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### MARKING SCHEME

#### CRE PAPER 1

1. a) It equips the learner with an understanding of God spiritually growth.
- ✓ The learner acquires life skill to handle challenges in life.
  - ✓ It helps one respect his/her own/other people's religious beliefs.
  - ✓ It helps one acquire basic principles of Christian living/moral values
  - ✓ It enables one to understand how to relate with other people.
  - ✓ It gives answers to questions/mysteries of life.
  - ✓ It explains the origin/purpose of human beings on earth.
  - ✓ It leads to employment/career.
- b) Both sin and evil are believed to cause suffering and even death.
- ✓ In both peoples relationship with God is destroyed.
  - ✓ Both attribute to cause of sin to humankind's disobedience, greed or selfishness.
  - ✓ In both it is believed that evil befalls Mankind in the form of a curse.
  - ✓ Both concepts acknowledge that God is good hence he did not great evil.
  - ✓ In Both the Blame for sin and evil is passed on to another being or an external force.
  - ✓ In both concepts Humankind has the ability to overcome evil by choosing to do what is right and good and avoiding what is wrong.
- c) Ways in which the Bible is misused in Kenya today**
- ✓ It is used to take oaths in courts/offices by people who may not be believers/not saying the truth.
  - ✓ It is kept in places associated with evil.
  - ✓ There is distortion of the Biblical teachings specific verses are picked to fulfill individual demand misinterpretation.
  - ✓ Some people use the Bible like ordinary textbook/reference.
  - ✓ It is being used in witchcraft /cults to mislead people.
  - ✓ Some people are using it to enrich themselves/it is a tool of trade.
  - ✓ Some new versions translated have changed the original meaning of the Bible.
  - ✓ The Bible is not read for spiritual growth but it is kept for display.
  - ✓ Some people use the Bible to threaten others/Administer Curses.
2. a)
- i. Abraham was in doubt for promise of a son.
  - ii. God assured him that his son would inherit him and not Elizer of Damascus.
  - iii. God showed him many stars confirming his descendants would be many.

- iv. God asked Abraham to bring a heifer, a she-goat a ram each three years old, turtle, dove and young pigeon.
- v. Abraham cut the animals into two and arranged the halves into two rows.
- vi. The birds were not cut.
- vii. He drove away the birds of prey that targeted the carcasses.
- viii. At sunset Abraham fell into a deep sleep.
- ix. God spoke to him giving the promise that his descendants would be slaves for four 400 yrs but would liberate them.

**b)**

- i. In Jewish circumcision was for boys only while in African it was for both boys and girls.
- ii. In Jewish it was done on 8<sup>th</sup> day while in African it was done at adolescences/puberty.
- iii. In Jewish it was meant to identify one with God, while in African it showed obedience to ancestors.
- iv. In Jewish it was a continuous process while in African it was seasonal.
- v. In Jewish it did not mark beginning of responsibility, while in African it marked beginning of responsibility.

**c)**

- ✓ It involves two or more parties
- ✓ A bidding agreement to which those involved commit.
- ✓ It involves oaths, promises & commitment to obligations.
- ✓ A physical sign accompanies the signing of the covenant.
- ✓ Witnesses are involved.
- ✓ Sealing of the covenant.
- ✓ Sealing marked by a ceremony.
- ✓ Breaking of covenants brings consequences.

**3. a) What circumstances led to the contest between Prophet Elijah and the prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel? (7marks)**

- King Ahab had married a Phoenician princess, Jezebel who imported to Israel the worship of foreign gods.
- Jezebel imported 450 prophets of Baal to promote Baal worship in Israel.
- Ahab built a temple for the worship of Baal in Samaria and participated.
- Yahweh's altar had been destroyed.
- Yahweh was worshipped alongside other gods.
- Prophets of Yahweh were persecuted and many had been killed in Israel on the order of Queen Jezebel.
- There was a prolonged drought in Israel which threatened the nation.
- The whole nation of Israel had been led astray into false worship at the king's command.

- The contest was to prove to the Israelites' and the king himself who between Yahweh and Baal was the true God.

**b)**

- i. Assertiveness-He told Ahab he was cause of sin in Israel.
- ii. Creative thinking-He requested for a contest.
- iii. Decision making-He decided to kill the Baal prophets.
- iv. High self-esteem-He believed God was with him.
- v. Negotiation skills-He told the Israelites' to choose between God and Baal.
- vi. Communication skills-He was able to express himself before the king and the Israelites.

**c) Reasons why political leaders fail to perform their duties effectively.**

- ✓ Lack of leadership skills.
- ✓ Divisions/conflict within/between parties.
- ✓ Women leaders are discriminated.
- ✓ Inability to live to the expectation of the electorate.
- ✓ Inadequate funds to initiate development projects to help their electorate.
- ✓ Cultural/religious tribal/ethnic/racial corruption.
- ✓ Conflict/division of ideologies.
- ✓ Insecurity/threats/harassment.
- ✓ Ridicule from members of society.
- ✓ Lack of adequate forum to meet with their electorate.

