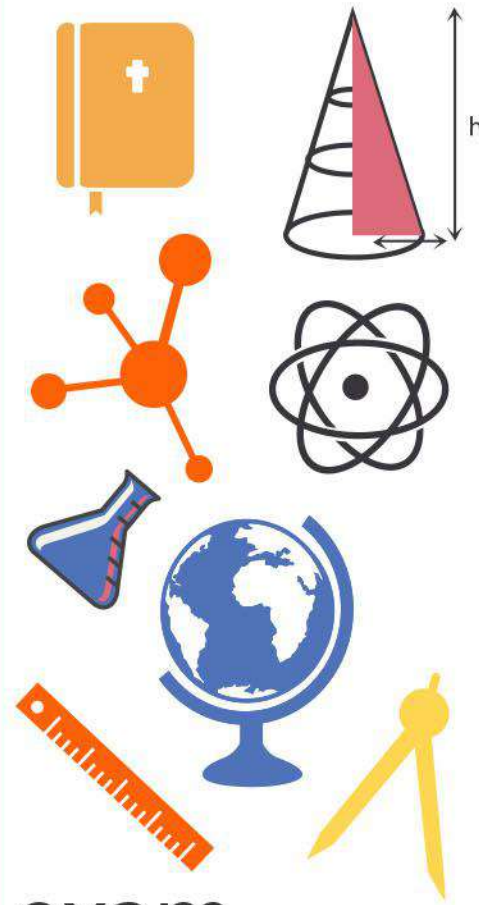


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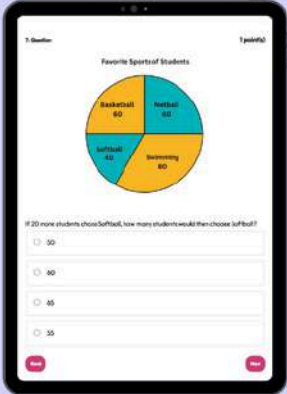


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PAPER 1 – CHRISTIAN BELIEF AND PRACTICE 5121/1
ACCORDING TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

Monday **19 MAY 2025** 1:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M.

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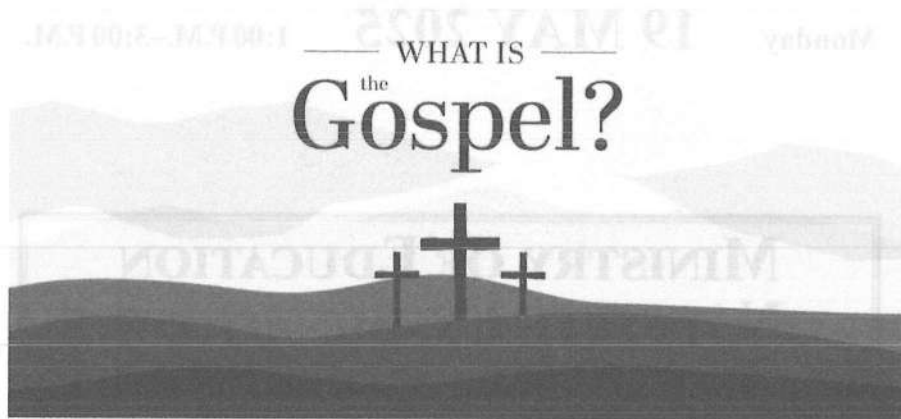
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SECTION I

Answer **BOTH** questions 1 and 2.

Answer **All** the parts of **BOTH** questions.

1. Study the picture to help you recall the topic and answer **ALL** parts (a) to (e).



- (a) Define the term gospel **and** give the names of **TWO** gospels.

Gospel: _____

1: _____

2. _____

_____ [4]

- (b) Give **TWO** possible reasons why there is more than one gospel.

1. _____

2. _____

_____ [4]



- (c) To whom was St Luke's gospel written?

[1]

- (d) Give **TWO** possible reasons why St. Luke's gospel was written.

1.

2.

[4]

- (e) *'Ministers should concentrate more on preaching the gospel.'*

Do you agree or disagree?

Discuss your view fully **and** give an opposing view to show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.

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2. Read the following passage in the version that you have studied and answer **ALL** parts (a) to (e).

KING JAMES VERSION

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house.

GOOD NEWS VERSION

“When Jesus came to that place he looked up and said to Zacchaeus, ‘Hurry down, Zacchaeus, because I must stay in your house today’.”

