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**(THE OLD TESTAMENT.)**

**MARKING GUIDE-**

a) Discuss the task Adam had when God commanded him to multiply

and subdue the earth in Genesis 1:28

* On the sixth day God created human beings and according to the first creation after creating Adam God gave him the instruction that he was supposed to multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. By giving the above command God gave Adam the following tasks:-
* Adam had the task to pro – create ( produce children)
* He had the task to marry or to embrace marriage
* Adam had the task to enjoy sex for the purpose of pro – creation
* He had the task of practicing monogamy ( the marrying of one women ) as the ideal marriage relationship.
* Adam had the task of co – creating
* He had the task of defending his status of being supreme or above all the other created creatures
* Adam had the task of respecting the principle of equality between him and woman.
* He had to ensure that they both (Adam and Eve) lived in harmony with each other
* Adam had the task of representing God on earth.
* He was tasked to oversee and control other creatures that God had created.
* Adam was supposed to use the intelligence and wisdom he had to differentiate between good and bad
* He had the task of protecting and defending God’s image and likeness in which he was made.
* He was supposed to protect God’s creatures or the environment in order to bring the world under his control.
* Adam had the task of loving God who gave him the responsibility of controlling other creatures.
* He was also tasked to love fellow man in order to subdue the earth / world.
* Adam was also to depend on God for him to be able to multiply , fill the earth and subdue it.
* He had the task of staying in marriage permanently giving no room for divorce.
* Adam was tasked to make the world habitable so that he can live in peacefully.
* Adam had the task of reasoning in order to make clear decisions for him to subdue the world.
* He had the task of fellowshipping with God and fellow man.

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b) In what ways did Adam’s descendants fall short of the above

command?

* Cain killed his younger brother , Abel.
* The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were involved in many sinful acts for example homosexuality.
* Kings killed their subjects for example David killed Uriah the Hittite and husband of Bathsheba.
* Kings Solomon and Rehoboam favoured the southerners and oppressed the northerners.
* King Ahab sacrificed his own son as a burnt offering to idols.
* Some kings consulted mediums or practiced witchcraft for example Saul consulted a woman medium at Endor.
* King Solomon practiced polygamy . He had 700 wives and 300 concubines.
* King David committed adultery when he slept with Uriah’s wife , Bathsheba.
* King David later grabbed Uriah’s wife, Bathsheba.
* King Ahab and his Jezebel introduced foreign gods and even built altars for those gods like Baal, Asherah, Astarte etc.
* Priest Eli’s sons; Hophni and Phinehas practiced sex immorality by playing sex with the women who worked in the Lord’s temple.
* David’s son Amnon raped his half sister , Tamar.
* King Solomon over taxed the Israelites especially those from the north
* Kings David and Solomon subjected the Israelites to forced labour.
* Solomon sold Israel land to the king of tyre, Hiram
* There were many false prophets and priests who criticized.
* Aaron made a gold bull image and told the Israelites that it was their God.
* Jeroboam, son of Nebat refused the northerners to go to the south, Jerusalem and worship God from the Jerusalem temple.
* Israelites married foreign women for example Ahab married Jezebel from Sidon (Phoenicia)

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1. a) “Abraham rightly deserved the title of father of the faithful” Justify

* Abraham was a son of Terah who originally lived in Ur of Mesopotamia but later settled in Haran. He was called at the age of 75years and he accepted God’s call which made him earn himself the little of father of the faithful. Abraham did many things that justify him as a faithful man and they are as follow:-
* At the age of 75 years Abraham showed no hesitation to God’s call. He simply accepted and did what God told him.
* Despite his old age, Abraham did not give any excuse but endured all the hardships involved in that long journey.
* Abraham built altars at shechem and another at a place between Bethel and Ai and worshipped the lord there.
* He abandoned the worship of the visible gods and started worshipping the invisible God, Yahweh.
* Abraham accepted and behaved all the promises God made to him even when they looked quite strange and unbelievable.
* He patiently and faithfully waited for the fulfillment of the many promises God made to him.
* Abaraham was willing to offer his only son, Isaac as a sacrifice to God.
* Abraham used to offer sacrifices to God.
* Despite his being childless, Abraham still showed faith and respect to his Father (God), Yahweh.
* Even when terrible famine hit and drove him out of canaan to Egypt, Abraham continued in his faith in Yahweh.
* HE RISKED HIS WIFE, Sarah to be taken up by the Egyptian king (Pharaoh). He never abandoned God when the king took over his wife.
* He accepted to carry out the painful ritual of circumcision at the age of 99 years.
* He prayed to God asking Him to forgive the people of Sodom and Gomorrah and spare those wicked cities.
* Abraham accepted to enter into an un conditional covenant with God where he accepted unconditionally the terms of the covenant.
* He accepted to change his name and that of his wife from Abram to Abraham and Sarai to Sarah respectively.
* He organized for the marriage of his son, Isaac and Rebecca thus ensuring that his son did not marry a Canaanite woman .
* It was because of his faith that he was visited by God at Mamore. One of the three men who visited him was God.
* He rescued lot and the property that had been taken by the kings who had taken lot as a slave
* Abraham separated with his Nephew, peacefully by allowing him to take the best part of land.
* He did not complain to God even after God promising that his (Abraham’s) descendants would be enslaved in a foreign land.

