

CRE 223/1 (CHRISTIAN LIVING TODAY)

1a) What are some the changes that the Christian faith has gone through over the last ten years in Uganda

Positive changes

- The church has setup many organizations YMCA, YWCA
- The church has carried out evangelism i.e.. has spread the gospel and converted into Christianity pastor kakande Samuel of the synagogue has converted many to Christianity
- The church has translated the bible into different local languages e.g. Lusamia, Lusoga, Luganda etc.
- Christian faith setup many churches in different places of the country e.g. Liberty worship centre, light the world church etc.
- Has carried out guidance and counseling e.g. mothers union of the Anglican church gives guidance and counseling every Wednesday
- Has setup income generating projects e.g. Catholics have “Caltus” program which aims at developing Christians.
- Has setup charitable organizations e.g. baby’s homes for the needy that provides basic needs to disabled children.
- Has carried out reconciliation e.g. has intervened in peace talks
- Has setup church founded health centres e.g. Namirembe and Nsambya hospital

Negative changes

- There has been emergence of false preachers e.g. Kabugo Geoffrey of Nakasongola who called himself “”
- There has been church conflicts e.g. Father Musaala had conflicts with Arch Bishop Cyprian Kizito Lwanga.
- There is discrimination amongst Christians e.g.. among the born churches
- There is sexual immorality amongst Christians
- There has been misuse of church funds for personal gains

b) Explain the changes which the New Testament requires from the followers of .

- It requires love for others
- It requires repentance of Christians
- It requires obedience to the state e.g. paying taxes since emphasized the payment of taxes
- It requires prayers since prayed too
- It requires hard work from his followers
- It requires love for the children as did
- It requires them to seek for guidance from the holy spirit
- It requires them to endure suffering as endured.
- It requires them to preach the gospel as did

2a) Give the differences between African traditional attitude towards work and that of present today.

- Today there is payment for work done while ATS work was free of charge
- In ATS work was communally done while today there is individualism in work
- In ATS Laziness was highly condemned while today it is possible to find lazy people
- Today there is less time for leisure while in ATS work was balanced with leisure.
- Today there are bosses and supervision of work while in ATS there was no supervision and bosses in work i.e. all people worked.
- Today there is high rate of unemployment while in ATS there was no unemployment.

b) What is the Christian teaching about work?

- Christian emphasizes good relationship between employers and employees
- It teaches that work should be balanced with leisure as did.
- Christianity encourages hard work
- Christianity is against exploitation of workers
- It teaches that work should promote unity and harmony
- Christianity encourages brotherhood at work
- It teaches that work should produce positive results
- It calls upon followers to work for the kingdom of God.
- Christianity condemns laziness in work

3a) What forms leisure activities were condemned by St. Augustine in early church (10 marks)

- He condemned the fight between slaves and wild animals such as starved lions
- He condemned the reading of immoral literature
- He condemned admiration of pagan pictures of art
- He discouraged the worship of pagan gods during leisure
- He condemned watching and listening to immoral music, dance and drama
- He condemned the use of vulgar language
- He discouraged over eating and over drinking as well as eating and drinking competitions
- He condemned childish games such as laughing and crying competitions
- He condemned the watching of naked people playing sex
- He condemned fights between prisoners or between slaves.

b) Give the leisure activities that are encouraged by the church today.

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| ➤ Reading the bible | ➤ Doing charitable works |
| ➤ praying | ➤ Visiting friends as did |
| ➤ Composing hymns | ➤ Attending social functions as did |
| ➤ Attending church choir | ➤ Involving in games and sports |
| ➤ Attending fellowships | ➤ Carrying out guidance and counseling |
| ➤ Preaching the gospel | |

4a) What forms of injustices do women face in Uganda today?

- Women are subjected to polygamous marriages
- Some women are taken as sex objects to fulfill men's sexual desires
- Some women are denied chance to property inheritance
- Some women are forced into marriage
- Women are denied right to decision making
- Some are being raped
- Some are heavily beaten by their husbands
- Some are subjected to painful cultural rituals e.g. female circumcision among the Sebei of eastern Uganda.
- Some are denied leadership positions
- Some are denied education by their parents.

