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## SECTION A

## MAN IN A CHANGING SOCIETY

**1. (a) Outline the changes that have been brought about by terrorism in Uganda today.****Negatives:**

- Death of people.
- Increased government expenditure.
- Reduction in number of tourists.
- Increased number of orphans in the country.
- Single parenthood.
- Damage to body parts.
- Insecurity within the country.

**Positives:**

- Immigration restricted.
- Security is tight.
- Creation of job opportunities.
- Encouraged reconciliation.
- Justice has been exercised in some cases.

**(b) State Biblical teaching that can help do away with the evil mentioned above.**

- Prayer.
- Love of God and neighbor.
- Love of enemies.
- Repentance.
- Reconciliation.
- Leave revenge only to God.
- Put all trust in God.
- Forgiving others.

**2. (a) Why do young people flock to towns to look for work?**

- Urban employment offers better pay than rural employment.
- The nature of education encourages the youth to look for white collar jobs, which in most cases are in urban areas.
- Youth despise manual work as dirty, yet it is manual work is common in rural areas.
- Industries are located in urban areas. Thus more employment opportunities are evident in urban areas as opposed to rural areas.
- It is easy to create a job in urban areas than in rural areas e.g. being a telephone booth attendant, food vendor e.t.c.
- Because some young people lack land in rural areas where to practice agriculture. Thus move to urban areas.

- Because urban areas offer social amenities such as electricity, entertainment e.t.c.
- Peer groups influence young people to move to urban areas where advantages of being in urban areas are outlined.

**(b) What Christian teaching can help the youth to understand the value of work?**

- Work is a blessing to mankind.
- Work helps man to grow into closer union with God and his fellow man through sharing the fruits of work.
- Man was blessed to work till evening (Psalms 104:23)
- Laziness is strongly condemned.
- Hard work is praised.
- Craftsmanship and skills are given by God and should be used for service of another.
- Jesus is presented as a good worker by all Gospels.
- We should use our talents for service of one another.
- Christians should work as one body of Christ.
- Discipline at work is very important for success.
- Work should be done to bring happiness to others (John 11:32)
- The youth should be honestly at work and serve the less privileged (Eph 4:28)

**3. (a) How can one use leisure time today for development?**

- By making handcraft. This can be sold to earn a living.
- By composing songs and involve in professional entertainment.
- By participating in games and sports at professional levels with the aim of earning an income.
- By reading Literature such as text books to attain knowledge and information that can lead to development.
- Story telling – in order to promote cultural values.
- Carryout Bible study, fellowships in order to strengthen the relationship with God.
- By visiting friends in order to strengthen our relationship.

**(b) Of what importance was the Sabbath day to the Israelites?**

- It was a day of rest from work and joyful celebrations.
- It was a day of thanking God for his goodness to Israel especially liberating them from Egypt.
- It was a sign to the Israelites were chosen people of God.
- It was a day to show that the Covenant God made and Israel.
- It was a sharing God's work schedule as he worked for six days and rested on the seventh day.
- It was a day of giving offerings to God for thanking him and for cleansing themselves.
- It was a day for providing rest and enjoyment to the slaves and domestic animals.

- It was a day of sharing fruits of work; among the Israel's community.
- It was a day of self-reflection about their liberation from Egyptian bondage of slavery.
- It was a day to perform charitable work such as visiting the sick.

### SECTION B:

### ORDER AND FREEDOM IN SOCIETY

#### 4. (a) Mention some of the common injustices witnessed in our society today.

- Child sacrifices by some traditional healers and other immoral people in the society.
- Infecting others with AIDS while one is aware of her AIDS status.
- Defilement and rape which may cause severe suffering.
- Expulsion from school without genuine reasons.
- Teasing and bullying of new students in some schools.
- Murder.
- Grabbing of peoples' property such as land.
- Child neglect.
- Denial of basic needs.
- Domestic violence.
- Burning of schools.
- Bribery.
- Nepotism.