**4. a) Give seven reasons why God sent prophets to Israel.**

- i. To teach people about the nature of God.
- ii. To act as mediators between God and people.
- iii. To condemn social evils in the society.
- iv. To anoint leaders/kings.
- v. To warn people of God's judgment for sins.
- vi. To teach people of the covenant way of life.
- vii. To communicate Gods message to people
- viii. To announce restoration/give hope of restoration.
- ix. To be the conscience of kings.
- x. To condemn idolatry and promomonotherism.
- xi. To act as priests or religious figures.

**b)**

- i. The theme of salvation history foretold in O.T becomes a reality in N.T in person of Jesus.
- ii. The Law of Moses in O.T is upheld by Jesus in the New Testament.

- iii. The prophets In O.T condemned insincere worship which is emphasized by Jesus in N.T by condemning outward observance of the law by Pharisees.
- iv. The coming of John the Baptist in N.T fulfills the O.T prophecies of a forerunner of Jesus.
- v. The O.T prophecy of the coming messiah is fulfilled in N.T through coming of Jesus.
- vi. Nathan's prophecy of a great descendant is confirmed in N.T through angel Gabriel's annunciation of birth of Jesus.
- vii. The prophecy of O.T on New Covenant is inaugurated by Jesus during last supper.
- viii. The prophecy of the suffering servant by Isaiah is actualized in Jesus passion and death.

**C) Show ways in which the church is carrying out its prophetic role in the society today.**

- ✓ Through preaching the good news/evangelism.
- ✓ Translating the Bible into vernacular for people to understand.
- ✓ Condemning social evils and rebuking evils in the society.
- ✓ Through guidance and counseling.
- ✓ Conducting civic education.
- ✓ Teaching God's word.
- ✓ Offering medical services.
- ✓ Campaigning for legislation of just laws.
- ✓ Preaching peace and reconciliation.
- ✓ Praying the others/nation to repent.
- ✓ Advising political leaders.

**5. a) Outline the Stages followed during the renewal of the covenant by Nehemiah.(8marks)**

- ✓ The people gathered in the public square in Jerusalem.
- ✓ The Priest Ezra read the law of people.
- ✓ They performed repentance gesture of raising/lowering hands.
- ✓ The people constructed makeshift tents/shelters to celebrate the feast of booths.
- ✓ There was a national day of confession/feast of sack clothes.
- ✓ Ezra led the people in prayer of confession.
- ✓ The people made covenant by signing under leadership of Nehemia and the priests.
- ✓ They promised not to go against Mosaic Law.
- ✓ Nehemiah re-distributed the people in Jerusalem and country side.

**b) Identify the reasons why Nehemiah carried out religious reforms in Judah.(7marks)**

- ✓ To preserve the identity of Jews as people of God.
- ✓ To separate the Jews from foreign influence.
- ✓ To purify the temple this had been defiled by keeping a foreigner.
- ✓ To reinstate the services of the Levites as priests of the temple.
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- ✓ To restore tithing system that had been forgotten for the upkeep of the temple.
- ✓ To ensure Sabbath was respected i.e. out of business.

- ✓ To cleanse the Jews who had intermarried with foreigners from idolatry.

### **C) Six challenges Christians are likely to face today in their commitment to God.**

- Existence of false religion and false prophets.
- May fall prey of new forms of idolatry.
- Religious syncretism/traditional practices of witchcraft.
- Persecution because of their faith/rejection.
- Some may be lead astray by their church leaders.
- Family obligations may interfere with faith.
- Poverty
- Poor personal health.

### **6. a) Explain four rituals connected with marriage in T.A.C**

- ✓ Careful choosing of marriage partner with the right qualities.
- ✓ Marriage negotiations between the families of the bridegroom and the bride to prepare for the formalization of marriage and strengthen the rites.
- ✓ Courtship which allows the bride and bridegroom to familiarize themselves with one another.
- ✓ Payment of dowry to seal the marriage.
- ✓ Exchange of gift to strengthen the r/ship between two families.
- ✓ Singing and dancing to praise and comfort the bridegroom and the bride.
- ✓ Offering of sacrifices to appease God and the ancestors so that they can bless the marriage.
- ✓ Bathing together in medicinal water to bind the husband and wife together.
- ✓ Breaking of virginity to consummate marriage with the blood symbolizing that life has been preserved.
- ✓ Seclusion is a period which served as a transition from unmarried life to the new life of maturity and procreation.

### **b) State challenges facing the orphans and widows in Kenya today.(5mks)**

- When male heads of families die woman and children are left on their own.
- Poor suffer desperately.
- Some women resort to prostitution.
- Children become street children.
- Exploitation of widows by extended family members.
- Orphans drop out of school to take care of their siblings.

### **c) Outline seven factors that have affected the role of religious specialists in African communities.(7marks)**

- ✓ New religion i.e Christianity and islam
- ✓ Urbanization
- ✓ Western medicine/culture.
- ✓ Education/formal.

- ✓ Increase poverty.
- ✓ New government structure.
- ✓ Modern science and technology.
- ✓ Laws/constitution.

