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 Additional Reading Time - 10 minutes

Use additional reading time to go through the question paper, select the questions and decide on the questions that you give priority in answering.

Christianity I

Note :

- Answer all questions.
- In each of the questions 1 to 40, pick one of the alternatives (1), (2), (3), (4) which is correct or most appropriate.
- Mark a cross (X) on the number corresponding to your choice in the answer sheet provided.
- Further instructions are given on the back of the answer sheet. Follow them carefully.

- Jesus' birth is considered as an important incident because it
 - (1) took place as expected.
 - (2) happened in the presence of the people.
 - (3) was a fulfilment of prophesy.
 - (4) took place a long time ago.
- Prophetic utterances and later the Angelic message to Mary were about Jesus'
 - (1) greatness.
 - (2) physical features.
 - (3) poverty.
 - (4) status.
- According to the prophets, Jesus challenges us through his ministry to
 - (1) serve others while we are also served by them.
 - (2) serve and not to be served.
 - (3) tell others about the real meaning of service.
 - (4) be conscious of the limits of our service.
- A feature common to Peter, Thomas and Mathew is that they were
 - (1) fishermen.
 - (2) at the garden of Gethsemane with Jesus.
 - (3) with Jesus at the transfiguration.
 - (4) apostles of Jesus.
- What was Peter's great declaration?
 - (1) "You are the prophet of God."
 - (2) "You are the Christ of God."
 - (3) "I am willing even to die for you."
 - (4) "I will take your words to the ends of the earth."
- The parable which shows the danger of overestimating one's self is
 - (1) The Pharisee and the tax collector.
 - (2) Rich man and Lazaus.
 - (3) A king getting ready to wage war.
 - (4) The rich fool

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7. Consider the following statements about the ministry of John the Baptist.
- A - "He will faithfully bring forth justice"
 - B - "I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me"
 - C - "Surely he has borne our infirmities"
 - D - "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord"
- Out of the above statements, what are the Prophetic utterances of Isaiah and Malachai about John the Baptist?
- (1) A and B (2) A and C (3) B and C (4) B and D
8. The one who presented Jesus as the fulfilment of the hopes of the Jewish people was
- (1) John. (2) Peter. (3) John the Baptist. (4) Zechariah.
9. The good news about Jesus was communicated by an Angel to
- (1) Zechariah, Mary and the Shepherds.
 - (2) Zechariah, Elizabeth and Joseph.
 - (3) Zechariah, Joseph and Simeon.
 - (4) Zechariah, Simeon and Anna.
10. The important lesson we can learn by the incident that Jesus was taken to the temple as a child is
- (1) attending church only with one's parents.
 - (2) attending church in order to give God first place.
 - (3) establishing Christian identity through rituals.
 - (4) Christians living with Sri Lankan identity.
11. Among the following, what are the important statements, that show the ministry of John the Baptist is important to the Christians?
- A - emphasising the importance of sharing what we have
 - B - teaching Jesus about his mission
 - C - explaining the ability to reform society performing the good deeds
 - D - drawing people to oneself
- (1) A and B (2) A and C (3) B and C (4) C and D
12. As a student, what is the challenge that John the Baptist poses to you?
- (1) To repent (2) To forgive (3) To be patient (4) To love
13. Herod rejected John the Baptist because
- (1) he said that Herod's laws were too strict.
 - (2) he condemned Herod's misuse of money.
 - (3) he was against Herod's too close relationship with the Roman Empire.
 - (4) Herod's wicked ways were disclosed.
14. The cities where Jesus was born and raised respectively were
- (1) Jerusalem and Nazareth. (2) Jerusalem and Cana.
 - (3) Bethlehem and Cana. (4) Bethlehem and Nazareth.
15. What was the theme of Jesus in his first sermon at Synagogue?
- (1) 'The kingdom of God is for Jews.'
 - (2) 'The kingdom of God is open to the Gentiles.'
 - (3) 'The kingdom of God is for the chosen.'
 - (4) 'There should be glory and honour to the kingdom of God.'
16. The signs given to those who came looking for John the Baptist and Jesus were
- (1) a voice crying in the wilderness and a garment made of Camel's hair.
 - (2) a child lying in a manger and a star.
 - (3) a voice crying in the wilderness and a child lying in a manger.
 - (4) a child lying in a manger and host of angels.

