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Christianity I

Instructions:

- * Answer *all* questions.
- * In each of the questions 1 to 40, pick one of the alternatives (1), (2), (3), (4) which is *correct* or *most appropriate*.
- * Mark a cross (X) on the number corresponding to your choice in the answer sheet provided.
- * Further instructions are given on the back of the answer sheet. Follow them carefully.

1. "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." This was said by
(1) Elizabeth. (2) Anna the prophetess.
(3) Martha. (4) Mary.
2. The prophet who spoke of the greatness of Jesus is
(1) Micah. (2) Isaiah. (3) Malachi. (4) Jeremiah.
3. To whom it was revealed that he would see the Messaih before dying?
(1) John the Baptist
(2) Simeon who was in the temple
(3) Zechariah the priest
(4) Paul
4. The place where Jesus was taken to be nailed to the cross is
(1) The Skull. (2) Samaria. (3) Galilee. (4) Joppa.
5. The one from among the first disciples who understood sinful nature and in obedience responded to discipleship is
(1) James. (2) Andrew. (3) John. (4) Simon Peter.
6. The eternal and highest gift is
(1) Love. (2) Patience. (3) Compassion. (4) Humility.
7. According to John the Baptist's teachings what should we do to live in God's hope?
(1) Follow the law accordingly
(2) Repent and change our lives
(3) Rise against politicians
(4) Be united with religious leaders

8. Long before the birth of Jesus,
 - (1) prophecies about it were made.
 - (2) prophecies were silent about it.
 - (3) there was secrecy about the prophecies which were made.
 - (4) only the religious leaders heard about it.
9. According to the Lords prayer, what should we do when forgiveness is asked?
 - (1) Forgive those who ask
 - (2) Forgive those who wrong us
 - (3) Forgive seven times
 - (4) Forgive with conditions
10. The message the Christian receives from the widow's offering is
 - (1) to offer according to the law of God and be content.
 - (2) to offer sacrificially and be content.
 - (3) to offer only when asked and be content.
 - (4) to keep all you want, offer the balance and be content.
11. The agricultural feast of the Jews is
 - (1) passover.
 - (2) pentecost.
 - (3) booths.
 - (4) purim.
12. The highest gift God gives to our lives is
 - (1) to bear the name Christian.
 - (2) to be able to enjoy the benefits of materialistic life.
 - (3) to be accepted into the membership of the Church.
 - (4) to inherit eternal life.
13. The prayer that Christians should pray to give up on being self-centred is to
 - (1) receive all that is asked for.
 - (2) have a prosperous life.
 - (3) let your will be done.
 - (4) receive luxurious food.
14. In order to celebrate the birth of Christ in a meaningful way, we Christians should
 - (1) look for people with needs and share the joy of Christmas with them.
 - (2) pay greater attention to Santa Claus and the Christmas tree.
 - (3) arrange parties on Christmas day.
 - (4) make the church colourful with light bulbs and other decorations.
15. The prophet who foretold that a famine would come upon the entire world is
 - (1) Claudius.
 - (2) Agabus.
 - (3) John Mark.
 - (4) Paul.
16. Consider the following statements.

A - It is needed to enter the mother's womb and be born again.

B - Die to sin and be born to life.

C - Be born again in heaven.

D - There has to be an attitudinal change.

What is the answer containing the most relevant pair of statements regarding to the idea of being born again said by Jesus to Nicodemus?

 - (1) A and B
 - (2) B and C
 - (3) B and D
 - (4) C and D
17. What should we do for the societal development through the family unit?
 - (1) Give first place to own self within the family.
 - (2) Give first place to uplift the status of the family.
 - (3) Give first place to achieve the goals of the family.
 - (4) Give first place for love, peace and care within the family.

