

# KENYA CERTIFICATE OF BASIC EDUCATION (K.C.B.E)

## MARKING SCHEME

GRADE 10: CRE – TERM 1 – JANUARY 2026

### Section A (60 Marks)

#### 1. Magdaline: Why the Bible is inspired

##### a) Define the word Bible (2 marks)

- The Bible is the holy book of Christians believed to be the inspired Word of God.
- It is a collection of sacred scriptures written by human authors under God's guidance.
- It serves as a guide for faith, morals, and conduct.

##### b) Name at least three authors of the Bible (3 marks)

- Moses
- David
- Solomon
- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Ezekiel
- Daniel
- Paul
- Peter
- Luke
- John
- Amos

##### c) Authors of specific books (3 marks)

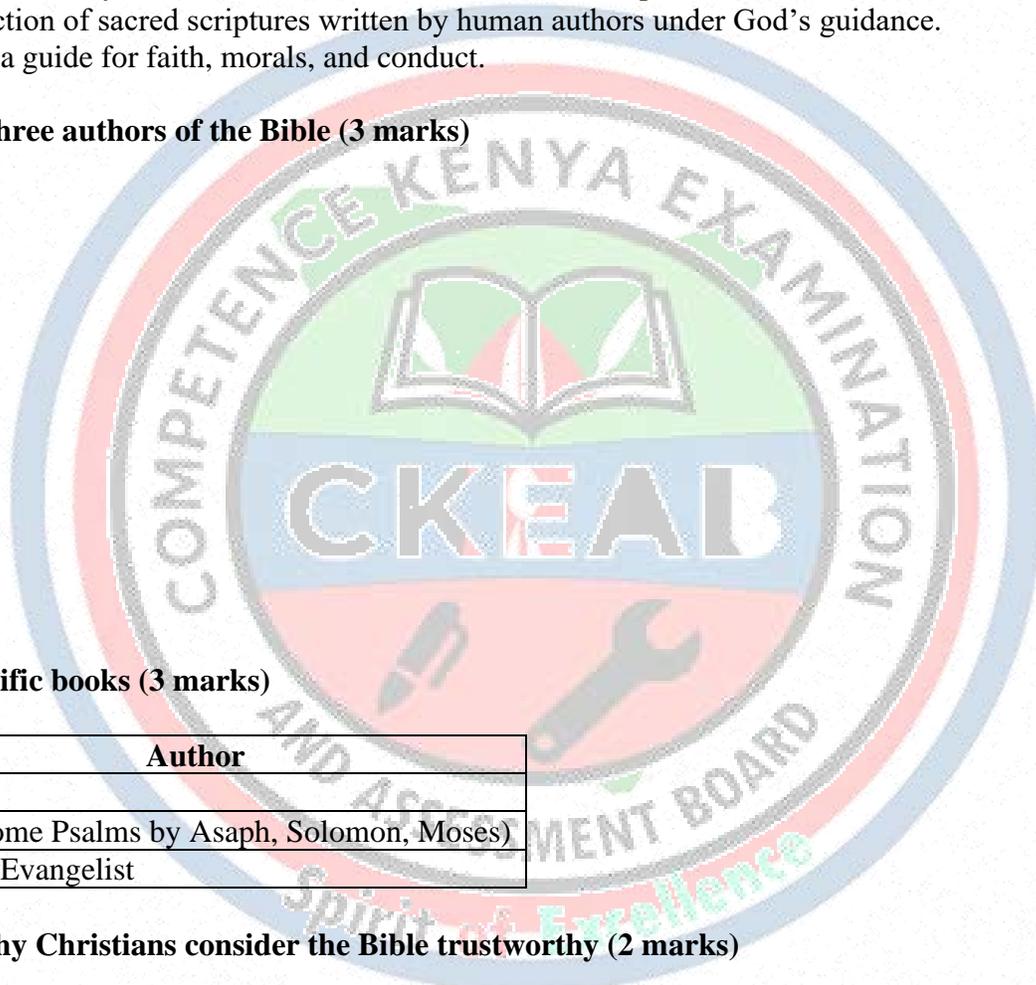
Book	Author
Exodus	Moses
Psalms	David (some Psalms by Asaph, Solomon, Moses)
Luke	Luke the Evangelist

