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HOW YOU CAN PREPARE YOURSELF TO ANSWER EXAM QUESTIONS

This should be done while studying for your exam.

(a.) Content

It is important for you to read and study passages (especially major ones) given in every unit. You will find it **helpful practicing relating Bible passages** on your own. You are not expected to give memorized passages but the content should be clearly expressed.

(b.) Meaning in terms of Values

You must know every part (b) question requires you to state spiritual and moral values which Christians based on the Bible passage in (a). As you study, try to **give meanings**/lessons from the Bible stories or parables.

(c.) Application to Zambian Situation

You must know part C will require you to show how the spiritual and moral values based on the Bible passage can be expressed in Zambia. Apply knowledge to the given situation.

(d.) Comparison of Ideas/values/Teachings

You must know part (d) will require you to compare spiritual and moral values based on the passage. Christianity is **ALWAYS asked** with relating to values from Hinduism, Islam or Z/Tradition. Therefore you need to learn to give similarities and differences between Christianity and each of the other three religions.

Here, you will find summarized notes, typical exam questions and best answers. All the best.

1. BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Read Luke 1:5-24, 57-66

The birth of John was special because;

- His parents were advanced in years beyond child bearing.
- Zechariah prayed for a son and this birth was an answer to his prayers.
- John's birth was foretold and he was named before he was born.
- Zechariah and Elizabeth were upright before God.
- John's birth removed the shame of childlessness from Elizabeth.

Nazarites were not allowed to;

- Drink alcohol
- Cut their hair
- Go near or touch any dead body

The Purpose of John's Life

- The forerunner of the Messiah.
- A spiritual Elijah (he would perform tasks in the Holy Spirit as Elijah had done).
- A healer of discord
- To prepare the nation of the coming of the Messiah.

Fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecy

- He was the forerunner of the Messiah.
- He was the healer of discord.
- He prepared the nation of Israel for the coming of the Messiah.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS

The Announcement to Mary

Read Luke 1: 26-38

TITLE	THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING
Jesus	Saviour of people from their sins
Messiah or Christ	To anoint His people into His spiritual Kingdom
Son of David	Born from King David's ancestry
Son of the Most High	The Son of God

The Announcement to Joseph

Read Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph could deal with Mary's pregnancy in two ways;

- He could openly summon her to the court to be condemned and punished.
- He could privately give her a certificate of divorce before witnesses without a reason.

The Purpose of the Messiah's Kingdom

- Not conquest, but salvation.
- Not an earthly monarch, but a spiritual one.
- Not deliverance from the Romans, but from sin.

Mary's Visit to Elizabeth

Read Luke 1:39-45

The Birth of Jesus

Read Luke 2:1-7

The Announcement to the Shepherds

Read Luke 2:8-20

The Visit of the Wise Men and the Flight to Egypt

Read Matthew 2:1-23

The Wise Men brought;

- Gold, to show Jesus' kingship
- Frankincense, to represent his deity
- Myrrh, to represent his coming death and suffering

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY	FULFILMENT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
He was to be of David's family.	He was born from the line of David.
He would be born of a virgin.	He was born of the virgin Mary.
He would be born in Bethlehem.	He was born in Bethlehem.
He would live in Egypt and be called out from there.	He lived in Egypt and was called back from there.
He would live in Nazareth.	He lived in Nazareth.
Bethlehem's children would be killed.	Herod had Bethlehem's children massacred.

*Notice that the Old Testament prophecy was fulfilled in the New Testament.

***NOTE:** The first question in **section a** will always tell you to narrate the birth of John the Baptist or Jesus according to the person that was there.

INCIDENTS FROM JESUS' CHILDHOOD

Jesus in the Temple as a Baby

Read Luke 2:21-39

Jesus at Twelve Years Old

Read Luke 2:41-52

HOW GOD DIRECTS HUMAN LIVES

Examples of People Directed by God

God directed Zechariah and Elizabeth, Joseph and Mary. Why? It was simple because;

- Their way of life pleased God
- They were expecting the Messiah
- They were instructed in supernatural ways to use their natural desires.
- They were willing and available to fulfill God's purposes

God's Directions in the Lives of Christians today

God makes plans known to us through various means, such as;

- His Word, the Bible.
- Circumstances in their lives.
- Advice of their friends.
- Inner inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
- Making themselves available to Him.

