



# **Christianity**

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

**Question Paper & Answers**

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## Marking Scheme

### First paper

(1) First paper 40 x 1 = 40

### Second Paper

(2) First question is compulsory 20

For the selected questions 10 Marks for each = 40

Total Marks for 11 papers 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 (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) In order to celebrate a meaningful Christmas,

- 1) open air carol services must be held.
- 2) cribs should be made in houses.
- 3) cards should be sent to friends
- 4) joy must be brought to children in need

2) "The son of man came to search and save the lost." This saying of Jesus is connected with the,

- 1) Story of rich leader
- 2) incident of calling Levi.
- 3) story of Zacchaeus
- 4) story of centurion

3) If the Christian is to make the preaching of John the Baptist a reality in the present day he should,

- 1) put aside diverse conflicts
- 2) be a part of positive change in society
- 3) object to amassing money
- 4) criticize the leaders of the society

4) The parable that explains that the growth of the Kingdom takes place by the power of God is,,

- 1) The parable of east
- 2) the parable of the fig tree
- 3) the parable of the net
- 4) the parable of the sower

5) The title of the Suffering Servant in the Old Testament first referred to,

- 1) the people of Israel
- 2) the slaves in Egypt
- 3) the suffering Prophets
- 4) Jesus Christ

6) As a Christian child, the highest service you can do for a helpless child is,

- 1) to supply all his needs.
- 2) to hand him over to welfare centre
- 3) to invite him or her to your home in Christian love
- 4) to introduce him or her to your friends

7) A special characteristic of Elizabeth was,

- 1) that she bore all things with hope.
- 2) when she had to voice her opinion she did so at the correct time.
- 3) she respected the views of elders.
- 4) she gave in to the will of God and did nothing

- 8) In baptism you have especially,
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| 1) received membership in church | 2) received complete cleansing                   |
| 3) become open to repentance     | 4) become open to the working of the Holy Spirit |
- 9) The one who showed the people of Kilinochchi kindness and love was,
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| 1) Sister baker           | 2) Sister Evelyn Carnie |
| 3) Sister Muriel Hutchins | 4) Rev. Thambirajah     |
- 10) When Jesus stated “You shall worship God only” he meant it to those who,
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| 1) were enslaved to the things of the world | 2) go after miracles                 |
| 3) forsake justice and truth                | 4) were engaged in violating the law |
- 11) The Christian should be a witness to the living Lord by,
- 1) proclaiming the resurrection found in gospels.
  - 2) living out Christian attitudes through a changed life.
  - 3) proclaiming the words uttered by the angels to the women.
  - 4) spreading the witness of the Roman centurian
- 12) Several statements about forgiveness are given below.
- A) You should forgive before you ask for forgiveness.
  - B) You should be ready to forgive unconditionally.
  - C) You should not seek forgiveness for minor mistakes.
  - D) You should highlight the wrong deed and then forgive.
- The Most suitable are;
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| 1) A and B | 2) A and C | 3) B and C | 4) C and D |
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- 13) The real reason for natural disaster is,
- 1) Human conduct that is selfish and immoral.
  - 2) Working against God
  - 3) The excessive use of technology
  - 4) Increasing number of factories in the world
- 14) The guidance that the Christian Church receives from the early church in overcoming challenges is,
- 1) To work in a new way getting away from the old older.
  - 2) To assist Christians only
  - 3) Trying to identify responsibilities
  - 4) Solving issues through shared leadership.
- 15) The main theological truth that one learns from the feeding of the five thousand is that,
- 1) Preference should be given to worldly needs.
  - 2) Miracles are necessary to solve economic problems.
  - 3) One must wait up on the providence of God.
  - 4) Food must be distributed according to a plan.
- 16) Through the transfiguration of our lord, the disciples became aware of,
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| 1) His suffering | 2) His trial         |
| 3) His love      | 4) His divine nature |

