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* *He married a foreign wife.*
* *He allowed the worship of Ball.*
* *He built places of worship for Baal.*
* *He allowed Jezebel to kill Yahweh’s prophets.*
* *He allowed Jezebel to convert Israelites to worship other gods.*
* *He worshipped Baal.*
* *He allowed the prophets of Baal into Israel.*
* *He forced all Israelites to worship Baal.*

*(b) How Elijah restored the true worship of Yahweh.*

* *He pronounced the 3 ½ years drought.*
* *He courageously challenged King Ahab for being the cause of drought.*
* *He called down fire to consume the sacrifice as prove that Yahweh is true.*
* *He killed the prophets of Baal.*
* *He declared the end of drought by praying for rain.*
* *He challenged King Ahab for grabbing Naboth’s land and killing him.*

*(c) What Christians learn about God from Mt. Carmel contest.*

* *God is powerful.*
* *God answers prayers of those who believe in Him.*
* *God is the source of rain.*
* *Yahweh is true God to be worshipped.*
* *God does not tolerate idol worship.*
* *God is jealous.*
* *God is holy.*
* *God protects his servants.*
* *God provides for his servants.*
* *God expects Christians to be persistent while struggling against evil or injustice.*

*3 a) Five reasons that contributed to schism between Judah and Israel*

1. *It was a punishment for Solomon’s sins*
2. *Jeroboam had built two worship places at Dan and Bethel*
3. *Solomon’s rule was oppressive in the form of forced labor, high taxes and slavery*
4. *Rehoboam rejected the request of the people even after being advised by the elder*
5. *Solomon’s great development in the South which brought tension between the Northern and Southern kingdom*
6. *Solomon had also exempted the inhabitants of Judah from paying taxes*
7. *Rehoboam’s oppressive rule*
8. *Jerusalem city belonged to the Southern division*
9. *Ten tribes preferred Jeroboam while two tribes went for Rehoboam*

*b) Failures of King Ahab (6 mks)*

1. *He broke the first commandments by allowing idol worship*
2. *He killed the prophets of God*
3. *He allowed his wife Jezebel to bear false witness*
4. *He coveted Naboth’s vineyard*
5. *He killed Naboth/ broke law against murder*
6. *He broke the law that forbids stealing*
7. *He failed to protect the weak/ poor as demanded by the law*

*c) Why political leaders in Kenya failed to perform their duties effectively*

1. *Lack of leadership skills*
2. *Lack of obedience in God*
3. *Lack of faith/ trust in God*
4. *Some of them were chosen through bribery/ corruption/ misappropriation*
5. *Tribalism*
6. *Conflicts among themselves on issues affecting the government*
7. *They are not loyal to their leaders and subjects*
8. *Failure to accept their mistakes and change for the better*
9. *Lack of patience e.g. campaigning for residency in 2012 instead of serving the citizens*

*4. (a) 7 reasons why Elijah faced danger and hostility in Israel*

1. *Elijah pronounced a three year drought in Israel*
2. *He killed 450 prophets of Baal*
3. *He boldly condemned King Ahab for taking away Naboth’s vineyard.*
4. *He ran away in fear and hid in the wilderness where he was in danger of attack by wild animals*
5. *In the wilderness Elijah faced starvation due to lack of water and food*
6. *Elijah preached at a time when baalism was the official religion in Israel*
7. *He got discouraged and nearly lost hope while I the wilderness*
8. *He courageously identified himself with Yahweh in the midst of persecution of Gods prophets by Jezebel*

*(b) 5 forms of corruption in Kenya today*

1. *Tribalism /nepotism/genderism (discrimination)*
2. *Bribery*
3. *Cheating in business*
4. *Stealing*
5. *Misuse of public property of funds*
6. *Grabbing of personal and/or public land*
7. *Dishonesty*
8. *Robbery with violence*

*(c) The relevance of Elijah’s prophetic mission to Christians today*

1. *Church leaders should remains courageous and firm in condemning all forms of social injustice in society*
2. *Christians should remain faithful to God even when faced with danger.*
3. *Christians should not despair in their missionary work but learnt that God gives encouragement and providence.*
4. *Christians should pray God in faith and God would surely answer them.*
5. *Christians should advocate for the right of the poor.*
6. *Christians should not give false evidence against their neighbours like Jezebel against Naboth.*
7. *Christians should be persistent like Elijah in their struggle against injustice.*
8. *Christians should be prepared to suffer and meet oppositions and rejection.*
9. *Christians should avoid idolatry at all costs*
10. *Christians should strive to live free from corruption*
11. *It is the duty of Christians to call people to repentance.*
12. *Christians should develop life skill that will enable them to make appropriate decisions*