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b) Comment on the lessons modern Christians learn from Abraham’s

Faithfulness.

* Modern Christians should pray for God’s guidance and protection in order to deal with the temptations they face.
* They should pray for God’s wisdom which will help them to differentiate or judge between what is good and evil so that they can live faithful lives.
* They should put God ahead of everything they do in order to keep their relationships with God good.
* Modern Christians should depend on God in everything they do as it is the only way they can remain faithful.
* Modern Christians should forsake the devil or Satan and all the agents of the devil or Satan in order to get or receive God’s favours and blessings
* They should acknowledge or accept God’s living in their midst and so should do what pleases Him.
* They should have total faith in God and ignore the influences of other gods
* Modern Christians should appreciate what God gave them in order to guard against greed and admiring other people’s property.
* Modern Christians should positions as mere creatures of God’s image in which they were created.
* They should time and again reflect on or revise God’s laws as a way of keeping in line with what God demands them to do.
* Modern Christians should repent to God whenever they commit sin so that they can keep themselves in line with what keeps them faithful.
* Modern Christians should pray to God all the time the same way Abraham as a faithful servant always prayed to God.
* They should be ready to take on hard tasks or situations since such tasks or situations are aimed at testing their faith.
* They should be willing to take on new names that make them new members of the Christian community.
* Modern Christians should take on monogamous marriage relationships just like Abraham faithfully stayed in marriage with Sarah much as she was barren.
* They should be ready to sacrifice or fore go certain things that seen to be good or of value to them for the sake of God like Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son, Isaac

**12PS**

1. a) Discuss the role of God’s instructions to the Israelites as presented

in Exodus 20:1 – 17.

* The instructions that God gave to the Israelites through Moses that are found in Exodus 20:1 -17 are the ten commandments or the Decalogue and they played the following roles:-
* The instructions guided the Israelites in their relationship with God and fellow man.
* They helped the Israelites to live in agreement with their God, Yahweh since they spelt out clearly how they were to live in agreement with God.
* They showed the Israelites the accepted behavior within the community of the people of God, the Israelites.
* The instructions helped the Israelites to nurture or develop a sense of self control for example the commandment; do not covet.
* They helped them to realize their union with God, Yahweh in the covenant they made in which the instructions were the core of the covenant.
* The instructions showed them that they were sinners.
* They made them realize and acknowledge God’s holiness.
* They made the Israelites realize that sinfulness was an act of disobedience to God’s law.
* The Israelites were able to maintain harmony in society for example the instruction that forbade them from committing murder, stealing , lying or deceiving etc.
* They played role of helping the Israelites have respect for one another for example the instruction , do not bear false witness against others.
* They made them realize that they were a unique nation and people.
* They made them realize God’s special consideration for them as a divinely elected or chosen nation or community.
* They instilled into them a sense of being hardworking for example the commandment or instruction; do not steal.
* They helped them understand or realize that God gives life through parents through the commandment respect and honour the parents.
* They made the Israelites aware of the part they were to play in the covenant relationship with God, the part of being obedient.
* They helped them in keeping inter – personal relationship for example the instruction that required them to love their neighboure to respect other people’s property.
* They shaped the Israelites’ morality or moral behavior for example the commandment do not commit adultery.
* Through the instructions the human rights of the Israelites were respected for example the commandment do not commit murder.
* Made them realize that they were all equal before God and the law.
* Emphasized the fact of monotheism as the core of the Israelites’ belief and worship
* Made them aware that sex was a God given gift which was not to be abused or misused for example the commandment do not covet other people’s wives

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b) Show the importance of the above instructions to Christian today

* God’s instructions in Exodus 20:1-17 are of importance to Christians today because they enable them to worship only one God.
* They enable Christians today to honour the Lord’s day, the Sabbath.
* They encourage Christians today to work hard in order to provide themselves with their needs instead of stealing.
* They enable Christians to nurture a sense of self control in order to refrain from acts like coveting other people’s property or wives
* The instructions help Christians today in respecting and protection other people’s lives through the commandment do not kill / murder.
* They also enable Christians today to respect and honouur people’s human rights for example the right to live through the commandment do not murder.
* They instill a sense of morality in the Christians today through the commandment or instructions; do not commit adultery , do not steal etc.
* The instructions encourage Christians today to be contented with the little or whatever they have through the instructions do not cove, do not steal etc.
* They instill a sense of love for the neighbours through the instruction love your neighbor as you love yourself.
* The instructions encourage Christians today to honour and respect the Lord’s name through the instruction ; never use the Lord’s name in falsehood or vain
* They enable the Christians today to relate well with God.
* They enable them to relate well with their fellow men
* They enable the Christians today to protect their unique relationship with God.
* They help the Christians today to maintain harmony in society for example the instruction that forbade them from committing murder , stealing , lying etc.
* The instructions instill a sense of respect for one another for example the instruction that forbade the Christians today from bearing false witness against others
* They encourage the Christians today to live holy lives.
* The instructions direct Christians today to live holy lives
* The instructions direct Christians today on the accepted behavior they should take on or embrace.

**12PS**

1. a) Account for the Israelites’ taking on the religious practices of the

Canaanites.

