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 Three hours

Christianity I

Note :

- Answer **all** questions.
- In each of the questions 1 to 40, pick one of the alternatives (1), (2), (3), (4) which is **correct or most appropriate**.
- Mark a cross (X) on the number corresponding to your choice in the answer sheet provided.
- Further instructions are given on the back of the answer sheet. Follow them carefully.

- The messengers of God are known as
 - Pharisees.
 - Prophets.
 - Members of the Sanhedrin.
 - Levites.
- The birth of Jesus Christ saw the fulfilment of prophecy with the
 - coming of the Messiah.
 - coming of John the Baptist.
 - end of corruption.
 - arrival of the Roman Empire.
- "Many shall rejoice at his birth", This statement refers to
 - Birth of Jesus Christ.
 - Birth of Moses.
 - Birth of Samuel.
 - Birth of John the Baptist.
- Simeon and Anna are important because
 - they were Prophets.
 - they lived in the Jerusalem Temple.
 - they recognised baby Jesus as the messiah and proclaimed it.
 - they were holy persons who fasted and prayed.
- "Those who have two garments give one to the needy and those who have food give to those without food". The message we receive from the above statement is
 - distributing food in times of disaster.
 - feeling sorry for the poor who come to you.
 - by sharing what we have we make it an opportunity to serve Christ.
 - to give two sets of clothes to the neighbour in need of clothes.
- Jesus sent the seventy by saying "I send you like lambs into the midst of wolves". By this Jesus meant to indicate
 - that everyone in the society is evil.
 - the difficulties one has to face when involved in the work of Evangelism.
 - that in society, there are plenty of demon-possessed and oppressed persons.
 - the importance of working as innocent sheep.
- The importance of humanity going beyond the law was indicated to the Pharisees by
 - healing on the Sabbath day the man with a withered hand.
 - the calling of Levi.
 - the healing of Blind Bartimaeus.
 - healing of the Centurion's servant.
- The parables that were used to teach people about the principles of the Kingdom of God were
 - the Parable of the Prodigal son and talents.
 - the Good Samaritan and the parable of the great feast.
 - looking for the lost and the parable of the great feast.
 - the tax collector and the Pharisee and the parable of the lost coin.

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9. "My mother, my brothers are those who listen to the word of God and obey them". By saying this, Jesus revealed,
- (1) the importance of listening to the word of God.
 - (2) the importance of implementing the values of the Kingdom of God.
 - (3) that founder of the family is God the Creator.
 - (4) the establishing the new concept of family which goes beyond blood relationships.
10. "Woe to those who are rich ..." Find the correct words from those given below to complete this statement.
- (1) for you have received your consolation.
 - (2) you will be hungry.
 - (3) woe to you when all speak well of you.
 - (4) you will weep.
11. Jesus taught the futility of anxiety over personal needs through the two metaphors;
- (1) Salt of the Earth and light.
 - (2) lilies in the field and birds of the air.
 - (3) the poor woman who offered the last two coins.
 - (4) two foundations.
12. The important quality a Christian should imitate from the life of Abraham is
- (1) by faith submit to the will of God.
 - (2) to be committed to protect social values.
 - (3) to complete one's ambitions.
 - (4) to live your life by being a blessing to others.
13. A quality Christian should **not** follow from the life and mission of Paul is
- (1) to be a witness with boldness and courage.
 - (2) to praise God even in the middle of Persecution.
 - (3) not taking John Mark on the second missionary journey.
 - (4) to obey the voice of God and stand for justice.
14. "It is said, My house is a house of prayer. But you have made it a den of thieves". The truth that Jesus presented through this statement is
- (1) preventing sinners and fraudulent people entering the house of God.
 - (2) opening the church only for common worship.
 - (3) the church is a place to worship God in spirit and in truth.
 - (4) to keep the church open always for social work.
15. The most important event to bring the disciples to a right understanding of Jesus is
- (1) the baptism of Jesus.
 - (2) Jesus overcoming the power of temptation.
 - (3) Jesus praying in the garden of Gethsemane.
 - (4) Jesus' transfiguration.
16. Jesus revealed about his ministry for the first time
- (1) in the Sermon on the mount.
 - (2) when he faced the temptations.
 - (3) when he called the fishermen.
 - (4) in the Synagogue at Nazareth.
17. Consider the following statements.
- A - To have compassion on those who are in need.
 - B - To help by going beyond racial and caste barriers.
 - C - To spend our wealth, time and resources on others.
 - D - To act without being an obstacle to one's work.
- From the above, the challenges posed to us as Christians through the parable of the Good Samaritan are
- (1) A and B.
 - (2) A and D.
 - (3) B and C.
 - (4) C and D.
18. The Christian leader who is a good shepherd should **not**
- (1) look for those lost.
 - (2) look after your flock with love and dedication.
 - (3) get advantage from your flock.
 - (4) be committed to your service and look after those who are under your care.
19. Following are some of the duties and responsibilities a family should have.
- A - Wife and husband treat each other with love and equality.
 - B - Even if your children do wrong, say that they are right.
 - C - Children obey their parents.
 - D - Compare with neighbours and realise that your family is of a high standard.
- Out of these, the qualities a in Christian family should have are
- (1) A and B.
 - (2) A and C.
 - (3) B and C.
 - (4) C and D.