*5. a) four effects of idolatry on the Israelites as a Nation*

1. *Israel suffered calamities eg 3 years drought.*
2. *Israelites religion calendar of feast and celebration was changed to correspond with the times the Canaanites celebrated their feasts.*
3. *Idolatry undermined the unity of tribes of Israel as some in Northern Kingdom could not visit Jerusalem for worship – worshipped at Dan and Bethel.*
4. *High places used to worship of Baal were converted into Yahweh’s Shrines without removing the graven images of idols – this angered God.*
5. *Their were bloody coups and counter.*

*5. b) five reasons why some Christians have lost faith in God*

* 1. *Believe their prayer are not answered.*
  2. *When they continue to suffer while those who are not prayerful prosper.*
  3. *Poor leadership in the church/Wrangles.*
  4. *Poor role models by church leaders*
  5. *Existence of false prophets*
  6. *Pleasure of the world*
  7. *Bad company /that moved them.*

*6. (a) KING Jeroboam promoted schism in Israel ;*

* 1. *He brought polytheism religion in Israel by placing two Golden calves at Bethel and Dan*
  2. *He put two centres of worship at Dan and Bethel to stop Israel from going to Judah and worship in Jerusalem*
  3. *He made Israel to offer sacrifices to Baal-Hadad*
  4. *He built places of worship at Hillstops to emulate other nations*
  5. *He chose his own priests from ordinary families instead of getting them from the family of Levites in Judah*
  6. *He instituted religious festivals or feasts in the months of his choice to counteract the calendar of dates of the same in Judah’*
  7. *He burnt incense at the altar of idols breaking the first commandment*
  8. *He cut link with Judah by putting shechem his capital and fortified Penvuel from where he ruled Israel / He stopped Israel from going to Jerusalem*

*(b) 5 qualities in Elijah that may influence the life of a true Christian*

1. *Courage to condemn actions of Kings*
2. *Loyalty/faith and trust n God*
3. *He was prayerful and was rewarded*
4. *he led a simple lie and stood for the right of common man*
5. *He was just/protector of the covenant/law of God*
6. *Christians may admire God’s intimacy with Elijah. God is providence like Elijah being provided with food/drink*
7. *Christians may admire God’s intimacy with Elijah, God can communicate with Christians today*
8. *Christians should not give false witness against their neighbours, like Jezebel with Naboth*

*c) Lessons Christians learn from the leadership of Prophet Elijah*

1. *Christian leaders should remain courageous/ firm in condemning any form of social injustice in society like Elijah*
2. *Christians should remain faithful/ loyal to God/ practiced monotheism just like Elijah*
3. *Christians should not despair in their missionary work*
4. *Should remain prayerful to God in faith and God will answer their prayers like Elijah at Mt. Carmel contest*
5. *Should be persistent like Elijah was in their struggle against injustice*
6. *Should not give false evidence against their neighbors like Jezebel and Naboth*
7. *God is able to establish an intimate relationship with his faithful like Elijah*

*7. a) Why Elijah faced danger and hostility in his work.*

* *He had pronounced a three years drought in Israel.*
* *He openly condemned King Ahab for taking Naboth’s Vineyard.*
* *He hid in the wilderness where he faced dangers from wild animals.*
* *He killed 450 prophets of Baal.*
* *He starved for lack of food and water in the wilderness.*
* *By the time Elijah was a prophet, Baalism had become the official religion in Israel.*
* *He was greatly discouraged and lost hope.*
* *All other prophets had been killed expect Him.*
* *Jezebel swore to kill him the way he had killed the 450 prophets*

*b) Lessons Israelites learnt from the MT. Carmel contest.*

* *Yahweh is a living God.*
* *Yahweh is powerful.*
* *He is holy.*
* *He is faithful to his promises.*
* *He punishes those who break his laws.*
* *God forgives*
* *God answers prayers.*
* *God calls people to repentance.*

*c) What Prophet Elijah would condemn if he came to Kenya today?*

* *Bribery and corruption.*
* *Murder*
* *Violence*
* *Thuggery /robbery /theft.*
* *Suicidal acts.*
* *Rape*
* *Idolatry.*
* *Immorality.*
* *False accusation/witness*
* *Nepotism/tribalism.*
* *Misuse of public property*
* *Deceit/deception.*

*8 (a) four characteristics of the Canaanite religion.*

*i)Polytheism*

*ii) Nature god-relates to forces of nature*

*iii) Family gods*

*iv)Cyclic religion-seasonal gods etc*

*v) Gods’ - depicted in symbolic forms*

*vi)Temple prostitution*

*vii) Many places of worship*

*viii) Ritual and sacrifices*

*ix) Festivals*

*(b) five reasons why it was difficult for Prophet Elijah to stop idolatry in Israel*

