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கிறிஸ்தவ நாகரிகம் I
Christian Civilization I

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இரண்டு மணித்தியாலம்
Two hours

Instructions:

- * Answer **all** the questions.
- * Write your **Index Number** in the space provided in the answer sheet.
- * Instructions are given on the back of the answer sheet. Follow those carefully.
- * In each of the questions **1 to 50**, pick one of the alternatives from (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) which is **correct** or **most appropriate** and mark your response on the answer sheet with a cross (X) in accordance with the instructions given in the back of the answer sheet.

1. The river that flows through the city of Rome is
(1) Tiber. (2) Rhine. (3) Danube.
(4) Euphrates. (5) Tigris.
2. The translation of the Bible called 'Vulgate' is written in
(1) Greek. (2) Phoenician. (3) Egyptian.
(4) Syrian. (5) Latin.
3. The majority of the citizens of ancient Rome were
(1) Patricians. (2) Plebeians. (3) Napolitans.
(4) Florentians. (5) Venetians.
4. Who is considered the first among the teachers of law?
(1) Nehemia (2) Sadok (3) Daniel
(4) Ezekiel (5) Ezra
5. In which direction of Egypt is the Red Sea situated?
(1) West (2) North (3) East
(4) South (5) South-East
6. Consider the following statements.
A – A harbour on Mediterranean Coast
B – There was a war between Maccabees and Greeks in this area.
C – River Gihon flows through this area.
D – During his third missionary journey, St. Paul visited this area.
E – This area is situated between Western hills and coastal plain.
Out of these, the correct statements regarding the Plain of Akko are
(1) A, B and C. (2) A, B and D. (3) B, C and D.
(4) B, C and E. (5) C, D and E.
7. What is the correct option that includes the regions of the Eastern Hills of Palestine?
(1) Galilee, Samaria and Judea
(2) Galilee, Samaria and Ammon
(3) Negeb, Hebron and Carmel
(4) Bashan, Ammon and Moab
(5) Edom, Moab and Hebron

8. Near which of these cities was Bethlehem located?

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| (1) Jerusalem | (2) Gaza | (3) Jericho |
| (4) Tiberius | (5) Hebron | |

9. Consider the following statements.

- A – Males were allowed to marry when they were 16 years old.
- B – Females were allowed to marry when they were 12 years old.
- C – The wedding took place one year after the engagement.
- D – The husband was permitted to divorce his wife.
- E – The wife was permitted to divorce her husband.

Out of these, select the correct statements regarding Ancient Israelite marriage.

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| (1) A, B and C | (2) A, B and D | (3) B, C and D |
| (4) B, C and E | (5) C, D and E | |

10. King Herod the Great came from

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| (1) Galilee. | (2) Phoenicia. | (3) Syria. |
| (4) Edom. | (5) Moab. | |

11. Consider the following statements.

- A – The Feast of Passover was celebrated in the month of Nissan.
- B – The Feast of Tents was called 'Feast of Weeks.'
- C – The Feast of Pentecost was called 'Sukkoth'.
- D – The Feast of Pentecost was a harvest feast.
- E – 'Yom Kippur' was the Day of Atonement.

Out of these, the correct statements regarding Ancient Israelite feasts are

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| (1) A, B and C. | (2) A, D and E. | (3) B, C and D. |
| (4) B, C and E. | (5) C, D and E. | |

12. Who ruled Palestine after King Alexander the Great?

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| (1) Antiochus Epiphanes | (2) Pompey | (3) Archelaus |
| (4) Ptolemy | (5) Herod Antipus | |

13. The book that includes the rules concerning Sanhedrin is

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| (1) The Book of Exodus. | (2) Deuteronomy. | (3) The Book of Wisdom. |
| (4) Tosefta. | (5) Mishna. | |

14. What is the original language of the New Testament?

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| (1) Latin | (2) Aramaic | (3) Greek | (4) Syriac | (5) Ethiopian |
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15. Who was the king who renovated the Temple of Jerusalem to win the favour of Jews?

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| (1) Herod the Great | (2) Alexander the Great | (3) Cyrus |
| (4) Nebuchadnezzar | (5) Herod Antipas | |

16. Consider the following statements.

- A – He participated in the services held at the synagogue.
- B – He learned to pray with sacred hymns.
- C – He made efforts to liberate John from the clutches of King Herod.
- D – He studied the Torah in the synagogue in Galilee.
- E – He went on pilgrimage to the Temple of Jerusalem.

