**5. Moses and the Sinai Covenant**

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*2. a) The importance of the wilderness period to the Israelites*

1. *For purification against pagan influence*
2. *To worship God*
3. *T learn to accept Moses as their leader*
4. *To witness God’s providence*
5. *To be given the ten commandments*
6. *To realize the saving hand of God e.g. he saved them from the Amalekites*
7. *To be moulded into a special nation by God/ for God to use them to bring salavation to human kind*
8. *To strengthen them against future challenges*

*b) It is important for Christians to keep promises;*

1. *Keeping promises minimized mistrust/ promote trust*
2. *It promotes cordial relationship between different parties*
3. *Keeping promises minimizes conflicts in the society*
4. *It strengthens family relations*
5. *It promotes good relationship between man and God*
6. *Keeping promises enables one to feel happy/ not guilty of breaking promises*
7. *It is obeying the commandments of God/ Though shall not bear false witness*
8. *God himself keeps (fulfills) his promises to us, therefore we should emulate God’s example*
9. *It enhances team work/ togetherness*

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*4. a) How Moses demonstrated his obedience to the God of Israel*

1. *When asked to remove his sandals during his call- he obeyed*
2. *When asked to throw down his rod, to pick it up, to put his hand in his bosom, to remove it….. he obeyed*
3. *He accepted to carry out God’s instructions in Egypt- leading to the ten plagues that faced the Egyptians*
4. *He struck the waters of the Red Sea with his rod and a way was provided for the Israelites*
5. *In the provision of food and water for the Israelites as they journeyed through the wilderness- Moses obeyed God’s instructions*
6. *He prepared the Israelites to meet with God as instructed at Mt. Sinai*

*b) Importance of Decalogue to Christians*

1. *Teaches that there is only one God*
2. *Helps Christians to worship the true God and not idols*
3. *Helps Christians to honor leisure time*
4. *Helps Christians to respect life as God given*
5. *Helps Christians to respect other peoples property*
6. *Helps Christians to love their neighbors by not bearing false witness*
7. *Helps Christians to be contented with what they have thus they avoid coveting*
8. *Help Christians to live a chaste life by avoiding sexual immorality*

*c) What Christians learn about God on the call of Moses in the wilderness*

1. *Christians should obey God*
2. *Christians should respond to God’s call*
3. *Christians have to repent before God*
4. *Christians must humble themselves before God*
5. *Christians must believe God/ have faith in God*
6. *Christians should present their needs before God*
7. *Christians should not fear any challenges when called by God*

*5. (a) 5 ways on how Moses was prepared by God to be the future leader of the Israelites*

1. *His life was spared when he was rescued by pharaoh’s daughter and brought up as a prince*
2. *He was nursed by his own mother through Gods plan and design*
3. *He acknowledges his family background and the true God through his mother who gave him his true identity as an Israel.*
4. *Life in the wilderness hardened him to be bold and to preserver hardships.*
5. *He learnt to be patient, keen and responsible as a shepherd.*
6. *He learnt family responsibility through taking care of his own family and that of Jethro.*
7. *He acquired leadership qualities while living in pharaoh’s palace.*
8. *He learnt literacy and numeracy skills while in the palace.*
9. *He was not stranger to pharaoh and Egypt hence he could approach him freely*

*(b) 6 similarities between the Jewish Passover and Christian Easter*

*i) Both are annual events*

*ii) Both involves sacrifice i.e. lamb and Jesus.*

*iii) In both cases there is movement from slavery to freedom.*

*iv) Both incidences are important historical events*

*v) Both are central points to belief and worship of Judaism and Christianity respectively.*

*vi) They both point towards God’s saving power.*

*(c) 4 reasons why Christians should live by laws of God*

1. *Laws help Christians to keep off idolatry*
2. *Laws help one to respect other people’s property*
3. *They encourage sexuality uprightness/avoid sexual immorality*
4. *They help Christians to avoid telling lies and accusing other people falsely.*
5. *They help Christians to respect life and not to take it away*
6. *By obeying laws Christians escape Gods judgment*
7. *By obeying laws Christians receive blessings from God*
8. *They enable Christians to develop obedience to everybody around and hence create a peaceful co-existence*

*6. a) 7 ways in which the Israelites worshipped God in the wilderness during the Exodus KKC*

