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SENIOR FOUR

PAPER 1

Time: 2 Hrs.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- ✓ This paper consists of **several** examination items.
Answer **all items** for your good academic performance all.

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SECTION A

Respond to all items in this section

Item 1

Jack is a committed Christian who always takes readings in church and helps in ushering during the time the priest conducts Holy Communion. Jack also runs a business of selling food stuff .However his business is not doing well like that of a neighbor, he has few customers , one of his friends is advising him to go to a witch doctor for a charm for success in her business, which idea jack isn't comfortable with.

Task:

Help Jack to remain faithful to God despite the challenge he is facing. (20 Scores)

Item 2

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ, wives submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the lord, for the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body of which he is the savior. Now as the church submits to Christ so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for he..... (Ephesians 5: 21-25)

Task

- (a)Use the message in the bible text to strengthen marriages today.
- (b)Relate the African traditional ways of strengthening families with the teachings in the bible text above.



Item 3

Karungi Esther a senior one learner, she is a Muganda by tribe who loves and respects her tradition and custom so much. Every Tuesday and Friday evening after school, she normally helps out her mother in the garden. one Friday after garden work she returned home and found her aunties dressed in clan clothes. They were all happy to see her. She then asked her mum what was going on. Mother told her, “Karungi your aunties are here for you, whenever they come dressed in clan.

clothes, they are here for a special ceremony”. When I was pregnant with you, they came for prayers of a healthy mother and baby was made to our ancestors. what an exciting day when the baby came, your aunties were here dressed like this to hear the cry of a baby and the voice of the mother, they performed some rituals ,they again came dressed like that ,that’s why your name is Karungi. They are now here to initiate you into an adult, responsible mother and a great wife. They will again come back to hand you over to your future right man when the time comes.



Tasks

- With the knowledge you have attained about Christian rituals and celebrations, explain the meaning of rituals and its importance. (10scores)
- Mention the rituals Karungi has gone through. (05 scores)
- How do people today celebrate their stages of life? (05 scores)
- Identify some challenges associated with some African rituals. (05 scores)

Item 4

Go to the ant, you sluggard, consider its ways and be wise. It has no commander, no overseer or ruler yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest .How long will you lie there you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest and poverty will come on you like a thief as scarcity like an armed man (proverbs 6:6)

Task

- (a) Use the above biblical text to promote hard work so as to dominate the world (13 scores)
- (b) How can the above biblical scenario be related to traditional African practices which promoted development.

Item 5

In Akaka village is a polygamous family of two wives who all have children .the family had had a piece of land which he distributed equally to the two wives and their children before his death. However one wife and her children are not happy, they claim that they were allocated land which is infertile, this has left the two wives not talking to each other freely, they keep abusing each other and threatening to kill one another.

Task

- (a) As a student of Christian religious education, help to settle the family in the scenario.
- (b) Using the African traditional society ways and values, help the family above to live in peace

Item 6

Do not take revenge my dear friends but leave room for God “ wrath for it is written “ it is mine to avenge.” I will repay says the lord on the contrary. If your enemy is hungry, feed him, if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this you will help burning coals on his head, “ do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:19-21)

Task

Use the above biblical text to promote harmonious living society

Item 7

Mr. Oketch Jeremiah a business man is married to Mrs Oketch Jackie for 5 years now. They have 2 children and they live in Kasana village with a maid called Juliet Ajok. Mrs Oketch is a staunch Christians who loves praying for her family. Because she is a hospital nurse at Kasana general hospital, she spares time for prayers on Friday evenings at 9pm and comes back home in the morning at 6am on Saturday to prepare her family and she reports back to work .



- a) As a Christian, what kind of prayer does Mrs Oketch practice every Friday ?
What does it mean? (02 scores)
- b) Mention the kind of activities involved in Mrs Oketch kind of prayer. (8 scores)
- c) In your opinion, why do most Christians today support such prayers and suggest problems associated with such prayers? (10 scores)
- d) With the help of a bible. Give two examples of people who prayed such prayers.

Item 8

In one village, there lived a wedded pastor. He could preach and all the people knew he was righteous but his wife and children knew him better. One he was adulterous, He lied to his wife even with evidence. This made His children to do the opposite of his preaching. They disrespected him and even could steal the neighbours property. This made the pastors family to have a bad reputation.

Task.

