2. "Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven" Matthew 6:1).

   (a) Explain the meaning of the word 'piety' and the reason for Jesus to speak the words in the above quotation. **(02 marks)**

   (b) Explain three examples of piety which Jesus insisted in Matthew 6. **(09 marks)**

   (c) Christians practice piety today in the same way as those hypocrites who lived during Jesus lifetime. Justify by giving three points. **(09 marks)**

3. Jesus told his disciples, "For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?" (Matthew 16:26).

   (a) Describe the story from which the quotation was taken. **(14 marks)**

   (b) Tell what the story means to a Christian today by giving two points. **(06 marks)**

4. In Matthew 24 Jesus spoke to his followers about the signs of the end of ages, also known as signs of the end of the world. Identify at least five things that Jesus told his followers to take care before His return. **(20 marks)**

SECTION B: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Answer **question 5** and **any other two (2)** from this section.

5. Answer the following questions according Luke:
   (a) Narrate the birth and naming of John the Baptist as recorded in Luke 1:57-66 giving at least five occasions accompanying the story. **(10 marks)**

   (b) Provide short answers for items (i) - (v):
      (i) When John the Baptist preached about the impending judgement of God, different groups of people came to him asking what to do in order to escape the punishment (Luke 3:10-14). Paraphrase John's answer to the multitudes. **(02 marks)**

      (ii) In Luke 5:12-16 Jesus healed a leper and forbade him to tell it to anybody except to go show himself to the priest and to make him an offering for the cleansing. What was the significance of showing himself to the priest and to offer sacrifice of cleansing? **(02 marks)**

      (iii) With reference to the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), who do you think is your neighbour? **(02 marks)**

      (iv) According to Luke 12:10 Jesus spoke about a sin which cannot be forgiven. Which is the unforgivable sin? **(02 marks)**

      (v) Jesus came to reconcile men to God and men to men. With reference to the story of the trial of Jesus before Herod and Pilate (Luke 23:6-12), justify that Jesus reconciled men to men. **(02 marks)**

6. Several times there were events that were accompanied by a voice from heaven during Jesus' life time. From Luke's Gospel, point out two occasions by describing the context of each and give three significances of each event. **(20 marks)**

7. A man came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or divider over you?" (Luke 12:13-14).

   (a) Describe the story from which the quotation was taken. **(08 marks)**

   (b) Tell what the story means to a Christian today by giving four points. **(12 marks)**

8. "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able" (Luke 13:24).

(a) Describe the full story from which the speaker spoke these words. **(08 marks)**

(b) Give four teachings you can get from the story. **(12 marks)**

SECTION C: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Answer **two (2)** questions from this section.

9. "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his native language?" (Acts 2:7-8).

(a) Who were the Galileans in this context and what were they heard speaking? **(02 marks)**

(b) Summarize Peter's speech recorded in Acts 2:14-36. **(15 marks)**

(c) What was the outcome of Peter's speech? **(03 marks)**

10. In Acts 16:19-40 there is a story showing how the innocent Paul and Silas were publicly tortured and finally imprisoned. When the magistrates realized that they were innocent they decided to release them secretly but Paul rejected to be released secretly, until when the magistrates humbled themselves and came to apologize. Explain how the story relates to the present-day situation with regard to justice in your community by giving five points. **(20 marks)**

11. During Paul's second missionary journey the Athenians heard Paul preaching Jesus and the resurrection, and they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is which you present? For you bring some strange things to our ears; we wish to therefore know what these things mean" (Acts 17:19-20). Explain the teaching about God, which Paul presented in response to the invitation to let the Athenians know more about the 'new teaching'. Give five points. **(20 marks)**

12. Explain the circumstance which led Cornelius to become a Christian as recorded in Acts 10:1-48, bearing in mind the events at Caesarea and Joppa. **(20 marks)**