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17. The important example for life that we receive from John the Baptist and Jesus is
- (1) waiting till you receive a special sign from God.
 - (2) getting ready to live a life of hardship.
 - (3) waiting till you receive God's anointing.
 - (4) not thinking about a life of hardship.
18. What is the common statement that both Simeon and Anna made about Jesus?
- (1) The salvation brought by the Messiah.
 - (2) The glory of the people of Israel.
 - (3) The failure of those who do not accept the Messiah.
 - (4) The sacrifice that Jesus was going to make in the future.
19. The following are brief statements made by Jesus in his first sermon in the synagogue?
- A - Preaching good news to the poor
B - Blessings received by the rich
C - Authority for the powerful
D - Freedom for the oppressed
- What statements given above are part of the signs of the kingdom of God?
- (1) A and B (2) A and C (3) A and D (4) B and C
20. "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets.", Jesus said this to
- (1) Simon. (2) Jacob. (3) John. (4) Andrew.
21. The lesson we learn from the Jesus' calling of the disciples is that people
- (1) should accept the calling before being called.
 - (2) boast about the superiority of their calling.
 - (3) should expect to be part of Jesus' ministry.
 - (4) we should choose anyone for ministry.
22. By visiting Simon the Pharisee, Mary and Martha and Zacchaeus, the lesson that Jesus teaches us about hospitality is that one should
- (1) visit different people in their homes.
 - (2) form relationships with people not taking into account their social status.
 - (3) go uninvited to people's homes
 - (4) behaving according to the customs when entering a home.
23. By accepting children and women into their company, Jesus
- (1) emphasised their true worth. (2) raised them above the rest.
 - (3) gave them undue popularity. (4) used them to tell others about himself.
24. The Pharisees and Sadducees met Jesus in order to
- (1) discuss things in secret.
 - (2) get divine guidance for their problems.
 - (3) challenge him.
 - (4) to explain the truth to Jesus in depth.
25. The challenge posed by Jesus using the parable of the unforgiving servant is that
- (1) we should always be willing to forgive.
 - (2) we should always plead for forgiveness.
 - (3) we should forgive in order to receive forgiveness
 - (4) we should not hesitate to forgive our friends.
26. "Blessed are the Peace makers." In accordance with this saying, to establish lasting peace in our society, people should
- (1) be content with being a peaceful citizen.
 - (2) establish justice and righteousness.
 - (3) concentrate on building a society free from war.
 - (4) use force when absolutely necessary to bring peace.

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What was Jesus' response to those who praised themselves by considering the Jewish law as superior?

- (1) looked down upon them in the temple.
- (2) rejected them.
- (3) pretended that he did not know them.
- (4) said that they would be rejected before God.

28. A high priest was appointed from among the

- (1) Pharisees. (2) Scribes. (3) Sadducees. (4) Levites.

29. In relation to the Sabbath laws Jesus taught that

- (1) it was important to work strictly according to these laws.
- (2) they were important because they were from God.
- (3) law was really based on love and concern for people.
- (4) it was everyone's responsibility to follow it come what may.

30. The following are some ideas on the miracles that Jesus performed.

- A - Experience God's power in faith.
- B - Show sympathy only to those who were in need of the Kingdom of God.
- C - To accept the fact that satan's power is active.
- D - To show that we need God's power to overcome the storms of life.

What are the ideas regarding the kingdom of God, from the above?

- (1) A and B (2) A and C (3) A and D (4) B and D

31. A special feature of the expected Messiah was that he would

- (1) be brought up in Nazareth.
- (2) become the king of the Jews.
- (3) suffer death on the cross.
- (4) be called the Prince of Peace.

32. Given below are characteristics of a Shepherd.

- A - Feeding and guiding the sheep.
- B - Protect his own life when facing the enemy.
- C - Protecting the sheep and dedicating his life for the sheep.
- D - Making use of their wool, taking them across rough waters.

Which of the above are found in Jesus as a good shepherd?

- (1) A and B (2) A and C (3) B and C (4) B and D

33. "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin."

This prayer was offered by

- (1) Prophet Isaiah. (2) Prophet Amos.
- (3) King David. (4) Paul the Apostle.

34. The attitude of present day Christians towards poverty in the society should be

- (1) accepting poverty as a permanent feature in the society.
- (2) encouraging the poor to accept poverty happily.
- (3) giving alms to the poor to make them happy.
- (4) encouraging and helping the poor to overcome their poverty.

35. Two persons who dedicated their lives to work for peace and social welfare in our country recently are,

- (1) Rev. Michael Rodrigo and Nelson Mandela.
- (2) Rev. Chandra Fernando and Rev. Tissa Balasuriya.
- (3) Rev. Chandra Fernando and Nelson Mandela.
- (4) Rev. Tissa Balasuriya and Rev. Michael Rodrigo.