##### d) Two reasons why Christians consider the Bible trustworthy (2 marks)

- It is inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16).
- It has fulfilled prophecies (e.g., Messiah in Isaiah 53, Micah 5:2).
- It is historically accurate (archaeology supports Biblical events).
- Its teachings are consistent and life-transforming.
- It has been preserved and transmitted carefully.

##### e) Three ways studying the Bible strengthens faith (3 marks)

- Builds knowledge of God's character and promises.
- Encourages trust and reliance on God in daily life.
- Inspires moral and ethical living.



- Provides comfort in suffering (Psalm 23).
- Strengthens prayer life and worship.
- Promotes forgiveness, hope, and peace.

## 2. Categorizing the books of the Bible

### a) Two main divisions of the Bible (2 marks)

- Old Testament
- New Testament

### b) Three books in the Old Testament (3 marks)

- Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings
- Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel
- Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Solomon

### c) Three books in the New Testament (3 marks)

- Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- Acts of the Apostles
- Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians
- Revelation

### d) Importance of division (2 marks)

- Shows God's plan of salvation over time.
- Helps understand promises of God before Christ and their fulfillment in Christ.
- Aids in organizing study and reference.
- Distinguishes between law, prophecy, and grace.

## 3. Categories of Bible books

### a) Four categories of books (2 marks)

- Law / Pentateuch
  - Historical books
  - Wisdom / Poetic books
  - Prophetic books
- (Others: Gospels, Epistles, Apocalyptic / Revelation)*

### b) Example for each category (4 marks)

Category	Example
Law / Pentateuch	Genesis, Exodus
Historical books	Joshua, Judges, 1 Samuel
Wisdom / Poetic	Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes
Prophetic books	Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel

## 4. Literary forms

### a) Define literary forms (1 mark)

- Different styles or genres used to communicate God's message in the Bible.

### b) Three literary forms (3 marks)

- Narrative / Storytelling
- Poetry / Song
- Parables / Teaching
- Prophecy
- Epistles / Letters
- Apocalyptic literature
- Wisdom sayings

### c) Importance of understanding literary forms (1 mark)

- Ensures accurate interpretation.
- Prevents misapplication of scripture.
- Helps apply the message appropriately.

## 5. Methods of studying the Bible

### a) Five methods (5 marks)

- Inductive method
- Topical method
- Biographical method
- Analytical method
- Devotional / Reflective method
- Comparative study
- Historical-critical method
- Meditative / Contemplative study

### b) Inductive method application (2 marks)

- Observation: Note facts, themes, characters, and context.
- Interpretation: Understand the meaning of the passage.
- Application: Apply lessons in daily life.

### c) Advantage of biography method (1 mark)

- Provides practical examples from the lives of Biblical characters.

### d) Limitation of topical method (2 marks)

- Can misinterpret verses if taken out of context.
- Overemphasis on topics may ignore historical or narrative context.

## 6. Story of Jonah

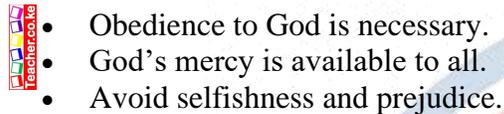
### a) Main message (2 marks)

- God desires repentance and shows mercy to all people.
- Obedience and humility lead to God's blessings.
- God cares for all nations, not only Israel.

### b) One character and role (2 marks)

- Jonah: Prophet sent to warn Nineveh; initially disobedient.
- God: Merciful, teaches Jonah compassion.
- Nineveh's people: Respond with repentance and are spared.

