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11:30 – 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. The following are uses of the Bible **except**
 - A. worshipping.
 - B. meditation.
 - C. judging others.
 - D. counselling others.
2. To which literary form of the Bible does the book of Psalms belong?
 - A. Poetry
 - B. History
 - C. Apocalyptic
 - D. Wisdom
3. Which of the following Biblical literary forms has its lesson usually at the end?
 - A. Oracle
 - B. Poetry
 - C. Narrative
 - D. Parable
4. For which of the following did God rebuke the people of Israel in **Isaiah 1:2-4**?
 - A. idolatry
 - B. bloodshed
 - C. rebellion
 - D. adultery
5. Which of the following messages did Isaiah bring to Hezekiah in **Isaiah 38:1**?
 - A. Jerusalem would be saved.
 - B. Hezekiah would not recover from his illness.
 - C. A remnant would return.
 - D. The riches of Judah would be carried off to Babylon.
6. In what way would God punish Babylon in **Isaiah 47**?
 - A. She would face famine.
 - B. She would experience plagues.
 - C. She would no longer be world ruler.
 - D. She would be exiled.
7. Which of the following is evidence that Isaiah withdrew from public ministry?
 - A. He called for two people to serve as witnesses.
 - B. He announced the day of the Lord.
 - C. He instructed his disciples to guard and preserve the message.
 - D. He warned the people against consulting mediums.
8. When Hezekiah showed Babylonians Judah's treasure, Isaiah predicted that Babylon would
 - A. lose its world influence.
 - B. protect Judah from Assyria.
 - C. trade with Judah freely.
 - D. carry off Judah's wealth.
9. During which of the following occasions did Jesus proclaim, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ..."?
 - A. temptations in the desert
 - B. worship in Nazareth
 - C. baptism at the River Jordan
 - D. last supper in Jerusalem
10. Which one of the following constitutes the future glory of God's people (**Isaiah 61:4-6**)?
 - A. their cities being rebuilt
 - B. teaching other nations
 - C. defeating their enemies
 - D. offering holy sacrifices

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11. Which of the following is **not** true about the author of Luke's Gospel?
A. He was a physician.
B. He was from Assyria.
C. He was Paul's companion.
D. He also authored Acts.
12. "He has kept the promise He made to our ancestors (**Luke 1:54**)". Which promise did Mary refer to?
A. freedom from Roman oppression
B. the coming of the Messiah
C. the birth of John the Baptist
D. the coming of the Holy Spirit
13. What happened for Simeon to say "Now, Lord, You may let Your servant go in peace (**Luke 2:29**)"?
A. He had been baptised.
B. He had been healed.
C. He had seen Jesus.
D. He had seen a vision.
14. Why were Zechariah's neighbours surprised when he named his son "John"?
A. The name did not have a religious meaning.
B. There was no one in Zechariah's family with that name.
C. The name was new in their neighbourhood.
D. He told them that he got the name in a night vision.
15. How did the shepherds react after they were told about the birth of Jesus?
A. They were terribly afraid.
B. They prepared beautiful gifts for the child.
C. They started singing songs of praise to God for the gift.
D. They went to Jerusalem to see the child.
16. Where did Joseph and Mary register for the census?
A. Bethlehem
B. Nazareth
C. Jericho
D. Jerusalem
17. Which Old Testament prophet did John the Baptist quote when he said, "Someone is shouting in the desert, get the road ready (**Luke 3:6**)"?
A. Joel
B. Elisha
C. Isaiah
D. Jeremiah
18. What instruction did Jesus give ten lepers that had come to Him to be healed?
A. to wash in the Jordan
B. to go and show themselves to the priest
C. to offer sacrifices in the Temple
D. to touch His cloak
19. How did the four men who carried a paralysed man show their faith?
A. They knelt before Jesus.
B. They asked Jesus to pray for their colleague.
C. They made an opening in the tiles.
D. They urged the paralysed man to touch Jesus' cloak.
20. In **Luke 6:6-11**, the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees watched Jesus closely because they
A. wanted to see if He would heal people on the Sabbath.
B. had heard Him forgive sins.
C. wanted to report Him to the Roman authorities.
D. had seen Him eat with sinners.