How Christians should respond to God's Direction

By;

- Surrendering daily to God
- Making themselves available to Him
- Accepting obedience to Him
- Accepting His guidance

CHRISTIAN, MUSLIM AND HINDU TEACHINGS ON GOD'S DIRECTION

Christian Teaching

God directs Christians' lives through;

- His Word, the Bible.
- Inner inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
- Circumstances in their lives.
- Advice from friends.

Muslim Teaching

Everything that happens to them is the will of Allah and must be accepted. They believe that Allah, through the angel Gabriel, gave his messages to the prophet Muhammad recorded in the Quran.

The Quran is the basis of guidance for every Muslim. Whatever it says a Muslim must obey.

Hindu Teaching

They believe;

- One is born and guided through the daily and seasonal rituals.
- God directs Hindus through life cycle rites, like birth, marriage, worship and death.
- Pilgrimage to one of the religious sites is important.
- God directs a Hindu through the Vedas while living with a Guru.

TYPICAL EXAM QUESTIONS

1.

- a) Narrate the announcement of Jesus to Mary.
- b) How did Mary react to this? Give three points
- c) How does God direct Christians today? Give three ways
- d) Give one similarity and one difference between Christianity and Muslims of how God directs human lives

2.

- a) Narrate Mary's visit to Elizabeth.
- b) Why did God use Mary and Elizabeth? Give three points
- c) John is always asking how God can direct a human being identify God's direction in their lives. As a Christian, how would you tell John about how people can identify God's direction? Give three ways
- d) Give two similarities and one difference between Christian and Muslim teaching about how God directs human lives.

3.

- a) Narrate the announcement to Joseph.
- b) In which two ways, could Joseph end his engagement with Mary after discovering she was pregnant?
- c) What was the purpose of the Messianic Kingdom? Give three points
- d) Mention two similarities and one difference between Christianity and Zambian Tradition about religious and family duties.

4.

- a) Narrate the birth of John the Baptist.
- b) Give three reasons for the purpose of John's Life and Ministry.
- c) Michael is your friend and he says, 'I don't know how John fulfilled the Old Testament Prophecy.' As a Christian give three ways of how you would explain to Michael of how John fulfilled the Old Testament prophecy.
- d) Give two similarities and two differences between Christian and Muslim teaching about God's direction in people's lives.

BEST/ACCEPTED ANSWERS

1.

- a) Luke 1:26-38
- b) She said, "May it happen to me as you have said."
-She as a virgin, accepted to give birth to Jesus in a supernatural way before marriage to Joseph
-She praised the Lord in her song
- c) Through his word
-Through inner inspiration of the Holy Spirit
-Through circumstances
- d) **Similarity**
-Both believe that God has a plan for each person's life
Difference
Christians: God uses the Bible and other means as a basis for guidance in a person's life.
Muslims: God uses the Quran as the only basis for guidance in a person's life.

2.

- a) Luke 1:39-56
- b) They were people who were expecting the Messiah.
-Their way of life pleased God.
-They were willing to be used by God.
- c) Through his word.
-Through advice from friends.
-Through inner inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
- d) **Similarities**
-Both believe that God has a plan for each person's life.
-Both believe that God directs every stage of their lives.
Difference
Christians: God's word is written in the Bible.
Muslims: God's word is written in the Quran.

3.

- a) Matthew 1:18-25
- b) Divorce Mary privately.
-To take Mary to the court of law where she was to be condemned and stoned to death.
- c) Not conquest but salvation.
-Not earthly monarch but spiritual.
-Not deliverance from Romans but from sin.
- d) **Similarities**
-In both, children obey their parents.

-In both, children are loyal to their families.

Difference

Christianity: Obedience to God comes first.

Zambian Tradition: Obedience to parents comes first.

4.

- a) Luke 1:5-25, 57-66
- b) He would be the fore runner of the Messiah.
 - He would prepare the nation for the coming of the Messiah.
 - He would be a healer of discord.
- c) He came earlier than the Messiah to pave way.
 - He preached and told people to repent and be baptized.
 - He worked with the power of the Holy Spirit as Elijah had done.

d) **Similarities**

- Both believe that God has a plan for each person's life.
- Both believe that God directs each stage of their lives.