36. Some actions of the converts who were involved in occult practices earlier in Ephesus are given below.

- A - including the miracles of Jesus in their list of occult practices.
- B - burning all books that include occult practices.
- C - selling the books that contain occult practices and offering the money to Paul.
- D - accept Jesus, give up occult practices and be witness to God.

Out of the above, which statements give the acts of the people in Ephesus after the missionary service of Paul?

- (1) A and B (2) A and D (3) B and C (4) B and D

37. Jesus showed that there should be an inner change in order to attain a new life when

- (1) he was talking to the Samaritan woman.
- (2) he responded to a question asked by Nicodemus.
- (3) he condemned the action of Simon the Pharisee.
- (4) Martha was challenged in her home.

38. What is the option that **cannot** be considered as a special characteristic which caused Prophet Isaiah to identify Jesus as the suffering servant?

- (1) dying to forgive sins.
- (2) mediate on behalf of sinners.
- (3) bearing our infirmities and afflictions.
- (4) Being discouraged and disappointed.

39. Who freely forgave the offenders in the face of the vicious attack while engaging in ministry?

- (1) Rev. Jerad de Silva and Pope John Paul II.
- (2) Pope John Paul II and Rev. Chandra Fernando.
- (3) Rev. Jerad de Silva and Rev. Chandra Fernando.
- (4) Rev. Chandra Fernando and Rev. Tissa Balasuriya.

40. As members of a Christian family our duties towards the society should be to

- (1) look out for other Christian families and help them.
- (2) work with patience and forgiveness so as to bring honour to God.
- (3) spread the word of God in the society eagerly.
- (4) Condemn the weaknesses in the society and give guidance.

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* Answer five questions, including question one and four other questions.

* The first question carries 20 marks and each of the other questions carry 10 marks.

- Name the prophet who prophesied Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as a king on a mule. What special leadership quality of Jesus is revealed by this act?
 - Write **one** instruction and **one** power given by Jesus to his disciples when he sent them on mission.
 - What was the main theme of Jesus' mission? Give **one** example for the methods he used to present it?
 - Whom did Jesus refer to using the parable of the fig tree? What important message does it convey to us, the citizens of the kingdom of God?
 - What is the historical importance of two of the Jewish customs given below?
 - Circumcision
 - Dedication of the first born male child
 - Who gave leadership to the council of Jerusalem ?
 - What benefit did the gentiles receive through the council of Jerusalem ?
 - In what way are the injustices that the Prophet Amos spoke about as prevalent in his day which are still seen in today's society?
 - Name **two** qualities that we are expected to emulate in our lives as presented in 'love' in the 'gift of love' in 1 Corinthy 13.
 - Name **one** person who went with Paul on his first missionary journey. Mention an important miracle that Paul performed during this journey.
 - Mention **one** important principle (policy) of the kingdom of God and write the parable Jesus used to illustrate it.
- "The Son of Man is the Lord of the Sabbath."
 - What is the background which prompted Jesus to say the above statement?
 - State briefly **three** instances in which Jesus acted to show that human beings are more important than the law and customs.
 - Present **five** actions we Christians can adopt to bring justice and social welfare in our society following Jesus' example.
- Name **two** special characteristics expected by Jesus from citizens of the kingdom of God.
 - Briefly present **one** parable Jesus used in order to explain **one** of the characteristics mentioned in (i) above.
 - Give **five** characteristics that the citizens of the kingdom of God should have in their lives as presented by Jesus through parables.

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4. The Bible says that children are a gift of God.
- (i) What was the position of children in Jewish society during the time of Jesus?
 - (ii) Give **three** instances that Jesus showed his disciples the value of children.
 - (iii) List **five** child abuses which are in today's society and suggest **five** actions in which Christians can take to prevent such victimization and assist them to overcome such situations.
5. 'St. Paul is considered a leader who performed a special ministry of mission'
- (i) Where was the church that commissioned Paul to go on missionary journeys situated? How were they guided to do so?
 - (ii) Present **three** special leadership qualities displayed by Paul with examples.
 - (iii) If you are placed in a leadership position in school, explain how you hope to emulate leadership qualities mentioned in (ii) above.
6. (i) Write **two** important values seen in the early church.
- (ii) Write **three** instances where the early church faced challenges and worked to promote Justice and social welfare.
 - (iii) Explain briefly, **five** ways in which the Christian church of today can promote the values of the early church.
7. Select **two** of the following topics and write short notes basing your answers on Biblical Teachings.
- (i) Christian Unity
 - (ii) Service in the face of challenges
 - (iii) The Christian attitude on suffering
 - (iv) Servant Leadership

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