1. *Approached God altars with respect/reverence.*
2. *They honoured the altar of God/kept it tidy*
3. *They built an altar of earth and in cut stones for God in places where God appeared to them.*
4. *All men folk presented themselves to God 3 times in a year.*
5. *Celebrated yearly festivals, the Passover, the Pentecost and tabernacle to honour God.*
6. *Kept ten commandments to guide them in their daily license to God.*
7. *Gave offering of various articles such as silver, gold, bronze, to God.*
8. *Assembled /held the covenant ceremony at Mt. Sinai*
9. *Observed the Sabbath as day of worship.*
10. *Prayed to God.*
11. *Concentrated the tent of meeting.*

*b) The new understanding Moses gave the Israelites about the nature of God from the Exodus*

1. *God of their fore fathers – Abraham, Jacob and Isaac.*
2. *Powerful than other gods – led them across the Red Sea on dry land.*
3. *Holy – restriction on Mt. Sinai to avoid contact with people.*
4. *Provider – gave food/manna/quills etc.*
5. *Personal God – initialed covenant ceremony on Mt. Sinai*
6. *Just God – punished idol worshipers*
7. *Demands total obedience – His instruction during the renewal of the Sinai covenant.*
8. *God is awesome – shown in peoples fear of Him at Mt. Sinai*
9. *God is omnipresent – moved with them in pillar of cloud/fire.*
10. *God is jealous, expressed in the commandments.*

*c) 6 reasons why Christians should not covet their neighbors property*

1. *it’s a caution against greed/selfishness*
2. *it instills the virtues of hard work/honesty*
3. *create satisfaction/contentment amongst them*
4. *it’s away of self control*
5. *to avoid the deliberate will to wish to posses what is coveted.*
6. *To create dependent trust in Gods in his providence.*

*7. a) Covenant making between God and the Israelites at Mt. Sinai Gen24:1-8*

1. *At Mt .Sinai, God entered into a covenant relationship with the Israelites*
2. *God promised to make the Israelites his own possession, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation if they obeyed him*
3. *The Israelites unimarsly agreed to obey God*
4. *God promised to meet the Israelites on the third day*
5. *They prepared to meet God by abstaining from sex, purifying themselves, washing their clothes and marking boundaries on the mountain*
6. *On the third day, God appeared to them in form of thunder, lightening, earthquake, trumpet, thick cloud, fire and smoke*
7. *The Israelites frightened the Israelites hence they asked Moses to be their mediator to speak to God on their behalf*
8. *Moses prepared for a special ceremony for seal covenant*
9. *He built an altar at the foot of Mt. Sinai and set up the 12 stones to represent the 12 tribes of Israel*
10. *Young men sacrificed oxen as fellowship offering*
11. *Moses took hay of the blood of the animals and put it in basin*
12. *Half of the blood was sprinkled on to the altar, a place of meeting with God*
13. *Moses then read the book of the covenant to the Israelites*
14. *Moses took the blood in the basin and sprinkled it on the people*
15. *Moses told the people that the blood had sealed the covenant*

*b) Israelites new understanding off God from the Exodus to the renewal of the covenant*

1. *God is slow to anger*
2. *God’s compassionate*
3. *Good leaves no sin unpunished/ just*
4. *He is a jealous God who does not tolerate the worship of other gods*
5. *He is all powerful/ omnipotent*
6. *He is the controller of a natural forces*
7. *God of*
8. *He is a faithful/ keeps his promises*
9. *He reveals himself through nature*

*c) Reasons why some Children disobey the commandment “Obey your parents”*

1. *Affluence/ riches i.e. when children get more than their parents they disregard them*
2. *Permissiveness in the society allows one to so as he/she pleased feels*
3. *Urbanization it affects / influence children negatively*
4. *Traditional valves towards parents are decaying*
5. *Poor role models from parents*
6. *Drug abuse/ alcoholism*
7. *Expose to pornographic literature*
8. *Poor parental discipline / removal of cane from schools*
9. *Westerness i.e. when a child get modern education they become proud and disobey parents*
10. *Children’s rights under the UN convention makes children to wise hence disobedience*
11. *Negative peer influence from the environment*