* When the Israelites left Egypt, they finally settled in the promised land of Canaan where they lived with people of different religious, social and economic backgrounds and as a result ended up adopting some of those practices. The following were the causes of such behaviors by the Israelite;-
* The Israelites’ change of occupation from nomadic pastoralism to agrarian life which required then to settle and practice sedentary or settled farming.
* The Canaanies’ dependence on Ball for their success especially in agriculture
* Yahweh’s unimmediate response to the Israelites’ prayers and demands.
* The Israelites’ sheep , cattle , children and wives looking less healthy than those of the Canaanites influenced them to take on the Canaanite religious practices
* The rare visions from God to the Israelites made them to turn to the Canaanite religious practices
* The invisible nature of their God, Yahweh as compared to the visible Canaanite gods.
* The exciting nature of worship of the Canaanite gods like Baal which seemed to be more practical and active.
* Lack of good and exemplary leaders also caused the Israelites’ taking on the Canaanite religions practices.
* The friendly and hospitable nature of some of the Canaanites overwhelmed the Israelites and they took on the Canaanite religious practices.
* The influence of the young generation who God not seen some of the great works and miracles of God.
* The Israelites disobedience of God when they refused to carry out the act of Heren.
* The original sin of Adam and Eve continued to haunt them.
* The strict and difficult nature of god’s laws as compared to the lax or flexible and light laws of the Canaanites.
* The Israelites’ taking their God, Yahweh for granted also made them to take on the Canaanite religious practices
* Their desert problems were over and were only willing to turn to their to forsake or betray the Canaanite gods who were thought to have been the original owners of the land of Canaan.
* The military weakness of the Israelites and their need to get military aid
* from the Canaanites.
* The death of Joshua left a leadership vacuum.
* The general prosperity of the Canaanites nations for example the philistines
* The Israelites’ lack of faith and trust in God.
* The general human weaknesses of the Israelites
* The Israelites with time ignored while others forgot the covenant requirements.
* The inter marriages that took place between the Israelites and the Canaanites.
* The similarity in the names used by the Israelites and Canaanites to refer to their supreme beings for example.
* The similarity in the nature of worship of both the Canaanites and Israelites for example building altars and offering sacrifices.
* Making or conclusion of political alliances with the Canaanite pagan nations and other neighbouring nations

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b) Discuss the Manifestations of dual loyalty among Christians in

Uganda today .

* Dual loyalty among Christians today refers to the belief in and carrying out practices of the true God, Yahweh alongside beliefs and practices of the pagan gods ( religious syncretism). Dual loyalty in Uganda today is manifested in the following ways:-
* Religious hypocrisy or religious formalism where by Christians pretend to be devoted Christians yet they are not and believe in other spiritual powers.
* They practice both Christianity and African traditional religions.
* Some have adopted practices of other religions alongside Christianity for example polygamy which is accepted among African traditionalists and Muslims.
* Excessive love for material things for example money and their belief in Jesus’ teaching about heavenly riches or treasures.
* They practice idolatry and Christianity .
* Christians in Uganda today seek help or aid from both their true God , Yahweh and also from diviners , seers, native traditional doctors etc.
* They give offertory to their true God, Yahweh but also venerate the spirits of the dead by giving or pouring libation.
* Some go to shrines to seek answers from the traditionalists and also seek answers or solutions from the true God, Yahweh.
* They is offering of offertory in form of money a long side offering of human sacrifices to the African traditional gods.
* There is seeking protection from the true God but at the same time they look at military mighty and also look at protection from watchmen , fences and dogs.
* There is giving of Christians and those of the traditional gods like Mukasa, Kintu , Ddungu etc.
* There is dedication of children to both the true God, Yahweh and also to other traditional gods like Kintu, Mukasa, Mukama and others.
* Some Christians in Uganda today construct churches from where they worship God, Yahweh but also construct spirit huts or shrines for the worship of small and pagan gods.
* Celebration and following of Christian religious ceremonies or days like Easter , Christmas and others alongside celebrating traditional day and rituals for example twin dancing.
* Wearing or carrying of external signs or objects to show that they are Christians for example carrying bibles , wearing rosaries or crosses and also wearing bangles and other satanic medals that are related to pagan gods.
* Embracing or taking on the Christian sacraments like baptism and holy Eucharist but at the same time get involved in unchristian or pagan rituals like funeral rites,, twin dancing etc.