### c) Lesson Christians learn (2 marks)

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- Obedience to God is necessary.
  - God's mercy is available to all.
  - Avoid selfishness and prejudice.

## 7. Fall of Man and Redemption

### a) Origin of sin (3 marks)

- Sin began with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.
- Disobedience by eating forbidden fruit (Genesis 3:1-6).
- Resulted in separation from God.

### b) Three consequences of sin (3 marks)

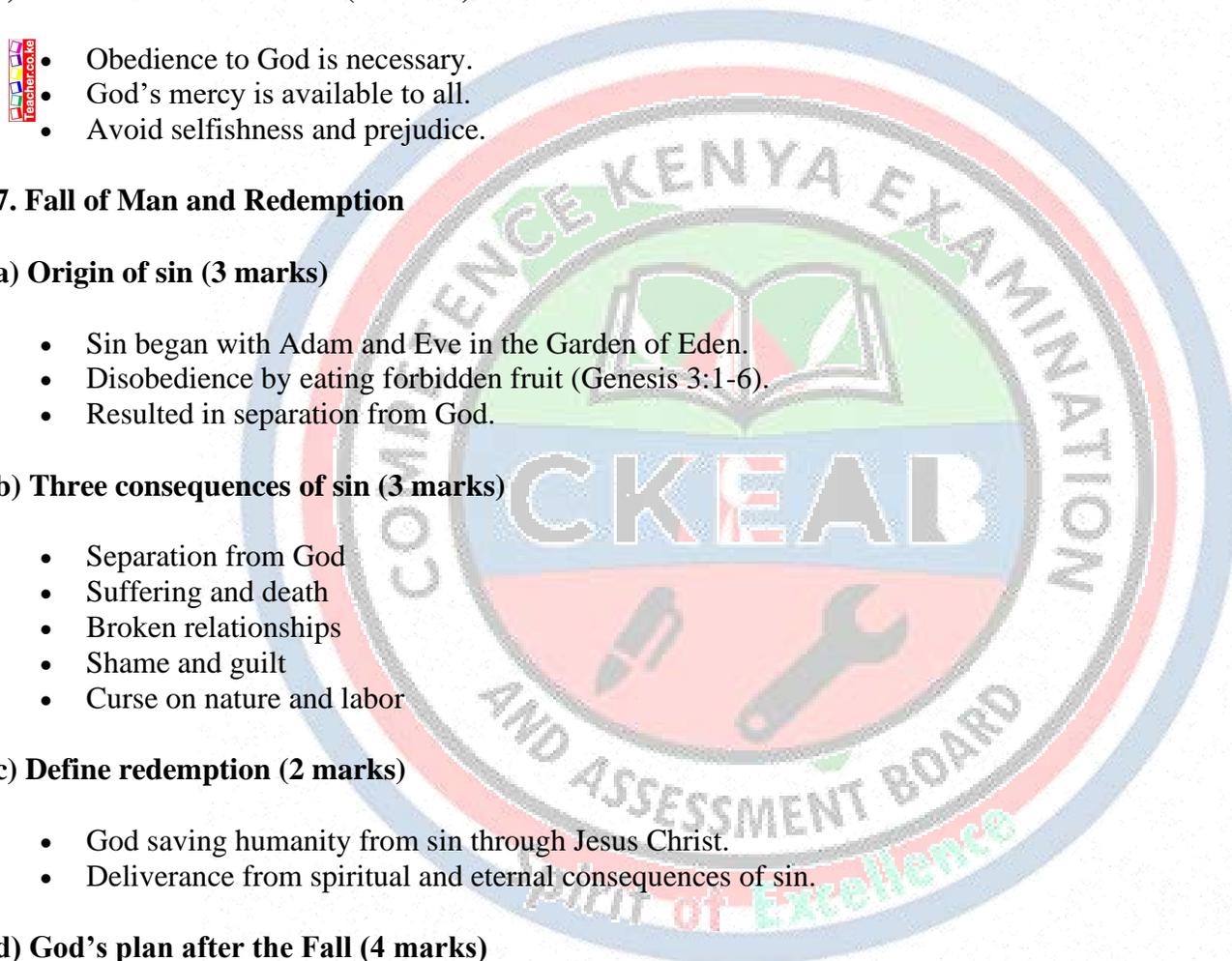
- Separation from God
- Suffering and death
- Broken relationships
- Shame and guilt
- Curse on nature and labor