Differences

Christians: God's word is written in the Bible.

Muslims: God's word is written in the Quran.

Christians: God uses the Bible and other means as basis for guidance in a person's life.

Muslims: God uses Quran as the only basis for guidance in a person's life.

2. MINISTRY AND DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

SIN AND EVIL

Sin is expressed as 'failing to reach God's required standard' or 'rebellion to God.

Evil is something bad or wrong that can be done to a person, or something that is not allowed

Common evils in the world today;

- Bribery
- Exploitation
- Corruption
- Prostitution
- Discrimination

THE MESSAGE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Read Luke 3:1-20;

Read Matthew 3:1-12

RIGHT BEHAVIOUR IN ZAMBIA TODAY

Right behavior is being able to follow the accepted moral standards in society or community. It is doing what God expects of us.

When people get involved in wrong behavior, society resents or criticizes them. John the Baptist's instructions about right behavior could be applied in Zambia today. For example:

People in Authority

These include government officials, politicians, police officers, and the army. They should portray right behavior by;

- Not taking advantage of their positions.
- Working honestly to benefit others.
- Not accepting bribes.

Ordinary People in Secular Work

These include civil servants, teachers, industrial workers, nurses and shop workers. They can portray right behavior in their work by;

- Working hard.
- Being honest and truthful.
- Not wasting employer's time.

Religious and Church Leaders

These include elders, pastors, priests and deacons. They can portray the right behavior by;

- Living by example.
- Being upright.
- Having a good reputation.

THE WORK OF JOHN AND THE WORK OF JESUS

THE WORK OF JOHN	THE WORK OF JESUS
Challenged people to repent.	Challenged people to repent.
Baptised with water.	Baptised people with the Holy Spirit.
Encouraged people to repent.	Forgave people's sins. He healed the sick. He cast out demons.
Warned people against God's judgement.	He warned people of the coming judgement.

WHY JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS IMPRISONED AND KILLED

Read Mark 6:17-29

JOHN THE BAPTIST'S MESSAGE COMPARED TO OTHER RELIGIONS

Zambian Traditional Religion

- One must keep in touch with ancestral spirits. If not, the ancestors will be displeased.
- Offering of sacrifices at a family or clan shrine is important.
- The 'shrine' is where the people meet the ancestral spirits.
- God is considered to be supreme, but unknowable.

Islam

There are 'five pillars' of Islam. These are;

- **Kalima.** 'There is no god but God, and Muhammad is his prophet.'
- **Prayer.** Done five times a day always facing Mecca.
- **Fasting.** Fast for a month during the fast of Ramadan, fasting begins each day at sunrise and ends at sunset.
- **Almsgiving.** Ritual of giving money to the poor
- **Pilgrimage.** Every Muslim is directed to make a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in his lifetime.

Hinduism

The Dharma has five main principles:

- **God.** God created and controls the universe. He is everywhere. He knows everything and is most merciful.
- **Prayer.** Simplest way of knowing and finding God is by praying to Him. There is a peace of mind through prayer. They pray to God in the morning and in the evening.
- **Reincarnation.** Hinduism teaches that the soul is immortal; it never dies. When the body dies, the soul leaves it and enters another body.
- **Law of Action.** It is called, 'Karma'. A person gets the fruits of his deeds according to his good or bad actions.
- **Non-Violence.** Reverence for life is very important.

Christianity

- It is founded on the worship of Jesus Christ as Son of God.
- One must admit one's sinful nature, turn away from it, and confess sins to God. This is repentance. One must then accept God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ.
- Baptism then follows a sign that repentance and forgiveness have already taken place. It is also a sign of one's commitment to a new life in Christ.
- This new life is expressed in obedience and commitment to God, and so His will for us. The Christian 'dies' to his old way of life and rises to a new, God-centered life.
- The message of the resurrection of Christ is the basis of the Christian hope.

EXAM QUESTION

1.

