



Christianity

General Certificate of Education (Ord. Level) Examination

Question paper & Answers

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Marking Scheme

First paper

	Marks
(1) First paper 40 x 1 =	40

Second Paper

(2) First question is compulsory	20
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For the selected questions 10 Marks for each =	40
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Total Marks for 2nd paper is 60

Total Marks =	100
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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 (x) 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) The messengers of God are known as,
 - 1) Pharisees
 - 2) Prophets
 - 3) Member of Sanhendrin
 - 4) Levites

- 2) The birth of Jesus Christ saw the fulfillment of prophecy with the,
 - 1) Coming of the Messiah
 - 2) Coming of John the Baptist
 - 3) end of corruption
 - 4) arrival of the Roman Empire

- 3) “Many shall rejoice at his birth “This statement refers to,
 - 1) Birth of Jesus Christ
 - 2) Birth of Moses
 - 3) Birth of Samuel
 - 4) Birth of John Baptist

- 4) Simeon and Anna are important because,
 - 1) they were prophets
 - 2) they lived in the Jerusalem Temple
 - 3) they recognized baby Jesus as the messiah and proclaimed it
 - 4) they were holy persons who fasted and prayed

- 5) “Those who have two garments give one to the needy and those who have food give to those without food”,
 - 1) they were prophets
 - 2) they lived in the Jerusalem Temple
 - 3) they recognized baby Jesus as the messiah and proclaimed it
 - 4) they were holy persons who fasted and prayed

- 6) Jesus sent the seventy by saying” I send you like lambs into the midst wolves.” By this Jesus meant to indicate
 - 1) that everyone in the society is evil
 - 2) the calling of Levi
 - 3) the healing of blind Bartimaeus
 - 4) healing of the Centurion’s servant

- 7) The importance of humanity going beyond the law was indicated to the Pharisees by
 - 1) healing on the Sabbath day the man with a withered hand
 - 2) the calling of Levi
 - 3) the healing of Blind Bartimaeus
 - 3) healing of the Centurion's servant

- 8) The parables that were used to teach people about the principles of the Kingdom of God were
 - 1) The Parable of the Prodigal son and talents
 - 2) The Good Samaritan and the parable of the great feast
 - 3) Looking for the lost and the parable of the great feast
 - 4) The tax collector and Pharisee and parable of the lost coin

- 9) "My mother, my brothers are those who listen to the word of God and obey them." By saying this, Jesus revealed.
 - 1) The importance of listening to the word of God.
 - 2) The importance of implementing the values of Kingdom of God.
 - 3) That founder of the family is God the creator
 - 4) The establishing the new concept of family which goes beyond blood relationships.

- 10) "Woe to those who are rich..." Find the correct words from those given below to complete this statement
 - 1) For you have received your consolation
 - 2) You will be hungry
 - 3) Woe to you when all speak well of you
 - 4) You will weep

- 11) Jesus taught the futility of anxiety over personal needs through the two metaphors
 - 1) Salt of the earth and light
 - 2) Lilies in the field and birds of the air
 - 3) The poor woman who offered the last two coins
 - 4) Two foundations

- 12) The important quality a Christian should imitate from the life of Abraham is
 - 1) By faith submit to the will of God
 - 2) To be committed to protect social values
 - 3) To complete one's ambitions
 - 4) To live your life by being a blessing to others

- 13) A quality Christian should **not** follow from the life and mission of Paul is,
 - 1) To be witness with boldness and courage
 - 2) To praise God even in the middle of Persecution
 - 3) Not taking John Mark on the second missionary journey
 - 4) To obey the voice of God and stand for justice

14) "It is said, my house is a house of prayer. But you have made it a den of thieves." The truth that Jesus presented through this statement is

- 1) Preventing sinners and fraudulent people entering the house of God
- 2) Opening the church only for common worship
- 3) The church is a place to worship God in spirit and in truth
- 4) To keep the church open always for social work

