



# **Christianity**

**General Certificate of Education (Ord. Level)  
Examination**

**Question Paper & Answers**

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## Marking Scheme First Paper

	Marks
1. First Paper $40 \times 1$ =	40

### Second Paper

2. First question is compulsory 20

For the selected questions 10 marks for each = 40

Total marks for 2<sup>nd</sup> paper is 60

**Total Marks** =  
100

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**Christianity I & II - 3 Hours**

**Christianity I**

- i. Answer all questions.*
  - ii. In each of the questions from 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.*
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1. Jesus began His public ministry in,

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| (1) Samaria. | (2) Jerusalem. |
| (3) Galilee. | (4) Egypt.     |

2. The Hebrew word for "God with us" is,

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| (1) Emmanuel. | (2) Maranatha. |
| (3) Rabboni.  | (4) Christos.  |

3. This is an important point relating to Jesus in the ministry of John the Baptist:

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| (1) feet washing | (2) preparing the way. |
| (3) discipleship | (4) cautioning         |

4. What message did John the Baptist who valued social equality, convey to the ordinary people?

- (1) Be satisfied with the wage you receive.
- (2) He that has two coats must share with those who have none.
- (3) Do not tax more than you should.
- (4) Do not take anything from anyone by force.

5. Prophecies were fulfilled through John the Baptist's special

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| (1) ministry.     | (2) family relationship. |
| (3) discipleship. | (4) clothes.             |

6. The birth of Christ was the fulfillment of the hope that had been in the hearts of people for centuries. It brought to fulfilment the Son of God's

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| (1) incarnation. | (2) second coming. |
| (3) ascension.   | (4) crucifixion.   |

7. The name 'Jesus'

- (1) was given by the early Church.
- (2) was used by His disciples to describe His ministry.
- (3) matches His Messianic role.
- (4) was given after the resurrection of Jesus.

8. Consider the following responses:

- A - being obedient to God's commands.
- B - being still after listening to God's commands.
- C - accompanying Mary to his house.
- D - remained with Mary in Jerusalem.

Of the responses given above, what is the correct response given by Joseph to the angel's message?

- (1) A and B only.
- (2) A and C only.
- (3) A and D only.
- (4) B and D only.

9. Through the crucifixion of Jesus, the relationship between God and man was

- (1) estranged.
- (2) became secretive.
- (3) became suspicious.
- (4) restored.

10. Given below are statements about the special birth and life:

- You will see a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.
- John wore clothing of camel hair with a leather belt around his waist.
- Joseph and Mary were given no place in the inn.
- His food was locusts and wild honey.

The above statements show that

- (1) poverty is not crucial.
- (2) they were forced into poverty.
- (3) poverty was rejected.
- (4) they embraced poverty.

11. 'To be Jesus' mother, brothers and sisters, we need to

- (1) go to Church regularly.
- (2) preserve customs and rituals.
- (3) engage only in social work.
- (4) listen to the will of God and act accordingly.

12. What is the message given by the statement of Jesus "Who do you say that I am?"?

- (1) Our personal relationship with Jesus is important.
- (2) Should have good knowledge about Jesus.
- (3) Popularity is important.
- (4) It is important to compare ourselves with others.

13. The message Jesus communicated when He referred to the widow of Zarephath and Naaman in His sermon at the Synagogue at Nazareth was that,

- (1) the widow's faith was special.
- (2) the Kingdom of God is open to Gentiles as well.
- (3) Naaman was healed by Elisha.
- (4) there are Gentiles in Judah.

14. The group that followed the oral tradition was,

- (1) Sadducees.
- (2) Essenes.
- (3) Pharisees.
- (4) Zealots.