- a.) Narrate the message of John the Baptist in the wilderness.
- b.) State two ways in which religious and church leaders can portray right behavior.
- c.) How should people in authority work? Give two points.
- d.) Give two similarities and one difference between John's message and that of Hinduism.

ACCEPTED ANSWERS

1.

- a.) Luke 3:1-20
- b.) To be upright.
 - To practice what they preach.
- c.) To work honestly to benefit others.
 - Not to take advantage of position.
- d.) **Similarities**
 - In both, God controls the universe.
 - In both, the person gets the fruits of his deeds.

Differences

John's message: He talked about Jesus as a savior for man.

Hinduism: There is no savior for man (one's rewards depends on his/her Karma).

3. BAPTISM

Significance of initiation for boys and girls

- Mark of becoming an adult.
- Preparation for adulthood roles.
- Girls are trained to become responsible mothers and wives. Boys to be responsible fathers and husbands.
- Make them become responsible members of the community.

Infant baptism is practiced because;

- It is a way to wash original sin.
- The child can become a member in the parents' church.
- The child will grow up to fear God.
- It imparts eternal life to the child.
- It is a way of salvation.

Methods of baptizing people;

- Immersion.
- Pouring.
- Sprinkling.

JESUS' BAPTISM

Read Matthew 3:12-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22

Significance

- At His baptism, God declared Jesus as His son to the people of Israel.
- He was baptized to identify Himself completely with humanity.
- A commitment to carrying out God's purpose of winning people for the kingdom of God.

Significance of Circumcision

- It was a command.
- A sign of the agreement between God and Abraham.
- It was a mark of belonging to God.
- A guarantee of the inheritance of God's promises to Abraham and his descendants.

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM COMPARED WITH OTHER RELIGIONS ADMISSION PRACTICES

Christianity

Baptism is a picture of the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is the expression of the beginning of a new life in Christ. A person symbolically becomes a member of the Church.

Baptism is a command of Christ. A person must first of all repent, confess Christ, and live a life of obedience.

Hinduism

Some Hindu boys at 8 and 12 receive the sacred thread of initiation as a sign of adult status. It is a triple-stranded string worn throughout his life, draped across his left shoulder and under the left arm. It means that he is now twice born.

Islam

There is no special initiation from childhood to adult religious life. To become a Muslim, one must express belief in the Kalima. A Muslim child gradually learns Islamic beliefs. When he becomes an adult, he takes full religious responsibility.

Zambian Tradition

Puberty and marriage rites for boys and girls are meant to prepare them for adult life. They went through different rites.

EXAM QUESTION

- a) Narrate the story of Jesus getting baptized.
- b) State three things that happened at his baptism.
- c) A friend of yours asks why Christians get baptized. As a Christian give three reasons to why Christians get baptized.
- d) Give two similarities and two differences between Christian teaching on baptism and Zambian Tradition on initiation.

ANSWERS

- a) Matthew 3:13-17
- b) Heaven opened.
 - A voice was heard.
 - The Holy Spirit came down from heaven in form of a dove and settled on Jesus head.
- c) It is Christ's command.
 - It shows repentance and faith in one's heart.
 - It shows obedience to God's word.
- d) **Similarities**
 - Both are a public sign that one has entered a new way of life.
 - Both show an outward symbol of inward reality.

Differences

Christian Baptism: It shows repentance and conversion.

Z/Traditional Initiation: It shows that one has entered adulthood life.

Christian Baptism: It shows an association with Christ.

Z/Traditional Initiation: It shows an association with adults.

4. TEMPTATION

Temptation

It is the desire to sin or do wrong.

Testing

It is a situation in which God tries our faith and obedience to him.

God tested people in order to;

- Prove quality or strength of their faith.
- Prove their love and obedience.
- Build Christian character.

Sin

This is failure to reach God's standards.

How are we tempted?

Temptations come to us through;

- Our senses.
- Our weaknesses and desires.
- Our pride.
- Poverty.
- Prosperity and possessions.
- Circumstances.
- Friends.

TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS

Read Luke 4:1-13

- Turn stones into bread.
- Worship Satan.
- Jump from the Pinnacle of the Temple.