*i) King Ahab marriage to Jezebel*

*ii) Jezebel wielded a lot of influence on Ahab*

*iii) Ahab allowed the building of idol temples*

*iv) There were false prophets in Israel*

*v) Ahab took part in the worship of pagan gods*

*vi) Prophets of God were persecuted*

*vii) Syncretism emerged*

*(c) seven factors that lead people away from the worship of God today*

*i)Materialism*

*ii)Permissiveness in society*

*iii) Mass media*

*iv) Corruption*

*v)Urbanization*

*vi) Threats to human dignity*

*vii) Confusion from religious pluralism*

*viii) Oppression*

*ix) Social immorality*

*x) Drug addition/ drug abuse*

*xi) Scientific discoveries /technological innovations*

*xii) Poverty*

*xiii)Education*

*9. (a) Five factors that led to the contest at Mt. Camel are;*

* *King Ahab had build a temple for Baal worship*
* *He had personally participated in the worship of Baal*
* *Jezebel had ordered for the killing of Yahweh’s Prophets*
* *The serving prophets of Yahweh had gone into hiding*
* *Prophet Elijah had announced a three year drought because of Baalism*
* *Jezebel had introduced Baalism in Israel*
* *There was religious syncretism in Israel*
* *The Israelites had broken the covenant relationship*
* *Prophet Elijah wanted to prove that he was the true prophet of Yahweh*
* *The contest was the proof that Yahweh was to be worshipped*

*(b) Five signs used by God to show that Elijah is the true prophet of God are;*

* *The presence of the three year drought*
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* *The healing of the Zarapheth widow’s son*
* *The great storm that marked the end of he three year drought*
* *The fire that came down from Heaven during the contest of Mt. Carmel*
* *The destruction of the Baal prophets sent to kill Elijah*
* *Elijah was fed by the Ravens on the way to mount Sinai*
* *Elijah was taken to heaven by Chariot of fire*
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*10. a) five practices of idolatry during the time of Elijah*

* *There was polytheism/people worshipped many gods*
* *There was human sacrifice*
* *Priests, prophets ,prophetesses presided over all t he religious matters*
* *The people observe a festivals I honour of the gods and goddesses*
* *Shrines, altars and temples were built for the worship of the gods*
* *Rituals were performed in honour of their gods*

*b) five challenges faced by Prophet Elijah in Israel*

* *There was widespread idolatry/worshipping of false gods*
* *There was corruption and injustice as people rejected the covenant way of life*
* *There was religious persecution and hostility.(jezebel had put to death the prophets of yahweh) those who remained went into hiding)*
* *The people had abandoned the worship of yahweh and were practicing syncretism*
* *He faced opposition and even threats on his life from ahab and jezebel*
* *There were false prophets of baal and asherah brought by jezebel to promote false religion*
* *He had to face king ahab/challenge him for misleading his people*
* *He had to convince people that he was the true prophet of god*
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*c) With reference to Prophet Elijah explain how Kenya anti corruption authority (KACA)*

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* *KACA should ensure equitable distribution of national resources e.g. revenue and CDF money*
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* *KACA official should be good role models and ensure they are also not implicated in case of bribery and corruption*

*11. Prophet Elijah fought against corruption among the people of Israel as*

*contained in 1 Kings 21*

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* *Ahab coveted it and asked Naboth to sell it to him but he declined*
* *Ahab was disturbed that he fell sick. He could neither or drink*
* *Jezebel planned a corrupt scheme to ensure that Ahab possessed the vineyard*
* *Jezebel forged letters using the kings seal accusing Naboth for two great sins; blasphemy and treason*
* *The punishment for both mistakes was stoning to death*
* *Jezebel bribed some youth to be her witnesses against Naboth before all people*
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* *Ahab was a happy and took Naboth’s vineyard*
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*- Naboth refused to sell his vineyard to king Ahab because the land belonged to God. He is the*

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*- The land belonged to the family. It was an ancestral property which an individual had no right to sell.*

*- Land was inherited from one generation to the next generation. It could only be rented out but not sold.*

*- Naboth respected the Mosaic Law which gave guidelines on Land Issue. Naboth did not want to disobey God.*

*- Because land was given to the Israelites to settle on. It was not meant for sale.*

*- It was Naboth’s only piece of land and it was very beautiful.*

*(b)The nature of God during the contest at Mount Carmel.*

*- God is all-powerful/Almighty.*

*- God hates evil thus destroys evil and punishes sinners.*

*- God is jealous, does not entertain rivalry or worship of false gods.*

*- He is faithful to His servants and to His promises.*

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