Christianity

General Certificate of Education (Ord. Level) Examination

Question paper & Answers

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# Marking Scheme

## First paper

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## Second Paper

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For the selected questions 10 Marks for each - 40

Total Marks for 2nd paper is 60

**Total Marks** - 100
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Christianity 1 & 2  -  3 hours

Christianity 1

(i) Answer all questions.

(ii) In each of the questions 1 to 40, pick one of the alternatives (1), (2), (3), (4) which you consider as correct or most appropriate.

(iii) Mark a cross ( ) on the number corresponding to your choice in the answer sheet provided. (iv) Further instructions are given on the back of the answer sheet. Follow them carefully.

1) Long before the birth of Christ,
   1) The Magi visited King Herod  2) the prophets foretold the birth
   3) Anna and Simeon  4) John the Baptist spoke about the birth

2) The prophet Isaiah said that the one to be born should be called,
   1) Elijah  2) Maranatha  3) Gabriel  4) Emmanuel

3) "See I am Sending my messenger to prepare the way………………” about whom is Malachi talking?
   1) Jesus Christ  2) Elijah  3) John the Baptist  4) Nicodemus

4) What is the statement made by John the Baptist about Jesus?
   1) The Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.
   2) The Spirit of the Lord is up on me.
   3) Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter.
   4) Messiah

5) Some symbols connected with the birth of Jesus are given below.
   A) Star
   B) Shepherds
   C) Wisemen/ Kings
   D) Stable
   The Most suitable are;
   1) A and B  2) A and C  3) B and C  4) C and D

6) What special qualities do we see in Jesus' ministry that should be seen in us?
   1) Patience, Love, Justice
   2) Lenient, flexible and complying with others
   3) Justice, decisions taken instantaneously and easy way of life.
   4) Prayer, faith and complying with others

7) The following are some Jewish rituals,
   A) Baptism
   B) Circumcision
   C) Naming
   D) Purification

   The Most suitable are;
   2) A and B  2) A and C  3) B and C  4) C and D
8) After having returned to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph, the baby Jesus,
   1) Grew up teaching other little children about God.
   2) Argued with the leaders in the synagogue.
   3) Grew in wisdom and in stature in favor with God and others.
   4) Grew knowing one day he would find peace in the scripture.

9) Given below are some sayings of Jesus made in Nazareth in Galilee
   A) Doctor, cure your self
   B) Put out in to the deep water and let down your nets
   C) No prophet is accepted in the prophet's own country.
   D) Be silent and come out of him
   The Most suitable are;
   2) A and B  2) A and C  3) B and C  4) C and D

10 What are the three names given to the sea connected with the ministry of Jesus?
   1) Sea of Galilee, River Jordan, Mediterranean sea
   2) Sea of Galilee, pool of Bethsaida, Mediterranean sea
   3) Sea of Galilee, Mediterranean Sea, Sea of Tiberias
   4) Sea of Galilee, sea of Tiberias, Lake Gensareth

11) You who are called to be a follower must understand discipleship as being,
   1) Committing oneself to serve part time.
   2) not hesitate to serve full time.
   3) to be a person trained and sent for a special ministry.
   4) to remind others to take up the cross daily.

12) According to Jesus, those who hear the word of God and keep it are those,
   1) who share it with others
   2) who hear the word.
   3) who are called Jesus' mother and brothers.
   4) who hear the word of Jesus and reflect on it.

13) Given below are people who came in contact with Jesus,

Which of the following is common to those mentioned above
   1) They were part of the twelve disciples of Jesus
   2) They were secret disciples of Jesus
   3) They were the ones who supported Jesus in his ministry
   4) Jesus visited in their homes
14) The one who is called "the Apostle to the Gentiles' is,
   1) Peter  2) Luke  3) Paul  4) John the Baptist

15) What is the parable that Jesus used to bring out importance of reaching out to others by overcoming divisions?
   1) The Pharisee and the tax collector  2) The lost son  3) The Good Samaritan  4) The rich man and Lazarus