**10PS 02SH**

1. Assess the role of prophet Samuel in the socio – religious and political life of the Israelites.

* Samuel was a son of Elkanah and Hannah and was brought up by Priest Eli of Shiloh and to be called as God’s prophet he was living with Eli at the sanctuary of Shiloh .
* To a greater extent Samuel played a positive role in the socio – religious and political life of the Israelites and he did this in the following ways:-
* He preached are prophesied God’s message aimed at making the Israelites upright as far as the covenant faith was concerned.
* Samuel led the Israelites into spiritual repentance to their God, Yahweh for example at mizpah
* Samuel sacrificed to God on behalf of the Israelites for example in Islam 7:9ff he offered a sacrifice to God when the philistines were about to attack the Israelite.
* He constantly advised the Israelites on religious matters.
* Samuel mediated between God and Israelites when the tribal confederation was going to be transformed into a monarchy.
* He used to receive the Israelites’ sacrifices to God at Shiloh
* Samuel used to judge over the Israelites for example he could settle disputes among the Israelites by moving around the Israelite territory through places like Mizpah, Gilgal, bethel and Ramah.
* Through his work as a judge Samuel used to call upon all the Israelites to behave as brothers and sisters which in the end created or inspired unity among the Israelites’.
* Samuel prophesied to the Israelites warmly them about how the kings they were demanding for would mistreat or oppress them.
* Samuel liberated the Israelites from idolatry.
* He encouraged and promoted monotheism the worship of only one God, Yahweh among the Israelites
* Samuel ensured that peace prevailed in Israel among the Israelites by maintaining law and order ensuring that Israelites by maintaining law and order and ensuring that Israel was used following the covenant law.
* He assisted priest Eli with the duties of priesthood at Shiloh.
* Samuel played the role of a king maker when he anointed kings Saul and David.
* He also gave the Israelites kings the constitution or laws that was / were to guide them in their governance of God’s people.
* Samuel played the role of a counselor by time and again reminding kings like Saul and David of the consequences of going against god’s commands.
* He used to elicit military victory through offering sacrifices and prayers which led to military successes over Israel’s enemies
* Samuel played the role of a seer where by he used to give predictions and solutions to people’s problems for example he told Saul that his father’s donkeys were already at Kish’s home
* He played the role of a law giver and enforcer for example he gave laws that guided the king and as a law enforcer he killed king Agag of Amatek whom Saul had spared.
* Samuel played the role of an intercessor whereby whenever the Israelites were in trouble and God wanted to punish them, he could intercede and plead for them.
* He played the role of a teacher who always taught the Israelites how to conduct themselves before God and amongst themselves by following the covenant laws.

However to a smaller extent Samuel had weaknesses that led to his playing a negative role socio – religious and political life of the Israelites and he did this in the following ways;-

* He was guilty of trying to make the office or institution of judgeship and priesthood hereditary when he appointed his sons Joel and Abijah as his successors
* He appointed his immoral sons; Joel and Abijah to take over the office of judgeship and priest hood in Israel
* He failed to instill discipline in his sons yet he was much a ware of their immoral behavior.
* Samuel delayed to go to the scene and offer sacrifice to God before king Saul and the Israelites could go for war against the philistines.
* He over exaggerated what the kings of Israel would do from the negative perspective . Not all that he prophesied came to fulfillment.
* Samuel never told the Israelites the good things that the kings of Israel nation.
* He is said to over supervised the first king of Israel , Saul leaving him no chance to apply his ( Saul’s ) personal wisdom.
* Samuel’s failure to bring up his sons; Joel and Abijah well occasioned or caused the Israelites’’ demand for a king.
* Despite Saul’s pleading with him to plead for him before God, Samuel was uncompromising and so Saul was rejected as king by God.
* His rejection of or opposition to the Israelites ‘ demand for a king shared that he was power hunting because he had appointed his sons to act as judges.

**15 OTP (positive role) 06oTS (negative role ) 04 SH**

1. a) Examine the various ways in which the first monarch ruled

according to the covenant faith.

* Israel’s first monarch or king was Saul and he ruled Israel according to the covenant faith in the following ways;-
* He made military successes by defeating the Ammonites, the Philistines, the Edomites, the Moabites and the Amalekites.
* Saul inspired Israel men to fight Israel men to fight Israel’s enemies with converge in all wars involving Israel.
* He established a strong and well disciplined army which had men like David who joined it willingly.
* Saul inspired unity among the twelve tribes of Israel through visiting the various tribes of Israel.
* He inaugurated the establishment of Israel as a monarchy changing from a confederate state.
* Saul avoided nepotism and tribalism by treating all the Israelites equally hence not favoring even his tribe, Benjamin.
* He established fair administration in which he did not subject the Israelites to practices like forced labour, over taxation , forced military conscription etc.
* Saul did not live a luxurious or extravagant life in his palace; his palace was a simple one and so he did not enjoy at the expense of the majority Israelites.
* He cleared the hill country of the philistines, removing all the obstacles that would have been used by the philistines as hiding places.
* Saul won support and popularity from the Israelites to the extent that during times of disaster they always rallied behind him
* He improved on the economic strength of Israel when he broke through the Iron monopoly of the Philistines.
* He was able to make his own weapons of war after breaking through the Iron monopoly of the Philistines.
* He was able to make his own weapons of war after breaking through the Iron monopoly of the Philistines hence able to defend Israel against her enemies.
* He was a courageous and nationalistic king who put Israel’s interests a head of him own interests for instance he died in battle defending Israel.
* He was a forgiving and peaceful king for instance he forgave the Israelites who God despised him because he came from the smallest tribe in Israel , Benjamin.
* Saul accepted to take on the high office of king of Israel. He did not turn down God’s choice and Samuel’s anointment.
* He showed willingness to repent and accepted that he had sinned by carrying out a sacrifice before the war against the philistines.
* Saul was not boastful and he had the ability to keep secrets
* He also ruled as a humble man who never looked down his subjects.
* Saul also tried his best to work closely with Samuel.
* He expanded and increased the size of Israel

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b) How beneficial is the reign of Israel’s first monarch to Christians

today?

