***2. The Bible***

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*2. The uses of the Bible in Kenya today.*

* *Read for spiritual growth.*
* *Used to commit leaders to oaths of offices.*
* *Used in Courts of Law.*
* *Used in religious ceremonies and rituals, such as, weddings, funerals, baptism.*
* *Guide people on how to relate with others.*
* *Used to spread the Gospel.*
* *- Used in church service. (7 x 1) mks)*

*3. a) The Bible is written in different styles;*

1. *It was written by different authors*
2. *It was written at different times in history*
3. *It was written for different readers/ audience*
4. *Different books were written for different reasons*
5. *The authors were influenced by different circumstances in history*
6. *Various parts of the Bible were originally written in different languages i.e. the Old testament in Hebrew and New testament in Greek*

*b) The translation of the Bible from the original languages to local languages in Kenya*

1. *It was originally written in Hebrew language*
2. *Greek scholars translated the New Testament into Greek language. It was called the Septuagint*
3. *In the 4th century it was translated into the Latin language in a version called the Vulgate*
4. *Martin Luther translated the Bible into German language*
5. *John Wycliffe translated the Bible into English language*
6. *The missionaries i.e. Dr. Ludwing Krapf translated part of the Bible into Kiswahili and Taita languages*
7. *Later it was translated by the Kenya Bible society into several local languages such as Luhya, Kikuyu, Luo, kamba (Any 7x1=7 mks)*

*c) How the Bible is used to spread the gospel*

1. *It is read to others*
2. *It is translated into local languages*
3. *Christian songs are formed using Bible messages*
4. *The Bible message is preached to other people*
5. *It is used in teaching CRE in schools*
6. *The Bible distributed to individuals to read*
7. *It is used in taking oaths therefore increasing the faith of those who participate*
8. *Christian literature is written using Bible messages*

*4 a) The development of the translation of the Bible from the original languages of local languages*

1. *Bible originally written in Hebrew and Greek languages*
2. *The old Testament was originally written in Hebrew the languages of the Israelites.*
3. *The old testament was later translated into Greek, done by 70 scholars.*
4. *The translated version was referred to as septuagirit.*
5. *The Greek translation had additional six books commonly called the Deutro – canonical books.*
6. *The New Testament was first written in Greek, a century after the death of Christ.*
7. *In the 4th century, the entire Bible was translated into Latin.*
8. *The easier version of the Latin bible was done by great scholar, called Jerome it was called the vulgate.*
9. *The first English version was done by John Wyclife from England.*
10. *In 1611, the Authorized version of the English Bible was written through an order King James I.*
11. *The Revised Standard Version (RSV) was done between 1881 -1885.*
12. *The early missionaries to E.A started the translation of the Bible into local languages in the 19th century.*
13. *Most of the through the work of the Bible society of Kenya.*

*c) 6 ways in which Christians can use the Bible in their evangelization ministry*

1. *Read the bible to others*
2. *Bible used for instructing and teaching new converts*
3. *Used for preaching and teaching on different issues.*
4. *It’s the main text in teaching and learning CRE in schools and Colleges*
5. *Christians hymns are composed from the bible.*
6. *Christians translate the bible into local languages.*
7. *It’s used in oath taking/making promises so that they take the work seriously.*
8. *Many Christians books, pamphlets, magazines and other writings quote Bible passages to reinforce their teaching/messages.*

*5. (a) Ways in which Christians use the Bible to spread the good news*

1. *Christians read the Bible to others*
2. *Bible is used for instructing and teaching new converts on Christian doctrine*
3. *Used for preaching & teaching on different on different issues*
4. *Bible is used as the main text book in teaching and learning of Christian Religious Education in schools and Colleges*
5. *Used as a reference book in general search of knowledge*
6. *Hymns are composed from the Bible*
7. *Christians distribute Bibles to individuals to read the word of God*
8. *Christians translate the Bible into vernacular so that many people can read and understand un their own language*

