THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

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ADVANCED CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION

114/2 **DIVINITY 2**

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time : 3 Hours **Year : 2001**

Instructions

1. This paper consists of Alternative **A** and **B**. Candidates must confine themselves to either Alternative A or B.
2. Answer **five (5)** questions. Question number **one (1)** for Alternative A and question number **nine (9)** for Alternative B are compulsory.
3. Each question carries **twenty (20)** marks.
4. Bibles and other unauthorised materials are **not** allowed in the examination room.
5. Write your **Examination Number** on every page of your answer booklet(s).

ALTERNATIVE A

(The Four Gospels)

1. Provide short explanations for each of the following (a)–(h):

   (a) “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth” (Matthew 5:5)

   (b) “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14)

   (c) “Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness” (Matthew 6:33)

   (d) “Whatever you do to the least of these my brothers, you do unto me” (Matthew 25:40)

   (e) “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head” (Luke 9:58)

   (f) “I am the vine, you are the branches” (John 15:5)

   (g) “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30)

   (h) “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20)

2. Examine the involvement of women in Jesus’ ministry, giving examples from across the Gospels.

3. Analyse how Jesus uses parables to teach, selecting two parables and showing their meaning and relevance today.

4. Discuss Jesus’ miracles of healing: choose two (one from Matthew/Mark and one from Luke/John), narrate them, and explain their theological significance.

5. In the Gospel of Mark, how does Jesus demonstrate authority over nature? Use one event as your basis and draw lessons.

6. Explain the role of John the Baptist in preparing the way for Jesus, and how Jesus affirms John’s ministry.

7. Compare the accounts of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Triumphal Entry) in two Gospels. Highlight similarities and differences, and the meaning.

8. Reflect on the meaning of Jesus’ statements about “the kingdom of God / kingdom of heaven” — how did he portray it, and how can Christians understand it today?

ALTERNATIVE B

(The Apostolic Age / Acts & Epistles)

9. Provide short explanations for each of the following (a)–(h):

   (a) “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38)

   (b) “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29)

   (c) “The present form of this world is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31)

   (d) “By one Spirit we were all baptized into one body” (1 Corinthians 12:13)

   (e) “For though your faith is small, do not be afraid” (Matthew 8:26 in epistolary usage)

   (f) “I can do all things through him who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13)

   (g) “To live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21)

   (h) “The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23)

10. Explain the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as narrated in Acts 2, and why it is crucial for the Christian church.

11. In Acts 9, Saul’s conversion is a turning point. Recount that event and show what lessons Christians today can derive from it.

12. Discuss the relationship between faith and works, using Paul’s letter to the Romans or James as your basis.

13. Show how persecution in the early church contributed to the spread of Christianity. Use examples from Acts.

14. Analyse Paul’s missionary journeys: choose one journey (e.g. to Galatia, to Ephesus, to Rome) and describe its impact.

15. Address the issue of divisions in the Corinthian church: what problems did Paul correct, and what solutions did he propose (1 Corinthians)?

16. Explain the doctrine of justification by faith as presented in Paul’s letter to the Romans; contrast it with attempts to earn righteousness by works.