Other Temptations of Jesus

- Do miracles to provide all the people's needs.
- Prove that He was the Messiah.
- Become a political leader.
- Turn back from the cross.
- Save Himself from the cross.

How Christians can Overcome Temptations

By;

- Following Jesus' example.
- Praying.
- Using God's Word.
- Resisting Temptation.
- Leaving the place of temptation
- Submitting to God.

TEACHINGS ON TEMPTATION IN RELIGIONS

Christian Teaching on Temptation

God does not tempt anyone. Temptations come from Satan, or from a person's own natural desires, of which Satan may take advantage.

Hindu Teaching

The two serious temptations are greed and lust.

Muslim Teaching

The two serious temptations are belief in other gods which is idolatry and also lust.

EXAM QUESTIONS

1.

- a.) Narrate the story of the temptation of Jesus.
- b.) How did Jesus overcome these temptations? Give three ways
- c.) Mention three other times Jesus was tempted
- d.) Give one similarity and one difference between Christian and Muslim teaching on temptation.

2.

- a.) Narrate the temptation of King David.
- b.) (i) What is sin?
(ii) Give two reasons why God tested people.
- c.) Michelle is your friend and she always keeps giving in to temptation whenever she's faced with it. As a Christian friend, what would you advise her to do? Give three points
- d.) Give two similarities and one difference between Christians and Hindu teaching on temptation.

ANSWERS

1.

- a.) Luke 4:1-13.
- b.) By using God's Word, The Bible.
 - By resisting temptation.
 - By leaving the place of temptation.
- c.) To prove His Messiah-ship.
 - Become a political leader.
 - Turn back from the cross.
- d.) **Similarity**
For both, belief in other god's is a serious temptation.
Difference
Christians: Idolatry can be resisted through help from Christ.
Muslims: Idolatry is so serious that it shouldn't even be in one's thoughts because it is a sin.

2.

- a.) 2 Samuel 11:1-5
- b.) (i) It is the desire to sin or do wrong.
(ii) To prove of the quality or strength of their faith.
 - To prove their obedience and love.
- c.) She must resist temptation through prayer.

- She must use God's Word, The Bible.
- She must be leaving the place of temptation.

d.) **Similarities**

- Both have temptation of greed and lust.
- Both believe that moral and honest life brings peace and happiness.

Difference

Christians: Resist the temptation of lust through the help of Christ.

Hindu: Resist the temptation of lust by thinking of all women as mothers and sisters.

5. JESUS' POWER OVER DISEASE AND NATURE

WHAT IS A MIRACLE?

A miracle is an occurrence which cannot be fully explained by natural events.

Why Jesus performed miracles

To;

- Show that the Kingdom of God had arrived.
- Invite people to put their faith in Him.
- Show His Messiah-ship.
- Fulfill prophecy.
- Simply out of His sympathy and compassion for people.

JESUS HEALS SICK PEOPLE

1. **The paralysed man**- Luke 5:17-26
2. **The man with a withered hand**- Luke 6:6-11
3. **The man with dropsy**- Luke 14:1-6
4. **The blind man at Jericho**- Luke 18:35-43

In the above stories, we see that;

- The Sabbath was made for the good of man and not man for the Sabbath.
- Jesus had authority over the Sabbath.
- It is better to save life on the Sabbath than to keep to rules and rituals.
- Jesus had compassion and put the needs of the sick first.

JESUS HEALS LEPERS, AND HIS ATTITUDE TO THEM

1. **Jesus heals one leper-** Luke 5:12-16
2. **Jesus heals ten lepers-** Luke 17:11-19

In these two stories, we learn that Jesus' attitude towards lepers was;

- Compassion and Love.
- Pity and Sympathy.
- Acceptance of them.
- Mixing with them.

JESUS CALMS THE STORM AND FEEDS FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE

1. **Jesus calming the storm-** Luke 8:22-25
From this miracle, we learn about Jesus';
-**Humanity** by His tiredness and sleep.
-**Divinity** by His power over the wind and the waves.
2. **Jesus feeds five thousand people-** Luke 9:10-17
From this incident, we learn that Jesus is the only one that can;
-satisfy both physical and spiritual needs of the people.