15) The most important event to bring the disciples to a right understanding of Jesus is

- 1) The baptism of Jesus
- 2) Jesus overcoming the power of temptation
- 3) Jesus praying in the garden of Gethsemane
- 4) Jesus' transfiguration

16) Jesus revealed about his ministry for the first time

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| 1) In the sermon on the mount | 2) When he face temptations |
| 3) When he called the fishermen | 4) In the synagogue at Nazareth |

17) Consider the following statements

- A) To have compassion on those who are in need
- B) To help by going beyond racial and caste barriers
- C) To spend our wealth, time and resources on others
- D) To act without being an obstacle to one's work

The Most suitable are;

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| 2) A and B | 2) A and C | 3) B and C | 4) C and D |
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18) The Christian leader who is a good shepherd should not

- 1) Look for those who lost
- 2) Look after your flock
- 3) Let advantage from your flock
- 4) Be committed to your service and look after those who are under your care

19) Following are some of the duties and responsibilities a family should have

- A) Wife and husband treat each other with love and equality
- B) Even if your children do wrong, say that they are right
- C) Children obey their parents
- D) Compare with neighbors and realize that your family is of a high standard.

Out of these, the qualities a in Christian family should have are

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| 2) A and B | 2) A and C | 3) B and C | 4) C and D |
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- 20) “ Indeed the Lord is risen.” This was said and gave a new hope by
- 1) the two disciples who were walking to Emmaus
 - 2) women who went to the tomb
 - 3) Mary Magdala
 - 4) Peter by going to the other disciples
- 21) To overcome spiritual poverty Christians should
- 1) take action to redistribute resource justly
 - 2) engage in religious rituals daily
 - 3) focus one’s mind to collect heavenly blessings
 - 4) live in worldly pleasures and pretend that one is spiritual
- 22) The suffering and death of Jesus was understood and become a witness to it by
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| 1) the soldiers | 2) Joseph of Arimathea |
| 3) women in Jerusalem | 4) Simon from Cyrene |
- 23) The people in contemporary society who turn their backs to justice, act against their conscience and want cheap popularity, can be compared to
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| 1) Peter | 2) Pilate the Governor |
| 3) John the Baptist | 4) Mary of Magdala |
- 24) What are the instructions given to Christians about Christ’s second coming?,
- 1) Gird your loins and have your lamps lit
 - 2) He will not come as a thief but inform and come
 - 3) The time and the day of coming is written in the word of God
 - 4) Punishment will be given not individually but collectively
- 25) According to Paul’s teachings the eternal truth will be
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| 1) Prophecy | 2) Speaking in foreign language |
| 3) Patience | 4) love |
- 26) Take in to consideration the following
- A) endures persecution and suffering with meekness and humility
 - B) initiates a royal political plan
 - C) His death is a sacrifice for sins
 - D) He is attractive in appearance
- According to Prophet Isaiah, the marks the suffering servant has are
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| 2) A and B | 2) A and C | 3) A and D | 4) B and D |
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- 27) What did Jesus teach about forgiveness?
- 1) To forgive without limits and in order to receive forgiveness we need to forgive others
 - 2) To forgive one’s brother/ sister seven times in sufficient
 - 3) To seek forgiveness through prayer is not necessary
 - 4) When forgiving, one must always lay conditions

- 28) The hope of a Christian is eternal life. What qualities should we have in order to attained it? ,
- 1) Righteousness, being united with Jesus Christ and noble joy.
 - 2) Holiness, righteousness and sharing
 - 3) Happiness about God’s glory, holiness and righteousness
 - 4) Being united with Jesus Christ, righteousness and forgiving

29) Following are some of the qualities we could see in the early church.

- A) They held everything in common
- B) They appointed team deacons
- C) They were engaged in preaching the word of God
- D) They were with a common mind and spent

Which two of the above indicate that they worked toward promoting equality?