16) How does Jesus' response to the Pharisees and Sadducees help us to respond to challenges that are made to Christian values?
   1) To win them over by doing things to make them happy  
   2) To work against them and obtain victory in the eyes of society  
   3) To make counter arguments and place them in a difficult situations  
   4) To identify the real questions and those that are not and respond appropriately

17) "Get up and pray that you may not come in to the time of trial." You make this same request from your friends.
   1) When and important task has been entrusted to them.  
   2) When they are spending time, enjoying with you.  
   3) When they are tired and sleepy  
   4) When they are lazy

18) An important action that should be taken by Christian organizations on behalf of Sri Lankan children who are abused is,
   1) to organize awareness programmes for parents and children  
   2) to provide money for children to live  
   3) to take to politics in order to change this situation  
   4) to make the authorities aware and present the importance of rehabilitation.

19) What lesson do we learn from the actions of Paul and Silas who were beaten and imprisoned in jail at Philippi?
   1) To stand against the consequences of injustice.  
   2) To give praise and pray to God even in the midst of suffering.  
   3) Baptizing the guard and preaching to him  
   4) To engage in a protest while in prison

20) Which of the following are the events that show the difference between serving Jesus and being slave to rituals?
   A) Jesus in the temple at the age of twelve.  
   B) The Pharisee who showed surprise at hands not being washed before meals.  
   C) Going to the temple at the Passover  
   D) Jesus heals a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath.
   1) A and B  2) B and C  3) B and D  4) C and D
21) The important lesson we learn from Jesus' trial is that,
1) the law provides justice in every event
2) at all trials the accused gets an opportunity to speak
3) all who are brought before the law are released
4) there are chances that the innocent can become the accused

22) Given below are statements relevant to the suffering and death of Jesus
A) "You are the Christ of God."
B) "When you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."
C) "Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom."
D) "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself and us."

23) The empty tomb, the pierced hands and feet reveal to us,
1) That Jesus is alive
2) The suffering of Jesus
3) The crucifixion of Jesus
4) The transfiguration of Jesus

24) Given below are some statements about the functions of Holy Spirit.
A) The Holy Spirit descended like a dove
B) Baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire
C) Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended
D) The Holy Spirit came down on the day of Transfiguration

The functions of Holy Spirit seen at the Baptism of Jesus are
1) A and B
2) A and C
3) B and C
4) C and D

25) Jesus highlighted and showed appreciation of the one who gave thanks
1) When the man whose withered hand was cured.
2) When the one out of the ten lepers healed was a Samaritan
3) When blind Bartemeus was healed and rejoiced.
4) When the woman with the issue of blood was healed.

26) Jesus broadened the concept of the family by,
1) Being obedient to his parents and the age of twelve
2) Teaching the disciples the family prayer
3) Saying those who hear my words and keep it are my mother and brother.
4) Saying in the temple of Jerusalem that God is his father

27) "Blessed are the peace makers ……………" Choose the correct sentence to complete the statement given here.
1) They will enter the kingdom of God
2) They will be recognized in the community of God
3) They will see God
4) They will be called the children of God.
28) The prophet who called people to realize their sinfulness and lead a Holy life is,
   1) Amos
   2) Isaiah
   3) Micah
   4) Jeremiah

29) In order to be sensitive according to the values of the Kingdom in the society what statement is a direct reference?
   1) To perform different services to those who are in rich clothes and those who are poor.
   2) I was hungry. You gave me to eat. I was thirsty. You gave me to drink.
   3) To be obedient to those in authority and in government
   4) To work for the good of the society while fulfilling your own needs.