Out of these, the correct statements regarding Jesus of Nazareth are

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| (1) A, B and C. | (2) A, B and D. | (3) A, B and E. |
| (4) B, C and D. | (5) C, D and E. | |

17. At the inaugural sermon of Jesus at the synagogue of Nazareth Jesus quoted from the book of
 (1) Jeremiah. (2) Isaiah. (3) Ezekiel. (4) Hosea. (5) Malachi.
18. What are the three Jewish religious practices mentioned in the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew?
 (1) Prayer, almsgiving, fasting
 (2) Prayer, fasting, acts of mortification
 (3) Prayer, acts of mortification, almsgiving
 (4) Almsgiving, fasting, meditation
 (5) Almsgiving, fasting, acts of mortification
19. The Parable of the Good Samaritan is found in the
 (1) Gospel of Matthew. (2) Gospel of Mark. (3) Gospel of Luke.
 (4) Letter to the Hebrews. (5) Letter of James.
20. The prophecy "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people" (Joel 2:28-32) was fulfilled
 (1) at the baptism of Jesus. (2) at the wedding feast in Cana.
 (3) at the Transfiguration of Jesus. (4) at the Resurrection of Christ.
 (5) on the Day of Pentecost.
21. Consider the following statements.
 A – Jesus is the Messiah.
 B – The Jews nailed Jesus to the cross and put Him to death.
 C – Jesus rose from the dead on the third day.
 D – Jesus predicted His death and resurrection to His disciples.
 E – Jesus taught the people in parables.
 Out of these, the statements regarding the first sermon of St. Peter on the Day of Pentecost are
 (1) A, B and C. (2) A, B and D. (3) A, B and E.
 (4) B, C and D. (5) C, D and E.
22. Who invited St. Paul to found the Christian church in Antioch?
 (1) Peter (2) Timothy (3) Luke
 (4) Barnabas (5) Ananias
23. Select the option that includes only the disciples who accompanied St. Paul on his second missionary journey.
 (1) Luke, Mark, Barnabas (2) Luke, Timothy, Mark (3) Silas, Timothy, Luke
 (4) Timothy, Titus, Luke (5) Silas, Barnabas, Luke
24. St. Paul was kept in house arrest in
 (1) Rome. (2) Malta. (3) Ephesus. (4) Corinth. (5) Antioch.
25. Select the option that shows the correct order of the succession of Roman Emperors.
 (1) Nero, Marcus Aurelius, Aurelian, Trajan
 (2) Aurelian, Nero, Trajan, Marcus Aurelius
 (3) Nero, Trajan, Marcus Aurelius, Aurelian
 (4) Marcus Aurelius, Nero, Aurelian, Trajan
 (5) Trajan, Marcus Aurelius, Nero, Aurelian
26. What is the option that includes the Fathers of the Church who were called 'Defenders of the Truth'?
 (1) Clement of Alexandria, Origen, Irenaeus, Justin
 (2) Origen, Justin, Tertullian, Basil
 (3) Justin, Tertullian, Cyril of Alexandria, Origen
 (4) Tertullian, Gregory, Athanasius, Arius
 (5) Clement of Alexandria, Origen, Justin, Tertullian

27. Choose the correct pair from the following.

- (1) Plato - Stoicism
- (2) Jerome - Vulgate
- (3) Zeno - Gnosticism
- (4) Valentinus - Septuagint
- (5) Eusebius - Platonism

28. The founder of Christian ascetic life was

- (1) St. Jerome. (2) St. Pachomius.
- (3) St. Anthony of Egypt. (4) St. Basil.
- (5) St. Augustine.

29. Consider the following statements.

- A - The suffering-filled life of Job
- B - Jesus' fasting in the wilderness
- C - The visions and explanations of Daniel
- D - John the Baptist's life in the wilderness
- E - Elements of the life of Elijah

Out of these, the statements that inspired the early monastic way of life are

- (1) A, B and C. (2) A, B and D. (3) A, C and E.
- (4) B, C and D. (5) B, D and E.

30. What is the option that shows the Apostles of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Germany respectively?