b) Explain the unfairness missionaries found in the African traditional society

- Women were discriminated, left at home and denied delicious food stuffs in Buganda women were denied from eating grasshoppers and honey because it would cause infertility
- There was discrimination of the crippled e.g. the lame yet according to missionaries all people were equal before God
- There was oppression of commoners by the ruling clans e.g. Bahima versus Bairu in western Uganda
- Rigid cultural practices female genital mutilation among the Sabiny which caused a lot of pain was inhuman according to the missionaries
- There was forced marriages yet the missionary's marriage was a free will and a blessing from God
- African societies discriminated and oppressed strangers yet according to missionaries they believed in teaching of feeding those who are hungry
- Barrenness was blamed on the side of the women yet to missionaries it could have been God's will
- There was unfairness of endless wars intertribal wars
- There was oppression of minority tribes the Batwa in Uganda and pygmies in Congo yet according to missionaries all people were equal before God
- There was misuse of political powers yet according to the missionaries all authority came from God
- There were cases of witchcraft accusations yet according to missionaries witchcraft was inhuman
- Polygamy that favored men was treated as unfairness to said of the women yet according to recommended monogamy where men and women were equal
- Adultery condemned on the said of the woman and men were allowed to have sex outside marriage yet missionaries recommended sex only in marriage
- Family leadership was taken up by men in ATS and women were left to level of assistants while to the missionaries' men and women were to share equal responsibilities.

- Jubilation of the birth of the boy child than that of the girl child yet to the missionaries all children were a gift to God

5a) Show the problems a person in authority experiences

- Oppositions
- Lack of enough funds/ high degree of poverty
- Corruption by his or her officials
- Inefficiency of workers
- Embezzlement of funds
- Delayed decision making
- Conflicting loyalty
- Language barrier
- Materialism
- Lack of experience in some fields
- Dependency burden
- Foreign influence
- Lack of enough security/ political instabilities
- Hatred
- Disrespect by some society members
- False accusations
- Indiscipline people

5b) What should be the qualities of a Christian leader

- Should be God fearing
- Should respect others in authority
- Should be self sacrificial
- Should be honest
- Should be impartial
- Should be exemplary
- Should be compassionate
- Should be trustworthy
- Should be loving and caring
- Should be intelligent
- Should be able to listen to others

6a) What happens when Christians become disloyal to God in the church?

- Disloyalty leads to suffering of Christians
- Conflicts and disunity among Christians develops
- Early death occurs among Christians
- Marriages breakdown occurs
- Hatred, enmity and jealous develops amongst Christians
- Disloyalty leads to loss of jobs hence poverty
- Disloyalty leads to witchcrafts amongst people
- leads to loss of property amongst Christians
- Leads to sexual immorality amongst Christians

b) In what ways were Christians loyal God in the early church?

- Through preaching the gospel
- Through accepting baptism
- Through fellowshiping and worshipping God
- Through praying to God
- Through fasting
- Through praising God through prayers and hymns
- Through making missionary journeys
- By settling disputes among Christians
- Through founding /building churches Paul built a church at Corinth
- Through doing charitable works helping the orphans ,widows etc
- Through carrying out catechism i.e.. the teaching of the basic principles of Christianity
- Through involving in scripture studies
- Through sharing what they had i.e.. the rich shared with the poor
- Through enduring persecutions and suffering
- Through participating in Eucharist/ Holy communion

7a) Give the occasions when people happily celebrated in the traditional African society

- When having material possessions land, cattle
- When participating in initiation ceremonies circumcision among the Bagisu
- When attending marriage ceremonies for their sons and daughters
- Acquiring victory in a war
- Enthronement of a new king
- Having power, authority, and prestige
- Being in good relationship with gods and ancestral spirits

- Participating in charitable activities to assist the weak and disabled
- Being successful in one's work having a successful hunting
- Child naming festivals were moments of joy

b) What is the biblical teaching on happiness?

- The old testament teaches that life is a mixture of happiness and sadness (Ecc 3:1-8)
- God was the true source of happiness (Jer 2:1-13)
- Job's experience teaches that sadness is part of life
- Happiness was obtained from listening to prophetic messages
- God created man to be happy according to Gen 1-2
- Child bearing brings happiness, Gen 21:6 Sarah was happy
- Feasts made the Israelites happy temple dedication in 1 Kings 8
- Elijah's contest at mountain Carmel 1 Kings 18
- Teaches that ' resurrection brought happiness to the followers
- Teaches that the healings miracles of brought happiness
- Teaches that the feeding miracles brought happiness to the followers
- The NT teaches that ' coming was as source of happiness

8a) Describe the traditional African burial rituals performed in any society you know