- 2) A and B 2) A and C 3) A and D 4) B and D

30) The occasion in which living water was given to the spiritual thirst and showed the way to the kingdom of God was,

- 1) At the dialogue Jesus had with the woman of Samaria
- 2) At the dialogue when Mathew was called
- 3) When Peter denied Jesus
- 4) At the dialogue with Nicodemus

31) Given below are places, the call and responses Jesus received when he met the people,

	Place	Call	Response
A	Synagogue in Nazareth	To the mission of God	People stayed in the Synagogue
B	Lake Tiberius	Preaching to the people	All people listened only to him
C	Where Jesus stayed	Calling of the twelve and the seventy	Going out in the name of Jesus
D	Near the sea of Galilee	Challenge to Peter	Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ

Out of the above responses, what you, who are in mission, ought not to do?

- 1) A and B 2) A and C 3) B and D 4) C and D

32) The example we learn from Paul’s actions when he was caught up in the storm is that ,

- 1) Life can be caught up in storm
- 2) Even in the midst of crisis we can witness of God
- 3) To accept the decisions of the sailors and those in authority as correct
- 4) God constantly speaks to us those through visions

33) Paul’s Epistle to the Galatians challenges the youth of today to

- 1) Abstain from hatred, jealousy, alcohol and gambling
- 2) Deal only with those who love you in patience and gentleness
- 3) Forgive those who love you in patience and gentleness
- 4) Avoid peers who lead you in temptation

- 34) A Christian who coexists in a pluralistic society should **not**
- 1) Attend festivals of those who belong to other nationalities and ethnic groups
 - 2) Maintain the Christian identity at other cultural festivals
 - 3) Accept that all religions are the same
 - 4) Participate with others in social services

35) Take note of the following.

- A) To be proud of renewal of life
- B) To obey God's call and be empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit
- C) Even in the midst of persecution face all challenges with courage
- D) To think always that the decisions you take is according to God's will

What should a Christian imitate from the renewed life Paul?

- 2) A and B
- 2) A and D
- 3) B and C
- 4) B and D

36) Why is Rev. Michael Lapsley important?

- 1) Because he worked for the reconciliation of blacks and whites in South Africa
- 2) Because he rose up against racism in America
- 3) Because he called the people to lead a holy life
- 4) Because he worked to raise the living standards of the poor

37) Which of the following statements indicates that Jesus did **not** call his followers to live a Prosperous life?

- 1) One who put the hand to the plough and looks back is not against the kingdom of God .
- 2) Buying the dead is our responsibility
- 3) Foxes have holes, birds have nests but the man has no place to lay his head
- 4) First I will bid "farewell to my family" and then follow you

38) Who is the person who lived in recent times, and followed the noble quality of Jesus and said , "I forgive you for the wrong committed."

- 1) Pope John Paul II
- 2) Rev. Chandra Fernando
- 3) Rev. Tissa Balasooriya
- 4) Nelson Mandela

39) As friends of Jesus, what should be our response when faced with suffering?

- 1) Make every effort to change the situation
- 2) To pray saying, "Gods" will will be done
- 3) To be in solidarity with those who help us
- 4) Try to face it by using our strength

40) In saying " They shall beat their swords in to plough shares and spears in to pruning hooks." Prophet Micah indicated through this that?

- 1) The war is over
- 2) Instead of weapons of war the implements of agriculture will bring prosperity
- 3) For war of destruction we need swords and spears
- 4) The importance of an agricultural economy

Answers for 1st Paper

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❖ *Answer **Five (5)** questions, including questions **one** and **four** other questions.*

❖ *The first question carries **20** marks and each of the other question carries **10** marks.*