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21. What evidence is there to show that the Roman officer in **Luke 7:1-10** was a good man?
- A. He prayed constantly.
 - B. He took care of orphans.
 - C. He supported Jesus' ministry.
 - D. He built a synagogue for the Jews.
22. What did the woman who suffered from severe bleeding do to be healed?
- A. She touched the edge of his cloak.
 - B. She fell on Jesus' feet and asked Him to heal her.
 - C. She asked Jesus to show mercy to her.
 - D. She addressed Him as "Jesus, Son of David".
23. Which of the following did the blind beggar in Jericho say when he learnt that Jesus was passing by?
- A. "Lord, heal me."
 - B. "Saviour, open my eyes."
 - C. "Take me where Jesus is."
 - D. "Jesus, Son of David! Take pity on me."
24. Why did the disciples fail to heal a boy with evil spirits (**Luke 9:37-43**)?
- A. They were very tired.
 - B. They were filled with fear.
 - C. They had little faith.
 - D. They did not pray about it.
25. Which of the following was **not** done by the Samaritan to the wounded man (**Luke 10:25-37**)?
- A. pouring oil
 - B. taking the man to an inn
 - C. bandaging the wound
 - D. feeding the wounded man
26. When He visited Martha and Mary, why did Jesus say that Mary had chosen the right thing?
- A. She warmly welcomed Jesus to their home.
 - B. She prepared plenty food for all visitors that came.
 - C. She invited many less privileged people to her home.
 - D. She listened to Jesus' teaching.
27. Jesus did not resist His arrest because
- A. He wanted scriptures to be fulfilled.
 - B. all His disciples were eager to fight back.
 - C. He was arrested at night.
 - D. He did not want to cause commotion in Jerusalem.
28. How was the title "Messiah" understood by Old Testament prophets?
- A. someone appointed by God
 - B. one to deliver Israel from bondage
 - C. one to do works of charity
 - D. someone to cast out demons
29. The following are examples of Biblical beliefs **except**
- A. judgement.
 - B. salvation.
 - C. the second coming of Jesus.
 - D. baptism.
30. Who wanted to buy the power of the Holy Spirit in Samaria?
- A. Agabus the prophet
 - B. Simon the tanner
 - C. Demetrius the silversmith
 - D. Simon the magician

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31. Which of the following was killed for witnessing for Christ?
- A. James
 - B. Barnabas
 - C. Stephen
 - D. Peter
32. Peter and John were sent to the Principal city of Samaria to
- A. pray for people to receive the Holy Spirit.
 - B. to baptise new believers.
 - C. heal Aeneas and Dorcas.
 - D. give aid to needy believers.
33. Which of the following themes highlights Paul's experience in Malta?
- 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 did Peter say when he was commanded to "kill and eat" some animals in Joppa?
- A. "I have never eaten anything ritually unclean."
 - B. "I am not hungry now."
 - C. "I cannot eat with unwashed hands."
 - D. "I cannot eat together with Gentiles."
35. How did the Gentile believers receive news of what the Church leaders had agreed upon at the meeting in Jerusalem?
- A. They were worried.
 - B. They were happy.
 - C. They were confused.
 - D. They were undisturbed.
36. Which of the following did Saul see as he came near Damascus?
- A. heaven opened
 - B. an angel of the Lord
 - C. a vision of unclean animals
 - D. a light from the sky
37. Which of the following themes is illustrated when prophet Agabus said, "The owner of this belt will be tied up ... in Jerusalem." (Acts 21:11)?
- A. God saves mankind through Jesus.
 - B. Jesus works through the Holy Spirit.
 - C. Prayer is vital in the life of the Church.
 - D. Salvation is offered to the Jews then to the Gentiles.
38. The Church teaches believers to obey state authorities because the authorities
- A. are voted for by a majority.
 - B. participate in religious activities.
 - C. have the capacity to punish wrong doers.
 - D. act as God's servants.
39. Which of the following is the **main** cause of adultery in a society?
- A. indecent dressing
 - B. early marriages
 - C. broken marriages
 - D. boy-girl relationships
40. Which of the following is the basis of salvation according to Christianity?
- A. praying
 - B. faith
 - C. grace
 - D. works

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41. Which of the following is a sign of moral decay in a society?
- A. females taking leading roles in religious gatherings
 - B. young people leading worship services
 - C. same sex marriages
 - D. females wearing trousers
42. Which of the following does the Church teach about the relationship between married couples?
- A. not to neglect each other's faults
 - B. to just mind one's business
 - C. to endure one another
 - D. to be faithful to each other
43. John the Baptist told the soldiers that came for baptism to
- A. be content with their pay.
 - B. be loyal to authorities.
 - C. share food with the hungry.
 - D. share clothes with the poor.
44. When Jesus came to Zacchaeus' home, Zacchaeus promised to
- A. support Jesus' ministry.
 - B. pay back four times if he had cheated anyone.
 - C. follow Jesus.
 - D. give his wealth to the poor.
45. How did the Roman officials react when Paul and Silas were brought before them at Philippi (**Acts 16:16-40**)?
- A. They gave them some food.
 - B. They interrogated them closely.
 - C. They imprisoned them.
 - D. They asked for a bribe.
46. Some people thought that the believers were drunk on the day of Pentecost because the believers
- A. quarreled with the Pharisees.
 - B. danced a lot.
 - C. spoke in different languages.
 - D. did not participate in synagogue prayers.
47. Whose prophecy did Peter say was fulfilled when the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit?
- A. Joel's
 - B. Jeremiah's
 - C. Malachi's
 - D. Isaiah's
48. What happened to the Ethiopian official after Philip had baptised him?
- A. He followed Phillip.
 - B. He started preaching.
 - C. He returned to Jerusalem.
 - D. He was full of joy.
49. The book of Acts was addressed to
- A. Aquila and Priscilla.
 - B. the Church in Rome.
 - C. Theophilus.
 - D. Timothy.
50. Why is baptism important to Christians today?
- A. It initiates one into the community of believers.
 - B. It cleanses one from sins.
 - C. It strengthens one's Church membership.
 - D. It improves Church attendance.

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