

**KIRINYAGA CENTRAL SUB-COUNTY JOINT EXAMINATION 2015**  
**313/1 CRE PAPER 1 MARKING SCHEME**

1. (a) Eight creations that God made using the divine command. "Let there be." Genesis 1.
- God made light.
  - Creation of firmament in the midst of waters.
  - Waters under the heavens gathered together into one place.
  - Dry land appeared.
  - The earth brought forth vegetation / plants / trees.
  - Lights / heavenly bodies created to separate day / night.
  - Waters brought forth living creatures / sea creatures.
  - Creation of winged birds.
  - Creation of human beings in the image and likeness of God. (8 x 1 = 8 mks)
- (b) Biblical teachings on the origin of sin in the world.
- Sin came into the world as a result of disobedience of human beings to God.
  - Originated from temptations by satan.
  - Is a rebellion against God.
  - Came from greed / desire for material things.
  - Sin originated from lack of satisfaction to God's providence.
  - Sin was due to lack of knowledge of God's nature.
  - Sin was as a result of human weakness.
  - Due to lack of self-control or lust.
  - Sin originated from greed for power / desire to be like God. (7 x 1 = 7mks)
- (c) Why Christians should forgive others.
- Should forgive others because it is a command from God.
  - They should emulate Jesus Christ who forgave even those who crucified Him.
  - Should forgive in order to be at peace with God and with one another.
  - To be forgiven by God, they should forgive others.
  - Forgiving others brings love, and harmony among people.
  - Should forgive others to set a good example to others.
  - Forgive others to experience healing.
  - To escape God's punishment.
  - Forgiving others is a sign of humility. (5 x 1 = 5mks)
2. (a) The background to the call of Abraham.
- Abraham was the son of Terah.
  - They lived in Ur.
  - Abraham's family belonged to the Semitic tribe of Amon.
  - Terah and his family, Abraham included, moved from Ur to Haran.
  - Abraham had two brothers, Haran and Nahor.
  - Their religion was polytheistic.
  - They made sacrifice, to the gods including human sacrifice.
  - After the death of Terah, at Haran, Abraham was left in charge of the family.
  - Abraham was married to Sarah, previously Sarai.
  - They were childless.
  - Abraham lived with his nephew Lot.
  - Abraham was called to leave Haran and go to the unknown land.
  - He was 75 years when he left Haran. (any 8x1 = 8mks)
- (b) Seven ways in which the Israelites worshipped God in the wilderness.
- Had the ark of the covenant – was a wooden box in which the two stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments were written. It was taken as the symbol of God's presence.

- Had the tabernacle – This was a portable tent which acted as the meeting place for God and the Israelites.
- Sabbath – This day was observed as the day of worship.
- Festivals – Israelites observed / celebrated several feasts to mark important religious events e.g. Passover.
- Sacrifice and offerings – Animals were sacrificed while other items were offered to God.
- Altars – the Israelites built altars with heap of earth. These were places where sacrifices were offered.
- Prayer and songs – the Israelites communicated to God through prayer and songs.
- The dialogue – they observed the levitical laws and obeyed the law of Moses.
- Religious leaders – they had Moses and Aaron who led them in worship. (any 7x1 = 7mks)

(c) How God makes His will known to Christians today.

- Through preachers; evangelists, prophets.
- Through the Bible.
- Through the Holy Spirit.
- Through visions.
- Through dreams.
- Through answered prayers / blessings.
- Through His creation. (5x1 = 5mks)

3. (a) Eight reasons why prophet Samuel was against monarchy in Israel.

- It was against the theocratic rule of God.
- It was going to be a dictatorial rule.
- It would promote forced labour.
- Their land / harvests would be grabbed by the king.
- They would lose their identity as a covenant people.
- In the hereditary system, it would be hard to replace oppressive rulers.
- Their daughters would be enslaved in the palace.
- The people would be taxed heavily.
- Their sons would be forced into the army. (8x1 = 8mks)

(b) Factors that led to the spread of idolatry in Israel.

- Jezebel brought baal prophets and built places of worship for the gods in Israel.
- Jezebel put the prophets of God to death.
- Jezebel easily influenced King Ahab to worship foreign gods.
- The Israelites were attracted to the visible Canaanite gods.
- The people intermarried against the will of God.
- Israelites lacked faith in Yahweh.
- Israelites refused to listen to the teachings of true prophets of God.
- The Israelites adopted the Canaanite culture which included worship of idols.
- Baalism was made a state religion.
- There was destruction of altars of Yahweh. (7x1 = 7mks)

(c) The relevance of Elijah's prophetic mission.