1. (i) “ People who walked in **darkness** have seen a great **light**” What is implied (expressed) in two highlighted words?
 - (ii) In the character of John the Baptist, we can learn about his humility and boldness. Give on instance each for these two qualities.
 - (iii) Give two characteristics connected to the messianic concept.
 - (iv) (a) What was the significance of the feast of Pentecost to the Jewish people?
(b) Why is the day of Pentecost important for Christians?
 - (v) Write two questions posed by Sadducee’s to Jesus Christ.
 - (vi) (a) What was the main theme in the teaching of Jesus?
(b) Give **one** method he used to express His teachings.
 - (vii) Give two examples for Paul using his wisdom to act appropriately during his missionary journeys.
 - (viii) Give two examples for Paul using his wisdom to act appropriately during his missionary journeys.
 - (vii) Name one of the two persons who appeared to Jesus at his transfiguration and mention what they discussed with Jesus
 - (viii) Give two examples for Paul using his wisdom to act appropriately during his missionary journeys.
 - (ix) What two teachings of Jesus regarding “the true vine” is applicable to our lives?
 - (x) Name the two Prophets who spoke about God’s justice and God’s holiness respective
2. “Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him”
 - (i) Explain in brief, the instance Jesus expressed this saying.
 - (ii) Give three worldly pleasures to which we are drawn.
 - (iii) Give five ways, we, as Christians should act to overcome such worldly pleasures
3. Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is in your midst.”
 - (i) Give two facts about the kingdom of God according to the above saying.
 - (ii) Give three special features of those who claim to be citizens of the Kingdom of God.
 - (iii) As a Christian and a citizen of the Kingdom of God, how will you demonstrate to the word the values of the kingdom of God. Give five examples.

4. (i) How many categories can the miracles performed by Jesus Christ be divided in to ?
(ii) Select three of the above-mentioned categories and give an example for each to show how Jesus' authority was displayed.
(iii) Mention a miracle you or a friend of yours experienced and explain the responses Jesus expects from us for the kingdom of God.
5. (i) "I have no silver and gold... but walk in the name of Jesus."
(a) Who said this?
(b) What was the background to this saying?
(ii) From what actions of the healed person can we show that he was fully healed?
(iii) In relation to the above situation, explain your responses to a similar challenge.
6. "We live in a multicultural society."
(i) What were the diverse beliefs and ideologies Paul saw in Ephesus during his third missionary journey
(ii) What was Paul's response to those beliefs and ideologies in Ephesus?
(iii) Based on Paul's response, explain what should be your response to a similar situations as a Sri Lankan.
7. Select two from the following topics and write short notes using biblical examples.
(i) The importance of early Christian values for the contemporary church.
(ii) The Christian Baptism
(iii) Commitment for peace
(iv) The Council of Jerusalem

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Answers for Second Paper

Compulsory question

1. Darkness – Sin
Light – Jesus
2. Humility – a) the saying – I am not worthy to untie his shoes
Courage - b) he showed King Herod's fault challenged the prophecy
(b) Harvest – The people who are waiting to hear the word.
3. Messianic concept – decedence David line, His Kingdom will be eternal, rule with justice. He will bring salvation, Wise counselor. (2 month for 2 of the above written)
4. Jewish Pentecost – Offering of 1st fruits to God.
Christian Pentecost - Coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of the 3000 were converts.
The 1st fruits Of the church.
5. The challenges brought by Saduces – Paying taxes to the Roman Empire regarding resurrection (the story of the women who was married to seven husbands)
Cleansing of the temple – by who's authority Jesus did this
6. The basic truth of the teachings – The Kingdom of God is based on love
The steps taken in to proclaim – Sermons, sayings/ miracles, using parables, teaching in Aramaic which was easy for the normal people to understand.
7. At the transfiguration – Moses and Elijah
The discussion – That Jesus Will die in Jerusalem to offer his life
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 1. Instances when Paul added with wisdom to Saul the salvation –in others made use of the alter to the unknown God to spread the gospel.
 2. In Listra when he healed the lipple man and took the opportunity to introduce Jesus and gave glory to God.
 3. In Paphos when he rebuked the Magician
 4. Asking for Cseers's judgmental as a Roman Citizen.
9. True Wine – This shows how important it is to be in connection with Jesus the true vine to bear good fruit. But those who are not will not be able to bear the fruits of the Kingdom of God.
10. The prophet – who spoke about justice – Amos
The prophet who proclaimed holiness of God – Isaiah