*8 a) Describe the call of Moses.*

* *Was called while herding his father –in – law flock on Mt. Sinai.*
* *He saw a burning bush that was not being consumed.*
* *Moses heard his name being called.*
* *He was told no to move nearer.*
* *He was instructed to remove his shoes as he was standing on a holy ground.*
* *God told Moses he had chosen him to go and liberate them.*
* *Moses inquired the name of the God sending him and he was told it is “ I AM WHO I AM”.*
* *Finally Moses went to Egypt to carry out the task.*

*b) The conditions given to the Israelites during the renewal of the Sinai Covenant .*

* *To obey what God commanded them.*
* *Not to make nay treaty with people of the land where they were going.*
* *To destroy their altars/smash their sacred stones/cut down their Asherah.*
* *Not to worship any idol/other god.*
* *To keep the feast of unleavened bread*
* *To rest on the seventh day.*
* *Not to intermarry with foreigners*
* *Not to make idols*
* *To offer to God the first fruits of their crops.*
* *To dedicate all their first born male children and first born male of their domestic animals to God*

*c) The importance of Modern day covenants.*

* *Modern day covenants promote peace.*
* *They help Christians to be organized as order is promoted.*
* *Covenants such as trade agreements help countries to develop economically.*
* *Unity between people is promoted for instance through reconciliation covenant enable people to develop trust in relationship.*
* *They promote understanding in the society.*
* *People are enlightened of their rights.*
* *Religious covenants encourage people to have the right relationship with God.*
* *Commitment to Christian principles enable people to face and overcome emerging daily challenges that are part of life.*
* *Secular covenants remind and encourage office bearers to serve the nation in the spirit of total loyalty.*

*9. a) The conditions that God gave the Israelites during the renewal of the Mosaic covenant*

1. *They obey the Decalogue/ commandments*
2. *Not to make treaties with foreign nations*
3. *To destroy all idols and their high place*
4. *To observe the Jeinshi religious festival*
5. *To offer the first harvest to the temple*
6. *Not to intermarry*
7. *To observe the Sabbath*
8. *To dedicate their first born to God*

*b) The worship practices that the Israelites adopted in the wilderness after the covenant*

1. *Observing the Sabbath*
2. *Offering sacrifices and offerings to God*
3. *Observing God’s commandments (the mosaic law)*
4. *Honoring the Ark of the covenant by placing it in the tabernacle*
5. *Celebrating the Jewish religious festivals annually*
6. *Not having treaties with foreign nation*
7. *Not intermarrying with foreigners*

*c) The Israelites new understanding of the nature of God*

1. *God is loving and caring*
2. *God is forgiving and merciful*
3. *God is moral and Holy*
4. *God punishes evil*
5. *God cares for his chosen people*
6. *God is just*
7. *He fulfills his promises*
8. *He is powerful*
9. *God hates sin*
10. *God is concerned with the salvation of human being*

*10. (a) 4 ways in which Moses early life prepared him for his future role*

*i) God used pharaoh’s daughter to rescue Moses life*

*ii) Moses learnt skills of leadership in the palace*

*iii) He received the best education in the palace*

*iv) Moses learnt his true identify as a Jew and not an Egyptian*

*v) Learnt about Jewish and Egyptian gods*

*vi) Moses lived with shepherds –it hardened him and made him more responsible*

*vii) He married and had a family.*

*(b) 7 plagues Moses had to perform in Egypt before the Israelites could be released*

*i) Turning water into blood*

*ii) Frogs filling Egyptian land*

*iii) Swarms of flies*

*iv) Boils*

*v)Hail storm*

*vi) Swarm of locust*

*vii)Darkness filling the land*

*viii)Death of cattle*

*ix)Death of Egyptian first born sons*

*x) Gnats*

 *(c) 5 lessons Moses learnt about God from his call*

*i) Yahweh is God of history*

*ii) God is loving and caring*

*iii) God is holy*

*iv) God is beyond human understanding (transcendent)*

*v) Gods chooses whomever he wills to carry out his plans*

*vi) God expects total obedience and faith*

*vii) God is all knowing/ omniscient*

*viii) God uses events to reveal himself*

 *ix) God punishes the enemies of his people*

*11. (a) The role of Moses in the history of the Israelites:-*

* *He received God’s call with a mission to liberate the Israelites*
* *He performed extra-ordinary miracles for the purpose of overpowering Pharaoh to liberate to Israelites*
* *He liberated and delivered the Israelites from Egyptian bondage.*
* *He led the Israelites throughout the wilderness during the Exodus.*
* *He mediated between God and the Israelites who complained and asked him for provision*
* *He endured suffering for the sake of the Israelites who complained and asked him for provision*
* *He led the Israelites into making the Sinai covenant with God*
* *He was given 10 commandments by God to guide the Israelites to live according to the covenant.*
* *He sought God’s providence for Israelites e.g. manna & water*
* *He made the Israelites renew the covenant with God*
* *He protected Israelites against hostile desert tribes e.g. the Amalekites*
* *He led them during the crossing of the Red sea*