15. Jesus' disciples were chosen from a variety of backgrounds. What important example does this set for us?
- (1) The background is important when proclaiming the gospel.
  - (2) Acceptance of different backgrounds in Judah.
  - (3) The importance of the background of Sri Lankans.
  - (4) Status is not necessary to spread the gospel.
16. Jesus was grieved and wept over
- (1) the people of Jerusalem.
  - (2) the Temple of Jerusalem.
  - (3) the poor & oppressed in Jerusalem
  - (4) the city of Jerusalem.
17. What was the main theme of Jesus' teaching?
- (1) Kingdom of God.
  - (2) Political freedom.
  - (3) Jewish Law.
  - (4) Reconstruction of the Temple of Jerusalem.
18. 'Man shall not live by bread alone'. What message did Jesus convey through this statement?
- (1) We need clothes as well as food.
  - (2) God will provide food.
  - (3) It is important that we are nourished with the Word of God.
  - (4) Stones can be transformed into bread.
19. What did Jesus appreciate most when the seventy returned from their mission?
- (1) Their simple lifestyle.
  - (2) Serving on the mission in pairs.
  - (3) Healing the sick and driving out evil spirits.
  - (4) That their names will be written in heaven.
20. What can we learn from Jesus' response to the repentant thief on the cross?
- (1) being keen to adapt to the situation.
  - (2) To know that God's forgiveness has no limits.
  - (3) Another course of action must be taken in order to escape.
  - (4) To identify ourselves with the oppressed.
21. What important truth does Jesus highlight through the Parable of the Sower regarding the growth of the Kingdom of God?
- (1) There will be obstacles from the birds of the air.
  - (2) When there is no proper understanding, the growth will stop.
  - (3) Worldly pleasures will become obstacles.
  - (4) God will overcome all hindrances and extend the Kingdom.
22. What did Paul highlight as an important gift in his letter to the Corinthians?
- (1) Prophecy.
  - (2) Giving alms.
  - (3) Love.
  - (4) Knowledge.
23. "I am sending you like sheep among wolves" - The essence of these words of Jesus' to His disciples, is to highlight that they will
- (1) be alone.
  - (2) be in a group.
  - (3) face challenges.
  - (4) be powerful.

24. What is the main challenge of the Second Coming of Jesus for us?
- (1) To be ready and await the victorious event.
  - (2) To thoroughly study the signs of the end times.
  - (3) To be aware of the various disasters one has to face at the end times.
  - (4) To leave aside all worldly things and meditate only on the second coming.
25. Given below are some facts which were included in the dialogues Jesus had with the Scribes and the Pharisees.
- A. The Kingdom of God is based on love.
  - B. The relationship with God is more important than outward rituals.
  - C. You can serve God and money.
  - D. Spirituality of the Word of God is not essential.

Which of the above facts are important to our lives?

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| (1) A and B only. | (2) A and C only. |
| (3) B and C only. | (4) C and D only. |
26. At the transfiguration, Moses and Elijah were seen on either side of Jesus. What truth about the life of Jesus do they convey?
- (1) The fulfillment of God's will through the death of Jesus in Jerusalem.
  - (2) That He is the expected Messiah.
  - (3) Through the death of Jesus all the prophecies will be fulfilled.
  - (4) That He is the Saviour who comes from the line of David.
27. What challenge do we receive from the behaviour of Judas?
- (1) Serve Jesus in order to fulfill our needs.
  - (2) Expect financial again.
  - (3) Being loyal to the world.
  - (4) To gain proper understanding of Jesus' teaching and act accordingly.
28. Christian hope is based on
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| (1) self.        | (2) society. |
| (3) will of God. | (4) world.   |
29. What was the heaviest burden imposed on people by the Roman Empire?
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| (1) Slavery.    | (2) Taxes.   |
| (3) Sacrifices. | (4) Rituals. |
30. Which group of people mentioned below responded positively to the suffering of Jesus?
- (1) Simon of Cyrene, Peter and Thomas.
  - (2) The two thieves, Judas and the women of Jerusalem.
  - (3) Pilate, Judas and James.
  - (4) Joseph of Arimathea, Simon of Cyrene and the Centurion.
31. Given below are some special character traits from the life of Abraham:
- A. Obedient to God's call through faith.
  - B. Was prepared to sacrifice his son.
  - C. Had a deep relationship with God.
  - D. Considered circumcision as an important sign.