Some people don't believe in miracles because of;

- Unbelief in the miracle working God.
- Unbelief in a miracle itself.
- Lack of proof or evidence.

MIRACLES IN CHRISTIANITY AND OTHER RELIGIONS

Christianity

They believe in miracles because of;

- The virgin birth and resurrection of Jesus.
- Belief in a miracle working God.
- Miracles help to restore confidence in the power of God.

- God performs unusual things through holy people.

Zambian Tradition

- God performs unusual things through his chosen people.
- Only special people can perform miracles.
- Miracles are performed through the help of the ancestral spirits.
- Miracles increase the influence and reputation of the people who perform them.

Islam

- Prophets perform unusual and extraordinary deeds.
- Sometimes Allah performs unusual things through holy men.
- Only holy men can be used to perform miracles.
- Miracles increase the influence and reputation of holy men.
- Only God performs the actual miracles.

Hinduism

- Hindus believe that miracles performed by a person are not proof of his divinity.
- Miracles increase people's faith in God.
- Miracles can be performed through satanic powers.
- Even ordinary people can perform miracles.

EXAM QUESTIONS

1.

- a.) Narrate the story of Jesus calming the storm.
- b.) Give three reasons why Jesus performed miracles.
- c.) You and your friend are arguing about miracles. Anna doesn't believe in miracles but you do. Give two arguments she can bring up and give your Christian response to both.
- d.) Give two similarities and two differences between Christian and Muslim teaching about miracles.

2.

- a.) Narrate the story of the blind man at Jericho.
- b.) What do we learn from this story? Give three points
- c.) What was Jesus' attitude towards lepers? Give three points
- d.) Give one similarity and one difference between Christian and Hindu teaching on miracles.

ANSWERS

1.

a.) Luke 8:22-25

b.) To invite people to have faith in him.

-Because of his compassion and sympathy to people.

-To show that the Kingdom of God had arrived.

c.) **Argument**- There is no proof that miracles happen.

- I do not believe in a miracle working God.

Christian response- The birth of Jesus is miraculous enough for proof.

-God performs miracles and through the prayers of Christians, miracles are performed.

d.) **Similarities**

-Both believe in a miracle working God.

-Both believe that God performs miracles.

Differences

Christian: God uses anyone with faith to perform miracles.

Muslims: Only holy men or prophets sent by Allah can genuine miracles.

Christian: The ability to perform a miracle is not a test of faith.

Muslims: The ability to perform miracles increases the reputation of the prophets.

2.

a.) Luke 18:35-43

b.) Jesus had authority over the Sabbath.

-The Sabbath was made for the good of man and not man for the Sabbath.

-Jesus had compassion and put the needs of the sick first.

c.) He had compassion and love for them.

-He mixed with them.

-He accepted them.

d.) **Similarity**

-Both believe in a miracle working God.

Difference

Christian: God uses anyone with faith to perform miracles.

Hindu: Even ordinary people can perform miracles.

6. JESUS' POWER OVER EVIL SPIRITS

Types of spirits in Zambian Tradition;

- Ancestral spirits.
- Dissatisfied spirits.
- Good spirits.
- Bad spirits.

Methods of Keeping Spirits away:

- Charms.
- Lotions.
- Tattoos.
- Taboos.

JESUS HEALS DEMON POSSESSED PEOPLE

1. The Gerasene demoniac- Luke 8:26-39

This story shows that Jesus had supreme authority over the spirit world.

2. The man in the synagogue- Luke 4:31-38

3. The demon possessed boy- Luke 9:37-43

THE TWO KINGDOMS OF THE SPIRITUAL REALM

- The Kingdom of God, representing light, truth and goodness.
- The Kingdom of Satan, representing the powers of darkness, lies and evil.

FOUR KINDS OF SPIRITS IN CHRISTIANITY

- The Holy Spirit of God.
- The human spirit.
- Angels.
- Evil spirits

Treatment of demon possession in Christianity

Freedom from demons comes through repentance and confession of sin, and faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Exorcism is practiced.

DEMONIC PRACTICES FORBIDDEN

- Divination.
- Witchcraft.
- Magic.
- Spells or omens.
- Sorcery.
- Astrology.
- Palmistry.