- (1) Gregory the Great, Columba, Patrick, Boniface
- (2) Columba, Patrick, Gregory the Great, Boniface
- (3) Gregory the Great, Boniface, Patrick, Columba
- (4) Patrick, Boniface, Columba, Gregory the Great
- (5) Boniface, Gregory the Great, Patrick, Columba

31. Which of the following is the religious order that paved the way for future European university education?

- (1) Jesuits (2) Dominicans (3) Benedictines (4) Augustinians (5) Salesians

32. Consider the following statements.

- A - Appointing rulers
- B - Conquering nations
- C - Engaging in new enterprises
- D - Strengthening the soldiers
- E - Accumulating money and property

Out of these, the correct statements regarding the Church in dark ages are

- (1) A, B and C. (2) A, B and D. (3) A, C and E.
- (4) A, D and E. (5) B, C and D.

33. What is the option that includes the subjects taught only in Benedictine monastic schools?

- (1) The Bible, Ancient Greek literature and Liturgical writings
- (2) The Bible, Classical Latin literature and Writings of the Church Fathers
- (3) The Bible, Theology and Classical Latin literature
- (4) The Bible, Writings of the Church Fathers and European history
- (5) The Bible, Ancient Greek literature and The history of Roman emperors

34. The King of England who participated in the Third Crusade was

- (1) Edward I. (2) Louis VII. (3) Frederick II. (4) Richard I. (5) Philip II.

35. Consider the following statements.

- A – Members were required to possess a basic academic degree.
- B – Founded by St. Vincent de Paul
- C – Established houses of the congregation in university towns
- D – Founded a group of diocesan priests
- E – The special aim was to serve the poor in the villages of Southern France.

Out of these, the correct statements regarding the Vincentian Congregation are

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

36. The countries which benefitted from the educational mission of St. Ansgar are

- (1) Germany and Denmark.
- (2) Denmark and Scotland.
- (3) Sweden and Denmark.
- (4) England and Sweden.
- (5) Ireland and Sweden.

37. The one who transformed a monastery into a parish school in Vivarium in A.D. 538 was

- (1) Augustine of Canterbury.
- (2) Cassiodorus.
- (3) Patrick of Ireland.
- (4) St. Boniface.
- (5) St. Jerome.

38. What is the option that includes the main subjects taught in parish schools?

- (1) Christian life, Liturgy and Music
- (2) Music, Philosophy and Liturgy
- (3) Theology, Philosophy and Liturgy
- (4) Law, Geometry and Music
- (5) Christian life, Theology and Liturgy

39. The philosopher who encouraged the teaching of Natural Law at the University of Bologna was

- (1) Aristotle.
- (2) Plato.
- (3) St. Bernard.
- (4) Pietro Pomponazzi.
- (5) Immanuel Kant.

40. Consider the following statements.

- A – Father of Italian language
- B – Served as the superior of a monastery for 70 years
- C – Writer of the book 'The Imitation of Christ' ('Life in the Way of Christ')
- D – Renewed spiritual life through the book 'Self-Surrender'
- E – Guided people to live worthily by receiving Holy Communion daily

Out of these, the correct statements about Thomas a Kempis are

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

41. Consider the following statements.

- A – Circular or dome-shaped roof structure
- B – There are no pillars or walls at the centre of the church
- C – Built in the shape of a Greek Cross
- D – Pointed or sharply arched roof structure
- E – Semi-circular roof structure instead of a flat roof

Out of these, correct statements regarding the Byzantine church architecture are

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

42. Oratorio music was pioneered by

- (1) Pérotin.
- (2) Pope Gregory I.
- (3) Pope Pius XII.
- (4) George Frideric.
- (5) Ludwig van Beethoven.

43. Who explained the creation story using ancient Chinese folklore?

- (1) Fr. Matteo Ricci (2) Fr. Joseph Vaz (3) Fr. Cosme de Torres
(4) Fr. Philip Baldaeus (5) Fr. Roberto de Nobili

44. Christianity was banned and Jesuits were expelled from Japan in

- (1) 1597. (2) 1612. (3) 1817. (4) 1861. (5) 1973.

- Use the information given in the table below to answer the questions 45 and 46.

A - Laborem Exercens	B - Busan, South Korea	C - Singapore	D - Deus Caritas est
E - Mater et Magistra	F - Year 1973	G - Year 2013	H - Sollicitudo Rei Socialis

45. The pair related to Pope John Paul II are

- (1) A and E. (2) A and H. (3) B and C. (4) C and H. (5) D and E.

