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 : 2009**

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) "Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'" (Matthew 16:24)

   (b) "For with God nothing will be impossible." (Luke 1:37)

   (c) "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed." (Luke 17:20)

   (d) "You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews." (John 4:22)

   (e) "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

   (f) "I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)

   (g) "Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.'" (Matthew 9:13)

   (h) "But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion." (Luke 10:33)

2. Discuss the importance of Jesus' teaching on prayer, giving an analysis of the Lord's Prayer.

3. Explain the different ways in which Jesus used titles such as "Son of God" and "Son of Man" to describe himself.

4. Describe the events of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and explain its significance.

5. Discuss the lessons Christians can learn from Jesus' cleansing of the Temple.

6. Explain the circumstances that led to the trial of Jesus before the Sanhedrin and what this reveals about the religious leaders.

7. Describe the events of the Resurrection of Jesus and explain its significance for the Christian faith.

8. Discuss the role of John the Baptist as a forerunner of Jesus Christ.

ALTERNATIVE B

(The Apostolic Age)

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

   (a) "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." (Galatians 5:13)

   (b) "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

   (c) "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

   (d) "Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved..." (1 Corinthians 15:1-2)

   (e) "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." (Ephesians 1:7)

   (f) "To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." (Ephesians 3:8)

   (g) "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42)

   (h) "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

10. Discuss the importance of Paul's letter to the Romans in the history of Christian theology.

11. Describe the events of Paul's third missionary journey, highlighting the challenges he faced in Ephesus.

12. Discuss the main teachings of Paul's letter to the Colossians.

13. Describe the circumstances that led to the appointment of the first deacons in the early church.

14. Explain the key messages of Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, especially concerning the second coming of Jesus.

15. Discuss the role of Barnabas and Silas as Paul’s companions in the spread of the gospel.

16. What was the role of the early Christian communities and how did they live and worship together?