### c) Define redemption (2 marks)

- God saving humanity from sin through Jesus Christ.
- Deliverance from spiritual and eternal consequences of sin.

### d) God's plan after the Fall (4 marks)

- Promise of a Savior (Genesis 3:15)
- Sending Jesus Christ to die for sins
- Resurrection for eternal life
- Holy Spirit guides believers
- Gospel proclamation to all nations



## 8. Christians' response to redemption

### a) Four ways Christians respond (4 marks)

- Faith in Jesus
- Repentance from sin
- Baptism
- Obedience to God
- Prayer and worship
- Evangelism and service
- Living morally upright life

### b) Faith in Jesus leading to salvation (3 marks)

- Trusting Jesus as Lord and Savior
- Accepting His death and resurrection for forgiveness
- Leads to reconciliation with God and eternal life

### c) Three benefits of responding positively (3 marks)

- Eternal life
- Inner peace
- Guidance in decision-making
- Spiritual growth
- Victory over sin
- Joy and hope

## 9. Inductive Bible study

### a) Observation step (2 marks)

- Identify key words, characters, themes, and events.
- Note repeated words, commands, promises, and lessons.

### b) Interpretation step (2 marks)

- Understand meaning in historical and literary context.
- Determine God's message for then and now.

### c) Practical application (2 marks)

- Apply scripture lessons in daily life (honesty, kindness, forgiveness).

### d) Tool for study (2 marks)

- Concordance, Bible dictionary, commentary, Study Bible, online Bible apps

## 10. Examples of sin and God's mercy

### a) Two examples of sins (2 marks)

- Cain killing Abel
- David's adultery with Bathsheba
- Jonah's disobedience

- Israelites worshipping golden calf
- Peter denying Jesus

**b) Example of God's mercy (3 marks)**

- Forgave David after repentance (Psalm 51)
- Spared Nineveh after repentance (Jonah 3:10)
- Gave Adam and Eve clothing after sin (Genesis 3:21)

**c) Why Christians confess sins (2 marks)**

- To receive forgiveness (1 John 1:9)
- To restore fellowship with God and community
- To grow spiritually and avoid repeating sin

**d) Two ways studying these stories guides Christians (2 marks)**

- Teaches obedience and repentance
- Encourages moral living and avoidance of sin
- Strengthens faith and trust in God

**11. Pentateuch**

**a) Define (2 marks)**

- First five books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)
- Also called the Books of the Law
- Contain God's instructions, history, and covenant