### Answers for 1<sup>st</sup> Paper

Question No	Answer						
1)	3	11)	4	21)	4	31)	2
2)	1	12)	1	22)	3	32)	1
3)	2	13)	2	23)	3	33)	3
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5)	1	15)	4	25)	1	35)	2
6)	1	16)	4	26)	3	36)	4
7)	3	17)	1	27)	4	37)	3
8)	2	18)	3	28)	3	38)	1
9)	4	19)	4	29)	2	39)	1
10)	4	20)	2	30)	4	40)	4

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**Christianity II**

1.

i. (a) What miracle did Jesus use as a basis for highlighting the importance of gratitude?

\* Healing of the 10 lepers.

(b) Who returned to give thanks?

\* A Samaritan / Gentile returned .

ii. What are the two metaphors that Jesus used to convey the futility of worrying about worldly personal needs?

\* See how lilies grow in the field.

\* The birds in the air / the ravens do not store.

iii. Give two examples of the steps taken by Jesus to uplift the status of women in Jewish society at that time.

\* Included women for discipleship.

\* Rejected social barriers and engaged in dialogue and acceptance – Samaritan woman.

\* Proclaimed the healing as Abraham's daughter – Healing of the hunched woman on Sabbath day.

\* Appreciated faith - The woman who touched the cloak.

\* Appreciated the sacrificial giving – Widow's offering.

\* Appreciated those who were rejected as sinners -The sinful woman / what happened at the home of Simeon the Pharisee.

\* Appreciated choosing what is good – Mary and Martha's home in Bethany.

(a) Who prophesied about the suffering Servant?

\* Isaiah.

(b) Who, according to the New Testament, fulfilled this prophecy?

\* Jesus Christ.

iv. State one main responsibility of children and one important duty of parents in a Christian family.

- \* Responsibility – Obey your parents in the Lord / Honour your father and mother.
  - \* Duty – Loving your children who are a gift from God / Meeting their needs/ disciplining their lives.
- v. "Whosoever drinks of this water shall thirst again, but whosoever drinks the **water that I shall** give him shall never thirst."
- (a) To whom did Jesus say these words?
- \* The Samaritan Woman.
- (b) State the meaning of the words in bold letters.
- \* Jesus the Living Water / Eternal Life / Word of God.
- vii.
- (a) On what basis is true peace established?
- \* Justice and fairness/ Justice and righteousness.
- (b) What is the Hebrew word for peace?
- \* Shalom.
- viii. Name an organization each for women and men in Sri Lanka working towards bringing Christians of different denominations together.
- \* Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) / Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA).
- ix. Give an example of Peter's ministry of healing and an occasion where he addressed the Gentiles, after the day of Pentecost.
- \* He healed the lame man who was near the Temple gate called Beautiful.
  - \* Peter went to Cornelius' house to preach and baptize.
- x. Write two examples of how you can imitate Paul's life and bear witness to Christ when you face life's challenges.
- \* Encouraged those on board the ship on his journey to Rome - Encouraging those whom we associate with in times of distress / Being a living witness.
  - \* Paul testified about Jesus and said that no one will perish - We too according to the direction of Jesus Christ can nourish and guide others as stated by the Word of God.
  - \* How Paul acted during the storm – crisis / We must stand firm in the faith and bear witness in the face of challenges.
  - \* As Paul did in Malta - We too must bear witness in prayer and in faith.

- \* Paul testified with wisdom - witnessing in front of any person, regardless of status.

2. (i) When did Jesus go to the Garden of Gethsemane? Why did He go there?

- \* Jesus went to Gethsemane after the last supper.
- \* To be strengthened by prayer / To seek God's will and obey it / To gain guidance, strength, and courage to prepare for the crucifixion.

(ii) What was the question posed by Jesus to the disciples who were asleep when He came back to them? What was the advice given to them?

- \* "Why are you sleeping?" / Arise and pray that you may not be tempted (Luke 22:46)

(iii) Explain in five points how the events in the Garden of Gethsemane and Jesus' prayer can help shape our lives in the midst of the challenges we face in today's society.