46. The pair related to Asian Council of Churches are

- (1) A and F. (2) A and G. (3) B and E. (4) C and F. (5) D and H.

47. The priest who committed himself to the poor in Wellassa-Buttala uplifting them socially, guiding them to protect the environment, and was assassinated because of his stand for justice was

- (1) Rev. Fr. Peter Pillai. (2) Rev. Fr. Mary Bastian.
(3) Rev. Fr. Chandra Fernando. (4) Rev. Fr. John Herbert.
(5) Rev. Fr. Michael Rodrigo.

48. The encyclical Centesimus Annus was promulgated to mark the centenary of

- (1) Rerum Novarum. (2) Mater et Magistra.
(3) Pacem in Terris. (4) Laborem Exercens.
(5) Populorum Progressio.

49. The two primary global ecumenical movements which were merged to form the World Council of Churches (WCC) were

- (1) 'International Missionary Council' and 'World Catechetical Council'.
(2) 'World Missionary Conference' and 'Life and Work'.
(3) 'Faith and Order' and 'Life and Work'.
(4) 'Faith and Order' and 'Baptist Church'.
(5) 'Roman Catholic Church' and 'World Missionary Conference'.

50. Choose the correct pair from the following.

- (1) Bishop Bonjean - Diocese of Galle
(2) John C. Zago - Martyrs of Mannar
(3) Jacome Goncalvez - First Oratorian Priest in Sri Lanka
(4) Bishop Leo Nanayakkara - Latin Liturgy
(5) Swami Gnanaprakasara - Jesuit Priest

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மூன்று மணித்தியாலம்
Three hours

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மேலதிக வாசிப்பு நேரம் - 10 நிமிடங்கள்
Additional Reading Time - 10 minutes

Use additional reading time to go through the question paper, select the questions you will answer and decide which of them you will prioritise.

Instructions:

* Answer **five** questions, selecting **two** questions from **Part I** and **three** questions from **Part II**.

Part I

- (i) Name **two** Jewish sects during the time of Jesus. (02 marks)

(ii) Mention **four** characteristics of a civilization. (04 marks)

(iii) Explain the contribution of King David towards the development of Israel. (06 marks)

(iv) Discuss the situation of slaves in Ancient Isreal. (08 marks)
- (i) Name **two** Greek philosophies found in the early Christian era. (02 marks)

(ii) List **four** teachings of Jesus on the Kingdom of God. (04 marks)

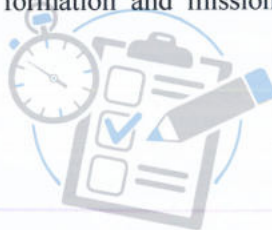
(iii) Explain how the miracles of Jesus serve as the 'signs of the Kingdom of God.' (06 marks)

(iv) Explain the challenges faced by St. Paul during his missionary Journeys. (08 marks)
- (i) Mention **two** Mendicant Orders. (02 marks)

(ii) Briefly explain the contribution of Leonardo da Vinci. (04 marks)

(iii) Describe **three** effects of the Cathedral Schools towards the field of Education. (06 marks)

(iv) Discuss the formation and mission of the Anglican Church. (08 marks)



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Part II

4. (i) Describe the covenant of Sinai. (10 marks)
(ii) Discuss how Christians in Sri Lanka could witness as God's holy people by following the teachings of the Churches. (10 marks)
5. (i) Explain how St. Paul teaches that love is superior to all the other virtues and spiritual gifts. (10 marks)
(ii) Discuss how St. Paul's teachings of love and sacrifice could serve as a model for promoting religious harmony and mutual respect among the adherents of diverse faiths in Sri Lanka. (10 marks)
6. (i) Describe the origin and the mission of Dominicans during the Middle Ages. (10 marks)
(ii) Explain how Christian education could contribute towards the promotion of the environmental consciousness among students. (10 marks)
7. (i) Explain the contribution of the Jesuits for the renewal of the Roman Catholic Church during renaissance period. (10 marks)
(ii) Discuss the ministry of the Church leaders at present where the world is filled with false teachings and modern social disorders. (10 marks)
8. (i) Describe the teachings of the Second Vatican Council regarding peace and coexistence. (10 marks)
(ii) Discuss the role of the Christian Church and the responsibilities of Christians in the face of current global tensions and wars. (10 marks)

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