- 17) The Christians who faced with the challenge of working for Christian unity,
- 1) Should not forsake diversity.
  - 2) Should be one flock under Christ who is the head.
  - 3) Should boast about their own traditions.
  - 4) Should look down upon people of other faiths.
- 18) From the parable Pharisee and the publican, the characteristic that should be followed looking at the publican is,
- 1) The mark of accepting one's identity through confession.
  - 2) The characteristic of exalting one's self with others.
  - 3) The characteristic of building one's own personality.
  - 4) The characteristic of building one's own personality.
- 19) The special characteristic that was seen in Paul's life after his conversion was,
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| 1) His giving up citizenship | 2) Taking all decisions by the direction of God |
| 3) Rejection the Jews        | 4) Slavishly following the law of the Pharisees |
- 20) You who follow the Christ who went beyond the Jewish Messianic hope, should
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| 1) Give up politics altogether | 2) Interpret the concept of the Messiah |
| 3) Move towards full salvation | 4) Shout out slogans of salvation       |
- 21) When a place of worship of another religion in your area is being renovated, you should,
- 1) Participate in it after obtaining permission from your clergy.
  - 2) Secretly take part in it.
  - 3) Safeguard your Christian identify and participate in it.
  - 4) Not participate in it since it is a ritual of another faith.
- 22) Pilate was added to history as one who,
- 1) Betrayed truth to safeguard his title.
  - 2) Did not have the courage to do that which is right.
  - 3) Did not listen to the cry of the people
  - 4) Sent Herod gifts.
- 23) The one who hold the plough and does not look back,
- 1) Moves forward with the determination of service.
  - 2) Realizes the Kingdom of God with the blessing of all.
  - 3) Begins to serve after maturing.
  - 4) Begins to serve after maturing.
- 26) Certain activities done in Church premises are given below,
- A) Conducting carnivals and trade fairs to increase funds.
  - B) Consuming food after fasting and prayer.
  - C) Conducting mission services when necessary
  - D) Using indigenous forms of music instruments in worship.

Which aspects are not suited in close proximity to the church?

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| 1) A and B | 2) A and C | 3) B and C | 4) C and D |
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- 27) An occasion in which one was at service for the sake of the other is,
- 1) Working the whole day in the paddy field.
  - 2) Taking a seriously ill person whom he sees on the road to hospital.
  - 3) Representing the village at a sports event on Sunday.
  - 4) Praying for one's safety before going to work.
- 28) The main role of a present day Christian woman is,
- 1) To serve food and drinks at Christian functions.
  - 2) To serve through the societies for women.
  - 3) To seek ordination to the priesthood.
  - 4) To be involved in Christian mission whenever possible.
- 29) What Jesus spoke about the internal emptiness of the scribes and Pharisees is seen today, when,
- 1) Children who do not care for their parents build monuments after death.
  - 2) Some are sent to home for elders.
  - 3) Some taking part in worship on special occasions.
  - 4) Some giving alms continuously.
- 30) The Christian should be **different** to peter who denied Jesus,
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| 1) By being quiet in the midst of troubles | 2) By putting down the ideas of others   |
| 3) By justifying one's actions             | 4) By not thinking one's own protection. |
- 31) What was the background of Saul's earlier life helped his mission in later life?,
- 1) He became the apostle to gentiles.
  - 2) Being brought up amidst diverse communities.
  - 3) He was able to make tents for himself only.
  - 4) He became and active Evangelist.
- 32) Young people who are with Jesus and who wish to have their lives transformed, should,
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| 1) Live pure and moral lives.     | 2) Enter the competitive society.             |
| 3) Always be in leadership roles. | 4) Refrain from associating with bad friends. |
- 33) An aspect of life that was present in Jewish society then, but which is **not** seen today in the church is,
- 1) Accepting the scripture to have been inspired by God..
  - 2) Showing hospitality
  - 3) An outward observance of the law of Moses.
  - 4) Distribution of land from one generation to next.
- 34) "First remove the beam from your own eye." This teaching of Jesus emphasized when you,
- 1) Are moved to criticise someone.
  - 2) Are moved to conceal a good quality of someone.
  - 3) Want to publicize an achievement of another.
  - 4) Want to praise a person

- 35) Consider the following circumstances.
- A) Following the right method
  - B) Unwavering in the face of challenges
  - C) To be dependent on miracles alone
  - D) To use personal experiences in witnessing

Out of the above, what are the responsibilities of a Christian in mission who receives guidance from Paul?