* Christians today should listen to advice from religious leaders just as Saul was expected to listen to Samuel.
* Christians today should do only what is meant for them and leave other duties to those designated to do them.
* Christians today should seek advice from the religious leaders unlike Saul who consulted a woman medium at Endor.
* Christians today should be nationalistic and love their country like Saul loved his country to the extent of dying at the battle front.
* They should worship only one God unlike Saul who worshipped other gods like Baal.
* They should aim at amassing or getting wealth through the right channels unlike Saul who wanted to accumulate wealth in the war with the Amalekites.
* Christians today should respect God’s messengers or agents who may take the roles of priests , pastor, bishops etc
* They should be contented with what they have unlike Saul who had greed for material things.
* They should always be patient especially when dealing with God or His messengers just like Saul was supposed to be patient and wait for Samuel.
* Christians today should have faith in God in whatever they are faced with unlike Saul who lacked faith in God.
* Christians today should be exemplary to other people by doing what is right unlike Saul who disobeyed God.
* Christians today should strictly follow god’s laws and commands unlike Saul who was rejected by God for failing to follow the kingship code and the covenant law.
* Christians today should be ready to be corrected by the religions leaders or their superiors whenever they do anything wrong.
* They should consult God or the religions leaders whenever they are in hard situations
* Christians today should be obedient to God unlike king Saul who defied and disobeyed God.

**12 PS**

1. a) Account for the competition between God’s prophets and the Baal

prophets at mountain Carmel

* prophet Elijah disappeared after the pronouncement of the drought and this was for a period of 2 – 3 years . However he later appeared and presented himself to king Ahab whom he needed to tell that he was not the trouble causer- and the contest at Mt. Carmel was one way of delivering the message that Ahab – had been the cause of the drought. Therefore the contest or competition at Mt. Carmel was caused by the following;-
* the need to show that Baal had no control over rain and drought.
* The need to make the Israelites decide on who was the true God basing on who would send the fire.
* It was also caused by the need to show the Israelites and the Baal Prophets that God, Yahweh was the true God of their ancestors.
* Prophet Elijah wanted the Israelites to take on or embrace monotheism ( the worship of only one God) as he ideal religious practice among the Israelites.
* The need for the Israelites to stop the hypocrisy that was being encouraged and practiced by the Baal prophets.
* It was also aimed at proving to the Israelites, king Ahab and his wife and queen, Jezebel that Prophet Elijah was God’s true prophet.
* To show that god, Yahweh listens to and answers the prayers of his faithful servants or spokesmen for example prophet Elijah.
* It was for the purpose of ending and completely destroying the reign and influence of Baal in Israel that had almost consolidated itself in Israel and among the Israelites.
* To revive or resurrect the covenant faith that had disappeared among the Israelites
* Prophet Elijah wanted to disprove the Baal prophets and prove that they were empty , impotent and useless.
* Elijah wanted to show king Ahab that he ( Elijah) was innocent of the accusations that he had brought the drought.
* To show that the God he worked for and followed was powerful God.
* The need to humiliate and shame king Ahab and his wife, Jezebel who had misted the people in Israel.
* To show that God, Yahweh was the source of all good things
* Elijah’s desire to prove to the Israelites, king Ahab and queen jezebel that God, Yahweh was omnipresent ( everywhere)
* To prove to Yahweh was holy and never to treated un holiness.
* Prophet Elijah wanted to save the Israelites from God’s wrath and destruction more especially after the competition at mount Carmel.

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b) Discuss the significance of the competition to the Israelites

* The competition showed that God, Yahweh does not tolerate rivals and he is a jealous God.
* It reunited the people of Israel with their God.
* The competition restored the good relationship that had been distorted by their turning to Baal worship.
* It gave the Israelites chance to make a choice thus either to worship false and pagan gods and religions and perish or follow Yahweh and be saved.
* It showed that Yahweh was triumphant or victorious over Baal as proved by His ( God’s) capacity to burn the sacrifice.
* It showed that God does not desert or abandon His faithful servants . When Elijah prayed to him asking him to send the fire , He responded positively.
* It signified God’s omnipotence (all powerful nature) and proved that there was none stronger than him (Yahweh).
* It also showed the supremacy of the Israelite religion over the Canaanite religion and the one jezebel had imported.
* It signified that Yahweh was the only God supposed to be worshipped thus it promoted and re – affirmed monotheism as the ideal worship or religion of the Israelites.
* The competition revealed to the whole of Israel, to king Ahab and his wife Jezebel that Elijah was surely a true prophet of God.
* It proved to the people of Israel to king Ahab and his wife Jezebel that the God of Israel was a true and living God.
* It showed prophet Elijah’s victory over the prophets of Baal who despite their praying ,jumping and shouting to their gods failed to have their request answered.
* Israel witnessed or experienced a reduction in the influence of Baal worship as the level of religions sanity greatly improved.
* It sparked off a re – dedication of Israel and the Israelites back to the worship of their God, Yahweh.
* The competition showed the weaknesses of Baale and all his supporters as it was proved that Baal had no capacity to change anything.
* It revealed to the Israelites the power and importance of prayer especially when it is from a faithful servant of God.
* The competition also signified the importance of faith as prophet Elijah had faith that his God would not betray him.
* It also showed God’s love towards prophet Elijah . Elijah needed God showed him love when he sent the fire.
* The competition humiliated Jezebel together with all her followers and her Baal prophets.
* The competition heightened or increased Jezebel’s anger hostility and enmity towards prophet Elijah and the Israelites.

