THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

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114/2 **DIVINITY 2**

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time : 3 Hours **Year : 2002**

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. Briefly comment on the meaning of each of the following statements as used by Jesus.

   (a) "And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand." (Mark 3:24)

   (b) "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

   (c) "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 6:24)

   (d) "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." (Matthew 13:44)

   (e) "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

   (f) "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)

   (g) "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

   (h) "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid." (Matthew 5:14)

2. Discuss the main reasons why Jesus used parables in His teaching ministry.

3. Explain the meaning of the word "Messiah" and discuss the different expectations people had of Jesus during His ministry.

4. Describe the events of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ and explain its significance to the disciples.

5. Identify and explain the moral lessons from the parable of the Good Samaritan.

6. Explain the significance of the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.

7. What were the main themes of the Sermon on the Mount, and how did Jesus' teachings challenge the traditional Jewish law?

8. Discuss the role of women in the ministry of Jesus, giving specific examples from the Gospels.

ALTERNATIVE B

(The Apostolic Age)

9. Briefly comment on the meaning of each of the following statements as used in the Apostolic Age.

   (a) "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

   (b) "For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)

   (c) "But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." (2 Corinthians 4:7)

   (d) "I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

   (e) "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)

   (f) "So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13)

   (g) "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." (James 1:5)

   (h) "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9)

10. Discuss the role of persecution in the growth and spread of the early church.

11. Describe the events of the first Christian Pentecost and explain its significance for the apostles.

12. Explain the reasons for the Jerusalem Council and describe the decisions made by the apostles and elders.

13. Describe the circumstances of Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus and how it changed his mission.

14. Discuss the challenges faced by Paul in his missionary journeys and how he overcame them.

15. Explain the importance of the leadership of the apostles, especially Peter, in the early church as described in the book of Acts.

16. Describe the contributions of two of Paul's letters to the Christian teachings of the Apostolic Age.