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

- 37) Consider the following statements,

- A) Eradicate all forms of slavery
- B) Moved to appreciate the environment
- C) Build up divine and human relationships
- D) Create new identity that transcends division

Out of the above, what should be the main efforts of creating peace and co-existence in a multi-cultural, ethnic and religious society?

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

- 38) Economic and spiritual poverty cannot be eradicated as

- 1) There is a difficulty in improving welfare activities.
- 2) The reluctance to accept that material things will be destroyed.
- 3) The difficulty to prevent waste of resources.
- 4) The difficulty in creating justice and equality.

- 39) Consider the following facts

- A) The protection of the beautiful temple.
- B) To witness with joy
- C) To look forward to being part of the glorious end times
- D) By considering natural disasters as signs of end times

The most appropriate answers are,

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

- 40) What was an advice that Jesus gave with regards to being hospitable?

- 1) "When you are invited, sit in the lowest place."
- 2) "Invite the poor, the maimed and the disabled."
- 3) "The person who eats in the Kingdom of God is blessed."
- 4) "The one who humbles himself will be elevated."

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

<b>Question No</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Question No</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Question No</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Question No</b>	<b>Answer</b>
(01)	1	(11)	2	(21)	4	(31)	3
(02)	4	(12)	3	(22)	3	(32)	1
(03)	3	(13)	4	(23)	3	(33)	3
(04)	3	(14)	1	(24)	3	(34)	3
(05)	2	(15)	2	(25)	2	(35)	2
(06)	2	(16)	4	(26)	1	(36)	1
(07)	3	(17)	3	(27)	2	(37)	3
(08)	4	(18)	2	(28)	4	(38)	1
(09)	1	(19)	2	(29)	3	(39)	1
(10)	4	(20)	2	(30)	4	(40)	4



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**3 hours**

**Christianity 11**

- ❖ 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) Name the two people who received good news regarding special births from angel Gabriel and give their responses to it?
- (ii) “The **harvest** is plentiful but the **laborers** are few, so pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers in to his harvest.”
  - (a) To whom did Jesus say these words?
  - (b) Explain the words that are in bold type.
- (iii) (a) According to the gospel Luke, who are those who hold “ Key of Knowledge”?  
(b) What was the serious charge made against them by Jesus?
- (iv) Give to **two** instances where Jesus in his ministry showed respect and acceptance to children.
  - (v) “I have not seen such faith in all Israel.”
    - (a) With regard to whom did Jesus make such a statement?
    - (b) What example do Christians today learn from it?
  - (vi) “Grid up your loins and keep your lamps burning.”
    - (a) Who made this statement?
    - (b) What is meant by it?
  - (vii) (a) Who is depicted as shepherd in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm?  
(b) How did Jesus fulfill the concept of God’s good Shepherd”?
  - (viii) “Pray that you may not come in to the time of trial.”
    - (a) When did Jesus make this statement?
    - (b) What is the truth that comes out of it?
  - (ix) What was the sole purpose of calling the Council of Jerusalem?
  - (x) Write one responsibility of parents and one responsibility of children in the smooth functioning of the Christian family?  
(2x 10= 20 marks)

- 2) (i) Write the meaning of the word “ Messiah”. Who recognized baby Jesus as the Messiah in the temple?
- (ii) State briefly three Jewish customs performed by the parents of Jesus on his behalf?
- (iii) How could the Christian customs and rites be performed in Sri Lanka in a way that attracts others? (10 marks)

- 3) (i) In which town did Jesus begin his ministry? From which prophetic book did Jesus read about his ministry in the Synagouge?
- (ii) Give examples to depict how Jesus fulfilled, what he had read during his ministry?
- (iii) Stare what measures Christians can take in present day society in responding to such situations mentioned above in (ii) (10 marks)

- 4) We constantly hear that human rights have been neglected.
- (i) Explain briefly about two groups of people in Jesus’ time who were marginalized.
- (ii) Mention three instances where Jesus acted to bring back such groups in to the center of society.
- (iii) State five areas of marginalization that people in Sri Lanka face and explain what the Christian response should be. (10 marks)