*(b) The conditions given by God to the Israelites during the renewal of the Sinaic covenant:-*

* *To obey God*
* *Not to make any treaties with other tribes*
* *To destroy the altars of gods of other tribes & places of idol worship*
* *Not to make or worship other gods*
* *To observe 3 main festivals feast of unleaven bread feast of weeks and the feast of the inganering*
* *To celebrate Sabbath & keep it holy*
* *No to intermarry with foreigners*
* *To dedicate first born males to God*
* *To give the first fruits of their fields and flocks to God*
* *To give a tenth of their produce to God*

*(c) Importance of covenants in today’s society*

* *Fosters commitments*
* *Fosters trust in one another*
* *Protects the parties form exploitation*
* *Fosters faithfulness & accountability*
* *Promotes peaceful & harmonious living*
* *Promotes moral uprightness*
* *Bounds one loyalty to their promises*
* *Promotes communal living as the witnesses to the covenant have the collective responsibility to ensure no one breaks it.*

*12. (a) Ways through which God manifested Himself are:*

* *Pillar of cloud/thick cloud*
* *Earthquakes*
* *Trumpet bast*
* *Thunder*
* *Lightning*
* *Pillar of fire during the night*
* *Smoke /fire*
* *Ten commandments*

*(b) The Sinai covenant was sealed (Exodus 24:4-8) through:-*

* *Moses built an altar of 12pillars to represent the 12 tribes of Israel*
* *He then sent young men to offer/sacrifice oxen to the Lords as burnt offering*
* *He took half of the blood and poured in a basin*
* *Half of the blood was sprinkled in tee altar*
* *He then took the book of th covenant and read it to the Israelites*
* *The people promised to obey God*
* *He took the remaining blood and sprinkled it upon the people*
* *The blood was the covenant that the Lord made with the people*
* *God promised to bless them, if they obey Him*
* *A new relationship was established between God and the Israelites*

*(c) 7 leadership qualities a modern Christian leader should learn from Moses are;-*

* *A leaders should have confidence in God*
* *He should be courageous/brave*
* *He should be wise/educated/talented/intelligent*
* *He should be humble/compassionate/loving*
* *He should obey/respect God*
* *He should be determined/endure*
* *He should be diplomatic*
* *He should be inquisitive*
* *He should be patient*

*13. a) 6 commandments given to the Israelites that teach how to relate to one another*

* *Honour your father and mother*
* *You shall not kill*
* *You shall not commit adultery*
* *You shall not steal*
* *You shall not bear false witness angst your neighbours*
* *You shall not covet your neighbours property or wife*

 *b) 4 ways in which Moses early life prepared him for his future role as a leader*

* *he was brought up in pharaoh’s house and learnt leadership skills*
* *his expensive as an Egyptians prince helped him to handle pharaoh*
* *his Egyptian education helped him to write the Decalogue*
* *he was brought up by his mother so he was familiar with the customs of the Jews*
* *his experiences in the desert hardened him to be bold to persevere hardships*
* *he as a shepherd of his father in law and this helped him to be keen and responsible*
* *he married while in Midian this helped him to show love, tolerance and concern for the Israelites*
* *his early experience in Egypt helped to demonstrate the power of Yahweh*

*c) 6 reasons why God made a covenant with the Israelites on Mount Sinai*

* *because God is faithful to his promise*
* *God wanted to guide them on how to relate with him*
* *God wanted them to remember that he was powerful and had rescued them to come and worship him at mt. sinal*
* *God wanted to guide them on how to relate to each other*
* *God expected that after the covenant the Israelites would obey and have faith in him whole heartedly*
* *God wanted to enable the Israelites to enjoy his blessings*
* *God wanted to provide guidance to the people as they entered Canaan*