1. Discuss the characteristics of the canonical and professional prophets in Israel.

* The canonical prophets were also referred to as writing prophets or latter prophets and were God’s true prophets while the professional prophets who were also referred to as pseudo prophets were the false or un true prophets. God’s true prophets or the canonical prophets were characterized by the following;-
* Canonical prophets prophesied what came from God
* Canonical prophets understood the past, the present and the future.
* They criticized any thing that was not in agreement with the covenant laws or faith.
* Canonical prophets always received their call to be God’s spokesmen through very compelling and powerful messages.
* God’s true prophets got visions from the lord for example prophet Amos saw a swarm of locusts .
* Whatever canonical prophesied always came to pass or to fulfillment.
* True or canonical prophets never aimed at personal gains but prophesied what was supposed to be preached or prophesied good or Bad, pleasing or not.
* Canonical prophets always faced hard times and they accepted persecution.
* They always emphasized the omnipotence or powerfulness, omniscience ( all knowing) and omnipresence.( all present or everywhere ) of God.
* They were known for uttering their utterances in brief vivid and rhythmic statements that always left a big impact on the hearers.
* They were endowed with great authority that enabled them to prophesy to people without great fear or favour.
* Canonical prophets were also characterized with or by their condemned false prophet Hananiah.
* Canonical prophets were characterized by their ability and wisdom to identify false prophets.
* They underwent or experienced ecstasy , a situation when they received God’s spirit that enabled them to do great things.
* They were characterized by the use of symbolism
* They used verbal forms of preaching in form of either sermons or songs and funeral laments.
* Some canonical prophets wrote their messages for example Jeremiah used his scribe Baruch to write his messages.
* They commanded respect because they were men of integrity who live holy and morally upright lives.
* Canonical prophets were also characterized by their giving of messages for free.
* Their prophecies were not final or decisive . The promised God’s forgiveness such that the punishments they could have prophesied would be withdrawn or with held.
* Canonical prophets called upon the people of Israel to repent.
* They physically looked poor and were men who lived in the desert in poor living conditions.
* Canonical prophets were characterized by their promotion of monotheism thus the worship of only one God.
* They also emphasized the holiness of God.
* Canonical prophets were characterized by their pronouncement of messages of judgment and destruction.

The professional or false prophets were characterized by the following

* They were self commissioned or self –styled thus self commissioned not appointed or chosen by God.
* Professional prophets were characterized by their giving of untrue or false message or prophecies.
* They were characterized by their acceptance of payment or money for the prophecies they gave.
* Professional prophets never condemned evil and did not tell people to leave evil.
* Even when there was no peace , no security and prosperity, professional prophets spoke words of peace, security and prosperity.
* They always prophesied in favour of kings or royals and even the local people especially the rich.
* They were characterized by their rivaling and persecuting of God’s true prophets for example Zedekiah rivaled prophet Micaiah.
* Professional prophets were characterized by immorality thus they were immoral who were dmnkards, sex perverts, corrupt, liars etc.
* They were characterized by their worshipping of pagan gods and also their drawing or luring of the people away from the worship of the true God, Yahweh.
* They pretended to have undergone ecstasy or to have been possessed by the Lord’s spirit.
* Professional prophets were characterized by their practicing magic, divination and necromancy.
* They looked for messages to deliver to the people instead of the messages looking for them.\what professional prophets prophesied never came to fulfillment for example what zedekiah had prophesied about Ahab’s victory over Aram /Syria never came true.
* They encouraged their listeners to rebel against God.
* They openly called the people to worship other gods.
* They were characterized by their contradiction and conflicts among themselves because everyone wanted to be better than the others.
* Their prophecies were mainly based on guess work because they had no knowledge of the past, present and futures.
* They were always more interested promoting their selfish or personal interests and a gains, favour and popularity than spreading God’s messages.
* They were characterized by their being called or invited by those who wanted their messages or prophecies especially the kings or royals.

**12 OTC (Canonical) 09 OTP (professional) 03 SH**

1. a) Account for Prophet Amos’ message of doom / judgment to the

people of Israel.

