

## CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## **TERM THREE 2023 OPENER EXAMS**



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## 1. a) Reasons why CRE is included in the Kenyan curriculum.

- i) It helps the learner to acquire life skills to handle challenges in life
- ii) It helps one to respect their religion and that of others
- iii) It promotes national unity
- iv) It gives answers to some questions in life
- v) It explains the origin and purpose of human beings on earth
- vi) It leads to employment
- vii) For spiritual growth
- viii) It helps one to acquire the principles of Christian living

$$7 \times 1 = 7 \text{ marks}$$

## b) Ways in which Christians use the Bible to spread the gospel.

- i) Composing Christian songs
- ii) Using it as a reference in studying CRE
- iii) To instruct new converts
- iv) Preaching in churches and gatherings
- v) Writing Christian literature using the bible
- vi) Distributing bibles to people
- vii) Putting up posters with bible verses
- viii) Using the bible to pray for the sick in hospital

$$7 \times 1 = 7 \text{ marks}$$

## c) Provisions given to man in the Genesis stories of creation.

- i) He was given a wife/companion
- ii) He was provided with fool from the trees
- iii) He was provided with water from the rivers e.g Euphrates and Tigris
- iv) He was given a garden to till
- v) He was given the breath of life by God
- vi) Wealth/resources from the environment

$$6 \times 1 = 6 \text{ mar}$$

## 2. a) How Jesus fulfilled the promises and prophecies of prophet Nathan as a descendant of David.

- i) He was born to the earthly Joseph who was a descendant of David
- ii) He was born in Bethlehem the city of David
- iii) He established an everlasting kingdom
- iv) He was the son of God as prophesied by Nathan
- v) Angel Gabriel confirmed that his kingdom will have no end
- vi) He was supported by God as the voice from heaven confirmed
- vii) Jesus is a great king whose kingdom is kept strong

 $5 \times 1 = 5 \text{ marks}$ 

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## b) Failures of King Solomon.

- i) He married many foreign wives
- ii) He was extravagant/sold Israelites land to the king of Tyre
- iii) He allowed the worship of idol gods
- iv) He killed his half-brother Adonijah
- v) He overtaxed the Israelites
- vi) He built places of worship for the idols
- vii) He subjected Israelites to forced labour
- viii) He signed treaties with foreign nations
- ix) He used more time to build his palace than he spent building the temple
- x) He hired pagan craftsmen to design the temple
- xi) He worshipped idols

 $8 \times 1 = 8 \text{ mks}$ 

## c) Importance of the temple of Jerusalem to Israelites.

- i) Symbolized God's presence among the people
- ii) It was a dwelling place for God
- iii) It was a house of worship and prayer
- iv) Major festivals were held in the temple
- v) It was used as a treasury
- vi) It gave Israelites a sense of security/unity
- vii) It was an academic center for the Jews
- viii) Criminals were tried in the temple
- ix) It was a seat for the religious council/Sanhedrin

 $7 \times 1 = 7 \text{ marks}$ 

### 3. a) The forgiveness of the sinful woman.

- i) Jesus was invited by a Pharisee for dinner
- ii) While he was at the table a sinful woman came with an alabaster of oil
- iii) She stood at the feet of Jesus weeping and wetting them with tears
- iv) She used her hair to wipe them and kissed them
- v) She anointed the feet of Jesus with her ointment
- vi) The Pharisee who had invited Jesus questioned if Jesus was a prophet for he would know who the woman was (a prostitute)
- vii) Jesus knew the thoughts of the Pharisees and responded using a parable of the two debtors
- viii) Jesus asked Simon who among the debtors would love Jesus more
- ix) Simon replied the one who was forgiven a large debt
- x) He told Simon that the many sins of the woman had been forgiven so she will love him more
- xi) Jesus told the woman to go in peace for her sins had been forgiven

 $8 \times 1 = 8 \text{ mks}$ 



## b) Reasons why Christians should forgive.

- i) It shows love for others
- ii) It promotes peace
- iii) It is a way of winning new converts
- iv) It shows obedience to Christian teachings
- v) To follow the example of Christ
- vi) To be forgiven by God
- vii) It strengthens relationship
- viii) It promotes healthy living

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## c) Lessons that Christians learn from the forgiveness of the sinful woman.

- i) It is not the magnitude of sins that matters but the attitude of the person towards sins
- ii) Christians should acknowledge their sins and repent
- iii) Christians should accept sinners and preach repentance
- iv) Christians should not condemn sinners
- v) Christians should not judge others
- vi) Jesus established a new era of embracing the sinners if they repent

 $6 \times 1 = 6 \text{ marks}$ 