30) Out of the following, what are the correct statements and incidents that were emphasized in Peter's speech on the day of Pentecost?
   A) Jesus, who your crucified is risen and among us.
   B) Israel's strength is explained
   C) Peter explains the background to his life
   D) About 3000 people accept Jesus
   1) A and B 2) A and D 3) B and C 4) C and D

31) The light we receive for our lives through the Messiah is,
   1) Peace and calm
   2) Freedom from illness
   3) Political freedom
   4) Receiving full life in all aspects

32) Which aspect in the early church is not relevant to the importance of the life of worship?
   1) To act according to the law of Sabbath.
   2) To participate in the breaking bread
   3) To strengthen one's life through prayer
   4) To align one's life according to the teaching of the scriptures

33) "I'm the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved ............. And find a pasture."
    What did Jesus mean by this?
    1) The pleasure of entering through the main door of the temple
    2) Receiving fullness after attending church services every Sunday
    3) Jesus supplies all the food and fulfills all the needs
    4) The one who accepts Jesus and follows him is saved

34) What important qualities in the life of Moses should we Christians include in our lives?
   1) To move with the family to a new place
   2) To act with complete trust in one's capabilities
   3) To lead in the midst of uncertainty
   4) To act with hope with confidence in himself

35) What is Jesus' Statement about unity?
   1) The whole body is united in Jesus who is the head of the body.
   2) The middle wall of partition between the Jews and gentiles are brought down.
   3) There is no division between male and female, slave and free, Jew and Gentile.
4) There is one flock and one shepherd.

36) An aspect that is not part of the council of Jerusalem is that,
1) It consists of seventy elders.
2) It was summoned after Paul's first missionary journey.
3) The issues between Jews and gentiles were solved.
4) Leadership was given by James.

37) How does Paul's example of action in the storm as a prisoner help us Christians who go through difficulties?
1) To make sure not to go through the storms of life.
2) To seek the help of others only during the storm of life.
3) To accuse people in society who create problems.
4) To be steadfast in the faith and to encourage others.

38) What are the parables used by Jesus to bring out the principles of the Kingdom of God?
1) The Pharisee and tax collector, the lost sheep
2) The great feast, the lost sheep
3) The lost coin, the mustard seed
4) The great feast, the talents

39) The challenge that Jesus poses through the two examples, building a watch tower and a king before going to war is,
1) The importance of setting aside selfishness.
2) Having to lose one's life.
3) Making decisions before becoming a disciple.
4) The readiness to take up the cross and journey on.

40) Given below are responses of Jesus to temptation.
A) "One does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."
B) "Get behind me, Satan you are a stumbling block to me."
C) "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."
D) "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.

Which of the above are Jesus’ responses in the wilderness?
1) A and B 2) B and C 3) B and D 4) C and D
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Answer Five (5) questions, including questions one and four other questions.
A The first question carries 20 marks and each of the other question carries 10 marks.

1.)

i. “Unto us is born a child………………………….. He will be called the Wonderful Counsellor, Prince of Peace.” Which prophet made this prophecy and who fulfilled it?

ii. On what instances did the following divine utterances occur?
   a) “You are my son the beloved in whom I am well pleased”
   b) “This is my beloved son. My chosen one. Listen to him.”

iii. (a). What do the Jews commemorate through the Passover?
    (b). what is the significance of Easter?

iv. State two incidents that Jesus performed miracles over death and brought new life.

v. Write two extraordinary responses of the environment at the time of Jesus’ death.

vi. a). what is the challenge that John the Baptist made in order to bring about Justice in society?
    b). what did the early church do in order to establish justice in society?

vii. Give two instances that Jesus used to bring out the quality of servant leadership.

viii. Give two instances where Jesus showed the importance of forgiveness.

ix. “Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you.”
   a). In which city did Paul make this statement?
   b). What message does Paul convey to Christian Workers?

x. “If one is not born again, they will not be able to see the kingdom of God.”
   a). To whom did Jesus say this?
   b). What do the words in bold emphasize?

2. “Lord I am not worthy that you may come under my roof but say the word and my servant will be healed.”
   I. Who said these words and what position did he hold?
   II. Explain the situation briefly
   III. Through the above statement, explain the specific qualities of that person and the quality that Jesus highlighted, that we can incorporate in our lives.
3). “Women’s liberation Front’ is a reality in most countries.
   I. Give two points to show the place of women in Jewish society.
   II. Give three steps to show what measures Jesus took in order to give them their due place.
   III. Give five ways to show how Christians should work for the upliftment of the rights of women in Sri Lanka, using examples of Jesus.