#### (b) What can a Christian do to reduce injustice in Uganda today?

- Christians should practice forgiveness.
- Christians should discourage revenge.
- Christians should preach love for one another.
- Christians should respect one another.
- Christians should love enemies.
- Christians should promote economic empowerment.
- Christians should pray to God to bring about justice e.t.c.

#### 5. (a) In what ways did Jesus serve his community?

- Jesus preached the good news of redemption to save people from bondage of sin.
- Jesus accepted to suffer and die.
- Jesus provided peoples' needs for example; he fed the five thousand hungry people.
- Jesus offered protection to people for example he protected the woman caught in adultery.
- Jesus encouraged the spirit of teamwork. He appointed disciples.
- Jesus attended community celebration; for example he attended a wedding at Cana.
- Jesus associated with outcasts – Zachaus – the tax collector.

**(b) What lessons can modern leaders learn from Jesus' examples of service?**

- Modern leaders should use their positions of leadership to spread God's kingdom.
- They should live exemplary lives in the community they serve as Jesus provided humble services.
- They should provide their subjects with basic needs such as food, jobs e.t.c.
- They should have compassion to the people they lead.
- Modern leaders should respect each other just as Jesus respected the earthly leaders.
- Modern leaders should work to do away with all sorts of evils such as bribery, nepotism e.t.c.
- Modern leaders should associate with people of different walks of life, status and background.
- Modern leaders should seek God's guidance by praying in order to serve better.
- Modern leaders should be committed to their calling of justice.

**6. (a) How do the Christians in your country express their loyalty to the government and the church?****Loyalty to Government:-**

- By paying taxes as demanded by the state.
- By respecting the national symbols such as the National flag, National Anthem, emblem.
- By respecting the state authorities / leaders.
- By attending state meetings such as L.C meetings.
- By participating in community activities and self-help projects.
- By voting, those candidates who wish to serve in different capacities such as members of Parliament.
- By opposing social evils such as bribery, nepotism, adultery.
- By practicing responsible parenthood, providing children with basic needs of life.
- By promoting peace and harmony in our communities.

**Loyalty to the Church:-**

- By paying tith.
- By attending church services.
- By preaching the good news of salvation.
- By participating in prayers.
- By receiving sacraments such as penance, Holy Communion
- By being obedient to parents and other elders.
- By respecting the Holy Spirit and recognizing his role in church.

**(b) In what ways did the Uganda Martyrs demonstrate their loyalty to Christ?**

- They practiced monotheism i.e. worship of one true living | God.
- They preached the Good news of Christ – For example, Luka Banabakintu travelled to different areas of Buganda spreading the gospel.

- They forgave those who wronged them for example Noah Mawaggali forgave his persecutors.
- They regularly prayed.
- They sang hymns and praised God; for example Yozefu Mukasa and others were heard praising God as fire was set on them/
- They decided to give up their life than betraying God.
- They abandoned traditional values that were not acceptable in Christianity such as polygamy by sending away their wives and practiced monogamy.
- They upheld constant faith in one true God.
- They baptized the new converts for example Caroli Lwanga baptized Kizito the young martyr.
- They continued to have fellowship as a way of giving encouragement to one another.

### SECTION C LIFE

#### 7. (a) How did Christians in Church History achieve happiness?

- By preaching the good news of Jesus Christ; for example Peter and John preached on the Pentecost day and three thousand people were baptized.
- Prayed regularly; for example Paul and Silas in the prison at Philip prayed and doors of the prison opened and matched out.
- They extended a hand of help to the less privileged / needy for example, Peter and John at the beautiful gate of Jerusalem temple, made a lame man to walk.
- They established new Churches.
- They cleaned and decorated Churches for example, Monks and Nuns of Egypt.
- They carried out successful agriculture.
- They achieved happiness by accepting to die for the sake of Christ.
- They achieved happiness by teaching the illiterate how to read and write.