- a) What things should a Christian avoid to do in order to worship God with all their might.
- b) As a Christian who has been attending prayers every Sunday. Write down the "Lord's prayer"

Item 9

Okello operates his business but has always been putting God first. He was successful in his business but time came when He involved himself into adultery. He spent his money on women and even become weak in faith. This made his business collapse and trouble came to his family. He became poor and failed to manage His family. His wife divorced him and he remained suffering with his children.

Task.

- a) Basing on the scenario, advise Okello on different ways of praying as an expression of respect to God in order to renew his faith.
- b) Explain the consequences of neglecting prayers as a family.

Item 10

Opede used to school in a far school from his home, one evening as he was coming back home, he met bad boys who beat him up and he lost his consciousness. They left him in a hidden dark place, lucky enough, a christian was grazing and chanced to see him, carried him and took him to his home, cared for him by giving him food, treatment among others. So when he became fine they became good friends up to now.

Task

- a) Basing on the scenario above, explain the importance of charity as a from of worship.
- b) What does the bible teach on charity as a form of worship.

Item 11

Grace is a God fearing woman, she is short tempered but even when she gets annoyed she can easily forgive and forget. Whenever she could get annoyed, she worshiped God through singing so as to calm herself. This has worked for her and always becomes relieved after worship.

Task.

- a) Discuss the reasons why its important to forgive when you pray.
- b) Identify the importance of worshiping God through singing.

Item 12

Nadongo lived a staunch village life in Katikamu village. At her age of 19, she attracted various men around her village to include those who were willing to marry her. The concerned village people who got to know about Nadongo's misconducts became so touched and decided to inform her parents who were always too busy with garden work. Nadongo's parents were very shocked by this information since they always tried to guide and counsel their daughter about the conduct of the village men, and they were always very strict to ensure that she undergoes the rightful procedures of marriage that would earn their family respect in the society.



Task

- i) As a Christian Religious Education learner, what advice would you give to Nadongo on the qualities she should consider to identify the rightful marriage partner?
- ii) Using the knowledge obtained from Christian Religious Education lessons, describe the rightful procedures that Nadongo can follow in preparation for her marriage.

Item 13

Canary and Peter are twins who possess same likes and interests but have differences in forms of prayer. Canary prefers private prayers to congregational prayers while Peter is the opposite of Canary.

- a) Compare and contrast between private and congregational prayers.
- b) Explain the importance of the private prayers to you as an individual.

Item 14

In one village live polygamous men who had four (4) wives but had never fulfilled his marital obligations of paying bride price for any of them. He had at least five (5) and above children from each woman. He never at any point supported them; He lived to punish them if they failed to perform to his expectations. However his children never loved him and were always against his actions.

Task

- a) Share situations where women and children are not treated in the same way in your community.
- b) How did Jesus promote the dignity of children in Mark 10; 13-16



Item 15

Sharon is an orphan who lost her parents when she was just born. She grew up under the care of her grandmother who also passed on when she was 5 years old. Other relatives took over but instead mistreated her. She was always beaten even without a serious mistake but always prayed privately whenever she faced challenges. She has found her life moving on meaning

that God comforts her in those hard times.

Task

Basing on the scenario, how are private prayers important to an individual and also list the challenges faced when conducting private prayer.

Item 16

“The world has been experiencing the Covid 19 Pandemic. in the affected countries, people were bed ridden others died, mass graves were dug to bury the dead gatherings in church like Sunday service and night prayers were put on hold and the whole country was confused.



TASK

- a) You are the minister of health of Uganda; write a report to the church leaders about how Christians should conduct congregational worship. (10 scores)
- b) Compose a prayer that can be used under such circumstances. (05 scores)

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Item 1

Jack, I understand your struggles and concerns about your business. It's natural to feel frustrated when things aren't going as planned. However, seeking help from a witch doctor goes against your Christian values and faith.

Remember:

1. God is your source of strength and guidance (Psalm 28:7).
2. Your business success comes from Him (Deuteronomy 8:18).
3. Seeking charms or occult practices is forbidden (Leviticus 19:31, 1 Samuel 28:3).

Instead:

1. Pray for wisdom and guidance (James 1:5).
2. Seek advice from fellow Christians or business mentors.
3. Trust in God's plan and timing (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Remember, your faithfulness to God is more valuable than any temporary success.

"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."
(Matthew 6:33)

Stay strong in your faith, Jack.

Item 2

(a) ***Strengthening Marriages using Ephesians 5:21-25:***

1. **Mutual Submission:** Couples should submit to each other, recognizing Christ as the foundation of their relationship.
2. **Respect and Love:** Husbands, love your wives as Christ loves the church; wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.
3. **Selflessness:** Husbands, sacrifice for your wives; wives, support your husbands.
4. **Unity:** Couples, work together as one, under Christ's guidance.