18. As a student, two qualities needed for holy living are,
 - (1) refrain from addictive substances and live with the fear of God.
 - (2) be obedient to teachers and to be caught up in the social wave.
 - (3) respect parents and harass weak students.
 - (4) accept the ideas of the peer group and be a slave to evil.
19. According to the birth and mission of John the Baptist we should form ourselves according to
 - (1) the peoples' plan.
 - (2) the leaders' plan.
 - (3) the God's plan.
 - (4) the institutions' plan.
20. Christians should live in coexistence by
 - (1) rejecting families that come out of mixed marriages.
 - (2) accepting that all faiths are the same.
 - (3) developing contacts with the institutes that work for the betterment of society.
 - (4) forcing other people through our faith.
21. The gentile whom Jesus deeply appreciated about his extraordinary faith in God is
 - (1) the blind man at Capernaum.
 - (2) the Centurian of Capernaum.
 - (3) the rich man in Jericho.
 - (4) the daughter of Jairus.
22. The lesson we should learn from Aquila and Priscila tent makers who supported missionary activities is
 - (1) to engage in God's work one needs to have secular employment.
 - (2) while engaging in God's work you can obtain your materialistic needs.
 - (3) those who engage in the same trade should get together.
 - (4) while engaging in God's work make maximum use of your abilities.
23. The meaning of the Greek word 'Semeion' in the gospel according to John is
 - (1) the anointed one.
 - (2) the one specially trained and sent.
 - (3) complete peace.
 - (4) signs of the power of God.
24. The meaning of the Greek word 'Agape' is
 - (1) love that brings good to others.
 - (2) patience that is sacrificed for the sake of others.
 - (3) service that is rendered to others.
 - (4) humility that is shown for well being of others.
25. "Do not extort anything from anyone." This was said by whom to whom?
 - (1) Jesus to the soldiers
 - (2) The Pharisees to the soldiers
 - (3) John the Baptist to the soldiers
 - (4) The Sadducees to the soldiers
26. The action taken by Jesus to wake up the Jewish people who were behaving without taking righteousness into account was that he
 - (1) preached a sermon in the temple.
 - (2) took steps to protect Jerusalem.
 - (3) cleaned the temple.
 - (4) ministered only around Jerusalem.
27. How the Jesus' sermon in Nazareth is made relevant for today?
 - (1) By creating a better society only for Christians
 - (2) By building a better society only for a selected group
 - (3) By building a better society limited to our families
 - (4) By contributing towards building a better society for all people

28. As Christians our lives should be formed by

- (1) attending Church services regularly.
- (2) associating with people who are high up in society and be victorious in challenges.
- (3) living lives that based on the foundation of love, patience and justice.
- (4) living lives by accepting all peoples' activities.

29. Consider the following statements.

A - To have patience and hope to encounter with Jesus.

B - Understanding that Jesus is important at old age.

C - To recognize Jesus, the guidance of the Holy Spirit is needed.

D - To experience Jesus, it is important to move among religious groups.

The option that contains the pair of statements that includes the facts we should learn from the lives of Simeon and Anna is

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

30. The teachings of John the Baptist can be implemented in your school by

- (1) encouraging the exchanging of goods and stuff only among friends.
- (2) encouraging the sharing of own food with other students who are in need.
- (3) encouraging prefects to take food from others.
- (4) forcing all students to bring food without considering affordability.

31. The parable that Jesus taught to show the humility is important to receive citizenship in the kingdom of God is

- (1) the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector.
- (2) the parable of the two foundations.
- (3) the parable of the Lost son.
- (4) the parable of the Vineyard and the workers.

32. The truth that is revealed in the parable of the sower is

- (1) only be the hearers of the word of God.
- (2) only be the learners of the word of God.
- (3) facilitating growth by overcoming the obstacles through the word of God.
- (4) to be involved in debating about the word of God.

33. "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter and a lamb silent before its shearer.." This saying shows the

- (1) helplessness of Jesus in his service.
- (2) sorrow and grief of Jesus in his service.
- (3) sacrificial attitude of Jesus in his service.
- (4) uncertainty of Jesus in his service.

34. You who act according to the principles of the kingdom of God must

- (1) not care for those who have special needs.
- (2) help weak students according to your ability.
- (3) form groups with only those whom you like.
- (4) reject the student who wronged you.

35. What does prophet Micah mean when he said "They shall all sit under their own vine and under their own fig trees."?

- (1) A time of prosperity will dawn.
- (2) A time of persecution will dawn.
- (3) They will lose their houses.
- (4) They will have to live under trees and creepers.

