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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

*This paper consists of Sections **A** and **B**. It has **six** examination items in all.*

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

*Section **B** has two Parts: **I** and **II**. Choose **one** item from each Part.*

*Answer **four** examination items in all.*

*Any additional item answered will **not** be scored.*

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

SECTION A

Answer both items in this Section.

Item 1:

Mary, whose parents were Born-again Christians, dedicated her in church and when she was twelve years old, she received water baptism. Mary is an usher in church and she also sings in choir. When she reached senior four, her parents fell sick and spent their savings on medical care; and so they found difficulty paying Mary's school fees. Her uncle who is a Muslim came to her help but he is telling her to stop going to church and convert to Islam if he is to continue paying her school fees. This has left Mary confused.

Tasks:

- (a) Explain the biblical teachings which can enable Mary to maintain her Christian faith.
- (b) How can religious approaches of our time help Mary to remain committed as a Christian?

Item 2:

“... It is because he knows you have broken your promise to the wife you married when you were young. She was your partner and you have broken your promise to her, although you promised before God that you would be faithful to her. Didn't God make you one body and spirit with her? What was his purpose in this? It was that you should have children who are truly God's people. So make sure that none of you breaks his promise to his wife. 'I hate divorce,' says the Lord God of Israel. 'I hate it when one of you does such a cruel thing to his wife. Make sure that you do not break your promise to be faithful to your wife.' **Malachi 2: 14 – 16 GNB.**

Tasks:

- (a) How can the biblical text above guide weak marriages to be strong?
- (b) Explain the traditional African values on marriage related to those in the biblical text above.

SECTION B

Part I

Answer one item in this Part.

Item 3:

Jorum, a university graduate was employed in one of the highly-paying security companies in Uganda. However, Jorum began to spend most of his evenings in the drinking joints and always reported to work late. He also used to leave early and he is always in conflict with other workers since he used to come to work in a drunken state. The Manager on three occasions served him with warning letters. Despite that he would not changed and his reckless spending on women and wine made it impossible for him to acquire tangible personal development. Just a few days back, he was served with a termination letter.

Task:

Explain the biblical and contemporary approaches that can be adopted to help the young men who behave like Jorum to be productive at work.

Item: 4

Peter opened a found processing company which was doing well at the start but later declined steadily owing to a failure to pay staff salaries, harassing workers and working them beyond normal working conditions, denying them mandated leave days and sometimes deducting their salaries without clear reasons. As a result, the company began to lose its good employees steadily as they looked for better conditions elsewhere. The end result is that the company lost business and market and today, it is a struggling business which is a shadow of its former self.

Tasks:

- (a) Using biblical teachings, illustrate how Peter can remain productive in his business.
- (b) Explain the modern ways of making a business like this productive.

Part II

Answer one item in this Part.

Item 5

‘You must not pass along false rumours; you must not co-operate with evil people by lying on the witness stand. You must not follow the crowd in doing wrong when you are called to testify in a dispute; don’t be swayed by the crowd to twist justice. And don’t slant your testimony in favour of a person just because that person is poor. Be sure never to charge one falsely with evil. Never sentence an innocent and blameless person to death, for I never declare a guilty person to be innocent. Take no bribes, for a bribe makes you ignore something that you clearly see. A bribe makes even the righteous twist the truth. **Exodus 23: 1 – 9 NIV**

Tasks:

- (a) How can the biblical text above help to promote justice in our society?
- (b) Relate the biblical text above to the modern ways of promoting justice.

Item 6

Two neighbours live close to each other in Makuyu a remote village somewhere in Africa. Of recent, one of the neighbours cultivated beyond the landmark boundary, which separates their pieces of land. This resulted into a conflict between the two neighbours. They fought and hurled abuses at each other when the children and wives were listening. One of the neighbour issued a death threat to the other. Their animals do not cross each other’s land and come back alive or uninjured. They do not greet each other. The children cannot play together, however much they would like and their wives cannot be friends despite being outside the conflict.

Tasks:

- (a) What Christian teachings can be applied to bring harmony to the neighbours above?
- (b) How did the African traditional context address and resolve conflicts similar to the above?