(b) ***African Traditional Ways and Biblical Teachings:***

Similarities:

1. **Respect for Elders:** African cultures emphasize respect for elders, mirroring the biblical teaching of submitting to one another.
2. **Community:** African traditional families value community, reflecting the biblical principle of mutual submission.
3. **Love and Support:** African cultures encourage love and support within families, aligning with the biblical teaching of husbands loving their wives.
4. **Spiritual Guidance:** Many African cultures recognize spiritual leaders, similar to the biblical emphasis on Christ as the head of the church.

Differences:

1. **Patriarchal vs. Mutual Submission:** African traditional societies often emphasize patriarchal authority, whereas the Bible teaches mutual submission.
2. **Individualism vs. Community:** Modern African societies sometimes prioritize individualism over community, contrasting with biblical and traditional African values.

Integration:

1. Blend biblical teachings with African cultural values.
2. Encourage mutual respect, love, and submission.
3. Foster community and unity within families.
4. Recognize Christ as the foundation of marriage and family.

By combining biblical principles with African traditional values, couples can build strong, Christ-centered marriages that honor their cultural heritage.

Item 3

a) **Meaning and Importance of Rituals:**

Rituals are symbolic acts or ceremonies that hold spiritual or cultural significance, connecting individuals to their community, heritage, or faith. They:

- ✓ Mark important life transitions (birth, coming of age, marriage, death)
- ✓ Provide a sense of belonging and identity
- ✓ Honor ancestors, gods, or spiritual beings

- ✓ Offer spiritual guidance and protection
- ✓ Foster community unity and solidarity

Importance:

- ✓ Preserve cultural heritage
- ✓ Provide emotional support and comfort
- ✓ Promote social cohesion
- ✓ Offer spiritual growth and enlightenment
- ✓ Create meaningful memories

b) Rituals Karungi Has Gone Through:

- ✓ Prayers for a healthy mother and baby during pregnancy
- ✓ Naming ceremony after birth
- ✓ Coming of age/initiation ritual (current event)

c) Modern Celebrations of Life Stages:

- ✓ Birthdays, baby showers, and christenings
- ✓ Graduation ceremonies
- ✓ Weddings and anniversaries
- ✓ Retirement parties
- ✓ Funerals and memorial services

d) Challenges Associated with Some African Rituals:

1. Harmful practices (e.g., female genital mutilation, child marriage)
2. Cultural appropriation and commercialization
3. Conflict with modern values and human rights
4. Limited understanding or misinterpretation of traditional practices
5. Pressure to conform to cultural expectations

Note: These answers aim to provide a balanced perspective, acknowledging the significance of cultural rituals while also addressing potential challenges.

Item 4

(a) Promoting Hard Work to Dominate the World:

The biblical text emphasizes the importance of hard work, diligence, and preparedness. The ant's example teaches us:

1. **Plan ahead:** Ants store provisions in summer for winter.
2. **Be proactive:** Gather food during harvest.
3. **Avoid laziness:** A little sleep, slumber, or folding of hands leads to poverty.

To dominate the world:

- ✓ Develop a strong work ethic.
- ✓ Set goals and plan strategically.
- ✓ Stay focused and avoid distractions.
- ✓ Cultivate self-discipline and responsibility.
- ✓ Embrace continuous learning and improvement.

By adopting these principles, individuals can:

- ✓ Achieve economic stability.
- ✓ Build successful businesses.
- ✓ Innovate and create opportunities.
- ✓ Inspire others through leadership.
- ✓ Drive global progress and development.

(b) Relating to Traditional African Practices:

In traditional African cultures:

1. **Community-based farming:** Shared labor and resources ensured collective prosperity.
2. **Apprenticeships:** Youth learned skills from elders, promoting expertise and innovation.

3. **Cooperative trading:** Communities traded goods, fostering economic growth.
4. **Storytelling and oral traditions:** Preserved history, cultural values, and wisdom.
5. **Rites of passage:** Initiation ceremonies marked transitions, emphasizing responsibility.

Similarities with the biblical text:

- ✓ Emphasis on community and collective progress.
- ✓ Importance of planning and preparation.
- ✓ Value of hard work and diligence.
- ✓ Recognition of leadership and responsibility.
- ✓ Preservation of cultural heritage.

By reviving and adapting these traditional practices, Africans can:

- ✓ Revitalize cultural identity.
- ✓ Foster community development.
- ✓ Promote economic empowerment.
- ✓ Preserve historical wisdom.
- ✓ Drive continental growth and dominance.