**b) Name the five books (3 marks)**

- Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

**c) Importance (1 mark)**

- Provides moral guidance, history of creation, and God's covenant

**12. Poetic books**

**a) Three books (3 marks)**

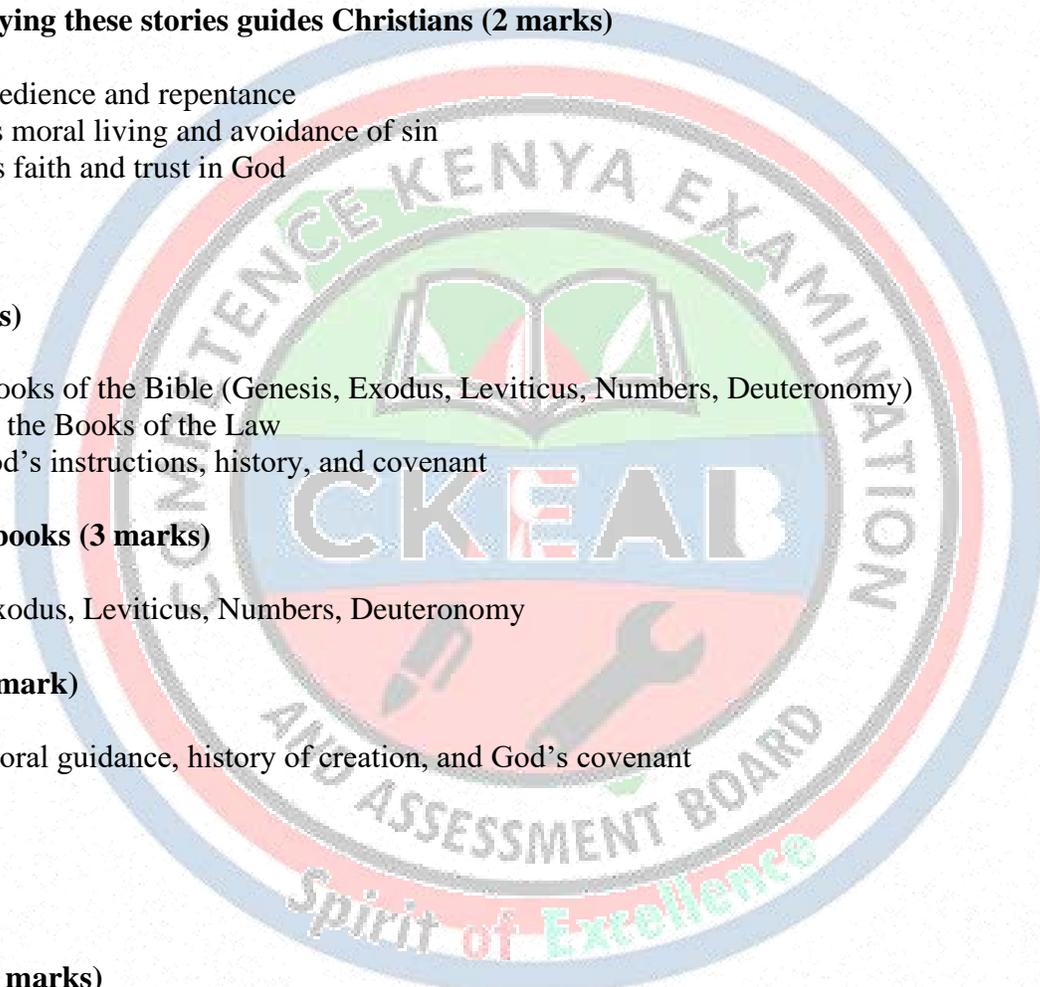
- Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Solomon
- Job, Ecclesiastes

**b) Content (1 mark)**

- Songs, prayers, wisdom sayings, reflections on life and God

**c) Number of books (2 marks)**

- OT: 39, NT: 27



### 13. Study of the Gospels

#### a) Four Gospels (2 marks)

- Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

#### b) Two reasons important (2 marks)

- Reveal life and teachings of Jesus
- Guide Christian living
- Provide hope and salvation

#### c) Key message from one Gospel (2 marks)

- John: Jesus is Son of God and Savior (John 3:16)
- Matthew: Christ fulfills Old Testament prophecy