#### (b) What did Jesus teach about happiness?

- That happiness is not a dream but a lasting reality (John 16:16-22).
- That everlasting happiness is attained in God's kingdom.
- Happiness is to be attained by welcoming the good news of salvation – Zachaus.
- Happiness is not a result of material things or riches but service to one another.
- The source of Christian happiness is being united to Jesus Christ and sharing his joy with others.
- Happy are those who are spiritually poor.
- Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires.

#### 8.(a) From your knowledge of unending life, what message can you give to a young Christian who is suffering from the incurable disease like AIDS?

- To repent his / her sins so as to attain everlasting life.
- To have faith in Jesus Christ.
- That separation and sorrow caused by sickness are not permanent.
- To believe in Jesus Christ since is the only way.

- To use spiritual eyes to be focused on unending life till the coming of Jesus Christ.
- To believe in everlasting life since it is a gift from God.
- To begin sharing the Eucharist meal / Holy Communion.
- To continue doing good activities to others.
- To put all his / her trust in God.
- To regularly pray.

**(b) What is the Old Testament understanding of life after death?**

- That when a person dies the soul goes to a place called Sheol where he /she lives in a shadow existence (Ecel. 9:10)
- That there is everlasting life to the faithful one of Yahweh (Daniel 12:1-20)
- Production of children was seen as a way of prolonging life and existence of parents after death (Psalms 73:21)
- That resurrection of bodies was possible at God's directive as illustrated by the vision of the valley of dry bones coming back to life (Ezekiel 37:1 – 14).
- Death came into the world as a result of disobedience of man (Genesis 3).
- There was hope for the messiah who would re-establish the relationship between man and God.
- Repentance and living according to God's covenant was encouraged as a basic preparation for everlasting life.
- God was seen a gate way to attain everlasting life.
- The life after death was believed to be full of joy and celebration.
- Unending life would be enjoyed by those who serve God faithfully.
- Unending life would be attained in Zion city, where they would sing songs of joy and rejoice.

**9. (a) Give the ways in which Christian understanding of success differ from the ideas of success in the modern times.**

- Today success is viewed in terms of property but in the New Testament success is more of spiritual than material.
- According to the New Testament success is for all in Jesus Christ, today on the other hand some individual succeed at the expense of others e.g. Kings, people from powerful families.
- Today some people boast over success, according to the New Testament teaching one is not supposed to praise himself. Jesus healed people and told them to keep silent about it.
- In the New Testament, doing the will of God is a source of success. Today hard work, education level are seen as source of success.
- According to the New Testament, everlasting success is attained in heaven. Today people believe that success is attained on earth by having material possession.
- Whereas according to the New Testament the resurrection of Jesus is regarded as a great success, today having political powers is considered as success.

**(b) Why did Jesus appear to be a failure to the Jews?**

- It was because they did not understand his mission of saving man from the bondage of sin through his death and resurrection.
- It was because he associated with outcasts and sinners such as tax collectors prostitution.
- It was because they expected him to be a political messiah.
- It was because sometimes he acted contrary to their customs e.g. never participated fully in fasting.
- It was because of the practice of forgiving sins – it was termed as a blasphemy.
- It was because of his failure to abide by the Sabbath rules especially when he healed on Sabbath.
- It was because of his poor background i.e. born by a carpenter at Nazareth.
- It was because he referred to himself as king of the Jews.
- Jesus taught that he was son of God and indeed he was the Jews termed it a great sin.
- Constantly contradicted with the laws of Moses e.g. summarized the Ten Commandments into two.
- It was because he died a nasty death executed as a criminal etc.