Item 5

(a) Christian Religious Education Approach:

1. **Mediation:** Organize a meeting with both wives and their children to discuss grievances.
2. **Bible Study:** Share scriptures emphasizing unity, love, and forgiveness (e.g., Matthew 22:37-40, Ephesians 4:32).
3. **Prayer:** Lead the family in prayer, seeking guidance and reconciliation.
4. **Encourage Open Communication:** Foster active listening and respectful dialogue.
5. **Seek Professional Help:** Consult with a counselor or mediator if necessary.

(b) African Traditional Society Approach:

1. **Family Meeting:** Convene a gathering with elders, wives, and children to address issues.
2. **Respect for Elders:** Involve village elders or community leaders to mediate and provide guidance.
3. **Traditional Dispute Resolution:** Utilize customary methods, such as reconciliation ceremonies or cleansing rituals.
4. **Emphasize Ubuntu (Interconnectedness):** Highlight the importance of family unity and collective well-being.
5. **Land Re-allocation:** Consider re-distributing land or finding alternative solutions.

Common Ground:

1. **Encourage Empathy:** Help both wives understand each other's perspectives.
2. **Foster Gratitude:** Focus on the blessings of family and land.
3. **Promote Forgiveness:** Encourage letting go of resentment.
4. **Strengthen Family Bonds:** Plan joint activities and celebrations.
5. **Seek Community Support:** Engage neighbors and community members in promoting peace.

By combining Christian and African traditional approaches, the family can:

✓ Resolve conflicts peacefully.

✓ Strengthen relationships.

✓ Preserve cultural heritage.

✓ Foster a sense of community.

✓ Live in harmony.

Item 6

Promoting Harmonious Living Society through Romans 12:19-21:

Forgiveness and Non-Retaliation

✓ Leave room for God's wrath (Romans 12:19).

✓ Refrain from taking revenge.

- ✓ Trust God's justice.

Showing Kindness to Enemies

- ✓ Feed the hungry enemy (Romans 12:20).
- ✓ Give drink to the thirsty enemy.
- ✓ Overcome evil with good.

Benefits of Harmonious Living

- ✓ Reduces conflict and violence.
- ✓ Fosters peaceful coexistence.
- ✓ Encourages empathy and understanding.
- ✓ Promotes personal growth and spiritual development.

Practical Applications

- ✓ Practice empathy and active listening.
- ✓ Resolve conflicts through dialogue.
- ✓ Show kindness and compassion.
- ✓ Seek mediation and counseling.

Community Building

- ✓ Organize community events.
- ✓ Encourage volunteerism.
- ✓ Support local initiatives.
- ✓ Foster inclusive and diverse environments.

By embracing these principles, we can create a harmonious living society where:

- Conflicts are resolved peacefully.
- Kindness and compassion thrive.
- Diversity is celebrated.

- Communities flourish.

Let us strive to overcome evil with good, promoting a culture of forgiveness, kindness, and understanding.

Item 7

a) Mrs. Oketch practices ***Vigil Prayer or All-Night Prayer***, a common Christian tradition.

Vigil Prayer: A prolonged period of prayer, often overnight, seeking spiritual guidance, protection, and strength.

b) Activities involved:

- ✓ Singing hymns and choruses
- ✓ Reading scriptures and meditations
- ✓ Intercessory prayers for family, community, and nation
- ✓ Personal reflection and confession
- ✓ Prayers for healing, protection, and deliverance
- ✓ Praise and worship
- ✓ Fasting or abstinence
- ✓ Group discussions and sharing

c) Why Christians support Vigil Prayers:

- ✓ Spiritual rejuvenation
- ✓ Seeking God's guidance
- ✓ Building community and fellowship
- ✓ Seeking protection and healing
- ✓ Emulating biblical examples

Problems associated:

- ✓ Physical exhaustion

- ✓ Lack of understanding or misinterpretation
- ✓ Emotional manipulation
- ✓ Overemphasis on ritual rather than relationship
- ✓ Neglect of other responsibilities

d) **Biblical Examples:**

- ✓ Jesus Christ's prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46, Luke 22:39-46)
- ✓ The Apostles' prayer in Acts 12:12, where Peter was imprisoned, and the church prayed through the night for his release.

Note: Vigil prayers demonstrate devotion, faith, and reliance on God, but should be practiced responsibly, balancing spiritual growth with physical and emotional well-being.