EXAM QUESTIONS

- a.) Narrate the story of the Gerasene demoniac.
- b.) What does this story show? Give two points.
- c.) A man practices divination. He meets a pastor and tells him about it. What will his arguments be and how can the pastor respond to them?
- d.) Give two similarities and two differences between Christianity and Zambian Tradition over treatment of the demon possessed.

ANSWERS

- a.) Luke 8:26-39
- b.) Jesus' ability to command evil spirits showed that the Kingdom of God had come to defeat other powers.
 - Jesus had power over demons so that people would believe in Him and then enter God's kingdom.
- c.) **Arguments**-I do this to earn a living.
 - I am helping people so God is with me.
 - There is nothing wrong with this since it doesn't involve killing people.**Pastor's response**-Divination is a demonic practice forbidden by God.
 - God has power to destroy all other powers.
- d.) **Similarities**
 - In both, spirits can be casted out.
 - Both give possible solutions to the problem aiming at healing the spirit possessed person.**Differences**

Zambian Tradition: Can be treated by drumming, dancing and use of charms.

Christianity: Treated by exorcism or casting out demons.

Zambian Tradition: Freedom from demons comes through observing certain rituals and taboos.

Christianity: Freedom is by repenting and confessing Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

7. THE KINGDOM OF GOD

GOD'S KINGDOM

Read Luke 17:20-25; Mark 1:14-19

- The Kingdom of God will not be seen when it comes.
- The Kingdom of God is within you.

The Jews believe that when the Messiah would come, He would gain a great political victory over His enemies.

SIGNS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- Spiritual Change.
- Healing.
- Deliverance from evil spirits.

HOW DOES ONE ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

- Repentance.
- Faith in Jesus.
- Be Born Again.
- Obedience to Jesus.

THE EFFECTS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

1. **The Hidden Treasure and the Pearl**- Matthew 13:44-46
2. **Right priorities**- Luke 12:22-34
3. **Parable of the Pounds**- Luke 19:11-27
4. **The Widow's offering**- Luke 21:1-4

FOR WHOM IS THE KINGDOM PREPARED?

- The poor in spirit.
- Those who are hungry for God.
- Those who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ.

The Parable of the Wedding Feast- Luke 14:7-11

WHERE IS THE KINGDOM NOW?

Read;

1. Parable of the Mustard seed- Luke 13:18-19

2. Parable of the Yeast- Luke 13:20-21

In both parables, Jesus makes it clear that the Kingdom of God is not only for the Jews, but for everybody.

CHRISTIAN BELIEFS ABOUT GOD'S KINGDOM COMPARED WITH OTHER RELIGIONS

Christianity

- The Kingdom of God is for the humble, poor, hungry and the persecuted.
- It must be our first priority.
- Christians must be prepared to sacrifice everything for the sake of the Kingdom.
- Christians must show true devotion to God.

Islam

- Belief in Allah.
- Belief in the Day of Judgment and life after death.
- The five pillars of Islam have to be followed.

Hinduism

The Dharma has five main principles;

- God.
- Prayer.
- Reincarnation.
- Law of Action.
- Non-Violence.

Zambian Tradition

The most important beliefs are to:

- Keep in touch with ancestral spirits.
- Offer sacrifices to appease the spirits.
- Spirits will help during times of trouble.
- If spirits are not respected, they may cause disaster.
- An object is chosen to which sacrifices and prayers are offered.

EXAM QUESTION

- a.) Narrate the Parable of the Pounds.
- b.) Mention three signs of the Kingdom of God.
- c.) Mention three reasons why Jesus came.
- d.) Give two similarities and one difference between Christian and Muslim teaching about the Kingdom of God.

ANSWERS

- a.) Luke 19:11-27
- b.) Spiritual change.
 - Physical healing.
 - Deliverance from evil spirits.
- c.) To bring deliverance to captives of sins, sickness and death.
 - To preach the good news to those who were poor in spirit.
 - He was anointed to heal the broken heart, mind and soul.
- d.) **Similarities**
 - Both believe in the Day of Judgment.
 - Both believe in life after death.

Difference

Muslims: Are restricted to facing Mecca when praying.

Christians: Have no restrictions regarding where to face when praying.

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