

QUESTION 1

2006

(a) The visit of the Angel of the Lord to the Shepherds on the night Jesus was born.

The shepherds were looking after their flocks in the field at night The angel appeared to them The glory of the lord shone around them They were filled with fear The angle reassured them/ told them not to fear He told them of the good news of the birth of Jesus They were told where to find baby Jesus The angles gave them a sign on how they would find Jesus There appeared a host of angles singing/ praising God The angles left them/ went back to heaven The shepherds went to Bethlehem/ found baby Jesus (7 x 1 = 7 mks)

(b) The differences between the work of John the Baptist and that of Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist preached mainly in the wilderness/ the desert of Judah, while Jesus preached in the synagogues/ homes cities/ towns/ temple John the Baptist called people to repentance, while Jesus forgave/ died for their sins John the Baptist with water, but Jesus was baptized with the holy spirit/ fire John the Baptist lived the life of Nazarite, while Jesus mixed freely with all people The emphasis of John the Baptist preaching was in the promised Messiah, while that of Jesus was about the kingdom of God John the Baptist's message was direct whereas Jesus preached in parables While John the Baptist disciples fasted, the disciples of Jesus ate and drank John the Baptist did not perform miracles, but Jesus ministry was full of signs/ wonders John the Baptist was the fore runner / prepared the way while Jesus fulfilled/

(c) Lessons Christians learn about family relationships from the incident when Jesus accompanied his parents for the Passover Festival.

Christians should obey their parents Parents should teach their children about God Parents should provide opportunities for their children to mix with others

Parents should love/ be concerned about their children Family ties should about be broken/ families should live in unity God's work takes priority over the family Parents should recognize their children's talents/ abilities There should be open communities among family members

2008

(a)

- She was highly favoured among women.
- She will bring forth a son/will be named Jesus.
- He will be called the son of the most highest/son of God/will be great.
- He will be given the throne of his father David.
- He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever.
- The kingdom will be everlasting.
- The Holy Spirit would come upon her.
- The child to be born would be holy.
- That Elizabeth her cousin had also conceived in her old age.
- With God, nothing will be impossible.

(6x1=6 marks)

(b)

- God is a saviour because he remembers the lowly.
- God is mighty for he scatters the proud/does great things.
- God is holy/holy is his name.
- God is merciful to those who fear him from generation to generation.
- God is caring/protecting because he exalts the humble.
- He is a provider/sustainer because he fills the hungry.
- He is faithful because he keeps his promises.
- He is kind/helper to his servant Israel.

(4x2=8 marks)

(c)

- He was obedient.
- He was courageous.
- He was knowledgeable/intelligent/wise.
- He was respectful.
- He was cooperative.
- He was patient.
- He was honest.
- He was assertive/independent/making independent decisions.
- He was social/outgoing.
- He was inquisitive .

(6x1=6 marks)

2009

a) The message of Prophet Isaiah messiah (Luke 1: 26-36)

- i. The messiah would be a descendant of David/rule of the throne of David
- ii. The messiah will rule forever
- iii. He would be despised /rejected by many/a man of sorrow/suffering servant
- iv. He would be born of a young woman/virgin
- v. Messianic reign/rule will bring happiness/joy to the Israelites
- vi. He would be wounded for people's transgressions/would suffer for sins of human beings
- vii. Peace /prosperity will prevail during the messianic reign
- viii. He will be called wonderful/counselor/mighty god/Everlasting Father/Prince of peace/anoointed/God Immanuel.
- ix. He will rule with justice/ righteousness

b) The activities that took place when Jesus was born (Luke 2:6-20)

- i. Mary, the mother of baby Jesus wrapped him in swaddling clothes.
- ii. She laid him in a manger
- iii. Angel of the Lord appeared singing the praise of God
- iv. A multitude of angels appeared singing the praise of God.
- v. The shepherds hurried to see the baby
- vi. The shepherds spread the news to many people
- vii. The shepherd sung/praises God after they had seen baby Jesus
- viii. The shepherds returned to their homes/work.

c) The importance of singing in Christian Service

- i. It is an opportunity to praise/adore God
- ii. Christians pass messages/pray through singing
- iii. Singing creates a atmosphere of worshippers relax
- iv. Singing creates an atmosphere of worship
- v. The singing removes boredom because of the varied activities during the service
- vi. God given talents are portrayed/enhanced during singing.
- vii.