2. (i) These words were spoken by Jesus when he was fasting in the wilderness 40 days in response to the 2nd temptation.
- (ii) Riches, power, competition to like the modern equipment etc are the worldly desires We face today.
- (iii) The spiritual desires Should be prayer, listening to the word of God, and reading the bible, care for Everyone unselfishness, humanity. (Similar ideas can be considered)
3. (i) Kingdom of God is amidst those who are with good kingdom values there is no limit to the Kingdom of God. It is eternal, God rules and He is the king.
- (ii) The qualities that should be in the citizen of the Kingdom are
1. Working for others over coming all barriers Such as cast, creed , Nationality, rich Or poor
 2. Be a servant teacher to serve the other with humility.
 3. Use the God given talents In order To spread the kingdom
 4. Always work with wisdom.
- (iii) 1. If you are a leader then Be devoted to those who are in charge of you.
2. Accept everyone alike.
 3. Make use The gifts to the utmost to be of the service to the society.
 4. In the multicultural society work for the good of everyone
 5. Act wisely in the surroundings you are placed to bring glory to God.
- 4.(i) Power over sickness power over evil spirit, power nature and power over death. (4 categories)
- (ii) Power over sickness – eg:- healing of the paralytic the servant of the Centurion
- Power over death – Jairase’ daughter, son of the widow of Nain
- (iii) give two marks for the writing of a miracle they have experienced and whether there in a change in life. Faith and the new way of living experience should be written.
- 5(i) This was said by Peter to the cripple beggar Who was at the temple gate asking for alms. Peter gave him healing to walk.
- (ii) Praising God
- Getting up and walking
- Who was outside the gate now inside the temple of God, experiencing God’s power became followers of Jesus.
- (iii) Accept all alike
- Through God’s power to reach out to others to help to value spiritual things more than worldly wealth God value all there for We cannot reject anyone God works in a mysteries way in order to transform the lives of people to believe and ask in prayer for our own needs.

6 (i) The people knew only About the baptism of John There were cult practices Worshiping of idols, books on various beliefs on worshipping other God and practices.

(ii) a) Worshiping idols – Paul preached that God made with human hands has no power.

b) Diving away devils – In the name of Jesus casting out evil spirits. The sons of Sceava tried the same and failed. So many believed in the work of Paul.

c) Those who became believers brought their books on various occult practices and burned them.

d) Those who are baptized according to the John, Paul instructed them and blessed them and they were baptized with the Holy Spirit.

(iii) To avoid worship status and idols know what is evil and to avoid such beliefs.be baptized by the Holy Spirit. Those who are on the wrong beliefs to enlighten them about t the truth of God . Show the bad results to those giving occult practices.

7 (i) The values of the first church – Keeping everything in common and sharing, worship, and praising the lord daily praying together and meeting in the house of belief breaking bread and, cultivating brotherhood, and friendship with the guidance of Holy Spirit serve the Lord. Share leadership.

(ii) Christian Baptism – Through cleansing with water is a eternal symbol to believe the Holy Spirit comes the dwell within becomes a member of the Church of God. Be patient to the death and resurrection of Jesus to have a new way of life by God’s power to work will courage dedication.

(iii) Dedicated to peace – Jesus was the prince of peace The angelic Message at the birth of

Christ this was proclaimed. Prophet Micah says Jesus came to the world to establish peace on earth. We as Christians are expected to world among the people to bring peace in the class room, house to our own environment

(iv) The Council of Jerusalem

This was called after the co-existence among the missionary journey and Jews. James healed the council. Peter and Paul spoke about their experience among gentiles and Jews. James So the decision was to accept gentiles without been circumstance.

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