NEW ENGLISH BIBLE

And when Jesus came to that place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down quickly, because I must stay at your house today.”

Luke 19:5

- (a) Who was Zacchaeus **and** why did he climb up a sycamore tree?

Who: _____

Why: _____

_____ [4]

- (b) How did the people react to Jesus going to Zacchaeus' house?

Give **TWO** possible reasons for this reaction by the people.

How: _____

1: _____

2: _____

_____ [4]

[Turn over



- (c) Define the term 'salvation'.

[2]

- (d) Explain what Zacchaeus did to prove to Jesus that he had changed.

[3]

- (e) *'Repenting is easy.'*

Do you agree or disagree?

Discuss your view fully **and** give an opposing view to show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.



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SECTION II

Answer any **TWO** of questions 3 to 6.

Answer **All** the parts of your chosen questions.

3. (a) (i) Explain why the angel visited Joseph **and** what happened during the visit.

Why: _____

What: _____

[6]

- (ii) Explain why Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem just before Jesus was born.

[4]

- (b) (i) Summarise the message the angel gave the shepherds when Jesus was born.

[4]



- (ii) Describe what happened immediately after the angel spoke with the shepherds **and** how the shepherds responded.

Describe: _____

Response of the shepherds: _____

_____ [6]

- (c) *'Everyone should praise God at all times.'*

Do you agree or disagree?

Discuss your view fully **and** give an opposing view to show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.



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4. (a) (i) Define the terms:
– Angel,
– Resurrection.

Angel: _____

Resurrection: _____

_____ [4]

- (ii) According to Matthew's gospel give the names of the first **TWO** people to go to Jesus' tomb after His resurrection **and** describe what they witnessed.

Person 1: _____

Person 2: _____

What they witnessed: _____

_____ [6]



- (b) (i) Discuss the plan the Chief Priest and the guards made after Jesus' resurrection **and** give a possible reason why their plan failed.

Plan: _____

Why it failed: _____

[6]

- (ii) Explain the Christian **and** Sadducees' views of resurrection.

Christian: _____

Sadducees: _____

[4]



(c) *'After death there is nothing.'*

Do you agree or disagree?

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5. (a) (i) Describe the event of Saul's Conversion.

[6]

(ii) Describe Ananias' vision **and** his response to the vision.

Ananias' Vision: _____

Ananias' Response: _____

[6]

- (b) (i) How did Barnabas help Saul while he was in Jerusalem?

[4]

- (ii) Define the term 'Holy Spirit' **and** explain the effects the Holy Spirit had on the Early Church after Saul's Conversion.

Holy Spirit: _____

Effects on the Early Church: _____

[4]

(c) *'Change only happens after a person receives the Holy Spirit.'*

Do you agree or disagree?

Discuss your view fully **and** give an opposing view to show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.

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6. (a) (i) Define the term 'outcast' **and** name **TWO** groups in Jewish society that were considered or treated as outcasts.

Outcast: _____

Group 1: _____

Group 2: _____

_____ [4]

- (ii) Give an account of the parable of the Lost Sheep **and** explain what led Jesus to tell this parable.

Parable: _____

What led Jesus: _____

_____ [6]

- (b) (i) Give an account of the parable of the Lost Coin.

[4]

- (ii) Discuss **THREE** ways Christians can help those who are lost.

1.

2.

3.

[6]



- (c) *'The only thing we need to do to enter heaven is repent.'*

Do you agree or disagree?

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PAPER 2 – CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES ON PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND WORLD ISSUES

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SECTION I

Answer **BOTH** questions 1 and 2.

Answer **All** the parts of **BOTH** questions.

1. Read the following passage in the version that you have studied and answer all parts (a) to (e).

KING JAMES VERSION

And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?"

GOOD NEWS VERSION

A teacher of the Law was there who heard the discussion. He saw that Jesus had given the Sadducees a good answer, so he came to him with a question: "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

NEW ENGLISH VERSION

Then when one of the lawyers, who had been listening to these discussions and had noted how well he answered, came forward and asked him, 'Which commandment is first of all?'

Mark 12:28

- (a) What did Jesus say are the **TWO** greatest commandments?

1. _____

2. _____

_____ [4]

- (b) Discuss **ONE** lesson we can learn from these two greatest commandments.