20. "Indeed the Lord is risen". This was said and gave a new hope by
 (1) the two disciples who were walking to Emmaus.
 (2) women who went to the tomb.
 (3) Mary of Magdala.
 (4) Peter by going to the other disciples.
21. To overcome spiritual poverty Christians should
 (1) take action to redistribute resources justly.
 (2) engage in religious rituals daily.
 (3) focus one's mind to collect heavenly blessings.
 (4) live in worldly pleasures and pretend that one is spiritual.
22. The suffering and death of Jesus was understood and become a witness to it by
 (1) the soldiers. (2) Joseph of Arimathea.
 (3) women in Jerusalem. (4) Simon from Cyrene.
23. The people in contemporary society who turn their backs to justice, act against their conscience and want cheap popularity, can be compared to
 (1) Peter. (2) Pilate the Governor. (3) John the Baptist. (4) Mary of Magdala.
24. What are the instructions given to Christians about Christ's Second Coming?
 (1) Gird your loins and have your lamps lit.
 (2) He will not come as a thief but inform and come.
 (3) The time and the day of coming is written in the word of God.
 (4) Punishment will be given not individually but collectively.
25. According to Paul's teachings the eternal truth will be
 (1) prophecy. (2) speaking in foreign tongues.
 (3) patience. (4) love.
26. Take into consideration the following.
 A - endures persecution and suffering with meekness and humility.
 B - initiates a royal political plan.
 C - His death is a sacrifice for sins.
 D - He is attractive in appearance.
 According to Prophet Isaiah, the marks the suffering servant has are
 (1) A and B. (2) A and C. (3) A and D. (4) B and D.
27. What did Jesus teach about forgiveness?
 (1) To forgive without limits and in order to receive forgiveness we need to forgive others.
 (2) To forgive one's brother/sister seven times is sufficient.
 (3) To seek forgiveness through prayer is not necessary.
 (4) When forgiving, one must always lay conditions.
28. The hope of a Christian is eternal life. What qualities should we have in order to attain it?
 (1) Righteousness, being united with Jesus Christ and noble joy.
 (2) Holiness, righteousness and sharing.
 (3) Happiness about God's glory, holiness and righteousness.
 (4) Being united with Jesus Christ, righteousness and forgiving.
29. Following are some of the qualities we could see in the early Church.
 A - They held everything in common.
 B - They appointed a team of deacons.
 C - They were engaged in preaching the word of God.
 D - They were with a common mind and spent time in Prayer.
 Which two of the above indicate that they worked toward promoting equality?
 (1) A and B. (2) A and C. (3) A and D. (4) B and D.
30. The occasion in which living water was given to the spiritual thirst and showed the way to the kingdom of God was
 (1) at the dialogue Jesus had with the woman of Samaria.
 (2) at the dialogue when Mathew was called.
 (3) When Peter denied Jesus.
 (4) at the dialogue with Nicodemus.

31. Given below are places, the call and responses Jesus received when he met the people.

	Place	Call	Response
A	Synagogue in Nazareth	To the mission of God	People stayed in the Synagogue
B	Lake Tiberius	Preaching to the people	All people listened only to him
C	Where Jesus stayed	Calling of the twelve and the seventy	Going out in the name of Jesus
D	Near the sea of Galilee	Challenge to Peter	Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ

Out of the above responses, what you, who are in mission, ought **not** to do?

- (1) A and B. (2) A and C. (3) B and D. (4) C and D.

32. The example we learn from Paul's actions when he was caught up in the storm is that

- (1) life can be caught up in storms.
 (2) even in the midst of crisis we can witness to God.
 (3) to accept the decisions of the sailors and those in authority as correct.
 (4) god constantly speaks to us through visions.

33. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians challenges the youth of today to

- (1) abstain from hatred, jealousy, alcohol and gambling.
 (2) deal only with those who love you in patience and gentleness.
 (3) forgive those who are compassionate to you.
 (4) avoid peers who lead you to temptation.

34. A Christian who coexists in a pluralistic society should **not**

- (1) attend festivals of those who belong to other nationalities and ethnic groups.
 (2) maintain the Christian identity at other cultural festivals.
 (3) accept that all religions are the same.
 (4) participate with others in social services.