* Amos was God’s true prophet who prophesied in Israel ( the northern kingdom) through he was born and before he was commissioned to go to the north lived in Judah ( the southern kingdom).
* Amos’ prophecies were mainly concerned about God’s punishment or judgment upon the people of Israel because of the following sins and caused judgment and punishment (doom);-
* The people of Israelites worshipped only when they were in the temple and whenever they were out of the temple, they stopped worshipping Him.
* They were guilty of worshipping God, Yahweh alongside the worship of other pagan gods like Baal, Asherah etc ( religious syncretism).
* The Israelite also practiced religions apostasy.
* Cultic worship also caused Amos’ message of doom/ judgment.
* There was idolatry in its fullness because places like Bethel , Shechem and Dan had golden bull images.
* The Israelites were guilty of insincere or un genuine worship that was characterized with lip service, religious formalism and hypocrisy.
* The Israelites hated religious days especially the Sabbath.
* They also used to burn incense to Baal and other foreign and pagan gods.
* They were also guilty of refusing God’s prophets to speak out His (God’s) chosen people, the Israelites.
* The people of Israel preferred to listen to the false prophets whom they paid money in order to hear sugar coated messages.
* The Israelites had turned religions festivals into drinking orgies.
* They had forgotten the good and great works of God for example liberating them from the land of bondage, Egypt.
* They forced the Nazirites ( the religious leaders) to drink wine which diverted them from dong the Lord’s work.
* The priests were guilty of encouraging evil and corruption.
* Their religious feasts were characterized with a lot of exterior manifestations like empty songs without the inner conviction.
* The Israelites gave the interior portions of the sacrifices to God and they ate the best or fatty portions.
* The rich Israelites were involved in excessive drunkenness.
* There was great extravagancy among the kings, leaders and other rich men who used to drink from golden bowls.
* The poor were sold into slavery .
* The poor were forced to buy sub – standard commodities
* Cheating was at its peak whereby false measures, scales and weights were used.
* Incest also caused Amos’ message of doom where by a man and his father had sex – intercourse with the same slave girl.

**10 OT 03 SH**

b) How relevant is Amos’ book to the modern Christians?

* Modern Christians should renew their total commitment to the covenant obligations
* Modern Christians should show total and genuine commitment to God’s demands other than hypocritical behavior.
* Modern Christians should extend practical and humanitarian assistance to the needy , the poor, the orphans , widows etc.
* Modern Christians should attentively listen to God’s messengers or agents like priests, reverends , pastors etc.
* They should take messages from God’s messengers seriously as it will save them from God’s punishment.
* Modern Christians should condemn evil without fear or favour thus they should always be bold.
* Modern Christians more so the leaders should also accept criticism against them for the wrongs they do.
* They should take criticism against them in good faith and use it to change for the better.
* Modern Christians should amass or acquire wealth through the right or genuine ways
* They should acknowledge God’s universal nature or character such that they can be able to respect people of other religious denominations.
* Modern Christians should respect and honour the Sabbath as the day of the Lord and a day of glorifying the Lord’s name.
* They should repent their sins in order to escape God’s punishment.
* Modern Christians should prepare for the Lord’s day of judgment by doing what glorifies the Lord’s name.
* They should stick to the sex norms in society by strictly having sexual relationships with their rightful sexual partners.
* Modern Christians should devote more time to the service of the Lord for example preaching to people.
* They should worship only one God thus stick to monotheism.
* Modern Christians should always have hope in God’s mercy and forgiveness even when they face great suffering or misery.

**12 PS**

1. a) Analyse the encounter between prophet Isaiah and God as given in Isaiah 6

* Isaiah was a Son of a man called Amoz who was believed to be from the aristocratic class of priests . He was called by God to be prophet when he was in the Lord’s temple.
* Isaiah saw a vision in which God was seated on His throne, high and exalted.
* The Lord’s robe filled the whole temple and his glory filled the earth.
* Around him were flaming creatures; each with six wings each pair for covering thei body, face and the third pair for flight.
* The creatures were singing praises to the lord saying; “Holy, holy , holy! The Lord Almighty is holy”.
* The flaming creatures singing praises made Isaiah understand what true worship was.
* The sound of their voices made the foundation of the temple shake.
* The temple itself was filled with smoke
* Isaiah realized his sinfulness and that of the people among whom he was living and he replied;”I am doomed”
* Isaiah realized that he had no hope since every word that passed his lips was sinful and to make matters worse even those words from the people he was living with were sinful.
* One of the creatures flew to Isaiah carrying a burning coal and touched Isaiah’s lips.
* He was assured that since the coal had touched his lips, Isaiah had been purified and his guilt was no more and his sins had been forgiven
* Isaiah then heard the Lord asking “ whom shall I send?”
* Isaiah answered that he would go and said; hear I am send me”.
* Isaiah was given a mission to speak to the people now that he had realized they were sinful and he had been purified.
* Isaiah was however warned and informed of the difficult nature of his task because he was to speak to the people who would appear deaf and blind to the message.
* Isaiah asked the Lord how long he was going to continue preaching to the people who would not listen.
* The lord answered him that it was to go on until judgment befell the land when the cities will be ruined and left empty, when the houses will be uninhabited and when the land itself will be a desolate waste.
* After punishment there would be a remnant from which a new beginning would be made.

10 OT 03SH

b) Discuss the possible distractions to people who are called to take on God’s work.

* Peer group influence.
* Presence of worldly pleasures
* The age at which they are called ; others may complain about the young age they are at the time they are called.
* Greed for material property.
* Greed for money ; others fear to leave their occupations or positions that fetch them more money.
* Poverty may also make people shun God’s work with the view that they are likely to die poorer if they accept to work for God.
* Some other people may be ignorant of God’s power.
* False preachers or prophets / priests.
* Others shun God’s work because of inferiority
* Complex; they claim that they are not fit to serve God.
* Lack of exemplary leaders or friends.
* The competition among the various religious denominations . the protestants, Catholics, SDAS, Pentecostals etc.
* Sometimes there are conflicts within the churches and among the Christians.
* Fear to leave their girl /boy friend or spouses etc.
* The sinful background of those who may be called to take on God’s work.
* Poor interpretation of the biblical scriptures
* Lack of trust among the Christians
* They delayed coming back of Jesus Christ ( the delayed parousia)
* The un exemplary behavior or conduct of those already doing God’s work.
* The low levels of education.
* Lack of transport facilities
* Lack of faith in God. Some believe that God cannot entrust them with such tasks
* The political backgrounds of those called can also distract them from taking on God’s work.

