**ACEITEKA MOCK EXAMINATIONS 2017**

**P245/2 NEW TESTAMENT**

INSTRUCTIONS:*Attempt any four questions*.

1(a)In which ways did the members of the apostolic age contribute to the maintenance of the Christian faith in the early age.(13marks)

(b) Show the ways in which the Holy Spirit manifested itself in the early church.(12 marks)

2” The eye witnesses of Jesus greatly influenced the spread of the gospel in the apostolic age.” Comment (25 marks)

3(a) Justify the temptation of Jesus in the gospel of mark. (12 marks)

(b) Asses the effects of temptation to modern Christians.(13 marks)

4(a) “she came in the crowd behind him saying to herself if I just touch his cloak I will be made well”.Mark 5:27-28

1. .Discuss the meaning of the above incident in mark’s gospel (12 mrks)

(b) What lessons can modern Christians learn from the above incident?(13 mrks)

(5) In the gospel of mark James and John the disciples of Jesus asked to sit on the right and another on the left in his glorious kingdom.

(A)Explain what was wrong with the request of James and John.(12 mrks)

(b) Examine the relevance of this request of James and John to modernChristians. (13 mrks)

6. Analyze the characteristics of the gospel of John and Mark.(25 mrks)

7(a) Discuss the unique features that distinguish the discourses of Jesus in the gospel of John. (13mrks)

(b) What lessons are there for Christians from the discourse between Jesus and the Samaritan woman?(13 mrks)

8(a) Examine the significances of Jesus’ appearances to the disciples atLakeTiberias in the fourth gospel.(12 mrks)

(b) In what other ways did Jesus appear to his followers in this gospel.(13 marks)

9.(a) Account for Paul’s teaching on the gifts of the holy spirit in his letter to the Corinthians.(13 mrks)

(b) What advice did Paul give to the Corinthians on the use of spiritual gifts?(12 mrks)

10(a) Explain Paul’s understanding of Christian liberty and the responsibilities attached to it.(13 mrks)

(b).How can Christians exercise their liberty in modern times.(12 mrks)

1. (a)Examine James’ teaching on patience and prayer (12 mrks)
2. What are the lessons of James’ letter to modern Christians (13 mrks)

12. Analyse Peter’s teaching on salvation in his universal letter.(25 mrks)

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**MARKING GUIDE P245/2**

1(a) In which ways did the members of the apostolic age contribute to the maintenance of the Christian faith in the early age.

\_They lived communally and proclaimed message orally by word of mouth

They shared material wealth bringing Christians together

-They lived exemplary life following in the footsteps 0f Jesus as their role model

\_They associated with all kinds of people regardless of social-economic status

-They carried out catechism which equipped the converts with the fundamental teachings of Christianity

\_They mutually settled disputes amongst themselves

\_They sold their property and helped the needy

\_They performed miracles which accompanied their preaching e.g peter and john healed at the beautiful gate of the temple

\_The leaders baptized the newly converted

\_they made missionary journeys e.g.Paul’s missionary journeys throughout the Mediterranean lands of Europe

-they celebrated the Lord’ssupper/holy communion.

-they defended the gospel from heresy/false teachings through public debates e.g.Apollos

-leaders laid hands on the sick

-they held communal prayers and would sometimes fast

-they gave testimonies about God’swork in their lives

-they encouraged those facing persecution

-they engaged in worship and all that it entails

-some wrote encouraging letters.

-some deaconswere appointed to assist the apostles

-they confessed their wrongs/sins to one another/ repented of them

-they held agape feasts from time to time

-some accepted to die as martyrs e.g. Stephen and apostles

-they defended Christianity before the roman government/ wrote apologetic letters

1. Marks

(b)Show the way in which the Holy Spirit manifested itself in the early church.