- \* Seek guidance through prayer.
- \* Obedience to the will of God.
- \* During crisis /challenges surrender to God in Prayer.
- \* Guidance to keep away from sin and for the shaping of our lives.
- \* Belief and hope in God's will.
- \* Praying for courage and strength / To be thankful.

3. (i) According to Psalm 23, mention 2 good qualities of a shepherd.

- \* Lacks nothing /Leads in the right path/ There is no fear nor doubt / Protection/Delivers from enemies/ Mercy and kindness / Nourishment/ Blessings

(ii) Present three points on how the flock should respond to Jesus the Good Shepherd.

- \* Listen to His voice.
- \* Recognize His voice.
- \* Be faithful and obedient.
- \* Follow Him.
- \* Recognize the Good Shepherd.
- \* Being aware of the dangers of disobeying the Shepherd.

(iii) Describe five instances which we can follow today where Jesus portrayed Himself as the Good Shepherd.

- \* Nourishing (feeding of the 5000) - helping those in need / providing food.

- \* Searching (lost sheep) - looking for those who have gone astray and guiding them onto the right path.
- \* Deliverance from the enemies (Redemption of the oppressed) – Speak up against various social restrictions.
- \* Healing of the sick (Lepers) - Looking after the sick, praying to God on behalf of them.
- \* Infinite Love (prodigal son) - showing love.
- \* Accepting everyone (sinful woman) – living in harmony and love with everyone in a pluralistic society, regardless of race.
- \* Sacrificing Himself.

4. (i) Briefly describe two instances when Jesus showed forgiveness during His life and ministry.

- \* On the cross / at the stoning of the sinful woman / the servant whose ear was cut off during His arrest at Gethsemane was healed / forgave the sins of the paralyzed man / forgave those like the Chief Priests and Pharisees for their insults and accusations.

(ii) Referring to the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, describe the following:

(a) The servant's request

- \* To be patient and pardon the amount of debt

(b) Response of the master

- \* The master showed compassion to the slave and freed him from debt.

(c) The servant's response to the person who owed him money.

- \* Imprisonment of the person who owed him money for not repaying the debt.

(iii) Explain five aspects of forgiveness that we learn from the above parable and how we can apply it to our daily lives.

- \* Asking for forgiveness – Repenting and acknowledging the sin, praying for forgiveness.
- \* Forgiveness is a divine attribute - Forgive those who wrong us without anger.
- \* That we who are inclined to forgive and to be forgiven, do the will of God. We are forgiven when we forgive those who have wronged us and peace reigns in our hearts.
- \* By forgiving and receiving forgiveness our lives become new - Living a sinless life enables us to live amicably with all and demonstrate the love of Jesus.
- \* Forgiveness is something we all need – Life has value when you live with a spirit of forgiveness.
- \* Unconditional forgiveness - The Lord's Prayer.

5. (i) Mention two characteristics of the suffering servant found in the Biblical texts that refer to servants.

- \* The Spirit of God was upon Him / acted in a smooth manner / Long suffering/ victims no longer suffer / Intercedes / Does not despair but acts justly / He had no striking features/ we are healed from the blows that are aimed at us / it was a sacrificial death that forgave our sins.

(ii) Name three suffering servants found in the Old Testament and present one fact that illustrates the background of each person's life.

- \* **Job** – was sick and suffered and lost everything - completely trusted and hoped in God.
- \* **Jeremiah** – He was put into a foul-smelling pit for boldly prophesying against the king and the people and considered a racist / Gave the Israelites in Babylon the hope of returning.
- \* **Israelites** - Suffering from slavery in Egypt / Seeing their misery, God delivered them from captivity and led them to the promised land under the leadership of Moses.

(iii) Explain the connection between suffering and the Christian way of life, as found in the five truths in the servant song in the Bible.

- \* Instead of harshness – Working in a smoother manner.
- \* Endures suffering – happily endures suffering.
- \* Victims no longer suffer – helping the victims.
- \* Intercedes – speaks up for them to be saved from sin.
- \* Acts justly – fairness and justice instead of injustice and unfairness.
- \* We are healed - Our illnesses carry the burden of suffering / Engaging in a ministry for healing the sick.
- \* It is the atoning sacrifice for our sins – salvation from sin and eternal life.
- \* Putting aside ego and entering into selfless service.
- \* Bearing our sufferings with joy and acting in accordance to God's will.
- \* We need to continue serving even in the midst of the challenges and suffering we face in service.

