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2hours 30 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

*This examination consists of **six** items. It has **two** sections; **A** and **B**.*

*Respond to **four** items in all.*

*Section **A** has **two** compulsory items.*

*Section **B** has two parts; **I** and **II***

*Any additional items answered responded to will **not** be scored*

***All** responses **must** be written in the booklet(s) provided.*

Turn Over

SECTION A

*Respond to **all** the items in this section*

Item 1.

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from.....JOHN 2: 1-12. (NIV)

Tasks

- (a) How can the message in the above text strengthen Christian faith in God and rituals in Uganda today?
- (b) Explain the rituals in Traditional African religions that are similar to the Biblical teaching about rituals in the above texts.

Item 2

"Akello, a 35-year-old woman, has been grappling with infertility for over a decade, leading to feelings of shame, disrespect, and isolation within her community, which views her as 'cursed'. Her marriage is under strain due to her mother-in-law's pressure to produce grandchildren to extend the family lineage. Recently, Akello has joined our Christian community seeking spiritual support, guidance, and a safe haven.

- (a) Explain the Christian values that the scenario teaches young people about children in marriage.
- (b) Write an essay, explaining traditional African marriage approaches that should have been used to keep the marriage in the scenario stable

SECTION B

This section has two parts I and II

Part I

Respond to one item from this part.

Item 3.

"The village of Kijiji is grappling with a pressing issue. A sizable number of young adults, aged 18-30, are struggling with unemployment and a lack of enthusiasm for traditional manual occupations such as agriculture, craftsmanship, and trading. Despite the importance of these roles in the community's economy, many young people perceive them as beneath their aspirations, instead holding out for scarce white-collar opportunities. This mindset has resulted in a significant portion of the population relying on others for support, thereby hindering the community's economic growth and development."

Task

- (a) Using biblical teachings give guidance to the youth of Kijiji which the scenario talks about.
- (b) Write an essay of about 300 words, the traditional views that relates with work among the youth of Kijiji.

Item 4.

"Meet Emily, a driven 25-year-old marketing executive who embodies the 'hustle culture'. She consistently logs long hours, often surpassing 12 hours a day, and rarely allows herself time to recharge. Despite her friends and family expressing concern about her evident exhaustion and burnout, Emily has convinced herself that relentless hard work is the sole path to achieving success. However, a pivotal conversation with her mentor, a seasoned businesswoman, challenges Emily's perspective. Her mentor enlightens her on the significance of leisure time, highlighting its role in fostering productivity, creativity, and overall well-being. Initially skeptical, Emily decides to take a step back, reassess her priorities, and make time for rest and relaxation, potentially transforming her approach to work and life."

Task

Using Christian and Traditional African views, explain the importance of leisure which the scenario informs the youth today.

Respond to one item from this part.

Item 5

"The Nabatanzi family is entangled in a contentious land dispute, sparked by a controversial transaction following their father's passing. Their paternal aunt, Nalongo, unilaterally sold a significant portion of the family's 5-acre land to her daughter, Najjuma, without the knowledge or consent of the five sisters (Nabatanzi's daughters). The sisters, now grown women, feel betrayed and deprived of their rightful inheritance. They demand either the return of the land or fair compensation, while Nalongo justifies her actions as a necessary measure to ensure the family's financial security. However, Najjuma remains resolute, refusing to relinquish the land, citing her significant investment in the property and her perceived entitlement to it."

Task

Using Traditional and Christian views about harmonious co-existence help the family in the scenario to leave at peace with one another.

Item 6.

"In an attempt to trap Jesus, the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, citing the Law of Moses, which dictated stoning as punishment. Jesus, aware of their intentions, responded by writing in the dust with his finger, 'Let he who is without sin cast the first stone.' The Pharisees, confronted with their own guilt, slunk away one by one, beginning with the eldest. Finding the woman alone, Jesus showed compassion, saying, 'I do not condemn you; go, and sin no more.'"

Task

- (a) How can the message in the scenario teach young people about conflict resolution?
- (b) Explain the Christian and traditional views about living in harmony to promote peace.

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