*b) 7 problems which church leaders encounter in their work of evangelization*

1. *Lack of money and resources to meet the needs*
2. *Lack of acceptance by some Christians i.e. education*
3. *What they teach may make them unpopular i.e. politicians*
4. *May be working in hostile environment, where they suffer from diseases and harsh weather*
5. *Poor infrastructure and inaccessibility*
6. *Some people may not be ready to forgive church leaders when they make mistakes*
7. *Lack of co-operation from church members/ leaders*
8. *May suffer stress/ depression*
9. *May face harassment from civil authorities*
10. *May face temptations from worldly pleasures*
11. *Too much demand on their time*

*6. 7 reasons why reading the Bible is important to Christians)*

*i)Provides moral and spiritual guidance*

*ii) Helps discover the will of God/ discover the mid of God*

*iii)A way of communicating with God*

*iv) Helps understand Christian doctrines*

*v)Gives guidance*

*vi) Source of consolation*

*vii) Source of knowledge,*

*viii) Spiritual development*

*7. Five literacy forms used by the authors of the Bible are;-*

* *The use of narratives /prose form e.g. Genesis*
* *Religious epics e.g. Exodus*
* *Legal expressions/legislative texts e.g. Leviticus*
* *Prophetic speeches e.g. Jeremiah*
* *The use of prayers e.g. Nehemiah*
* *The use of poetic devices e.g. psalm*
* *The use of wise saying e.g Proverbs*
* *Philosophical essays e.g Job*
* *The use of love songs e.g. song of songs*
* *Epistles e.g Romans*
* *Biographies/ Gospel e.g. St. Luke*

*(b) Four ways in which the Bible is used to spread the Gospel today are:*

* *It is used for preaching by Priests/evangelists*
* *It is used for instructional purposes*
* *Free distribution of Bibles to schools/people*
* *The Bibles are freely sold in Bookshops*
* *There is massive publication of the Bible for e study e.g. Daily living*
* *Quotations from the Bible are printed in the magazines/funeral programmes/wedding cards*
* *There is on going translation of the Bible into local languages*
* *Illustrations /Biblical stories are shown/hanged on the wall/calendars/posters/Christian magazines*

*8. 5 reasons why the Bible was written after the death and ascension of Jesus Christ*

* *There was need to write an orderly account for Jesus*
* *There was need for a text to combine both old and new testaments*
* *There was rapid expansion of the church*
* *It was intended to counter the rise of false teaching which confused the Christians*
* *Christians had awaited for long for the second coming of Jesus Christ which was not forth coming*
* *The death of many eye witnesses led to the need to write so that we preserve Jesus teachings*
* *The writing materials on which the work was recorded was available*
* *They had the Holy Spirit which inspired them to write*

*9. a)Reasons why the bible was translated from original languages to local languages*

* *in order too enable the word of God to reach more people in their own language*
* *in order to train local people to take up leadership skills*
* *in order to increase the demand for formal education*
* *to facilitate the expansion of the church*
* *to indigenize Christianity*
* *to encourage research into African language/culture*
* *in order to establish local bible translation society e.g. bible society of Kenya*

*b) Some Christians find it difficult to read the bible*

* *some church traditions/leader bar members from reading the bible*
* *difficulty in interpreting the scriptures*
* *existence of different biblical versions therefore difficulty in identifying the best*
* *being too busy/lack of time*
* *lack of interest in the bible /interest in other books other than the bible*
* *it is so voluminous*
* *lack of reading skills/culture*
* *unavailability of the bible*
* *it is too expensive/costly to some*
* *lack of faith in God fear of collective rebuking nature of the bible/fear of being challenged*
* *some see the bible as an ordinary book*
* *negative attitude to be reading the bible*
* *laziness in reading the bible*
* *some believe that the bible is only read on specific worship days e.g. Friday, Saturday, Sunday*

*10. (a) The books of the apocrypha*

* *Esdras*
* *Wisdom*
* *Baruch*
* *1st Macabees*
* *2nd Macabees*
* *Tobit*
* *Ecclesiastics*
* *Judith*