6. (i) Name two persons who travelled with Paul on his first missionary journey.

- \* Barnabas and John Mark.

(ii) In Paul's first missionary journey, state one important incident that took place in each of the following cities:

(a) Salamis

- \* Paul & Barnabas preached the Word of God at the Jewish Synagogues / John Mark joined them / The importance of joint leadership is affirmed.

(b) Paphos

- \* Serguis Paulus the Proconsul prevented Bar-Jesus the magician from turning to the truth / Through joint leadership enabled the magician to understand the truth and restrained him. / The Proconsul and the people accepted the Word of God / This is where Saul started using his Greek name, Paul

(c) Lystra

- \* Healed the man who was crippled from birth / wreaths were offered to them supposing them to be gods / Gave God the glory due to Him / Named Paul Hermes and Barnabas Zeus / Preached about Jesus proclaiming that He and people are alike / Stoning of Paul

(iii) (a) From Paul's response to the above incidents, state 5 values that Christian workers receive.

(b) How would Christian workers put them into practice?

- \* Special qualities of leadership – Joint Leadership / Working together at school and in the community
- \* Face various challenges - Corrective action against wrongdoing, such as suppressing the magician in Paphos/
- \* Honouring God – In Lystra / Praise God for all good things and do it for the glory of God / Living with the understanding that we need God's help for all our successes and not our strength.
- \* Moving forward in the midst of persecution without feeling discouraged – Stoned and chased away / Carrying out Christian ministry despite challenges.
- \* Acting humbly without fame – Without being proud of our abilities, use them for the glory of God.
- \* Standing up for justice - Explaining the truth when false accusations are made and standing up for another student when he is falsely accused.
- \* Just as Paul was thrown out of the cities but courageously returned to serve there, continue to work towards truth and in spite of the challenges in school, work towards minimizing it.

7. Select two of the following topics and write short notes basing your answers on biblical teachings.

(i) Healing.

- \* Jesus' constant compassion towards the sick.
- \* Physical illness / Blindness / Deafness / Dumbness / by healing the paralytic, the leper and many people with various sicknesses, Jesus demonstrated the signs of His Kingdom.  
Being able to pray for the sick today / Visiting and comforting them.

(ii) Important teachings of Jesus from the Sermon of Nazareth.

- \* **Preaching the gospel to the poor** – Sermon on the mount / Sermon in the Valley / The poor people come to Him and their needs were met. We too should recognize such people and help them / Preach the Gospel.
- \* **Freedom to slaves** – Deliverance from the bondage of society (drugs / obscene things) Those who are trapped in wrongdoing / To save those who have gone astray.
- \* **Vision to the blind** - Bringing those who are spiritually blind to a right view through the Word of God / Teaching the Word of God to those who do not know it.
- \* **Release to victims** - Look for victims of various social and economic causes and implement a programme to ease their suffering with the contribution of the Church / To build their lives.

(iii) Nicodemus and Jesus.

Nicodemus & Jesus Christ – Pharisee / Impressed by Jesus' teachings. Came to meet Jesus at night / He desired to find answers to spiritual questions / Jesus listened to his requests even though it was night / Said that “unless anyone is born again” he cannot see the kingdom of God”; Nicodemus could not understand the deep truth of these words.

The man who lives heavily in sin is made to understand redemption as “born-again” and is invited to attain a new life.

- \* We Christians too are freed from sin with an inner change and must live in accordance with the teachings of the Kingdom of God.
- \* We must love Him and face the task of inheriting (eternal life) the Kingdom of God.

(iv) Joint Leadership.

Joint Leadership – Paul, Barnabas & John Mark on their first missionary journey/ Ability to face challenges together / To work in partnership / Jesus Christ also works with His disciples.

As Christians, we also work cooperatively with others in leadership / Guidance to serve as workers in ministry/ Courage and strength to persevere in the face of obstacles.

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