- Through baptizing the apostles and early Christians with the power/ authority to preach

-enabled them to act boldly without fear or favour

-enabled apostles to perform miracles e.g. peter and john who healed a lame man at the temple

-enabled them to endure persecution and suffering

-enabled the Christians tolive morallygood lives in thecommunity e.g. loving one another

-convicted Christians to sell their property and donate to those in need

-by enabling Christians to live communally

-through endowing the apostles and early Christians with the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Such as –faith,endurance,speaking in tongues,interpreting tongues,bold preaching,discernment,(any two of these as SH)

Endowed them with the fruits of the spirite.g –love,kindness,patience,joy,peace

-endowing the churchwith ministries such as teachers,evangelists,prophets healers

-converting the enemies of the churche.gPaul and using them to minister to others

Convicting Christians to confess and repent of sins

-inspiring the writers to write gospels

Writing letters of encouragement

Guiding selection of the books which become part of the New Testament

Enabling missionary journeyse.gPaul

Encouraging fellowships,worship,baptisms,Lord’s Supper despite persecution

13 marks

2 “The eyewitnesses of Jesus greatly influenced the spread of the gospel in the apostolic age” comment.

-Apostolic age refers to the period of the early church during which the message was proclaimed orally by word of mouth between 30 – 64AD (SH)

-the eye witnesses of Jesus greatly influenced the spread of the holy spirit in the following ways.

Performed miracles e.g peter healed the lame man at the temple gate

Laid hands on the sick

Baptized new convertse.gPaul baptized 3000converts

Carried out catechism

Performed acts of charity

Endured persecution and suffering

Accepted martyrdom

Visited the sick prayed for and anointed them

Exercised spiritual giftse.g. spoke in tongues, prophecy

Founded churches e.gPaul in Galatia, Rome,Corinth

Wrote letters containing moral teachings e.gPaul wrote to Ephesians

Performed the Eucharist they encouraged believers to attend love feasts/agape meals

They encouraged self-control in times of temptation

They consoled and comforted believers who were suffering.

Organized religious conferences e.g. Jerusalem council

Wrote apologetic letters

Appointed more people to serve the church e.g. the seven deacons

Settled disputes

Held theological debates on issues like the law and faith

Held fellowship

Held fellowship meetings in their houses

They led exemplary lives

However, other factors also helped in the spread of the gospel, namely

The Holy Spirit

Jesus’ commandto the apostles to go and spread the goodnews

Belief in the imminent Parousia

The resurrection of Jesus

Paul’s dual citizenship

The use of Greek language as an official language in RomanEmpire

Development of literacy

Presence of peace in Roman Empire

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3(a) Justify the temptation of the Jesus in the gospel of mark

He was being prepared for his conflict with the devil during his ministry

He was being prepared for endurance of temptation in his ministry

To show the role of the Holy Spirit in Jesus’ work it led him to the wilderness

To show believers the need to resist the devil as a good fight of faith

To show the need for constant prayer during temptation

To urge believers to refer to scriptures when undergoing temptation

To show that temptation is part of human life

To show that believers have the ability to overcome temptation

to show believers that God is always willing to help believers overcome temptations

To show that Jesus is a spiritual messiah

To prove to the believers that Jesus resisted the Satan right from the beginning

To enable believers to be on guard against the devil

To prove that Jesus is a Divine being

To equip Jesus for the future temptation in his ministry

For him to receive inspiration of the Holy Spirit to start his public ministry

1. arks)

(b)Asses the effects of temptation to modern Christians

Positive effects

Strengthen their faith

Enables them to repent of their sins

Encourages them to read tread biblical scriptures

Enables Christians to pray to God so as to resist the devil

It tests their faith giving them a chance to grow in spirit

Enables Christians fast to overcome the devil

Enables them to develop self-control

It builds their love for God when they overcome temptations

Negative effects

May lead them to commit sin

They lose their faith

May curse God thinking he is the source of temptation

May backslide

Make them to waver in faith

Cause suffering if they fail to resist

May revert to pagan practices

May destroy their souls if they fail to repent

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4 “she came in the crowd from behind him saying to herself if I just touch his cloak I will be made well” mark 5:27-28

1. Discuss the meaning of the above incident in the Mark’s gospel

The healing of the woman with a blood flow meant that Jesus was indeed Divine (was healed instantly yet had suffered for long time)

The healing meant that Jesus was was human had compassion for those who were suffering.