- 5) (i) Write briefly two challenges St. Paul faced on his voyage as a prisoner to Rome
- (ii) Explain how Paul gave exemplary leadership in the midst of crisis.
- (iii) Taking in to consideration the leadership qualities of Paul in the midst of crisis, explain how Christians should act in similar situations. (10 marks)

- 6) (i) What were the responses made by Simon Peter and Mathew to the call of Jesus?
- (ii) Give three special aspects of Jesus’ calls to discipleship that goes beyond the positions in Jewish society of that day.
- (iii) Explain what Jesus expects of those he has called to be his followers in society today. (10 marks)

- 7) (i) What was the position held by the Pharisees in Jewish society.
- (ii) Write three customs that were left out in receiving Jesus in to the home of Simon the Pharisee.
- (iii) Explain giving five ways that Christians should act in society by following the example of Jesus in rejecting empty spirituality of Pharisees. (10 marks)

## 2015 O/L paper

### Answers for Second Paper

1. Zechariah and Mary  
Zechariah was overwhelmed and testified and he did not believe and due to this he became dumb.  
Mary very humbly accepted God's Word.
2. (a) Jesus said this to missionaries  
(b) Harvest – The people who are waiting to hear the word.  
Laborers – Missionary workers
3. (a) Lawyers  
(b) You add new laws, and load people with burdens hard to bear
4. (a) When the mother brought children to him to get them blessed, he accepted them and blessed them and said “the Kingdom Of God belongs to such as these.”  
(b) When the disciples had an argument among them as to which one of them was the greatest, Jesus took a little child and put the child by his side and said, “whoever welcomes me: welcomes the one who sent me for the least among all of you is the greatest.”  
(c) It is better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown in to the sea, than to cause a little one to stumble, by saying these he showed the acceptance of the child.
5. (a) About the Roman centurion's faith  
(b) His request was granted because of the faith and humility in him. We too can have our requests granted if we too have these values in us.
6. (a) Jesus Christ  
(b) Be always ready and await the second coming.
7. (a) God  
(b) Jesus fulfilled the concept of the good shepherd by sacrificing his life for the sheep- for our sins.
8. (a) Jesus said this to his disciples at Mount Olives, when he went there to pray before his crucifixion  
(b) We can over- come temptation through prayer.
9. (a) This was called up to solve the problem regarding the circumcision of the Gentiles. Also when Gentiles accepted Christianity there came up an issue when Jews were reluctant to celebrate communion with them.  
  
(c) James Peter
10. There should be understanding and they should accept all children with love and equality. Children should be truthful and obedient to parents.

2. (i) Anointed one – Simeon and Anna
- (ii) 1. Circumcision on the 8<sup>th</sup> day and naming the child.
  2. Dedication on the 40<sup>th</sup> day in the temple in Jerusalem
  3. At the age 12 – taken to the Passover feast to the temple in Jerusalem.
- (iii) Baptism – This is done to a baby or when one is an adult immersed in water receiving of the Holy Spirit.

Naming a child – Child is named on that day. Baby is accepted into the church as a member of the congregation.

Going to a new house – Read the scriptures and blessing the house and boiling milk.

Sinhala & Tamil New Year – Making milk rice and sharing food with others

Christmas – Sharing gifts and food with people of other faiths and those who are in need. Peace message of Christmas shared with others.

3. (i) In the town of Nazareth, situated in the state of Galilee. From the book of the prophet Isaiah
- (ii) Good news to the poor – Jesus addressed the poor people and did his teaching in open areas and gave them new hope.
- (iii) Freed the oppressed - He worked towards bringing relief to the people who were oppressed by laws and taxes
 

Freedom to the captives – He brought back to society the women, children and sick who were bound by laws of the society.

Sight to the blind – He gave sight to the physically blind, and they became his followers. Tax collectors and Pharisees, who were blinded by sin, Jesus showed them their sins, and moved them to the loosed path. Even to his disciples he showed the correct path.
- (iii) Poor - The Kingdom of God could be established by fulfilling their needs.