2010 a) Activities that took place during the dedication of Jesus in the temple (Luke 2:22-40)

1. Jesus was taken to Jerusalem to be represented to the Lord by his parents.
2. Simeon took Jesus up in arms/blessed the Lord.
3. Simeon said that he was ready to die he had seen God's salvation/a light for revelation to the gentiles/the glory to the Israelites.
4. Simeon blessed the parents of Jesus.
5. Simeon told Mary Jesus' Mother that the child was set for the fall and rising of many in Israel.
6. Anna gave thanks/prayed/spoke of Jesus to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.
7. The parents of Jesus performed everything according to the law of the Lord/offered a pair of turtle doves/pigeons.
8. Parents of Jesus returned home. (4 x 2 = 8 marks)

b) Lessons for Christians from the incident when Jesus was left behind by his parents in the temple (Luke 2:41-2)

1. Christians should involve their children in prayer/worship of God.
2. Christians should involve their children in day to day affairs.
3. Parents should be concerned of where their children.
4. Children should be taught the world of God/the Bible.
5. There should be communication among family members/they should inform one another of their whereabouts.
6. Children should obey their parents.
7. Parents should love their children.
8. Christian should accommodate the view of the youth.
9. Christians learn that Jesus is the son of God/he was in his Father's house.
10. Christian should exercise tolerance/forgiveness
11. Christians should give God first priority as Jesus did. (7 x 1 = 7 marks)

c) Ways in which Christian show respect to places of worship in Kenya today.

1. Christians maintain cleanliness in places of worship.
2. Christians observe silence in the places of worship.
3. Places of worship are treated with relevance (e.g in some cases shoes are removed etc)
4. Christian dress in decent clothing as they go to place of worship.
5. Order is maintained in places of worship/only authorised people are allowed to talk/make announcement.
6. Posters/notices/decorations/flowers are put to remind people that they are in sacred places.

2011. (a) What took place when Mary visited Elizabeth.

- (i) She entered Zechariah's home,
- (ii) She greeted Elizabeth.
- (iii) When Elizabeth heard Mary's greetings the baby in her womb leaped.
- (iv) Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.
- (v) Elizabeth exclaimed with a loud cry.
- (vi) She blessed Mary and child in the womb.
- (vii) Elizabeth wondered why Mary the mother of her Lord has visited her
- (viii) Elizabeth informed Mary that the baby in her womb had leaped for joy in her greetings.
- (ix) Mary responded by praising God
- (x) Mary stayed with Elizabeth for three months.

b) Lessons that Christians learn from the lives of Zechariah and Elizabeth

- (i) Christians should be righteous / upright / blameless
- (ii) They should obey God's commandments
- (iii) They should persevere / be patient
- (iv) They should serve God faithfully / commitment.
- (v) They should be prayerful.
- (vi) They should depend on God / ask God for their needs
- (vii) They should believe God's word .
- (viii) They should thank God for blessings
- (ix) They praise / worship the lord
- (x) They should desire to be led by the Holy Spirit
- (xi) Christian should rejoice at the blessings of others.