35. Take note of the following.

- A - To be proud of renewal of life
 B - To obey God's call and be empowered by the power of the Holy spirit
 C - Even in the midst of persecution face all challenges with courage
 D - To think always that the decisions you take is according to Gods will

What should a Christian imitate from the renewed life of Paul?

- (1) A and B. (2) A and D. (3) B and C. (4) B and D.

36. Why is Rev. Michael Lapsley important?

- (1) Because he worked for the reconciliation of Blacks and Whites in South Africa.
 (2) Because he rose up against racism in America.
 (3) Because he called the people to lead a holy life.
 (4) Because he worked to raise the living standards of the poor.

37. Which of the following statements indicates that Jesus did **not** call his followers to live a Prosperous life?

- (1) One who put the hand to the plough and looks back is not against the kingdom of God.
 (2) Burying the dead is our responsibility.
 (3) Foxes have holes, birds have nests but the man has no place to lay his head.
 (4) First I will bid 'farewell to my family' and then follow you.

38. Who is the Person who lived in recent times, and followed the noble quality of Jesus and said, "I forgive you for the wrong you committed"?

- (1) Pope John Paul II. (2) Rev. Chandra Fernando.
 (3) Rev. Tissa Balasooriya. (4) Nelson Mandela.

39. As friends of Jesus, what should be our response when faced with suffering?

- (1) make every effort to change the situation.
 (2) To pray saying, "Gods' will will be done".
 (3) To be in solidarity with those who help us.
 (4) Try to face it by using our own strength.

40. In saying, "They shall beat their swords into plough shares and spears into pruning hooks". Prophet Micah indicated through this that

- (1) the war is over.
 (2) instead of weapons of war the implements of agriculture will bring prosperity.
 (3) for a war of destruction we need swords and spears.
 (4) the importance of an Agricultural economy.

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Christianity II

- * Answer **five (05)** questions, including question **one** and **four** other questions.
- * The first question carries **20** marks and each of the other question carries **10** marks.

1. (i) "People who walked in **darkness** have seen a great **light**." What is implied (expressed) in the **two** highlighted words?
 (ii) In the character of John the Baptist, we can learn about his humility and boldness. Give one instance each for these two qualities.
 (iii) Give **two** characteristics connected to the messianic concept.
 (iv) (a) What was the significance of the Feast of Pentecost to the Jewish people?
 (b) Why is the Day of Pentecost important for Christians?
 (v) Write **two** questions posed by the Sadducee's to Jesus Christ.
 (vi) (a) What was the main theme in the teaching of Jesus?
 (b) Give **one** method he used to express His teachings.
 (vii) Name **one** of the two persons who appeared to Jesus at His transfiguration and mention what they discussed with Jesus.
 (viii) Give **two** examples for Paul using his wisdom to act appropriately during his missionary journeys.
 (ix) What **two** teachings of Jesus regarding 'the true vine' is applicable to our lives?
 (x) Name the **two** Prophets who spoke about Gods' justice and Gods' holiness respectively.
2. "Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him".
 (i) Explain in brief, the instance Jesus expressed this saying.
 (ii) Give **three** worldly pleasures to which we are drawn.
 (iii) Give **five** ways, we as Christians, should act to overcome such worldly pleasures.
3. Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is in your midst".
 (i) Give **two** facts about the kingdom of God according to the above saying.
 (ii) Give **three** special features of those who claim to be citizens of the kingdom of God.
 (iii) As a Christian and a citizen of the kingdom of God, how will you demonstrate to the world the values of the kingdom of God? Give **five** examples.
4. (i) How many categories can the miracles performed by Jesus Christ be divided into?
 (ii) Select **three** of the above mentioned categories and give an example for each to show how Jesus' authority was displayed.
 (iii) Mention a miracle you or a friend of yours experienced and explain the responses Jesus expects from us for the kingdom of God.

5. (i) "I have no silver and gold... but walk in the name of Jesus."
(a) Who said this?
(b) What was the background to this saying?
(ii) From what actions of the healed person can we show that he was fully healed?
(iii) In relation to the above situation, explain your responses to a similar challenge.
6. "We live in a multicultural society".
(i) What were the diverse beliefs and ideologies Paul saw in Ephesus during his third missionary journey?
(ii) What was Paul's response to those beliefs and ideologies in Ephesus?
(iii) Based on Paul's response, explain what should be your response to a similar situations as a Sri Lankan.
7. Select **two** from the following topics and write short notes using biblical examples.
(i) The importance of early Christian values for the contemporary church.
(ii) The Christian Baptism.
(iii) Commitment for Peace.
(iv) The Council in Jerusalem.

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