

C. R. E
FORM FOUR
MARKING SCHEME
OPENER EXAMINATION 2025

1. Giving examples outline the literary forms of writing the Bible. (6marks)

Gospel - luke

Prayers-Nehemiah

Prophetic speeches - Jeremiah

Love songs- songs of solomon

Wise sayings - proverbs

Legislative texts- leviticus

Poetry - psalms

Philosophical essays - job

Religious epic-exodus

2. Outline the categories of true prophets (6marks)

Major prophets

Minor prophets

Canonical prophets

Non-canonical prophets

Cultic prophets

Early prophets

3. Describe the call and mission of Nehemiah (8marks)

Nehemiah was a high ranking official in the court of the king of Persia.

He was a cup bearer and therefore a trusted person.

While he was at the king's winter palace in Susa, his brother Hanani together with other Jews from Judah went and informed him of the problems being experienced by people in Judah. They were in a state of humiliation, the walls of Jerusalem in ruins and its gates burnt down.

He felt grief about the poor condition of the Jerusalem and went into a period of fasting and prayer.

His office as a cup bearer to the king gave him an opportunity to intercede for his people in Judah.

Nehemiah requested the king to allow him to go and rebuilt the city.

The king allowed him to go to Judah as a governor.

He organised the Jews to rebuild the broken walls of the city of Jerusalem.

Occasions when Nehemiah prayed [Nehemiah 1:1-11, 2:4-8, 4:4-9, 5:19, 6:9, 13:4, 22,29,31]

Prayers may be defined as talking to God. The main types of prayers are:

4. Outline the problems that Nehemiah encountered during the rebuilding of the wall. (7marks)

Lack of cooperation [3:5]

When the construction work began, the nobles of Tekoa were not ready for manual work.

Some workers felt that the work was too much.

Some Jews betrayed Nehemiah by supporting his enemies.

He overcome this through his organizational skills and constant prayers.

Opposition from his enemies [4:1-13,16-23]

Sanballat, Tobiah and the surrounding kings opposed the rebuilding of walls of Jerusalem.

Sanballat belittled the Jews and their work while Tobiah ridiculed the Jewish efforts.

There were threats of violence from the enemies.

They plotted to attack Jerusalem and killed the builders.

There was insecurity due to threats which caused fear and panic among the workers.

Nehemiah himself had no peace of mind.

To address the problem, Nehemiah organized the Jews to defend the city.

With prayer, the wall was built and completed.

Oppression of the poor [Nehemiah 5:1-8]

The rich Jews exploited the poor.

Some lent money to the poor and charged interest.

When there was famine, the poor were forced to mortgage their lands as security for loans.

Some Jews sold their fellow Jews into slavery.

This annoyed Nehemiah because the rich Israelites were violating their covenant obligations to the poor.

Misuse of the temple and the offerings [Neh 13:4-13]

When Nehemiah returned from serving King Artaxerxes, he found Tobiah, a foreigner was housed in the Temple by Eliashib hence defiling it.

The Levites were not receiving their share of the sacrifice and because of this they had gone a way to cultivate their farms.

Nehemiah reorganized labour and the Temple services.

Violation of the Sabbath [13:15-22]

Some people went to work in farms and traders carried out their businesses on the Sabbath day. This annoyed Nehemiah because the Jews were provoking God's anger.

He made arrangements to ensure that the Sabbath was kept Holy.

Foreign influence [Neh 13:1-3, 23-28]

Due to intermarriage between Jews and non – Jews, the Jewish population was mixed. The children were of mixed marriages and this threatened the identity of the Jews as a nation.

Nehemiah cleansed them from everything foreign.

5.Outline the occasions when Nehemiah prayed. (6marks)

When he learnt about the suffering of the jews in juday

Before making his requests to king Atarxerxes to be granted permission

After chasing the son in law of sanballat the Horonite

After warning the people of judah against violation of the sabbath

When he asked God for security against his enemies

He prayed asking God to reward him for his good

6.Give the importance of prayer in Christian life today(7marks)

Through prayers Christians praise God/ thank him for his greatness and goodness.

It is one way of worshipping and communicating to God.

It brings Christians closer to God. Prayer strengthens the relationship between Christians and God.

Through prayers Christians request God for their needs e.g. success, blessings good health, and protection.

Prayer help Christian to listen to God and do his will.

In prayers Christians intercede for others e.g. they pray for the sick, needy, hungry, and oppressed and prisoners.

Prayers strengthens Christians to face and overcome challenges of life,

Communal/public prayers brings Christians together as believers in Christ.

Through prayers, Christians confess their sins and asked for forgiveness.

7.. State the leadership qualities potrayed by Nehemiah. (6marks)

Honesty

Patriotic

Compassionate

Team spirit

Hardworking

Prayerful

Commitment

8.Outline the religious practices observed by the Israelites during exile. (5marks)

Circumcision

Observance of the sabbath

Used psalms in worship

They observed the mosaic laws

They drew encouragement from the book of deutronomy