**SECTION D****MAN AND WOMAN****10. (a) What problems did Christian Missionaries find in African family system?**

- Women (wives) were oppressed and taken inferior to men.
- Divorce was accepted and women would be left to suffer after divorce.
- In some African societies, child sacrifice especially for the first born was practiced.
- A high level of domestic violence and abuse of fundamental human rights of women through women beating and torture.
- The practice of discouraging mixed marriages.
- Segregation of children on the basis of sex, by providing more care to boys as opposed to girls.
- A woman caught in adultery would be seriously punished yet a man was considered innocent.
- Women were considered as source of misfortune and bad omen in society.
- Women were being considered as sex objects by their husbands.
- Inheriting widows by male relatives of the deceased even when the widow was not willing.
- Subjecting women to all domestic responsibilities which was so taxing (beast of burden)

**(b) What solutions did they offer to their converts?**

- They encouraged equality between men and women through preaching.
- They condemned divorce as it was against God's will for marriage.



- They encouraged respect for one another as we are all created in God's image.
- They provided material needs to new converts such as clothes and tried to reduce poverty levels among converts.
- They provided counseling services to family members facing social problems.
- They encouraged forgiveness and reconciliation among family members in case of misunderstanding and conflicts.
- They condemned the practice of adultery as it led to family breakdown.
- They encouraged family members to work hard to provide for their needs and the community members.
- Quarreling and fighting among the married partners was condemned.
- They cared for the less privileged such as widows, orphans and the poor.

**11. (a) How does the Old Testament show that man and woman are equal?**

- Both were created in God's image and likeness (Gen. 1:26-31).
- Both were created for complimentary reasons (Gen. 1:28).
- Both were commanded to develop the earth and guard it.
- Both were given same laws to protect them (Exodus 20:12-16)
- Both searched for God.
- Both played same roles for the welfare of their communities e.g. Deborah ruled her people both as a judge and prophet.
- The prophets were concerned for the welfare of both men and women and called upon them to repent (Amos 5:10-20)
- Fair judgment of both men and women is encouraged by the Old Testament (Exodus 23).
- Consulting both men and women is encouraged about marriage matters before taking a final decision (Gen 24:24:57)

**(b) What steps has the Church in Uganda taken to uplift the status of women?**

- The church preaches about equality of both men and women and encourages respect to one another.
- Women participate in synods in the Roman Catholic Church to champion their cause.
- The church funds women organizations such as the Catholic Women Association (CWA) Mother's Union, catholic Women guild.
- The Church encourages Women to participate in Parish councils and contribute towards their development.
- The Church provides sensitizing programs and training to women in aspects of social and health concerns such as food and nutrition, family planning.
- The Church has established projects for women; for example, "Send a cow project" Namirembe Diocese church of Uganda.

**12. (a) Why is unfaithfulness common in marriages in Uganda today?**

- Lack of sex education to the youth by the parents.

- Some couples experience extreme poverty, so the wife may do it to acquire basic needs of life.
- Some partners are niggling, such that a partner may do it seeking for comfort.
- Nature of work / occupation- Business people who travel long distances may develop interest in other people.
- Peer influence has also led to unfaithfulness – A married woman moves with those who are not married.
- Greed for money can also led to unfaithfulness, some partners go in for rich people.
- Presence of pornographic material on the market, such as newspapers, magazines e.t.c.
- T.V and Radios with programmes that influence the behavior of some partners negatively.
- Libido which makes some partners go in for other partners.
- Alcoholism especially husbands may render themselves useless to their wives because they report back home very late.
- A partner with children elsewhere before marriage.

**(b) How can the church help married couples to solve this problem?**

- The Church can provide such people counseling services about dangers of that act.
- The church can enlightened these people about the value of marriage as an institution.
- The Church can provide employment to those who are poor to enable them earn a living.
- The Church can advise them to stop the vice of quarreling, instead they should cultivate love.
- The Church can emphasize fellowship for couples to develop love and patience.
- The Church teaches that partners showed have time for each other.
- The Church emphasizes spiritual beauty rather than outside appearance that makes a good wife.
- To the problem of Libido, the Church can advise partners to develop self control.
- The Church can continuously provide sex education even to the married partners.

**SECTION E**

**MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD THROUGH FAITH AND LOVE**

13. (a) What was the role of prayer in traditional African society?