**12PS**

1. a) Account for the suffering Job faced according to the book of Job

* Job was an Edomite who lived in the land of Uz. He was a very faithful and God fearing man whom God knew very. He faced suffering because of the following;-
* Job suffered because of God’s desire to teach the people the meaning, purpose or value of suffering.
* God’s desire to show that Satan is always alert, active and present in man’s life.
* The argument between God and Satan.
* God’s desire to test his patience.
* God’s aim of challenging the human understanding of His ways of doing things.
* God’s desire to test Job’s faith.
* It was because of God’s aim to show mankind that even a righteous or faithful person can also suffer.
* God wanted to testify to Job’s friends that job was a holy and righteous man.
* God want to prove to the Israelites that he was not only the giver but also the taker of everything.
* God’s intention to sue job’s suffering to prove to the people the mystery of human life and suffering.
* God wanted to show that every human being can fall or succumb to temptation and become imperfect before God.
* God’s desire to demonstrate his omnipotence or power over Satan.
* He suffered because God wanted to show the Israelites or mankind that they had limited or inadequate knowledge or ability to understand his ways.
* God also wanted to show that suffering was part and parcel of human life.
* God’s desire to show Job, Satan and all mankind that he was the source of all good things for example blessings.
* God’s intention to prove to Job, the Israelites and the entire mankind that he was the creator of everything.
* God wanted to show Job, Satan and the entire mankind that He had the power and right over life of every creature that He created.
* God also wanted to show that all authority and power belonged to Him.
* Wanted to show that temptations or trials are unavoidable.

**10 OT 03 SH**

b) Discuss the relevance of Job’s suffering to Christians today

* Christians today should maintain their faith in God amidst suffering
* Christians today should accept suffering as something that is part and parcel of human life
* Christians today should remain humble and calm during times of misery and suffering.
* Christians today should be ready to face trials and temptations more so those from God.
* They should endure the suffering that they may be faced with.
* They should pray to God whenever they are faced with troubles or suffering.
* Christians today should live exemplary lives characterized by obedience, patience, endurance, faithfulness and humility.
* Christians today should show sympathy to those in great pain or agony.
* They should show high levels of patience during suffering.
* They should seek answers or solutions to their problems or suffering from God instead of other forces.
* Christians today should praise God even when they are in great sorrow or suffering.
* Christians today should console and comfort those facing suffering.
* They should always repent their sins and ask for God’s forgiveness.
* Christians today should show appreciation to God for the provisions or good things He gives them or does for the
* Christians today should remain optimistic in trying moments.
* They should yearn for or work towards heavenly or spiritual riches
* They should have trust and confidence in God despite the suffering they may be going through.
* Christians today should visit those facing suffering the same way Job’s friends visited him.

**12 PS**

1. a) Justify God’s bitterness with Job’s friends

* Eliphaz , Bilded and Zophar were the main friends of Job who responded to their friend’s suffering with them .
* They did little to help Job understand the situation or problem he was in.
* God was bitter with them because they showed no sympathy to him when they broke their silence after keeping quiet for seven days and rights
* They used insulting statements as they tried to talk to him for example they called his speech windy.
* They made Job more miserable in his agony for example they told him that God always blessed the good and righteous.
* His friends tormented him when they tasked him to cite any incident where a good or righteous man had ever met disaster.
* He was bitter with them for mourning, weeping, wailing and tearing their clothes in grief and throwing dust into the air.
* They called Job’s insistence and claim that he was innocent weakness in his ( Job’s) faith
* They over insisted that Job had committed some concealed or unrevealed sins
* They had condemned and blamed Job for spiritual arrogance and impatience.
* The bitterness was caused by their upholding the Deuteronomy concept of suffering that insisted that for one to suffer he/ she must have committed sin .
* They never comforted him but instead insulted and tormented him.
* They pestered Job to ask for God’s forgiveness and to repent
* They insisted that Job was facing God’s judgment and punishment yet he had no case to answer
* Job’s friends had failed to understand the relationship between God and Job.
* They had accused Job of cutting himself from God they accused him of deliberately sinning against God.
* They did not speak the truth about Him(God) yet Job spoke the truth about God.

**10 OT 03SH**

b) Under what circumstances would God show bitterness to Christians today?

* In case they worship other gods
* In case they worship idols
* If they reject his agents like prophets, priests and their messages .
* If they carry out sex deviations like fornication , prostitution , rape tec.
* When they disrespect / dishonor the Sabbath.
* When they use his name in falsehood .
* When they tell lies.
* If they neglect the poor the orphans widows etc
* In case they start criticizing the religious leaders
* If they get involved in political activities at the expense of Christian / religious obligations.
* In case they promote hatred amongst themselves.
* If they support anti – social activities like gay marriages, homosexuality, lesbianism etc
* When they practice polygamy .
* In case they commit murder
* In case they covert other people’s wives or husbands

**12 PS**