That he was the messiah who could heal by mere touch

That had come to reveal the glory of the kingdom

That those with total faith in him were to benefit from the ministry

The miracle of the woman increased the faith of those present after Jesus asked who had touched him and the woman identified herself

The healing exposed the lack of faith of the disciples who wondered how they could tell who had touched Jesus when he stopped to ask amidst the crowd

The healing meant that Jesus had divine power to heal

The healing meant that Jesus was indeed the son of God

thatJesus was the savior of the world

that he come to fulfil the old testament scriptures of restoring the health of the sick like child of the widow

that there is nothing impossible with Christ

That he is the answer to all problems/ way to the kingdom

13 marks

1. What lessons can modern Christians learn from the above incident

Should believe in Christ the son of God

Should accept Jesus the savior of the world

Should have total faith in Christ like the woman with the blood flow

Should trust in the Lord

Rely on the lord at all times

Should be steadfast in the lord

Should stand firm in faith despite challenges

Should seek for healing in the lord

Should turn to the lord for healing

Pray for healing in Jesus’name

Rebuke the devil/ sickness in Jesus’ name

12marks

5 In the gospel of mark, James and John asked to sit on the right and another on the left in his glorious kingdom

1. Explain what was wrong with the request of James and John

-their request was wrong because it was secretively done away from other disciple

-it was wrong because it was an expression of lack of faith

They were taking Jesus for granted asking for what they didn’t deserve

They were being inconsiderate to other disciples who were not present

They were being over ambitious

They were behaving like self-seekers

They were trying to corrupt Jesus

They were behaving in an opportunistic way

They were trying to divert Jesus’ opinion

They were behaving like discontented people

They were being unreasonable

They were seeking for special favour in the wrong way

12marks

(b)Examine the relevance of this request of James and John

should have faith in the lord unlike James and John

Should trust the lord

Should rely on the word

Should believe in Jesus’ message of salvation

Should be content with God’s provision

Should accept the positions God puts them in

Should be grateful with what God has blessed them with

Should submit to the will of God

should accept to be humble in the service of the lord

should be fair to others in the service of the lord

should be considerate to their bosses

they should lower themselves in the service of God

should be ready for whatever assignments given to them should resist whatever temptation

1. marks

6 Analyze the characteristics of the gospels of John and Mark

John

Has an opening prologue

The prologue is also the summary

Characterized by signs

Has different arrangement timing and of events

Jesus regularly refers to God as the father

Uses the Iam sayings

Presents Jesus’ passion events

Characterized by referring to the message as the word of the truth

It is a gospel of numbers

It is a gospel of symbols

Exposes messiahship of Christ

Emphasizes Christ as son of God

Emphasizes Jesus’ ministry in Judea

Jesus teaching in long discourses

A lot of theology and philosophy involved

humanity

divinity

Judgement of Christ

Jesus’ mission is universal

Transformation from old to new order

13marks

Mark

Salvation is gradual

Jesus son of God

Explain why called Jesus the Christ

Messianic secret

Universal

Messiahship

Message is about kingdom

Short gospel/ brief

Poor grammar

Greek style of writing

Present tense

Incomprehensive statements

Action gospel

Jesus’ ministry is in galilee

Miracles

Fewer parables

Mainly for gentiles

Vivid expresses of Jesus’ mission

Open opposition from teachers of the law

Urgency

Suffering messiah

Goodnews of Christ

12 marks

7(a) Discuss the unique features that distinguish the discourses of Jesus in the Gospel John

They are lengthy in duration

Jesus is very involved by answering people’s questions e.g. Samaritan womanasked Jesus where he would get life giving water without a bucket

Jesus explains message for people to understand the message e.g. Nicodemus

Jesus intends to make them believe in him e.g Martha and Mary about death of their brother lazarus

Jesus wants them to see and appreciate the power of God

Intended to convert listens

Intends to show the the way to the father

To develop faith of the listens

Demonstrate that he comes from the father

They urge listeners to accept the word because it is the truth

They reveal his messiahship

Prove Jesus’ sonship to God

They increase the faith of those involved e.g. Nicodemus

They help to proclaim the message

12 marks

1. what lessons are there for Christians from the discourse of Jesus with the Samaritan woman

learn to proclaim the message like the Samaritan woman

should seek clarification on things they don’t understand

should believe in Christ

should have faith in the lord

should draw others to the lord

should trust in the lord

should accept Christ as the savior

should repent of their faults

should change in behavior after receiving messages

should be all embracing in interacting with people

should worship only one God

should give up materialism for the lord

should search for inspiration of the Holyspirit

should be hospitable to those who want to learn

should put all their hope in God

should be good disciples

should love one another

1. marks

8(a) Examine the significances of Jesus’ appearances to the diciples at lakeTiberias in the fourth gospel