_____ [2]



- (c) Define the term 'egoist'.

How might an egoist respond to being commanded to love others?

Egoist: _____

Response: _____

_____ [4]

- (d) Identify **and** explain any **ONE** of the Ten Commandments.

Commandment: _____

Explanation: _____

_____ [3]

- (e) *'Without love, it is impossible to obey any of the commandments.'*

Do you agree or disagree?

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2. Read the following passage and answer **ALL** parts (a) to (e).

Ted went to church on Sunday morning for the first time in ten years. He arrived before the doors were opened and cars were in the parking lot. Although he was excited to be returning to church, he was also nervous. Ted thought, 'What will people think of me? My clothes came from the local Salvation Army store and I have not had a haircut in months.' Things had been difficult for him since he had lost his job.

When the service began, Ted went to the fourth row from the front. Seemingly out of nowhere, an usher approached him and asked him if he would kindly move ten rows back. She explained that the service was being aired live on television and on all social media platforms. Ted could not believe what he was hearing. Embarrassed, he wanted to leave the service, recalling that it was situations like this that made him stop going to church ten years ago. 'This is not right', he thought. What should Ted do?

- (a) Explain the use of the term 'should' in the final sentence of the passage.

[2]

- (b) Explain the theory of Situation Ethics **and** how Ted would respond if he followed it.

Situation Ethics: _____

Response: _____

[4]

- (c) Discuss **TWO** possible reasons why Ted might believe that he was treated unfairly.

1. _____

2. _____

[4]

- (d) Explain how Christians should treat the less fortunate.

[3]

- (e) *'It is okay to be a little prejudiced.'*

Do you agree or disagree?

Discuss your view fully **and** give an opposing view to show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.



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SECTION II

Answer any **TWO** of questions 3 to 6.

Answer **All** the parts of your chosen questions.

3. (a) (i) Define the following terms:

- Hypocrite,
- Judgement

Hypocrite: _____

Judgement: _____

[4]

(ii) Give **TWO** reasons why Jesus said that we should not judge others.

1: _____

2: _____

[4]

(b) (i) Discuss **THREE** examples of how hypocrisy is displayed in Bahamian society.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

[6]



- (ii) Define the ethical theory of Hedonism.

How might a Hedonism respond to judging others **and** being judged by others?

Hedonism: _____

Judging others: _____

Being Judged: _____

_____ [6]

- (c) *'Sometimes it's hard not to judge others.'*

Do you agree or disagree?

Discuss your view fully **and** give an opposing view to show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.



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4. (a) (i) Define the following terms:
– Church,
– Prayer.

Church: _____

Prayer: _____

_____ [4]

- (ii) Explain **THREE** reasons why Christians attend Church.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

_____ [6]

- (b) (i) Other than prayer, identify **FOUR** forms of worship in the Christian Church.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

_____ [4]

[Turn over



(ii) Describe **THREE** types of prayer.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

_____ [6]

(c) *'Churches in The Bahamas are doing all they can to win souls for the Kingdom of God.'*

Do you agree or disagree?

Discuss your view fully **and** give an opposing view to show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.



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5. (a) (i) Define the following terms:
– Cremation,
– Death.

Cremation: _____

Death: _____

_____ [4]

- (ii) Give **TWO** possible reasons why Christians might oppose cremation.

1. _____

2. _____

_____ [4]

- (b) (i) Discuss why most Bahamians believe that the dead must be given a Christian burial/funeral service in a church.

_____ [6]



(ii) State **THREE** Christian beliefs/views concerning life after death.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

_____ [6]

(c) *'How you live in this life will determine where you will live in the afterlife.'*

Do you agree or disagree?

Discuss your view fully **and** give an opposing view to show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.



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6. (a) (i) Define the term 'poverty' **and** give **TWO** reasons why poverty exists.

Poverty: _____

Reason 1: _____

Reason 2: _____

_____ [6]

- (ii) According to Amos 8, describe **THREE** ways the poor were mistreated.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

_____ [6]

- (b) (i) Explain **TWO** ways the poor are taken advantage of in today's society.

1. _____

2. _____

_____ [4]

- (ii) Define the ethical theory of Utilitarianism.

How might an individual who follows this theory respond if a poor person came to them for financial help?

Utilitarianism: _____

Response: _____

_____ [4]

- (c) *'Poor people can do more to help themselves.'*

Do you agree or disagree?

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