- Praying enabled man to attain forgiveness from God.
- Praying enabled man to attain blessings and favour from God.
- Man attained healing from any sickness like leprosy.
- Praying gave an opportunity to people to praise God.
- Praying enabled Africans to be saved from trouble.

- Praying enabled Africans to attain success for example....
- Praying enabled Africans to attain the basic needs of life from god.
- Praying enabled African to be protected by God.

**(b) How did God reveal Himself to the people in the Old Testament?**

- God revealed himself through fire; for example, the burning bush during the call of Moses (Exod. 3)
- God revealed himself through the pillar of the cloud (Exodus 13:21-22)
- Through dreams – Gen.28:11-13) Abraham had a vision.....
- God revealed Himself through wind – Prophet Elijah in the cave (2 Kings 2:1)
- God revealed himself through the voice – Moses call – a voice was heard in the bush.
- The call of Samuel.
- God revealed himself through prophets – Conveyed God's message to people – Amos Prophet of Doom and hope.
- Through sacred objects such as the Covenant box – included the ten commandments.
- Through historical events, such as the Passover event.
- Through miracles performed by God such as giving them food (manna) and water in the desert.

**14. (a) Show what happens in society when people abandon God.**

- It may result into death.
- It may lead to severe suffering.
- It leads to division in society becomes common.
- It may lead to hatred and murder.
- Sexual immorality in form of adultery bestiality, homosexuality e.t.c.
- Loss of respect to one another parent and children, leaders and their subjects.
- Society loses shame such that wrong things / practices are not condemned and are considered normal by the majority such Nude dancing, bribery e.t.c.
- Society locate moral direction hence more cases of immorality.
- God's curse to such society reflect through, drought, epidemics scarcity of food e.t.c.
- It may lead to destruction of such a society.

**(b) Give the New Testament teachings that can help a young person to remain faithful to God.**

- God is love, we must live in love.
- Those who follow God's ways are blessed even when they face challenges in life.
- God provide comfort we should always remain in him even when we are faced with challenges (2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 1:36)
- God protects his people and no one can be against us if God is for us (Romans 8:3-ff)
- God's love is beyond human thinking and imagination and nothing can separate us from this love.

- God is a solution to our problems and he can calm every storm of our lives Luke (8:22-25).
- We should look beyond the earthly things even if we suffer today we shall be renewed in Jesus Christ 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. (4:8-18)
- In sickness we should call on God's name through prayer, through faith recovery is assured (James 5:12).
- God provides for our needs and therefore we should not worry of anything not even about our lives (Matthew 6:25 – 34).
- By faith we attain what our heart desires, God's protection and blessings.
- Through Jesus Christ there is life after death, so we should not fear death (John 11:25-26)

**15. (a) In what ways do Christians demonstrate their faith in God in society today?**

- By promoting unity in society.
- By providing for the less privileged.
- By paying taxes as a social obligation to citizens.
- By respecting marriage vows – practice faithfulness in marriage.
- By visiting the sick prisoners and comforting them with words of Christ. by respecting parents and other elders.
- By promoting justice and harmony in society.
- By practicing hard work since work was a blessed by God.
- By using the tongue properly.
- By living exemplary lives in the community, so that other people can emulate them.

**(b) How were Prophets involved in the affairs of their society in the Old Testament?**

- By performing miracles that demonstrated God's power for example Prophet Elijah prayed and fire consumed his sacrifice – Carmel.
- By providing to people basic need of life for example, Moses provided with food and water in the desert.
- By condemning evil committed by people in the society e.g. Prophet Amos condemned oppression of the poor.
- By involving physically in the Jewish cultural and religious practices such as fasting.
- By comforting people during hard time. For example Prophet Ezekiel during the Exile in Babylon.
- By conveying God's message to people e.g. Prophet Moses during the making of the Sinaitic covenant.
- By encouraging repentance among the Israelites and always choose away to life but not death.