(c) Ways through which Christians in Kenya express their joy for the birth of Jesus

- (i) They sing / listen to Christian songs / carols
- (ii) They attend Christmas worship/service/ mass
- (iii) They partake of the Holy communion/ Eucharist
- (iv) They exchange gifts / cards / messages of goodwill
- (v) They visit friends/ relatives.
- (vi) They decorate their homes/churches
- (vii) They buy/ wear new clothes
- (viii) They prepare special dishes /drinks
- (ix) They rest from normal duties
- (x) They hold Christmas concerts/ drama

2012

1. (a) Micah's prophecies about the Messiah

- (i) The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem.
- (ii) He will rule over Israel.
- (iii) His origin is from the old/ancient days.
- (iv) He will be born of a woman.
- (v) He will feed his flock.
- (vi) He will rule in the majesty/power of God.
- (vii) In his time, Israel will be secure.
- (viii) He shall be great to the ends of the earth.
- (ix) Israel will have victory over her enemy/there will be peace in Israel.

(7 x 1 = 7 marks)

(b) The message of Angel Gabriel about John the Baptist:

- (i) John the Baptist was to be a son.
- (ii) His name was to be John.
- (iii) He would bring joy/gladness to his parents/many will rejoice at his birth.
- (iv) He will be great before God.
- (v) He was to drink no wine/strong drink.
- (vi) He was to be filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb.
- (vii) He would turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God.
- (viii) He was to go before the Lord in the spirit/power of Elijah.
- (ix) He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children/ the disobedient to the wisdom of the just.
- (x) He was to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.

(7 x 1 = 7 marks)

(c) Lessons Christians learn from when Jesus was dedicated.

- (i) Christians should be righteous before God in order to experience Him in their lives.
- (ii) Christians should thank God for blessing them.
- (iii) They should trust/have faith in God.
- (iv) Christians should reach out to all people/preach salvation to them.
- (v) Christians should show compassion to the needy in society.
- (vi) Christians should be devoted in their worship of God regardless of the challenges they face.
- (vii) Christians should dedicate their children to God/fulfil the church obligations.

(6 x 1 = 6 marks)

2013

The annunciation of the birth of John the baptist.

- (i) Angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah as he performed his priestly duties in the temple;
- (ii) The angel stood by the right side of the altar;
- (iii) Zechariah was filled with fear when he saw the angel;
- (iv) The angel told him not to be afraid because his prayer had been heard;
- (v) The angel told Zechariah that the wife would bear him a son/the son would be called John;
- (vi) The angel informed Zechariah the work/qualities of the son to be born.
- (vii) Zechariah did not believe the angel's message because he and his wife were advanced in age;
- (viii) The angel revealed his identity as Gabriel who had been sent by God to bring the message.
- (ix) Because of his unbelief, the angel made him dumb until the baby is born.

b) What Christians learn about the person and mission of John the baptist from the message of angel Gabriel to Zechariah

- (i) John would bring joy/gladness to many people;
- (ii) He would be great before God;
- (iii) John would be a Nazarite/would not drink any wine
- (iv) He would be filled with the Holy spirit;
- (v) He would reconcile the Israelites with God
- (vi) He would have the spirit/power of Elijah.
- (vii) He would bring justice;
- (viii) He would prepare people for the coming of the Messiah.

(c) Ways in which the church in Kenya assists families to cope with challenges facing them

- (i) The church organises seminars/workshops for different groups on family life;
- (ii) Offering guidance and counselling;
- (iii) Paying visits to families;
- (iv) Producing/disseminating literature on proper christian living;
- (v) Preaching financial/material support to the ready families;
- (vi) Giving financial/material support to the ready families;
- (vii) Praying for the families;
- (viii) Providing vocational training;
- (ix) Offering employment to jobless people;
- (x) Condemning vices which threaten families.

2014

(a) Isaiah's prophecies concerning the Messiah

- (i) The Messiah would be born of a virgin / young woman
- (ii) He would be called Immanuel
- (iii) He would be a wonderful counsellor/mighty God/everlasting Father/prince of peace
- (iv) The Messiah would have an everlasting kingdom
- (v) He would be a ruler from the house of David
- (vi) He would rule with justice/righteousness/peace
- (vii) He would be humble/simple/ordinary/without beauty
- (viii) The Messiah would be rejected/despised/sentenced to die
- (ix) He would suffer for the forgiveness of the sins of many people
- (x) It would be the will of his father for him to suffer
- (xi) He would succeed in his work/be highly honoured
- (xii) He would be filled with God's spirit/anoined
- (xiii) He would preach good news/set the captives free.