4). I). Give evidence to show the transformation in Paul’s life.
   II). Explain with three examples how the background of his early life helped him in his later life and ministry.
   III) Describe the valuable features in Paul’s life and ministry that we Christians today should show forth in our lives.

5). “Salvation has come to this house………. the son of man has come to seek and save the lost.”
   I. In whose house was this statement made by Jesus and what was the situation surrounding this incident?
   II. Give three instances where Jesus acted to seek and save the lost.
   III. Describe five ways how you will help a friend who has been led astray basing it on the ministry of Jesus.

6). “The world we live in is dominated by injustice.”
   I. “Let justice roll down like a waterfall and righteousness like an ever flowing stream”
   Name the prophet who made this statement and explain what kind of Social transformation he expected.
   II. Explain with three examples how Jesus came to the world and intervened to bring justice to the society.
   III. Make five proposals to show how justice could be established taking into consideration the injustices that can be seen in our society.

7. Choose two topics from the list given below and write short notes supported by examples from the Bible.
   I. Hospitality
   II. Commitment to Peace in a pluralistic society.
   III. The teachings of Paul on love
   IV. The new attitude that Jesus established on suffering.
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Answer Five (5) questions, including questions one and four other questions.
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1. (i) Prophet Isaiah said this about Jesus Fulfilled by Jesus.
   (ii) (a) At the baptism of Jesus
        (b) At the transfiguration
   (iii) (a) Jews who were slaves in Egypt being released from slavery is pass over feast.
        (b) Christians celebrate Easter to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus.
   (iv) Resurrecting the daughter of Jairus'
        Resurrecting the son of the widow of Naim.
        Resurrecting Lazarus
   (v) Darkness covered the world for three hours. Sun light failed' the earth shook.
   (vi) (a) If you have two coats give one to a person who has none. Do the same with food. Advice given to the tax collectors and soldiers can included.
        (b) Kept everything in common and distributed as needs arose appointing of 7deacons to look in to the needs of Greek widows. Accepting gentiles.
   (vii) Washing the feet of the disciples
        Accepting little children
        Going to the houses of those who needed his service
        Sacrificing his life for others.
   (viii) Granting forgiveness to the ones who killed him when he was crucified.
        Granting forgiveness to the woman who was to be stoned.
        Forgiving the sins of the paralytic
        The woman who washed his feet in the house of Simeon was given.
   (ix) (a) In Lystra
        (b) When Paul performed a miracle people praised him, Paul humbly rejected the praise and glory given to him and said “The glory should go to God and not to him."
   (x) (a) To Niccodemus who came to see him during the nights time.
        (b) Jesus showed him the importance of converting to a spiritual new life.

2. (i) Centurion, He was an authoritarian who had hundred soldiers under him.
   (ii) His slave whom he valued highly was ill and Jesus was going to heal him. He was a person who  had faith in God and the centurion showed his humility to Jesus and the faith he had in God. And the centurion showed his humility to Jesus and faith he had in God.
   (iii) His humility was seen, he did not boast about his powers’ The great faith he had in God was seen. The concern he had about his workers. His faith (surprised) Jesus.
3. (i) During the time of Jesus, women did not have a prominent place in society.
   They were not allowed to make decisions.
   They couldn’t speak to males in public.
   Their work was limited to household work and taking care of children.
   They had a separate place in the temple.

(ii) 1. Jesus had women as disciples.
      2. He showed the importance of women getting involved in kingdom work in the house of Martha and Mary, by appreciating what Mary did.
      3. When the woman with hemorrhage touched Jesus he did not reject her.
      4. Speaking to the Samaritan woman and bringing her to God.
      5. Forgiving the sinful woman and the bent woman.

(iii) Giving them an equal place at work places.
      Treating all members of the family in an equal manner.
      When injustice is taking place against woman, to stand up on behalf of them.
      Making it possible for them to work for the kingdom stopping violence in homes.
      Treating girls and boys in the home and elsewhere equal manner.