It showed that Jesus reallyresurrected from death

It showed simon peter as the leader of the disciples

Exposed the lack of understanding of Jesus’disciplesi.e they didn’t know first that it was Jesus

Jesus takes the initiative as the logos i.e he asked the disciples whether they had caght any fish and helped them to get some

It showed Jesus’divinity i.e when he ordered them to throw the net into the water they were able to catch a lot of fish

It showed Jesus’ humanity i.e Jesus ate with his disciples

It showed growth of the Christian faith is a gradual process i.e at first the disciples didn’t recognize Jesus but later they came to understand him

The feeding of the disciples on the disciple son bread and fish reflected the sign of feeding the people

Showed the messiahship of Jesus i.e disciples referred to him as lord

The 153 different types of fish that were caught shows abundance in God’s kingdom

Showed the love of Jesus for his disciples enabling them to catch fish

Showed the disciples becoming witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus

Strengthened the faith of the disciples

Peter’s jumping into the water was sign of baptism

1. marks

(b)In what ways does Jesus appear to the Christians today

Through miracles

Through visions

Through dreams

through church songs and hymns

through prophecy

through answered prayers

through spiritual gifts e.g speaking in tongues

through being born again

through conversion of hardened criminale.g murderers

through scientific discoveries of modern medicines e.g vaccine for pneumonia in children

through accident survivors

through making barren/ impotent persons to bear children after they are prayed for

throughhealing people with incurable ailments

1. marks

9(a) Account for Paul’s teaching on the gifts of the Holy Spirit in his letter to the Corinthians

Paul was compelled to teach about spiritual gifts because the Corinthians were misusing them

There was disorder in the way spiritual gifts were being manifested

There was some kind of competition among those who were gifted. There was a tendency of despising those with minor gifts

Those who could speak in tongues were very proud behaving like they were superior to others

They had a tendency of dominating during worship

They made those with minor gifts to feel inferior / less important

Those who had minor gifts possibly were cursing God for not giving them the gift of tongues

Some believes behaved in a way that mad them to be thought to be mad

They would shout on top of their voices during worship

The speech in tongues were not interpreted

There was no love in the expression/ manifestation of spiritual gifts

Undermining gifts like prophecy

The Corinthians were dividing the church in the way they were exercising spiritual gifts

1. what advise did Paul give to the Corinthians on the use of spiritual

Paul advised the Corinthian to have love in the manifestation of the spiritual gifts

According to Paul even if one did anything but without love, it would be meaningless

Paul advised them to remember that all gifts come from God and should be used to benefit the entire church

He advised them to use spiritual gifts in unison

According to him they were to pay special attention to the least recognized gifts e.g love, kindness

Just like they pay attention to the least parts of the body e.g the eyes, ears

He said like the different parts of the body if one part is sick the whole body suffers

In the same way if the spiritual gifts are manifested in such a disorganized way the entire church suffers

He advised that hymn,preaching, prophesy, miracles, healing, tongues in that order

He advised that there should be order during worship

That those who speak in tongues should do it one at a time

That it would be better for such speech in tongues to be interpreted

He advised that if there is no interpretor then such speech would rather be left

He advised that those who speak in tongues can do so as part of their private prayers

That all spiritual gifts come from God and should be used to His praise

That they all come from the same spirit

That all are the same

13marks

10 (a)Explainpaul’s understanding of Christian liberty and the responsibilities attached to it

In this question the candidate is to handle the teaching on liberty and responsibilities as one just as paul handled it. ( no need of separating the two)

According to paul, after accepting Christ as the Messiah, one renders themselves free from the demands of the law.

He says after accepting Christ there is no need to be subjected to circumcision as is a requirement of Jewish culture.

