**23. Christian approaches to law, order and Justice**

*1. The role of Christians in the transforming the political life of the society*

* 1. *Offer civic education*
  2. *Participate in law-reform processes/ constitution review process*
  3. *Condemn evil in society*
  4. *Participate in state function/ public holiday e.g. offer prayers*
  5. *Reconcile marrying parties*
  6. *Preach love, peace and unity*
  7. *Obey laws of the country*
  8. *Rule in national elections*

*2. Christian can contribute to the maintenance of law and order*

* *Obey the authorities*
* *Observe all the laws.*
* *Pay taxes.*
* *Report errant members of society to law enforcement /agents/authority.*
* *Take part in decision making of the right representatives in parliament.*
* *Working hard.*
* *Not bribing people or receiving bribes.*
* *Practice love and charity.*

*3. a) Some causes of crime in the society today*

1. *Poverty - Most people live below the poverty line. In order to get their needs they resolve to unlawful means like robbery e.t.c.*
2. *Public mistrust for law enforces: where they are not entrusted by the public in handling those who have committed crime hence resolve into mob justice*
3. *Migration and urbanization and the effects that accompany it i.e. break of African kinship ties where virtues were taught by virtually all the adults in society*
4. *Lack of parental care and guidance. Most parents have abdicated their responsibility of imparting necessary virtues to their children*
5. *Greed which leads to temptation to commit crime*
6. *Drug and substance abuse which leads to many criminal activities*

*(Any 9 points x 1 mark total 9 marks)*

*b) Reasons why some Christians are opposed to the use of capital punishment*

1. *It is against the human rights to take away an individuals life*
2. *God’s law forbids human beings from killing/ committing murder (You shall not kill)*
3. *Capital punishment does not serve/ fulfill the purpose for which punishment is intended i.e. retribution/ warning/ reform/ discouragement from repeating the offence*
4. *It is an attack on the human dignity of an individual*
5. *Human beings are made in the image of God. So capital punishment is destroying the image of God in human beings*
6. *It is a criminal attack on another person in the eyes of Christians*
7. *It is God who gives life and only god has the right to take it*
8. *The judge who pronounces capital punishment on an accused person may be prejudiced/ unjust/ might take the wrong judgement*
9. *It kills the element of forgiveness which must dominate in crime and punishment*
10. *Human beings are perfect/ they cannot asses the responsibility of the offender with absolute accuracy (God alone is accurate) how much evil is done*

*4 Reasons why Christians should participate in the law reform process*

1. *To exercise their democratic rights/ citizenship*
2. *To ensure that just and laws are enacted/ formulated*
3. *To ensure that quality leadership is achieved*
4. *It is service to humanity*
5. *To improve quality of life of the people*
6. *It is a sign of accountability*
7. *It shows a sense of unity in nation building/ collective responsibility*
8. *It leads/ helps to develop a whole person*
9. *It is an opportunity to infuse Christian principles in the law e.g. freedom of worship*

*5. (a) Christian can contribute to the maintenance of law, order and justice.*

1. *Obey and respect authorities.*
2. *Observe all laws.*
3. *Pay taxes.*
4. *Report errant members of society to law enforcement agents or authorities.*
5. *Take part in decision making of the nation.*
6. *Respect and protect people’s property and lives.*
7. *Refuse to be bribed.*
8. *Practice love and charity.*

*(b) five reasons why rape is rampant in Kenya today.*

1. *Lack of concern for other peoples welfare.*
2. *Selfishness and lack of self control.*
3. *Psychological illness/madness.*
4. *Alcoholism and drug abuse.*
5. *Beliefs that having sex with young girls cures HIV/AIDS.*
6. *Loose morals among the youth.*
7. *Improper dressing by girls/women.*
8. *Frustration and anger in society due to social problems i.e. poverty, unemployment.*
9. *Mass media/phonograph.*
10. *No set government policies on punishment of rapists i.e. minor fines.*
11. *Victims fear stigmatization so they don’t report the rape to police.*
12. *Police are ineffective in dealing with rape.*
13. *Legal system in place is weak.*
14. *Poverty and development of slums.*

*(c) five areas of conflict between the Church and state.*

1. *The state fails to execute justice punish offender while the church expects justice to be done.*
2. *The government advocate for artificial family planning methods i.e. use of condoms while church.*
3. *advocates natural.*
4. *The state legalized abortion while the church does not/ condemns it.*
5. *When politicians use their power to buy votes.*
6. *State denies the church media permits.*
7. *State refuses to give church title deeds.*

*When the state takes criticism negatively and retaliates.*