Oppressed – By being a voice for the oppressed people like estate workers, people working in factories those who are working in the Middle East, try to bring relief to them.

Captives – Guiding the people in to the correct path particularly those who are obsessed by wealth, power and worldly things. Helping the drug and alcohol addicts to overcome their addiction by taking them to rehabilitation centers.

Blind – Those who are blinded by sin and who are unaware of God's word; direct them to the corrected path. Pray for them.

- 4.(i) Those who were marginalized were women, the poor, sick, possessed, and sinners

- (ii) (a) Healing the sick and bringing them back to society - example lepers
- (b) Forgiving sinners and guiding them to a new path – Zacchaeus, Levi
- (c) Acceptance of Samaritan and others who were rejected– Samaritan woman, Lepers
- (d) Making women his disciples and making them work for the Kingdom of God
  - Mary of Magdalene
  - Jo-anna, Susanna
  - Mary- mother of James

- (iii) (a) Natural disasters – Helping those who are living in welfare centers by counseling them and helping them to build their lives again.
- (b) Abuse of women – Programmes educating men and women.
- (c) Child abuse – Educating children, protecting them.
- (d) Estate Workers, workers in factories– On behalf these workers to get proper salaries and facilities and, raising a voice.
- (e) Those without jobs, who have become poor – Helping them through the church or some other organizations.

5(i) 1. Paul traveled to Rome with other prisoners.

- 2. Near the sea in Cyprus, Paul advises not to travel against the wind, that all will face danger and that there will be loss of lives. The ship's chaplain ignores this advice and goes forward.
- 3. Near Crete they faced a violent storm and winds, and the ship gets blown and the ship gets blown away by the wind Everclyolon.
- 4. All on board had been without food facing death
- 5. The ship got blown away and the ship ran aground.
- 6. To stop the prisoners escaping they decided to kill them.
- 7. But the centurion did not want Paul to be killed, so they allowed all of them to swim ashore.
- 8. They kindled a fire and Paul gathered a bundle of wood to put into the fire when a viper fastened itself on his hand and, everybody thought he was a murderer.

(ii) The exemplary leadership given by Paul.

Although he travelled as a prisoner, he informed the ship's captain about the difficulties they will face when travelling in bad weather.

He said the cargo and lives are in danger.

He strengthened the others who were in the ship and advised them to take food.

He informed them that the God he believes in will not let any harm come to anyone and took bread, broke and distributed

Paul took the leadership in Malta for the hospitality shown by the people and healed the sick and the father of Publius.

(iii) How we should act when we face problems

Immediately come forward on behalf of others

Take the leadership and strengthen others

Advice and work with confidence

Witness on behalf of God.

Pray for those who are facing problems

6 (i) Simon Peter's response – He declares unworthiness in the presence of Jesus; responded to the calling of Jesus

Mathew – The calling came to him when he was in the tax booth. He responded immediately and followed Jesus.

(ii) Special things Jesus did when he called disciples

1. Went to their work place and called them.
2. He did not look in to their status, but chose them from different groups in the society.
3. Had women as disciples. Chose 12 disciples to represent the 12 tribes of the Jews.

(iii) As Christians what are our hopes and aspirations for today's society?

1. Accepting all people without any discrimination
2. Worshiping for the isolated in society.
3. Helping them when they are sick and praying for them.
4. Use your talents for the betterment of society.
5. Doing a dedicated service with love and commitment.
6. With the word of God strengthening people.

7 (i) they explained the laws and oral laws were included as new laws and showed that they were religious in public. They lived as separate people in society, they were a large group in society. They were powerful in religious matters.

Their religion centers were synagogues.

(ii) Three customs that were not observed.

1. Washing the feet
2. Anointing the head with oil
3. Greeting with a kiss

(iii) When giving alms to do it secretively. Religious traditions are not for publicity. They are for glorifying God. The traditions and customs of our country should be practiced with others while keeping the Christian identity.

- Pray for those who are working against you.
- Forgive them and show them kindness.
- Be humble and do your service.

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