Item 8

a) **Things Christians Should Avoid to Worship God with All Their Might:**

- ✓ Hypocrisy (Matthew 23:27-28)
- ✓ Adultery and infidelity (Matthew 5:27-28)
- ✓ Dishonesty and lying (Colossians 3:9-10)
- ✓ Disrespect and disobedience to authorities (1 Peter 2:13-17)
- ✓ Stealing and coveting (Exodus 20:15, 17)
- ✓ Gossip and slander (Ephesians 4:31)
- ✓ Pride and arrogance (Proverbs 16:18)
- ✓ Unforgiveness and bitterness (Matthew 6:14-15)
- ✓ Idolatry and worldly desires (1 John 2:15-17)
- ✓ Neglecting family and relationships (1 Timothy 5:8)

b) **The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13):**

"Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen."

Note: The Lord's Prayer serves as a model for Christian worship and prayer, emphasizing:

- ✓ Reverence for God
- ✓ Submission to His will
- ✓ Dependence on His provision
- ✓ Forgiveness and reconciliation
- ✓ Protection from evil
- ✓ Acknowledging God's sovereignty and glory.

Item 9

a) Advising Okello on Different Ways of Praying:

- ✓ Repentance Prayer: Confess sins, seek forgiveness (Psalm 51).
- ✓ Thanksgiving Prayer: Express gratitude for blessings (Psalm 100).
- ✓ Intercessory Prayer: Pray for family, business, and personal restoration (Luke 18:1-8).
- ✓ Meditative Prayer: Reflect on scripture, seek guidance (Psalm 119:105).

- ✓ Worship Prayer: Praise God, acknowledge His sovereignty (Psalm 95:6-7).
- ✓ Fasting Prayer: Seek spiritual rejuvenation, discipline (Matthew 4:4).
- ✓ Community Prayer: Join fellow believers, share burdens (Acts 2:42-47).

To renew faith:

- ✓ Read scripture daily.
- ✓ Attend church services regularly.
- ✓ Seek mentorship from spiritual leaders.
- ✓ Surround yourself with supportive believers.
- ✓ Practice forgiveness and self-reflection.

b) Consequences of Neglecting Prayers as a Family:

1. **Spiritual drift:** Distance from God, faith weakening.
2. **Family disunity:** Lack of shared values, conflict.
3. **Moral decay:** Compromised values, wrong influences.
4. **Emotional turmoil:** Anxiety, depression, stress.
5. **Financial struggles:** Poor decisions, instability.
6. **Health problems:** Physical, mental, and emotional.
7. **Social consequences:** Broken relationships, isolation.

To avoid these consequences:

- ✓ Establish regular family prayer time.
- ✓ Encourage individual prayer practices.
- ✓ Study scripture together.
- ✓ Attend church services as a family.
- ✓ Foster open communication and forgiveness.

By prioritizing prayer and faith, Okello can:

- ✓ Rebuild relationship with God.
- ✓ Restore family unity.
- ✓ Regain business stability.
- ✓ Experience personal growth.
- ✓ Find peace and purpose.

Item 10

a) Importance of Charity as a Form of Worship:

Charity, or acts of kindness, serves as a vital form of worship, demonstrating:

1. **Compassion:** Showing empathy and concern for others.
2. **Selflessness:** Putting others' needs before personal interests.
3. **Humility:** Recognizing human equality and interconnectedness.
4. **Gratitude:** Expressing thanks through tangible actions.
5. **Faith:** Trusting God's guidance and provision.

In the scenario, the Christian's charity:

- ✓ Saved Opede's life.
- ✓ Demonstrated God's love.
- ✓ Fostered friendship.

b) Biblical Teachings on Charity as a Form of Worship:

- ✓ "Love thy neighbor as thyself" (Mark 12:31).
- ✓ "Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me" (Matthew 25:40).
- ✓ "Give, and it will be given to you" (Luke 6:38).
- ✓ "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26).

Scriptures emphasizing charity:

- ✓ Proverbs 19:17 - Helping the poor lends to God.
- ✓ Matthew 6:1-4 - Give secretly, without seeking praise.
- ✓ 1 Corinthians 13:3 - Giving without love is worthless.
- ✓ Hebrews 13:16 - Sharing with others brings praise to God.

Charity as worship:

- ✓ Honors God's commandments.
- ✓ Reflects Christ's love.
- ✓ Demonstrates faith.
- ✓ Brings joy and blessings.
- ✓ Unites believers and non-believers.

By practicing charity, we worship God through tangible acts of love, compassion, and kindness.

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