(b) The events that took place on the night Jesus was born (Luke 2:6-20)

- (i) When Jesus was born his mother wrapped him in swaddling cloths
- (ii) She placed him in a manger
- (iii) An angel appeared to the shepherds in the region to tell them of the birth of the saviour
- (iv) A great company of heavenly hosts/angels appeared singing praises to God
- (v) The shepherds decided to go to Bethlehem/hurried off to Bethlehem
- (vi) The shepherds saw the baby
- (vii) They spread the news about the baby to other people.
- (viii) The shepherds returned praising/glorifying God.
- (ix) There were shepherds watching over their flock by night.
- (x) The angel gave a sign on how to identify the baby. (6 x 1 = 6 marks)

(c) Reasons why Christians present gifts to newly born babies

- (i) Christians give gifts in order to welcome the baby into the family/world
- (ii) It is a sign of their love/contribution to the baby's welfare
- (iii) It is a way of appreciating the gift of life/blessing
- (iv) It is a way of thanking God/appreciating his goodness
- (v) It is a form of congratulating the mother/parents
- (vi) It is an expression of their joy.
- (vii) It is a way of emulating Biblical practices.

2015

(a) Jeremiah's prophecies about the Messiah (Jeremiah 23: 5-6)

- (i) The Messiah would come from the house of David
- (ii) He would be righteous
- (iii) He would reign as a king
- (iv) The Messiah would rule wisely
- (v) He would execute justice / righteousness in the land
- (vi) He would bring salvation upon Judah
- (vii) He would provide security/safety in Israel
- (viii) He would be called the Lord.

b) The incident when an angel visited the shepherds on the night Jesus was born

- (i) The shepherds were looking after their flocks in the fields at night
- (ii) An angel appeared to them
- (iii) The glory of the Lord shone around them
- (iv) They were filled with fear
- (v) The angel told them not to be afraid
- (vi) He told them the good news about the birth of Jesus/saviour in the city of David
- (vii) The angel told them how to find the baby/gave them a sign on how to identify the baby
- (viii) There appeared a host of angels singing/praising God
- (ix) The angels left them/went back to heaven
- (x) The shepherds decided to go to Bethlehem/visit the baby.

7 x 1 = 7 marks

(c) Virtues Christians acquire when celebrating the birth of Jesus

- (i) Joy/happiness
- (ii) Sharing/generosity/helpfulness/kindness/charity
- (iii) Holiness/righteousness/purity
- (iv) Respect
- (v) Humility
- (vi) Mercy/compassion
- (vii) Co-operation/unity
- (viii) Thankfulness/gratitude
- (ix) Love
- (x) Peace

7 x 1 = 7 marks

2016

1.(a) Narrate the visit of the Angel to the shepherds on the night Jesus was born. (7 marks)

The shepherds were looking after their flocks in the field at night. The angel appeared to them. The glory of the Lord shone around them. They were filled with fear. The angel reassured them/ told them not to fear. He told them of the Good News of the birth of Jesus. They were told where to find baby Jesus. The angel gave them a sign on how they would find Jesus. There appeared a host of angels singing/ praising God. The angel left them/ went back to heaven. The shepherds went to Bethlehem/ found baby Jesus.