36. As prisoners, Paul and the others on the ship were shown hospitality by strangers of Malta. What lesson do we learn from that incident?
- (1) Help those who help us.
 - (2) Show hospitality to prisoners.
 - (3) Help strangers not looking at their status.
 - (4) Be hospitable in order to receive appreciation of others.
37. The Priest who worked to create relationship between the blacks and the whites is
- (1) Nelson Mandela.
 - (2) Michael Rodrigo.
 - (3) Pope John Paul II.
 - (4) Michael Lapsley.
38. Consider the following statements.
- A - Watch silently for a radical change.
B - Establish justice using violence.
C - Create a just society.
D - Take steps to assist the less fortunate.
- What is the option which contains the correct pair of statements about how relevant is the mission of Amos for today's society?
- (1) A and B (2) A and C (3) B and C (4) C and D
39. Based on the Sermon preached by Paul in Athens the lesson that can be learnt by the persons engaged in Christian missions is that
- (1) the Gospel must be proclaimed with courage not taking the context into account.
 - (2) the Gospel must be preached with wisdom to people such as philosophers
 - (3) the Gospel must be introduced with courage, enthusiasm and wisdom.
 - (4) the Gospel should be introduced with force and courage.
40. Even while being a prisoner what example does Paul convey by his responses?
- (1) Should act against those who persecute.
 - (2) Even amid persecution we should witness for Jesus.
 - (3) Only in an appropriate situation one should be truthful.
 - (4) Looking forward until help comes from others.

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Christianity II

* Answer **five** questions, including question **one** and **four** other questions.

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

1. (i) (a) Who is the patriarch connected with the beginning of the rite of circumcision?

(b)



“Then a shoot will spring up from the stump...” Which prophet made this statement?

(ii) “Once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers”. Who made this statement and to whom?

(iii) State **two** methods Jesus used to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

(iv) Name the **two** things that Peter and John said that they do **not** have, to the crippled person at the ‘Beautiful gate’.

(v) What does the Bible reveal in using the **two** symbols, ‘Holy Spirit’ and ‘fire’.

(vi) As given in the metaphors “Gird your loins and keep your lamps burning” by Jesus, write **two** main qualities expected from Christians.

(vii) Mention **two** challenges Paul faced on his 3rd missionary journey in ‘Ephesus’.

(viii) Write **two** welfare activities carried out by the early church to maintain equity and coexistence.

(ix) Fill in the blanks with correct words from the Bible.

“..... are the peace makers, for they will be called”

(x) What **two** truths did Jesus teach through the concepts of ‘The broad way’ and ‘The narrow way’?

2. (i) Write **two** temptations Jesus faced in the wilderness.

(ii) Write the responses of Jesus in overcoming the **three** temptations stating each one separately.

(iii) Explain giving **five** points how we overcome the temptations that we face in our day-to-day life.

3. (i) Write **two** parables Jesus spoke about the growth of the Kingdom of God.
- (ii) State **three** reasons given by the Jews to reject the invitation, that was first made to them to the wedding feast.
- (iii) Explain giving **five** points how you act prioritizing the values of the Kingdom of God.
4. (i) (a) Who was the first Christian Martyr?
- (b) How was he Martyred?
- (ii) Give **three** situations which Paul on his 1st and 2nd missionary journeys had to undergo suffering.
- (iii) Taking in to consideration the first Christian Martyr and the suffering of Paul, describe in **five** points how we should engage in missionary activities today.
5. (i) (a) As a Christian what important incident of Jesus' life did you celebrate on Easter day?
- (b) What did the Jews commemorate in the passover meal when they ate bitter herbs?
- (ii) Give **three** important events that took place around Easter which is connected with the suffering and death of Jesus.
- (iii) Based on your answer (ii) above, state **five** important lessons that help us to be faithful Christians.
6. (i) Write **two** leadership qualities that we reject in the world.
- (ii) State **three** leadership qualities that we see in Jesus.
- (iii) Explain giving **five** examples of leadership qualities that you should display in your school as a citizen of the Kingdom of God.
7. Write short notes on **two** of the following topics using the given guidelines.
- (i) Christian Unity
- Unity in diversity
 - The high priestly prayer of Jesus
 - The cross brings about reconciliation
 - Institutions that try to bring about unity
 - What can I do to foster unity

(ii) Conversion of life

- Personalities in the new testament who underwent radical transformation
- What elements work to bring about radical transformation in the lives of those who you identified
- Lessons we learn from their transformed lives
- Situations and people who play a role in our transformation of life
- Qualities of a completely transformed life

(iii) The Transfiguration

- The event of the Transfiguration
- The importance of the two people who were seen with Jesus
- The response of the disciples
- The message to the disciples through the voice they heard
- A new understanding of Jesus

(iv) Life of Holiness

- The call of Holiness
- Marks of a holy life
- The response of the call to Holiness
- The need for Holiness
- Holy living

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