**FORM 3 CRE MARKING SCHEME**

**1a)Identify occasions when Nehemiah prayed (5mks)**

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**When he was about to ask for permission from King Artaxerxes I to go to Judah and**

**rebuild the wall of Jerusalem**

**When Sanballat ridiculed the rebuilding of the wall**

**When Sanballat / Tobiah / Amonites threatened to fight the people of Jerusalem**

**He prayed for God’s favour after having forfeited his portion of food as governor for twelve**

**years**

**When he was threatened to be killed by his enemies / Geshene the Arab**

**When he had purified the rooms in the house of God**

**After warning the people against ignoring the Sabbath law**

**After he had stopped the Israelites from intemarrying with the foreigners.**

**b) Describe the political background of Nehemiah (5mks)**

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**The Kingdom of Judah had been taken over by Babylon**

**The Babylonians had destroyed the walls of the city / the temple / Jerusalem**

**The King / royal court officials / able people were deported / exiled to Babylon**

**Persia conquered Babylon / Jews came under the control of Persians**

**The Persian Kings ruled the subjects through governors**

**The conquered people were to pay tribute I taxes to Persia**

**The Persian King / Cyrus allowed the Jews to return to Judah in three stages**

**Nehemiah led the third group of Jews back to Judah.**

**c) Identify the similarities that are depicted between Nehemiah and Jesus Christ (5mks)**

**Both were accused falsely**

**Both were patriotic – Nehemiah had great love for the Jewish community while Jesus showed love**

**Both cleansed the Temple for his people and wept over Jerusalem**

**Both were prayerful**

**Both of them faced opposition and threats in their lives**

**Both acknowledge the importance of the Sabbath**

**Both condemned social evils**

**Both were compassionate to the people / Had concern for the needy**

**Both were reformers Nehemiah instituted social, economic and religious reforms while Jesus instituted the new covenant**

**2a)Identify the problems that Nehemiah encountered in rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem (5mks)**

**The officials of Tekoa did not co-operate with him ( Neh3:5**

**He was ridiculed by Sanballat and Tobiah. Neh 2:17 – 19, 4: 2- 3**

**He received threats of violence from the enemies Neh 4: 7 – 8**

**A trap was laid to drill his mission of rebuilding the wall. Neh 4: 12**

**There was a plot to kill him. Neh 6: 2 -3**

**Insecurity from the enemies Neh 4: 11 – 12**

**False prophets tried to discourage him. Neh 6: 14**

**Opposition from the Jewish nobles Neh 4: 19**

**False accusation from his enemies Neh 6: 5-9**

**b) Outline the reforms carried out by Nehemiah to restore the worship of God in Judah (5mks)**

**Cleansing of the temple**

**Reinstating of the Levites and other temple workers**

**He ordered the closure of Jerusalem for proper Sabbath observance**

**He separated the Jewish from the foreigners**

**He purified the priesthood.**

**Throwing out the household of Tobia out of the chamber**

**Cleansing the chamber in the temple**

**Returning the vessels of the house of God**

**Appointing treasures over the storehouses**

**Sopping the buying and selling of wares on the Sabbath day**

**He ordered an end to mixed marriages/foreigners**

**c) Outline the lessons that Christians learn from Nehemiah experiences and leadership (5mks)**

**3a) Identify the instances when Nehemiah prayed(5mks)**

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**b) Outline the qualities of a good leader as depicted by Nehemiah (5mks)**

**He was hard working/ committed to his work**

**He faced opposition/challenges courageously**

**He prayed and consulted God in all situations**

**He had vision/foresight for the nation/Jews**

**He recognized other peoples abilities/allowed to performed different duties**

**He was concerned about the life of his people**

**He was patriotic**

**He made wise/firm decisions in circumstances**

**He was honest**

**He served as a role mode/participated in the rebuilding of the wall in Jerusalem**

**He endured persecutions**

**c) Identify the importance of prayer in Christian life(5mks)**

**Prayer is a way of communicating with God / Fellowship with God**

**Through prayer Christian faith in God is strengthened**

**Christians have opportunity to confess I seek for forgiveness through prayer**

**Through prayer Christians thank God for- blessings received**

**Christians ask I petition God for- their need through prayer**

**They use prayer to intercede / show concern for others**

**Prayers are made in obedience to the teachings of Jesus I the Bible**

**It is a way of emulating the example set by Jesus / the early Church**

**Christians praise / adore God through prayer**

**Prayer promote unity among believers.**

**d) Give the reasons why Nehemiah carried out religious reforms in Judah (5mks)**

**To preserve the identity of the Jews as people of God**

**To separate the Jews from foreign influence.**

**To purify the temple which had been defiled by keeping a foreigner .**

**To reinstate the services of the Levites as priests of the temple**

**To restore the tithing system that had been forgotten for the up keep of the temple.**

**To ensure that the Sabbath day was free from business activities.**

**In order to cleanse the Jews who had intermarried with foreigners / exposed to idolatry**