- Christians should remain courageous when condemning social injustices.
- They should remain faithful to God.
- They should be prayerful.
- They should advocate for the rights of the poor / condemn oppression.
- They should invite sinners to repent / bring them back to God.
- They should worship God alone / avoid idolatry at all costs.
- They should live simple lives / be humble.
- They should rely on God's providence.
- They should persevere and not give up. (5x1 = 5mks)

4. (a) Seven minor prophets in the Old Testament.

- Hosea
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Zechariah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Malachi
- Joel

(7x1 = 7mks)

(b) The teachings of prophet Amos on hypocritical religion in Israel.

- The Israelites gave empty sacrifices that did not reflect their inner piety.
- They practiced syncretism and apostasy.
- They were insincere and hypocritical in worship.
- They worshipped false gods.
- They built many high places of worship for the false gods and goddesses.
- They misused the shrine at Bethel by drinking and feasting there.
- They refused to listen to the prophets of Yahweh.
- They were impatient during worship on Sabbath.
- They practiced temple prostitution.
- They made graven images for their false gods.

(any 4x2 = 8mks)

(c) Lessons that Christians learn from prophet Amos teaching on Gods judgement and punishment.

- Christians should repent their sins to escape God's punishment.
- They should listen to prophets of God.
- They should be fair and just and avoid enslaving others / do what is right to God.
- God punishes evil doers, hence they should avoid evil deeds / they should obey God's commands.
- Sinful Christians will not escape God's punishment.
- Christians should show love and compassion to others.
- Christians should condemn evil in the society.

(any 5x1 = 5mks)

5. (a) Reasons why prophet Jeremiah condemned human sacrifice in Israel.

- God had not commanded / requested the Israelites to offer human sacrifice.
- It was an act of idolatry.
- Human sacrifice defiled the land given to the Israelites by God.
- Israelites broke God's commandments through human sacrifice.
- It showed unfaithfulness to the one true God.
- It demonstrated disregard for human life which is sacred.
- It showed lack of knowledge of the true nature of Yahweh.
- It provoked God's wrath to the Israelites which would result in punishment from God.
- It demonstrated lack of love for God and one another.

(7 x 1 = 7mks)

(b) Four symbolic acts of Jeremiah which relate to hope and restoration.

- Vision of the baskets of figs: the good figs represented those who willingly submitted to be taken to exile. They are the remnants that God would restore.
- Buying of the field: signified hope that God would bring back His people and they would reclaim their land and their lives would be normal.

- The wooden yoke – symbolized captivity and suffering. However, there was hope if the people willingly submitted to Babylonians. They would be restored back to their land. The yoke would be broken and they would be free.

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- The letter to the people: it's message was of hope and restoration.
- Jeremiah's teachings about the new covenant. This will be enacted with the new community in the future. (4x2 =8mks)

(c) Five ways in which Christians can help reduce human suffering.

- By providing food / clothing to those suffering.
- By creating job opportunities.
- By voting out corrupt leaders.
- Educating the public on their rights.
- By advocating for just laws.
- Condemning acts that lead to violence.
- Advocating for even distribution of resources.
- By praying for the suffering.
- Offering guidance and counseling to those suffering psychologically.
- By establishing medical facilities. (any 5x1 = 5mks)

6. (a) Traditional understanding of hierarchy of beings.

- God at the top / supreme being is the creator of all.
- The divinities are below God and they represent His activities on earth.
- Spirits are below the divinities.
- The spirits are followed by the living dead who act as intermediaries between God and the living.
- Next are human beings who are alive and central in the hierarchy of beings.
- Below the humans are other living things which include plants and animals. These are used by humans in various ways like food and offerings.
- At the bottom are the non-living things which include physical features like hills / rocks / mountains. Some are used as habitats of spirits. (any 7x1 = 7mks)

(b) Ways in which leaders acted as counselors in the traditional African society.

- They carefully listened to people's problems.
- They showed concern and interest in people's problems.
- They asked carefully worded questions to get more information from the client.
- Analyzed information given to identify the cause of the problem.
- Gave advises to the people that would solve the problem when implemented.
- Assured clients of the problem being solved.
- Offered remedies e.g. herbs to help solve health problems.
- They made future appointments or referred the people to another relevant specialist.
- Assured their clients of confidentiality in their issues or problems.
- Provided protection against the harm or evil e.g. giving charms. (any 4x2 = 8mks)

(c) Reasons why observance of blood kinship is important in traditional African communities.

