

Item 1

On a Sunday morning at your church, the sun shines through colorful windows, and everyone gathers to worship God. As people sing, pray, and listen to Bible verses, they feel close to God. The rituals like taking communion and being baptized connect them to other believers. Church is indeed a big family. This tradition has been going on for centuries, linking the present believers to the early Christians who followed Jesus. Even though the world changes, worship remains a constant way to grow one's faith and love for God.

Task

- (a) Explain the importance of the message in the scenario to Ugandan communities to day.
- (b) Show the difference between worship today to that of the Apostolic Church.

Worship is the act of showing reverence and adoration for God. It is done in different forms.

The message helps believers to become stronger in their faith in God. During worship Christians develop stronger relationships and draw closer to God. Ugandans will become stronger in their faith through the prayers, the singing and listening to Bible verses.

The message creates a sense of unity and belonging among the worshippers. Whenever believers meet for worship, they tend to draw closer to each other. The Ugandan communities will connect better when they meet in activities like celebrating holy communion during worship.

The message serves to promote a support system among believers. This happens when they meet for worship they celebrate rituals and bond more. The Ugandan communities of believers will have more solidarity when they attend congregational worship.

The message promotes love for God. Through worship Christians develop strong love for God as they engage in the different forms of worship and celebrations. Ugandan Christians will develop love for God when they sing songs of praise and worship, when they read the Bible text.

The message helps believers to talk to God through prayers. This enables one to communicate to God all their concerns like appreciation, requests, repentance among others and the worshipper gets guidance and comfort. Ugandan Christians will be able to pour out their requests to God. Example the need to end corruption in Uganda needs prayers.

The message promotes Bible reading which is the word of God. This improves the moral and spiritual guidance and deepens one's relationship with God. Ugandan communities will be able to understand the will of God and get the comfort in times of distress.

The message also shows that as people worship God, they preserve the Christian heritage where by amidst the many changes in the church, the basics should be preserved. Ugandans should link the present to the early Christian's way of worship. Example singing hymns in a formal way. Reading the bible during congregational worship among others.



(b) Show the difference between worship today to that of the Apostolic Church.

In the Apostolic church worship was conducted in simple and informal ways like in people's homes because they did not have buildings and the church congregation was small while the worship today is conducted in well-structured buildings designed in special architectural features with a sign of the cross.

The Apostolic church there was informal order of worship and it was basically oral transmission guided by the holy spirit and the needs of the day, while today worship is well structured with elaborate activities like bible study, collecting offertory, reading notices among other activities.

The apostolic church had leaders who were basically the apostles who had served with Jesus and some few others like Paul, while today the church has trained leaders from colleges, seminaries.

Today there are many religious denominations where worship is carried out with unique features like the Catholics, the Anglicans, Pentecostals, while the Apostolic church, was one and Paul condemned the divisions when they rose.

Breaking of bread was so central during worship in the Apostolic church where it occurred in most of the congregations while today Eucharist is programmed and some churches like the Pentecostals don't focus so much on that ritual.

The Apostolic church, they would read Jewish scriptures characterized by the old testament teachings like the law of Moses, while today the church takes readings from both the old and new testament.

During the Apostolic church worship was simple with moderate music but it was so impactful while today, there is contemporary music sung using public address systems accompanied by loud instruments like drums, piano, among others.

Item 2.

(a) Marriage is an agreement between man and woman who stay together as husband and wife to love, comfort and support each other as they move on in life. it is the beginning of a family.

Abdul and Ann Maria's marriage has stayed strong because there is love between the two. Love is patient and kind which are strong aspects in a marriage relationship. According to the text, Abdul and Ann love each other despite their differences in religion and this has kept them together.

The presence of children has kept that marriage strong as children are blessings from God, they bring joy and hope to a couple. in the passage we see Abdul and Ann Maria have differences in the religion but the children are comfortable because of the shared values of the parents.



There is loyalty to each other despite the diversity in faith. This commitment to each other has kept the marriage strong despite the challenges here and there. When Abdul's parents who are Moslems advised him to get another wife who is also of the same religion, he refused because he was devoted to Ann.

There is the aspect of mutual respect and understanding among the couple so much that they value and accept each other the way they are. That is why Abdul ignored the parent's views and respected his wife because there was understanding of each other.

Charity and generosity has kept the marriage strong. this can be manifested in acts of kindness which deepen affection between the couple. Amidst the different traditions, Abdul is okay with his wife even when he is advised to get another he does not take it because he is generous in his heart.

Also there is strong commitment to the marriage between the couple. This has kept the m strong because there is support for each other enabling them to meet each other's emotional and physical needs. Abdul is so committed to his wife that even the children are comforted by that.