4. (i) When Paul faced Jesus when he was going to Damascus, Paul called Jesus "Lord."
      By being friends with the disciples whom he rejected earlier instead of oppressing Christians,
      helping to spread Christianity in the midst of oppression by the Jews he served God bravely. He confirmed that Jesus was the "Son of God"

(ii) As Paul was a Jew and a Pharisee, He was able to go in to synagogues and preach.
      Since he was a Roman Citizen – He was able to get released from jail and ask for judgment from ceaser.

      Being born in Tarsus – He was able to mix up with the Gentiles he received there, helped him in Athens to argue with philosophers like Epicure and stock.

      He knew the Greek language- This helped him to mix up with gentiles.

(iii) Paul had a full conversion and he started working for the lord.
      Fearlessly he stood up for injustice. The way he acted in jail in Philippi, we too must stand up fearlessly.
      We must always give glory to God in a successful mission like he did in Lystra.
      When in multi – religious company, use your instinct and introduce Jesus- Like the way Paul did in Athens.
      (Without looking down on other religious)
      Show the consequences of worshipping idols, getting involved in magic with evil spirits, like he showed the people in Ephesus.
      To be open and always give an important place to prayer.

5. (i) Jesus said this in the house of Zacchaeus. When Jesus went to his house Zacchaeus reputed and changed.

(ii) 1. In the house of Zacchaeus.
      2. Forgiving the sinful woman and bringing her to the correct path.
      3. Laying his hand on the leper, healing him and bringing him back to society.
      4. Healing the man with a withered hand on Sabbath day.
5. Making a tax collector Levi his disciple.

(iii) 1. If it is a person who has been involved in alcohol or drugs make him your friend and show him the bad effects of these and bring him to the correct path.
2. Make friends with a child who is isolated in class.
3. Use your talents and help others.
4. Help a person involved in sin to come out of that situation and build his/her life in the correct path.

6. (i) Prophet Amos. A society where justice and righteousness prevail.
(ii) 1. Jesus showed kindness and compassion towards the sick that were isolated in society.
2. He showed the woman who had no place in society that they entitled to work for the Kingdom of God.
3. Jesus by making them his disciples gave them a place to work for the kingdom.
4. gave a place to children, by saying the greatest in the Kingdom are children.
5. People like Zacchaeus was brought back to the correct path.

(iii) 1. To raise a voice about the workers in factories, estates etc.
2. Political injustice.
3. When taking new recruits to a job to be fair in the selection process.
4. Help the poor who are being exploited.
5. Use the media to create awareness on burning issues.
6. To have programs to create awareness on domestic violence and injustice taking place in homes.
7. To work towards bringing racial harmony.

7. Hospitality
   This was a special feature seen in Jewish society.
   1. Abraham – When the visitors came to his home.
   2. Martha and Mary's home when Jesus visited them.
   3. Paul who received hospitality in Martha.
   4. What expected from Christians is to give hospitality to strangers, the poor and to those who are unable to return our hospitality. Invite them for our functions.
   5. When you are invited for a function take the back seat do not go and sit in front.
   6. Great dinners

Commitment to peace in a pluralistic society
   We Sri Lankans live in pluralistic society. There are people of many faiths and many races. Therefore work in a manner to build unity and friendship among them. When people of other faiths are having their festivals we must join them and corporate with them and when doing this we must not loose our Christian identity instead of looking down up on other races on religious we must work for unity.

The teachings of Paul on love
   1 Corinthians ch.13 Paul was shown us the special qualities of love. Love is patient, is kind, is not envious, boastful, arrogant, or rude. It does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful. It does not rejoice in the truth. It bears all things believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. When these things are not in you, you become proud, jealous, and angry hateful and these are things which will destroy a society. Christians must refrain from these things.
The new attitudes that Jesus established on suffering

New thinking about suffering Jesus taught us.

Suffering is not only for the sinners, it is common for everyone. At some point in life, people have to face this. As Jesus, we have to accept suffering with joy. Jesus said it is entering in to new life. Jesus came in to victory after suffering. Prophecies say that Jesus is the suffering servant. Anyone carrying the cross will enter in to a new life and new hope.

Job and Jeremiah. Jesus bravely suffered and sacrificed his life. After the conversion, Paul considered suffering as joy.
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