

FORM 3 CRE MARKING SCHEME

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

Nehemiah prayed when he got a bad report from the Jews that Jerusalem was in ruins

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 intermarrying 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 / 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

Stopping 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)

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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