- Among the Samia of eastern Uganda in Busia and Namayingo districts
- When one dies, people around mourns loudly to alert the community
- On hearing the loud cry, the neighbours comes and joins the mourning
- After a period of time relatives and neighbours stay to comfort the family members
- The neighbours come with their beddings like mats, mattress and blankets and night to sleep at home of the diseased
- The dead is placed in the setting room and relatives set round comforting the family
- The beddings of the diseased are then taken out until burial is finished
- A temporary local tent is constructed by the community members
- In case the diseased lacked his own house, a hut is constructed for him
- The clan heads then calls a meeting at night to discuss about the burial program
- Different people are then assigned tasks like one in charge of the digging the grave, in charge of the ceremony (MC), in charge of welfare etc
- Those in charge of digging the grave takes measurements and starts digging at night and by morning they are done
- A group of people headed by one clan elder washes the dead body, shaves its hairs
- Then the body is treated to avoid it from smelling and is wrapped in a white sheet then put in the coffins awaiting burial
- The children and wife of the diseased ties a piece of cloth around their waists
- The burial ceremony is done presided over by the church priest.
- After burial is done there is lighting of fire in the compound and a cock is slaughtered for those who dug the grave.
- The society members continue sleeping at deceased's home for 2-4 days
- Then lastly children, wife and some relatives of the diseased go and bath, shave the hair at the nearby well headed by the aunts and come back home and eat food prepared on the fire in the compound.
- Thereafter the members disperse and the beddings of the diseased returned in the house.

b) In what ways does having faith in Christ remove the fear of death?

- By having hope in Christ who is the giver of life
- By having hope in ' resurrection
- By accepting baptism
- By believing in the assurance of Christ that separation and sorrow caused by death is not permanent
- By being assured by that the believers are already written in the book of life.
- By repenting our sins
- Through participating in Eucharist (holy communion)
- By praying to God through his son
- By asking for forgiveness

9a) What do most people consider to be the source of success?

- Attaining high level of education like degree, masters, diploma
- Hard work
- Being disciplined among students
- Setting genuine goals which are achievable
- Good marriage
- Exploiting resources around a person
- Getting well paying jobs
- Being promoted at places of work
- Being in good relationship with God
- Being determined.

9b) What lessons do modern Christian learn from teaching on success

- Christians learn to endure suffering since too endured suffering to be successful
- Christians should pray to God in case of trouble so as to attain success just as prayed to his father in times of trouble.
- Christians should do good things for others even when they are suffering just as did good things for his followers
- Should obey those in authority in order to be successful in their work
- Should use their talents in order to be successful in life
- Should carry other Christians cross or burden just as died for our sins
- Should work very hard in order to succeed in life
- Learn to believe in as the source to everlasting success

10a) Give the causes of domestic violence in Uganda today.

- The need for equality by women
- Too much poverty
- Alcoholism / Drunkardness
- Marital unfaithfulness
- Barrenness and impotence
- Failure to provide basic needs
- Permissiveness
- Lack of sexual satisfaction
- Ignorance about the law
- Disrespect in families
- Witchcraft tendencies by one partner
- Sexual harassments
- Drug abuse.

10b) As a Christian suggest solutions to the problem of domestic in our communities

- Encouraging prayers to solve bareness
- Married couple should be encouraged to join church associations i.e.. mother's union and father union
- Attending guidance and counseling
- Attending seminars and conferences
- Encouraging love for one another in families
- Hard working so as to acquire basic needs of life
- Being submissive to one another to solve sexual un satisfaction
- Being faithful to another to solve marital unfaithfulness
- Establishing church projects to solve the problem of poverty
- Encouraging respect for another to solve disrespect for one another

11a) How has formal education put both girls and boys at the same level?

- Curriculum followed in schools is the same for both girls and boys
- After education, both boys and girls have equal job opportunities
- Girls and boys eat the meals at school
- Scholarships are given to both girls and boys in schools
- Both play the same games and sports
- Girls compete freely with boys at school
- There are mixed and single schools for both girls and boys
- Both girls and both sit for the same exams i.e. PLE, UCE and UACE
- Both are given the same punishment in case of misbehaving
- The grading of children in schools is the same
- Both girls and boys are taught by the same teachers.

b) What steps has the church in Uganda taken to improve the status of women.

- The has organized wedding ceremonies which emphasize permanence in marriage,
- The has given counseling services to married people
- Has emphasized love for one another in marriage
- Has encouraged women to join clubs such as mother's union where the can share a lot with other women

- Has organized conferences for men and women where they share marriage experiences
- Has advocated for patience and reconciliation in marriage
- The has called for constant prayers in family and has also prayed for married people
- Has promoted and emphasized monogamous marriage
- The taught equality of both men and women to solve the problem of lack of respect for one another
- Has ordained women to serve in church e.g. priest
- Catholic church has given women chance to read scriptures ,conduct church choir e.t.c

12a) Why was marriage taken very seriously in traditional Africa

- Marriage acted as a uniting link in life
- Marriage was source of respect and status in society
- Marriage proved ones 'manhood
- Marriage ruled out the possibility of barrenness and impotence
- Marriage was a solution to sexual deviations such as fornication, incest
- Marriage was a cultural obligation in traditional Africa
- Marriage was a source of children who were highly valued in ATS
- Marriage ensured the continuity of the clan
- Marriage extended kingship in traditional Africa.

b) Why do many adults live single today?

