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## BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

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11:30 am – 12:30 pm

### PAPER I

(50 marks)

#### Instructions

1. This paper contains 6 printed pages. Please check.
2. The paper has 50 multiple choice questions. Answer all questions. Each question carries 1 mark.
3. Write your **Examination Number** in the spaces provided on all the pages of this page.
4. In the table provided on this page, **tick** against the question number you have answered.
5. Hand in your question paper to the invigilator when time is called to stop writing.

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1. What term is given to books of the Bible such as Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes?
  - A. wisdom
  - B. liturgy
  - C. meditation
  - D. songs
2. To which literary form of the Bible does the book of 1 Samuel belong?
  - A. Poetry
  - B. History
  - C. Apocalyptic
  - D. Pentateuch
3. Which of the following books is an example of "letters" in the Bible?
  - A. Ruth
  - B. Acts of the Apostles
  - C. Galatians
  - D. Revelation
4. During his call, Isaiah was told that he would work as a prophet until
  - A. the land was destroyed.
  - B. everyone was converted.
  - C. no one remained in the land.
  - D. the end of Ahaz's reign.
5. Why was Jerusalem described as behaving like a whore (**Isaiah 1:21**)?
  - A. There were many adulterers in the land.
  - B. The land had allowed in many foreigners.
  - C. The poor and the orphans were being oppressed.
  - D. The people mixed the worship of God with sin.
6. Why did Eliakim, Shebna and Joah ask the Assyrian official **not** to speak in Hebrew?
  - A. It was the only language used in Jerusalem.
  - B. They did not want ordinary people to hear what the official said.
  - C. The official had difficulties speaking Hebrew.
  - D. It would be one way of honouring Hezekiah.
7. In the song of the vineyard, what did the vines represent?
  - A. prophets and priests
  - B. prophet Isaiah
  - C. the people of Judah
  - D. the land of Judah
8. When he heard that the armies of Syria were already in Judah, Hezekiah
  - A. trembled like trees.
  - B. prepared fighting men.
  - C. sent word to prophet Isaiah.
  - D. went to the Temple to pray.
9. For what purpose was Cyrus appointed?
  - A. to overpower idol worshippers
  - B. to humiliate Babylon
  - C. to build God's temple
  - D. to release captive Israelites
10. Which nation was addressed as 'virgin daughter' by Second Isaiah?
  - A. Babylon
  - B. Egypt
  - C. Judah
  - D. Assyria



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11. Which of the following was **not** a duty of the priest in Jewish worship in the temple?
- A. leading people in prayers
  - B. offering sacrifices
  - C. taking care of temple treasures
  - D. pronouncing blessings
12. "From his very birth, he will be filled with the Holy Spirit (**Luke 1:15**)". Which personality did the angel of the Lord refer to?
- A. John the Baptist
  - B. the Messiah
  - C. the apostle Peter
  - D. the apostle Paul
13. "Now, Lord, You have kept Your promise" (**Luke 2:29**). What promise is Simeon referring to?
- A. sending the Messiah
  - B. setting the Israelites free
  - C. rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem
  - D. sending the Holy Spirit to the believers
14. To which group of people was the birth of Jesus first announced?
- A. the Pharisees
  - B. the shepherds
  - C. the teachers of the Law
  - D. the Sadducees
15. Which of the following explains why Jesus forgave the sins of a woman in Simon the Pharisee's house?
- A. She washed Jesus' feet.
  - B. She clearly understood Jesus' parable.
  - C. She answered correctly Jesus' question.
  - D. She had faith in Jesus.
16. Which of the following parables teaches about love for one's neighbour?
- A. parable of the widow and the judge
  - B. parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector
  - C. parable of the Good Samaritan
  - D. parable of the Rich fool
17. Which of the following Old Testament prophets appeared during the Transfiguration?
- A. Joel
  - B. Elijah
  - C. Isaiah
  - D. Jeremiah
18. When He sent them out, Jesus prepared His disciples by
- A. washing their feet.
  - B. praying for them.
  - C. teaching many scriptures to defeat the Pharisees.
  - D. giving them power to drive out demons.
19. How did the people react when Jesus said that the child was not dead in **Luke 8:52**?
- A. They laughed at Him.
  - B. They were worried.
  - C. They were amazed.
  - D. They were happy.
20. In **Luke 5:30**, what prompted some teachers of the Law and the Pharisees to ask Jesus why He ate and drank with tax collectors?
- A. Jesus had a feast in Levi's house.
  - B. They had lost followers.
  - C. They had lost authority.
  - D. They were amazed at Jesus' miracles.