(b) The institution of marriage served as a Centre of human existence in African traditional society in the following ways;

- In African societies, marriage served as the foundation of **family through procreation**. Giving birth to children led to increase in numbers. Different families formed communities leading to societies like Buganda have marriage and family ties rising up to clans then the major society.
- In Africa marriage contributed to the **economic development** of society where by each party had their roles to play for the wellbeing of a house hold. A combination of resources like livestock, land, food staff led to the stable human existence in Africa.
- Marriage promoted social and cultural continuity where by cultural values and practices were passed on from parents to their children and other generations. The Banisher kept their circumcision ritual which strengthened their communal bonds and cultural identity.
- It was from marriage that children were educated in several aspects like skills, social norms and values, which are necessary for adulthood and for the sustainability of human existence. Example, the Bahima children of Ankole learnt how to graze cattle from childhood. Also during marriage, they gave cattle as presents to the young couple to set them off economically.
- Married people also served as role models to the young generation in aspects of love, care, responsibility, accountability and many others. Among the Basoga ythe mothers demonstrated domestic roles like child care, love for their husbands which was impactful to the young girls in their own marriages and eventually central in human existence.
- Marrieds exhibited moral and ethical bahaviours like honesty, respect and integrity among themselves and with in the specific families which was extended to the wider community. among the Baganda, a married woman was supposed to show respect to her in-laws and the husband by dressing decently before them and kneeling while greeting them.



Marrieds depended on the extended family system whereby members supported each other in times of need. Among the Itesots of Eastern Uganda they stayed in a home stead and assisted each other in responsibilities and resources which promoted human existence.

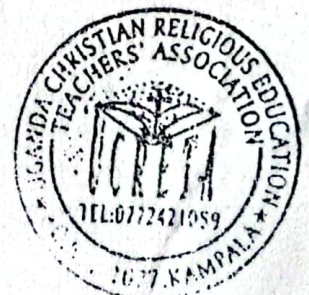
- Marrieds endeavoured to promote community by attending to personal and environmental cleanliness to prevent diseases. Every family head was required to participate in communal practices like cleaning wells to ensure availability of clean water for the entire community.
- Children's health was a responsibility of the parents right from prenatal up to post-natal stages. Every couple and family cared for the pregnant mothers and new borne to promote human existence. Most of the societies had herbs which were used at different stages of human growth.

Item 5

Ojok an s4 student has been denied school fees and scholastic materials by the step mother with allegations that he is the cause of the bad luck in the family manifested by poverty. The father who is also the head of the family has had quarrels with the step mother concerning Ojok's issues.

(a) Basing on the scenario above explain the causes of the chaos in that family.

- Financial hardships and poverty lead to chaos in Ojok's family. Poverty can lead to tension, resentment, and disputes among family members as they struggle with limited resources to meet their daily needs. Ojok's family faces financial difficulties due to poverty. The denial of school fees and scholastic materials make the situation worse among the family members.
- Step family challenges. Step parents may feel threatened by the step children, leading to conflicts over resources and authority. Blended families often experience challenges in establishing trust and cohesion. In Ojok's case, the stepmother's allegations against him worsened the situation in the sense that he was denied fees.
- Communication breakdown in the family lead to quarrels between members. When communication channels break down, family members struggle to address issues constructively. Ojok's father and stepmother ended up into misunderstandings because of lack of effective dialogue.



- Lack of an organized family structure leads to disharmony. Household chaos arises from the absence of a structure showing the different roles of the family members. In Ojok's family the step mother and head of family are conflicting concerning Ojok's issues due to disorganization.
- Failure to manage emotional Stress and absence of coping mechanisms. When family members lack coping mechanisms they end up into frustrations. Ojok's stepmother blames him for the family's misfortune which created emotional strain, frustration, blaming each other.

b) As a CRE student suggest possible solutions that can promote harmony in Ojok's family.

- Encourage family members to make every effort to **keep united** as a family through the bond of peace. Ephesians.4:3 which encourages **collective effort in achieving common goals** through peaceful interactions. Ojok's family can **heal their conflicts and restore harmony** by coming to an understanding to bridge the gaps within their family.
- Encourage family members to **share love** which binds conflicting parties together in perfect unity. Love connects family members despite differences. It acts as a **unifying force**. Col.3:14. Ojok's family needs love to **overcome the false accusations** made by the step mother towards him and build stronger bonds in the family.
- Encourage family members to live in harmony by **practicing humility**, avoiding pride and **conceitedness** can lead to reconciliation within the family. Ojok was denied school fees by the step mother out of pride and went ahead to accuse him of being the cause of poverty in the family.
- Encourage family members to **agree with one another** and be compassionate, and loving. Giving peace priority in all that they do. 1 Peter 3:8. If the step mother practices compassion, love, and focusing on peace, Ojok's family can find healing.
- They should pray to God for money so that they can be able to meet their daily needs as well as school fees. However, they also need to work hard and invest in an income generating activity instead of basing on superstitions like the one the step mother had concerning that Ojok was the cause of poverty.
- That family should practice repentance and forgiveness in order for the conflicting parties to reconcile.