*(b) Effects of Bible translation:*

* *Development of local languages*
* *Local people could read the Bible in their own languages*
* *The word of God reached more people in their own languages*
* *It led to the establishment of more schools to cater for the growing*
* *Led to formation of independent churches as Africans could read and interpret the Bible.*
* *Africans became more actively involved in the church.*
* *Africans began exercising leadership in the churches*
* *Africans became critical of certain issues preached by missionaries e.g. equality, love, monogamy e.t.c*
* *It led to mass evangelism – more Africans became Christians.*
* *There was demand for more Bibles leading to establishment of local printing presses.*
* *Missionaries began to appreciate the African culture, thus reducing suspicion between parties.*
* *Africans rediscovered their own cultural identify e.g. dancing styles, local languages, musical instruments e.t.c.*
* *Africans understood themselves better and became more aware of their own human dignity.*
* *It led to the establishment of Bible translation societies e.g. Bible society of Kenya.*

*(c) The Bible is referred to as good news:-*

* *Bible has a message of Hope.*
* *Contains messages of reconciliation*
* *Through it man gets salvation from his fallen state*
* *It gives an answer to the suffering of man*
* *Gives a man revelation of mysterious*
* *Through it God communicates his will to man*
* *It brings mankind closer to God.*
* *Makes man to be aware of his destiny*

*11 Christians read the bible;*

* *It is the word of God.*
* *It provides moral and spiritual guidance.*
* *Helps to discover the will of God.*
* *Reading it is an aspect of worship.*
* *It is the basis of Christian doctrines and practices.*
* *It gives guidance on relationships among human being.*
* *Christians come to discover who they are.*
* *Helps understand the universe and their relationship to it.*
* *Help in spiritual development and maturity.*
* *It is a source of inspiration*
* *Helps understand the meaning of their lives and relationship to god and to one another.*

*12. a) Major division of the New Testament in their order;*

1. *Gospels*
2. *Paul letters*
3. *General letters*
4. *Historical book*
5. *Prophetic book*

*b) Development of the Bible translation from original languages to local languages*

1. *The O.T was originally written in Hebrew*
2. *O.T books were translated into Greek*
3. *The Greek translation was known as Septuagint*
4. *The N.T was originally written in Greek*
5. *In the 2nd C, it was translated into Latin*
6. *The Latin translation was known as vulgate*
7. *In the 16th C, it was translated into English*
8. *In the 19th C, the missionaries who came to Kenya translated the English version into Kiswahili and other later other languages such as kikuyu, dholuo, kikamba, kalenjin and other languages*

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*14. (a) The reasons why the missionaries translated the Bible into African languages are:-*

* *Make evangelization effective*
* *They wanted Africans to understand the scripture easily*
* *Translation made it possible for missionaries to learn African languages*
* *They wanted to use the translated Bible as their resource text in missionary education*
* *They wanted to keep abreast of the changes in the world*
* *The missionaries wanted to indigenize Christianity and make it adaptable to local situations and cultures (Any 5= 5x1=5mks)*

 *(b) Ways in which translation of the Bible into African languages led to African*

 *mass evangelism:-*

* *The ability of African to read and interpret the Bible into their own languages contributed to development of independent churches which attracted any to Christianity*
* *As Africans read the Bible in their own local languages, they participated more actively in church affairs*
* *As Africans read the Bible in their vernacular and understood it’s content many embraced Christianity*
* *Missionaries knowledge of local Bible enabled them to preach to more Africans as communication was not a problem*
* *The missionaries were able to appreciate African culture. This removed suspicion between the two and more people were attracted to Christianity.*
* *Africans were able to have a better understanding of God’s word as they could read and interpret it on their own*
* *Translation promoted revival movements and these were used to preach to more people (4x2=8mks)*

 *(c) Reasons why Kenyans are attracted to Church are;-*

* *Kenyans are attracted to Church as membership creates a source of identity and belonging*
* *Some go to Church out of habit or as a Sunday routine*
* *Some go to Church to socialize and make friends*
* *Some go to Church to receive material help*
* *For spiritual growth*
* *Some see the Church as a place to receive recognition*
* *Others are attracted to Church out of a sense of duty*
* *To seek consolation and comfort*
* *To receive physical healing*
* *To seek forgiveness and correction*

*Some go to Church to seek God’s blessings (7x 1=7mks)*