(b) Outline the differences between the work of John the Baptist and that of Jesus Christ. (8 marks)

John the Baptist preached mainly in the wilderness/ the desert of Judah, while Jesus preached in the synagogues/ homes cities/ towns/ temple

John the Baptist called people to repentance, while Jesus forgave/ died for their sins

John the Baptist was baptized with water, but Jesus was baptized with the Holy spirit/ fire

John the Baptist lived the life of a Nazarite, while Jesus mixed freely with all people

The emphasis of John the Baptist preaching was in the promised Messiah, while that of Jesus was about the kingdom of God

John the Baptist's message was direct whereas Jesus preached in parables

While John the Baptist disciples fasted, the disciples of Jesus ate and drank

John the Baptist did not perform miracles, but Jesus ministry was full of signs/ wonders

John the Baptist was the fore runner / prepared the way while Jesus fulfilled/ was the messiah

c. What five lessons do Christians learn about family relationships from the occasion when Jesus accompanied His parents for the Passover festival? (5 marks)

Christians should obey their parents

Parents should teach their children about God

Parents should provide opportunities for their children to mix with others

Parents should love/ be concerned about their children

Family ties should not be broken/ families should live in unity

God's work takes priority over the family

Parents should recognize their children's talents/ abilities

There should be open communication among family members

<p>1 a) The Jewish expectations concerning the Messiah.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Jews expected the Messiah to come from the lineage of David/royal descent. (ii) They expected the Messiah to come after the return of Prophet Elijah. (iii) The Jews expected the Messiah to be a political leader/one who would overthrow the Roman rulers. (iv) The Messiah would convert Jerusalem to be the Centre of rule/political centre. (v) The Messiah was not expected to associate with the poor/sinners/gentiles. (vi) The Messiah was expected to make Judaism a superior religion. (vii) The Jews expected a Messiah who would perform miracles. (viii) They expected the establishment of the Kingdom of the Messiah to be preceded by cosmic signs/mysteries. (ix) They expected the Messiah to establish the Kingdom by conquering the enemies of Israel. (x) The Messiah was to rule the whole world. <p style="text-align: right;">(7 x 1) = 7 marks</p>
<p>b) The similarities in the annunciation of the birth of John the Baptist and that of Jesus Christs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In both the message was delivered by angel Gabriel. (ii) In both, the missions of John and Jesus were specified by the angel. (iii) In both the possibility of the message was doubted /by Zecharia and Mary. (iv) In both cases signs were given to confirm the messages/signs were given to Zecharia and Mary. (v) In both the children were to be God's servants. (vi) In both cases the children would be male. (vii) In both the births were going to be through divine intervention. (viii) In both the names of the children to be born were given by the angel. <p style="text-align: right;">(7 x 1) = 7 marks</p>
<p>c) Lessons Christians learn from the annunciation of the birth of John the Baptist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Christians learn that children are gift from God. (ii) They should be persistent in prayer. (iii) They should have faith/trust in God. (iv) They learn that doubting God's message can lead to punishment. (v) Christians should serve God regardless of the circumstances they are in. (vi) Christians should be patient. (vii) Christians learn that God has a purpose for their lives <p style="text-align: right;">(6 x 1) = 6 marks</p>

<p>1. a) Micah's prophecy concerning the Messiah. (Micah 5:2-5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. (ii) He will rule over Israel. (iii) His origin is from the old/ancient days. (iv) He would be born of a woman. (v) He will feed His flock. (vi) He will rule in majesty/strength of God. (vii) In His time Israel will be secure/peaceful. (viii) He shall be great to the ends of the earth/eternal. <p style="text-align: right;">(7 x 1) =</p>
<p>b) The annunciation of the birth of Jesus by angel Gabriel. (Luke 1:26-38)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Angel Gabriel was sent/appeared to Mary in Nazareth. (ii) Mary was a young woman who had been engaged to a man named Joseph from the house of David. (iii) The angel greeted Mary "Hail, O favoured one, the Lord is with you." (iv) Mary was troubled by the greeting/wondered what it could be. (v) The angel told her not to be afraid since she had found favour with God/was going to conceive/give birth to a son. (vi) He would be called Jesus. (vii) The angel told Mary that Jesus will be great/will be called the son of the Most High/God will give him the throne of his father David. (viii) Mary asked the angel how she was going to conceive without a husband. (ix) The angel told her that she would conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit. (x) The angel told Mary that her kinswomen Elizabeth had also conceived a son/was six months pregnant (xi) Mary accepted the angel's message/said "I am the hand maid of the Lord, let it be to me as you have said." (xii) The angel departed from her. <p style="text-align: right;">(8 x 1) =</p>
<p>c) Lessons that Christians learn from the magnificat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Christians should always appreciate/thank/glorify God for His favours. (ii) Christians should have faith in God. (iii) Christians should be humble. (iv) Christians should rejoice when they are blessed by God. (v) Christians should obey/respect the will of God. (vi) Christians should depend on God for provision. <p style="text-align: right;">(5 x 1) =</p>