Doing so would mean that one is enslaved by the law and not free in salvation

That on who accepts circumcised is obligued to follow the entire Jewish laws

That one who accepts to be subjected to law cuts /detouches themselves from Christ

That Christian freedom is manifested through love for one another and love for God

According to paul, in Christ whether one is circumcised or not it doesn’t matter.

That this Christian freedom shouldn’t be used to commit sin i.e involve in immoral behavior

According to paul, Christian freedom should enable the Christians to serve one another and fulfil the great commandment of law that brings about peace and harmony

Christian freedom should convict believers to seek the guidance of the holy spiritto avoid misusing it

This is because the human nature opposes what the spirit wants

According to paul, Christian freedom should be manifested through the gifts of the holy spirit

These include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self control

Paul says those who love Christ have to put to death the their human nature with all its passions and desires

They are to allow the holy spirit to control their lives so as to enjoy their freedom

Paul says one ought not be proud, irritable or jealousy of one another in exercising Christian freedom

According to paul salvation doesn’t come through obedience to the law but by faith in Christ

Paul argued the them to exercise their freedom consciously and guide against the falsehood of the Judaizers

Referring to his own experience paul argued them to trust God and exercise their freedom without fear

He said the cross is the only way to salvation

That anyone diverting them from exercising their freedom the right way will be punished by God

He argued them to remain in union with Christ

He castigated those that insisted on observing the law of circumcision to go ahead and castrate themselves because they had failed to know that true freedom is attained through faith in Christ

Paul says Christian freedom unites people with Christ irrespective of their culture, race, sex or status

He regarded Christians as children of Sarah a free woman representing Jews freed from the law

According to Paul having faith means being put right with God

Paul says it was his Christian freedom that enabled him to rebuke Peter at Antioch for he was compromising his freedom

That Christian freedom enabled the Galatians to become righteous with god hence becoming true sons and daughters of the same father hence could call him as Father

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(B)how can Christiansexercise their Christian freedom and liberty in modern times

Christians can exercise their freedom organizing fellowship

By preaching the word without limitations

Through reading the bible at any time or in whichever community

Through payer at all times of choice

By undertaking Eucharist after self-examination

Through acts of charity

Attending crusades as a means of spreading the gospel

By composing Christian songs and hymns for praising and glorifying God

By undertaking missionary journeys to make known the message far and wide

Feel free to eat all kinds of food with a clear Christian conscious that all food is good for human consumption

Disregarding some cultural practices that are non-Christian such as circumcision

By repenting of their sins genuinely

By having total faith in Christ

To undertake Christian marriage and leaving by the demands of such marriage

By building churches

Exercising equal rights

By exposing evil in society

Condemning immorality

Undertaking holy sacraments

1. marks

12 Analyse Peter’s teaching on salvation in his universal letter

According to peter salvation lies in accepting Christ who died on the cross for the sake of sinners

He says salvation begins with one acknowledging the death and resurrection of Christ.

That believers are to give thanks to God for raising Christ from the dead for this assures them of hope in life

The resurrection of Christ assures them of their own resurrection

It also assures them of inheritance eternal life thus invites them to have hope in salvation through belief in Christ

That those who believe in the message based on Christ receive rich blessings from God that are kept in heaven

Salvation entails enduring suffering they pass through

That those who endure will be proven righteous and will attain the kingdom of God that is full of rewards/ blessings

That the purpose of trials and suffering proves the faith of one as genuine

That even gold is tested by fire

Those who are proven worthy will receive praise, glory and honour when Christ returns

That God’s power of salvation will be revealed at the end of the world when Christ returns

Salvation calls for righteousness

That those who patiently wait upon the lord will be granted divine protection

That the prophets had already prophesied about the gifts of salvation to believers that are granted by the Holy Spirit

Peter argues believers to be obedient to God desist the temptation of bodily desires they had before they received salvation

He argued them to be holy in whatever they do like the holy God who called them

That they would be rewarded for doing good

He argued them to imitate Christ

That believers have a higher calling of being a royal priesthood

He prepares them for Judgement that awaits them

To keep praying to maintain holiness

They are to protect their freedom

To submit to authority

That end of the world was near hence prepare for it

25 marks