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21. Why did Jesus commend the widow's offering in **Luke 21:1-4**?  
A. She gave it secretly.  
B. She gave a small coin.  
C. She gave all that she had.  
D. She did not show off when giving.
22. In **Luke 20:1-8**, Jesus' authority is questioned immediately after He  
A. had driven out the merchants from the Temple.  
B. told the parable of the tenants.  
C. had forgiven the sins of a paralysed man.  
D. had said that He would rise from death.
23. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was a Messianic fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies because He  
A. taught in the Temple.  
B. drove out buyers and sellers from the Temple.  
C. sent His disciples ahead of Him.  
D. rode a colt.
24. Which of the following was a common belief between the Pharisees and the Sadducees?  
A. life after death  
B. authority of the Pentateuch  
C. existence of angels  
D. the resurrection
25. "This cup is God's new covenant...**Luke 22:20**". At what occasion did Jesus say these words?  
A. the Lord's supper  
B. Jesus' baptism  
C. the transfiguration  
D. when praying at Mount Olives
26. In what way did Jesus fulfil the role of a suffering servant?  
A. raising people from death  
B. casting out demons  
C. healing many diseases  
D. being spat on
27. Which of the following was the **major** accusation levelled against Jesus before the Council?  
A. misleading people  
B. claiming to be the Messiah  
C. being leader of the Nazarenes  
D. telling people not to pay tax to the emperor
28. What was the significance of the sun not shining and darkness covering the whole country at Jesus's death?  
A. God's judgement on the human race  
B. a pointer to Jesus' resurrection  
C. that human laws were weak  
D. a confirmation of God's nature miracle
29. Which of the following is the meaning of the term "Messiah"?  
A. the anointed one  
B. the Saviour of the world  
C. the everlasting ruler  
D. the conquering king
30. According to Jesus, which of the following biblical practices should be observed privately and in secrecy?  
A. the Lord's supper  
B. confessing sinful acts  
C. praying for others  
D. fasting



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31. Which of the following was a characteristic feature of life among the early believers?
- A. eating together
  - B. singing melodious songs
  - C. building synagogues
  - D. cheering the sick and the elderly
32. Which of the following in the preaching done by Peter and John annoyed priests and Sadducees?
- A. Jesus healed the lame man.
  - B. Jesus rose from the dead.
  - C. Believers should be baptised.
  - D. The coming of the Holy Spirit was predicted by Joel.
33. Which of the following themes highlights Peter's experience at Cornelius' home in Caesarea?
- A. The Church shares in Jesus' suffering.
  - B. The power of the Holy Spirit is irresistible.
  - C. The author's sympathy for the Romans.
  - D. The importance of prayer in the life of the Church.
34. Which of the following is the basis of salvation according to Christianity?
- A. praying
  - B. faith
  - C. grace
  - D. works
35. In what way did the apostles identify Judas' successor?
- A. They prayed.
  - B. They consulted priests.
  - C. They drew lots.
  - D. They fasted for seven days.
36. The believers in Samaria received the Holy Spirit through
- A. tongues of fire.
  - B. a strong wind from heaven.
  - C. intense prayers and fasting.
  - D. laying on of hands.
37. Which of the following themes is illustrated when Peter was miraculously released from prison?
- A. God saves mankind through Jesus.
  - B. The author's sympathy for the Romans.
  - C. Prayer is vital in the life of the Church.
  - D. Salvation is offered to the Jews then to the Gentiles.
38. In order to maintain a cordial Church-state relationship, the Church must
- A. fully fund all state projects.
  - B. not participate in any state development activities.
  - C. not interfere in state affairs.
  - D. be critical of state policies.
39. Which of the following is the **main** role of the state in its relationship with the Church?
- A. ensuring freedom of worship
  - B. developing Church guidelines
  - C. building Church structures
  - D. training religious and lay leaders
40. Which of the following did Saul say when a light from the sky flashed round him?
- A. "Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening."
  - B. "Who are You Lord."
  - C. "Why do you persecute me?"
  - D. "I am the man you are looking for."



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41. Which of the following groups of Christians is at a high risk of drug and substance abuse?
- A. the youth
  - B. choir members
  - C. field evangelists
  - D. female leaders
42. Which of the following is the **best** way of preventing Church believers from becoming victims of drug and substance abuse?
- A. conducting civic education
  - B. prophesying the best to them
  - C. holding overnight prayers
  - D. doing initiation ceremonies
43. Which of the following did **not** happen during Jesus' baptism?
- A. heaven opening
  - B. the coming of the Holy Spirit
  - C. Jesus healing the sick
  - D. Jesus praying
44. What was Jesus doing when the disciples experienced a great storm on the lake?
- A. praying
  - B. sleeping
  - C. healing the sick
  - D. teaching the word
45. "A great prophet has appeared among us" (**Luke 7:16**). What happened for people to say these words?
- A. Jesus healed a Roman officer's servant
  - B. Jesus healed ten lepers.
  - C. Jesus calmed the sea.
  - D. Jesus raised a widow's son from death.
46. What led Peter to speak to crowds of people on the day of Pentecost?
- A. Many Jews from foreign countries had gathered.
  - B. A lame man had just been healed.
  - C. Some people thought the believers were drunk.
  - D. Jewish leaders threatened to arrest the believers.
47. Who authored the book of Acts of the Apostles?
- A. Luke
  - B. Theophilus
  - C. apostle Paul
  - D. Barnabas
48. The instruction that Jesus gave the apostles before He ascended to heaven was to
- A. wait for the promised gift.
  - B. pray without ceasing.
  - C. start preaching the Gospel.
  - D. be strong in the faith.
49. What action did Paul take before taking Timothy as his companion?
- A. baptising him
  - B. counselling him
  - C. circumcising him
  - D. laying hands on him
50. Which of the following is **not** a Christian teaching on marriage?
- A. A husband should love his wife.
  - B. A married couple should not divorce.
  - C. Partners are forbidden from having extra marital affairs.
  - D. Members of the same sex can be united in marriage.



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