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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 8th 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.