1	<p>a) Titles that Prophet Isaiah used to refer to the future messiah.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Prince of peace. (ii) Eternal/everlasting father (iii) Wonderful counsellor (iv) Immanuel (v) Mighty God. <p style="text-align: right;">(5 x 1) =</p>
	<p>b) The annunciation of the birth of John the Baptist by angel Gabriel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Zechariah was in the temple burning incense/ performing his priestly duties (ii) An angel of God appeared to him at the altar (iii) Zechariah was overcome with fear (iv) The angel told him not to be afraid (v) He told him that his prayers had been heard/Elizabeth his wife would bear a son. (vi) The angel said that they were to call him John. (vii) The angel said that the child would be great in God's sight/would not drink wine/ would be filled with the Holy Spirit from birth. (viii) Zechariah questioned the possibility of having a child since he and his wife were old (ix) The angel revealed his name as Gabriel/said he had been sent by God (x) The angel told Zechariah that he would not be able to speak until the time the child is born. (xi) Zechariah delayed in the temple which made the worshippers to wonder. (xii) When he came out, he could not speak/he made signs to the people/ people perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple. <p style="text-align: right;">(8 x 1) =</p>
	<p>c) Ways in which a Christian couple should respond to the challenge of being childless.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The couple should pray to God to bless them with children. (ii) They should seek guidance and counselling from the church leaders. (iii) The couple should seek for medical advice/assistance. (iv) They should be patient/not anxious. (v) They can adopt children. (vi) The couple should remain faithful to each other. (vii) The couple can take/care with children of their relatives for company.

1. a)	<p>Isaiah's prophecy on the suffering servant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The servant will succeed in his work/will be highly honoured. (ii) His success/honour will surprise many who have witnessed his suffering. (iii) He will be despised/rejected/ignored by those who are with him. (iv) He will have nothing attractive/will be ordinary/simple (v) He will be harshly treated/ wounded/man of sorrows (vi) His grave was made with the wicked/ his body will be buried with the bodies of rich men. (vii) He will endure all that is done to him in silence. (viii) The servant will suffer for the sake of others/ our sins. (ix) Through his suffering human beings are reconciled to God. (x) It is the will of God for the servant to suffer. (xi) His death will bring forgiveness of sin. (xii) Sentenced to death/killed. (xiii) Though His suffering, human beings are healed/made whole <p style="text-align: right;">(8 x 1) =</p>
b)	<p>Ways in which the birth of Jesus was an extraordinary event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The conception of Jesus was through the power of the Holy Spirit. (ii) Jesus was born of a virgin. (iii) His birth was announced by angel Gabriel. (iv) His name was given before his birth. (v) He was to be called the son of the most high God. (vi) He would be holy. (vii) He would have an everlasting kingdom. (viii) When he was born, an angel appeared to the shepherds to announce his birth/a multitude of angels sang songs of praise. <p style="text-align: right;">(6 x 1) =</p>
c)	<p>Lessons Christians learn from the parents of John the Baptist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Christians should obey God's commandments. (ii) They should be patient/persevere. (iii) Christians should be prayerful. (iv) Christians should lead holy lives/be upright/ righteous. (v) Christians should desire to be led by the Holy Spirit. (vi) Christians should have faith in God/believe in God's word. (vii) Christians should serve God irrespective of their circumstances. (viii) Christians learn that doubting God's word can lead to punishment (ix) Christians should be thankful/ praise God. <p style="text-align: right;">(6 x 1) =</p>