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| ➤ Some adults are unmarried because of religious vocations e.g. Roman catholic priests | ➤ Some are too shy to get partners |
| ➤ Failure to get suitable marriage partner | ➤ Due to long period of education (studies) |
| ➤ Fear of responsibilities | ➤ Because of bad experience they might have heard |
| ➤ Influence of peer groups | ➤ Due to poverty/economic hardships |
| ➤ Permissiveness | ➤ Decline of cultural values |
| ➤ Fear of sexually transmitted diseases | ➤ Witchcraft tendencies |

13a) How did the following people quest for God in the early church

i) St. Augustine of hippo

- He was born to Christian family
- He searched for God through reading the scriptures
- He also read pagan literature which he found more exciting than the bible
- However ,he continued searching for the truth
- He traveled to Milan in Italy and attended Bishop Ambrose' preaching
- He followed Bishop Ambrose preaching and started understanding the bible
- He preached the gospel
- He fasted for sake of the gospel
- He learnt about Anthony of Egypt and admired his life
- He decided to live a purely changed life like that of Anthony
- He wrote " our hearts are restless until they rest in God"

ii. Clement of Alexandria

- He was born of pagan parents in 150 AD
- He listened to the good news about and found it satisfying
- He accepted and was baptized
- He traveled to Syria, Italy and Egypt and met prominent Christians
- He continued learning more about the gospel truth
- His famous teacher was pantaenus of Alexandria
- The gospel turned him into kind and loving person
- He wrote books to strengthen the discouraged Christians
- He became successor of his teacher pantaenus
- He preached the gospel

b) Giving example, explain the nature of God found in the bible.

- God is a creator. He created man and woman from soil and woman man's rib .Gen 1 and 2
- God is powerful in the call of Moses during the burning bush incident EX.3
- God is everywhere in the valley of dry bones, he was with the Israelites in exile in Babylon Eze.37

- God is all knowing, he knew where Adam and Eve where they had hidden after eating the forbidden fruit
- God is a miracle performer, he performed miracles in Egypt turning water into blood which made the pharaoh to soft his position on setting the Israelites
- God is all perfect his goodness was seen when he created all perfect things like creating man in his own image
- God is a transcendent, he is above human knowledge and understanding
- He is a caring God He cared for Elijah when was in wilderness and fed him on locusts
- He is the initiator of marriage created male and female (Adam and Eve)
- God is a spirit, He cannot be seen or touched
- God is a judge Gen 3 i.e. he punished Adam and Eve for eating the forbidden fruit
- God is a loving God, He loved Israel and made them a chosen nation Deut 11
- He is a liberator, He liberated Israelites from Egypt to the promised land
- He is a protector, He protected people like Moses, Elijah and Daniel from persecution.

14a) Show how man turned away from God in the Old Testament.

- Through practicing sexual immoralities e.g. David committed adultery
- Through practicing murder e.g. King Ahab killed Naboth
- Through worshipping foreign gods e.g. King Ahab and his wife
- Through marrying foreign women e.g. King Ahab and Solomon
- By over taxing God's people e.g. king Solomon overtaxed people
- By demanding for a human physical king
- Through grabbing properties of the poor e.g. Ahab
- Through oppressing and exploiting the poor
- Through building the tower of Babel

b) Give the ways in which Jews turned away from God during the time of

- Through rejecting Jesus in his home of Nazareth
- Through betraying Jesus by one of his disciples
- Through misusing the temple of God by turning it into a market place
- Through abusing marriage by practicing divorce
- Through denying children access to Jesus to attain blessings
- Through oppressing and opposing Jesus
- Through hanging Him on the cross
- Through practicing adultery among the Jews

15a) How does the church in Uganda care for the needy people today

- By providing the basic needs of life like food to the needy
- By visiting the sick, prisoners etc
- By constructing homes for the destitute, orphans, widows etc
- By establishing income generating activities i.e. "send the cow" by the Anglican church
- By supporting and providing relief to the refugees
- Through praying for the sick
- Through healing the sick
- Through doing charitable work for the needy e.g. cleaning their homes
- Through providing medical care to the needy
- Through giving needy children scholarships in schools
- Through inviting charitable organizations to help the needy

b) Online the problems which the Christians face in their effort to show love for fellow man

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| ➤ Language barrier | ➤ Interference from the government |
| ➤ Opposition from different groups of people | ➤ Rigid and conservative cultures |
| ➤ Inadequate funds | ➤ Lack of enough commitment |
| ➤ Political instabilities | ➤ Limited time |
| ➤ Transport hazards ie accidents etc | ➤ Abuses from people |
| ➤ Disunity between Christians | |

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