### 14. God's plan for redemption

#### a) Salvation meaning (2 marks)

- Deliverance from sin and eternal consequences
- Reconciliation with God

#### b) Redemption plan (3 marks)

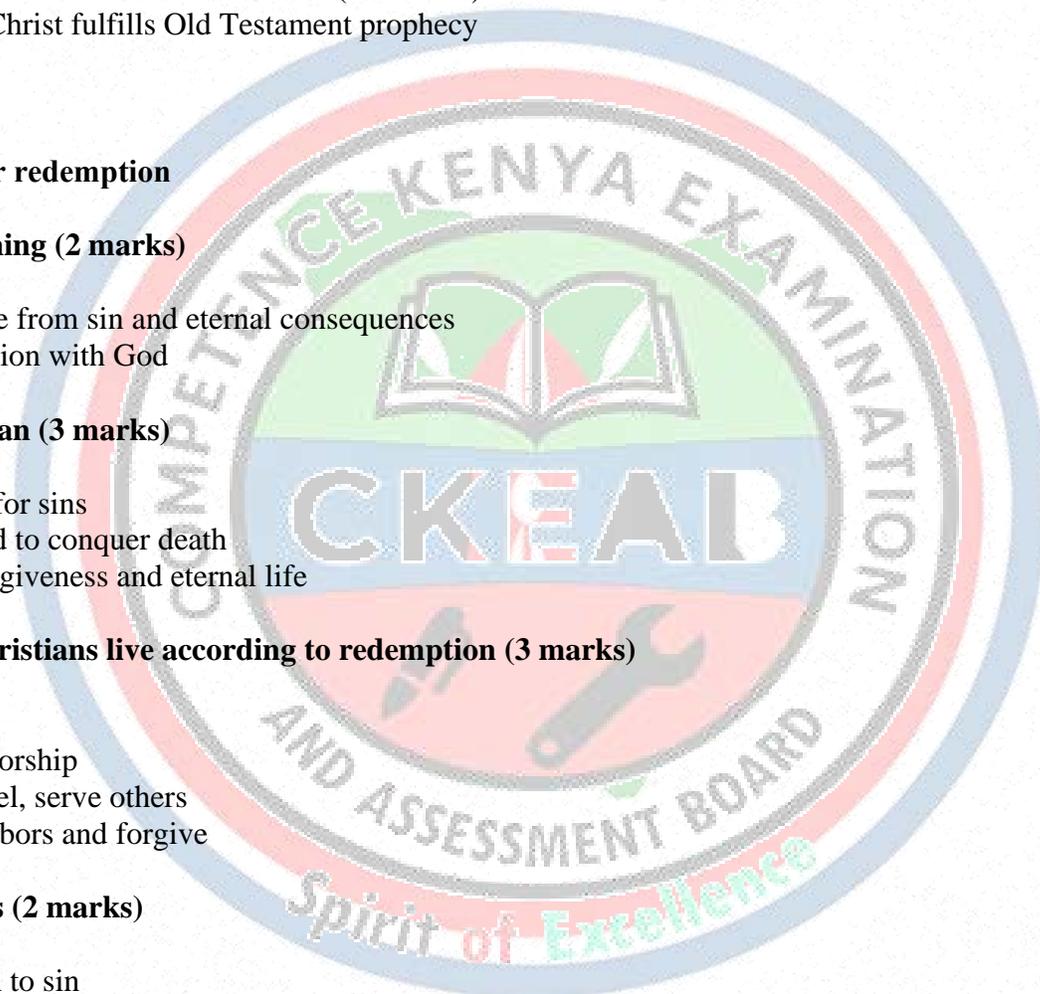
- Jesus died for sins
- Resurrected to conquer death
- Offered forgiveness and eternal life

#### c) Three ways Christians live according to redemption (3 marks)

- Obey God
- Pray and worship
- Share gospel, serve others
- Love neighbors and forgive

#### d) Two challenges (2 marks)

- Temptation to sin
- Opposition from society or peers
- Lack of faith or understanding



### 15. Benefits of Bible study

#### a) Two benefits (2 marks)

- Deepens knowledge of God
- Strengthens faith and moral conduct
- Encourages prayer and obedience

b) Two reasons to memorize verses (2 marks)

- Resist temptation
- Share God's Word with others
- Guide decisions and daily living



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