*14. 5 reasons why the Pharaoh was reluctant to release the Israelites from Egypt*

* *He wanted free labour*
* *He was revenging. At one time the Egyptians were ruled by Semitic Pharaohs*
* *He wanted the Israelites to continue worshipping him as God*
* *God was using him to fulfill the promise he had made to Abraham*

*15. a) 10 moral teachings contained in the ten commandments*

* *It stresses respect of parents and elders*
* *It stresses people to respect and not use God’s name in vain*
* *It stresses love of God and other people in the society*
* *It tells us to respect other people’s property and not to steal*
* *It wants us to speak the truth all the time*
* *It wants us to be faithful to our marriage partners*
* *It wants us to be contented with what God has given us and not covet*
* *It directs us to work hard for six days then rest on the seventh day*
* *It directs us to respect human life. We should preserve it*
* *It directs us to worship only one true God and not to be involved in devil worship*

*b) 5 ways the Israelites worshipped God in the wilderness*

* *They worshipped Yahweh as the only God*
* *They celebrated the three yearly feasts i.e. Passover, Pentecost and the feast of tabernacle*
* *They build an altar for God where they sacrificed the holocaust and communion sacrifices*
* *They observed the ten commandments to guide them in their day to day living*
* *They observed the Sabbath and kept it holy*
* *They prayed, sung and danced to God*
* *They paid tithes*
* *They moved from place to place with the ark of the covenant where the stone tablets containing the 10 commandments were kept )*

*c) 5 ways Christians worship God today*

* *They read the Bible*
* *Priests interpret the scriptures for them*
* *They attend church service on Sundays*
* *They observe important events in the history of Christianity e.g. Easter, Christmas e.t.c.*
* *They sing songs of praise and dance to God*
* *They undergo baptism*
* *They give offerings to God*
* *They lead exemplary Christ like life*

*16. (a) 7 nature of God as revealed on Mt. Horeb when Moses was called by God*

1. *God fulfills his promises*
2. *God is holy*
3. *God can use anyone to pursue his purpose*
4. *God is powerful*
5. *God is loving*
6. *God is protector*
7. *God is omnipresent*
8. *God cannot be described using human terms / He is spirit*
9. *God forgives*
10. *He reveals himself through natural phenomena*

*(b) God cared for the Israelites during the Exodus ;*

1. *Liberated Israelites from slavery in Egypt*
2. *He helped the Israelites to cross the Red sea*
3. *He made the Egyptian soldiers to perish in Red sea*
4. *Provided water/manna /quails to satisfy their needs*
5. *Helped the Israelites to defeat the desert tribes e.g Amelikites*
6. *Led Israel by a pillar of fire at night and pillar of cloud during day time*
7. *He gave Israel 10 commandments to safeguard them and relate with God*
8. *Hr accepted to renew the covenant with Israel after breaking it/ forgave Israel after worshipping the Golden Calf*
9. *He dwelt among the Israelite through the Ark. of the covenant*
10. *He provided leaders e.g Moses /Harun/Joshua*

*(c) 6 reasons why some Christians have lost faith in God today*

* 1. *Their prayers are not answered*
	2. *Why they suffer and die and yet non-Christians prosper and lead good life*
	3. *Why there should be prolonged poverty/starvation/famine and drought*
	4. *Wrangling in Church leadership*
	5. *Bad examples by Church leaders due to corruption/immorality*
	6. *Over delaying of Jesus coming*
	7. *God’s failure to punish law –breakers*
	8. *Some leaders fail t condemn evils in society/compromising abuse of justice by leader*

*17. (a) Ways how Israelites worshipped God.*

* *Sacrifices*
* *Festivals*
* *Altars*
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* *Offerings*

*(b) Why Sinai Covenant was broken.*

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*(c) Why Christians can’t follow the laws of God.*

* *Lack of faith.*
* *Worldly pleasures.*
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* *Lack of exemplary Christian leaders.*
* *Influence from non-Christians.*
* *Indulgence in traditional beliefs and practices.*
* *Influence of western culture.*
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* *Lack of committed Christian community*
* *Political persecution.*
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6. *To breakdown cananites altar, smash the sacred stones and cut down their Asheral*
7. *Not to make cast idols & images*
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