- It enables respect among relatives.
- Helped maintain and safeguard the culture of the people.
- It defines relationships between members and prevents the spread of hereditary diseases.
- It provides a wide range of help in cases of needs.
- Provided unlimited sources of advice to the members.
- Helped members to face challenges together.
- Provides a wide source of security to members.
- Enhancing solidarity among members.

- Ensures smooth inheritance of properties upon the death since people knew of the consequences of their actions.
- Determines marriage relationships i.e. who to marry and who not to marry.
- Unites family, clan and society members providing for their needs.

(5x1 = 5mks)

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**313/2 CRE PAPER 2 - MARKING SCHEME**

1. (a) What the Psalmist prophesied about the Messiah.

- The Messiah would be betrayed by a close friend.
- The Messiah would be a conqueror of the enemies.
- He would rule from Zion.
- He would be honoured by God.
- He would be God's representation on earth.
- He would enjoy God's protection.
- The Messiah would sit at the right hand of God.
- He would be strengthened by God.
- He would be able to rule in the midst of His enemies.

(8x1 = 8mks)

(b) Five revelations about Jesus made by Simeon and Anna during the dedication of Jesus in the temple. Luke 2:21 – 40.

- Jesus was the Son of God.
- He is the saviour of the world.
- He would suffer for the sake of mankind.
- He would be the light for the revelation of Gentiles.
- He would liberate the Israelites from oppression.
- He would cause the rise and fall of many in Israel.
- His birth would bring joy to many.
- Many will glorify and praise God.

(any 5x1 = 5mks)

(c) Lessons Christians learn from the story of the Boy Jesus in the Temple.

- Christians should involve their children in prayer / worship of God.
- Christians should involve their children in church activities.
- Children should be taught the word of God / the Bible.
- There should be communication among family members.
- The family members should inform one another of their whereabouts.
- Children should obey their parents.
- Parents should love their children.
- Christians should accommodate the views of the youth.
- Christians learn that Jesus was the Son of God.
- Christians should exercise tolerance and forgiveness.
- Christians should give God first priority in their lives.

(any 7x1 = 7mks)

2. (a) Raising of the widow's son at Nain. Luke 7:11 - 17

- Jesus went to the city of Nain accompanied by His disciples.
- At the entrance of the city, He met people carrying a dead man.
- The dead man was the only son of the widow.
- The mother / widow was accompanied by a large crowd.
- Jesus felt pity for the widow / told her not to weep.
- Jesus touched the bier (coffin) in which the body lay.
- Jesus told the dead man to arise.
- The dead man sat up / began to speak.
- Jesus gave the man to his mother.
- The people were filled with fear.
- The people glorified the Lord.
- Jesus fame spread in Judea / in the surrounding region.

(any 8x1 = 8mks)

(b) Lessons about Jesus learnt from the cure of paralytic.

- He was a teacher.
- People had faith in Him.
- He was able to forgive sins.
- He was accused of blasphemy by the Jews religious leaders.
- He was sought by the crowds who wanted to be healed.
- Jewish religious leaders sought to trap Him.
- He had ability to read people's thoughts.
- He was praised by people for His mighty deeds.

(7 x 1 = 7mks)

(c) Five ways in which the church in Kenya is continuing with the healing ministry of Jesus.

- Establishing hospitals where the sick go for treatment.
- Preaching and praying for the sick.
- Establishing medical colleges where people go for training as medical personnel.
- Providing guidance and counseling services.
- Paying medical expenses for the sick.
- Providing food / clothing / shelter to the sick.
- Visiting the sick.
- Educating the public through seminars / workshops on preventive measures against STI's and HIV / AIDS.
- Producing / disseminating literature / electronic media on health issues.

(5x1 = 5mks)

3. (a) Importance of transfiguration of Jesus to His disciples.

- The disciples came to know that Jesus was the Son of God.
- The occasion taught the disciples the need for privacy in prayer.
- The appearance of Jesus in heavenly glory strengthened the faith of the three disciples.
- The disciples realized that they were right in following Jesus.
- The disciples experienced the presence of God which was manifested through the cloud.
- The presence of Elijah and Moses proved to the disciples that there is life after death.
- The voice from the cloud taught the disciples that they had to obey and trust in Jesus.
- The disciples learnt that Jesus mission was to establish the Kingdom of God.
- The incident prepared the disciples (Peter for the future leadership of the church).

(7 x 1 = 7mks)

(b) Seven teachings of Jesus on Eschatology.

- Jesus taught that Jerusalem would be destroyed because of her refusal to recognize and accept the Messiah.
- There would be signs that would accompany the end of the world.
- People will come claiming to be the Messiah.
- There will be war between Nations.
- There will be natural calamities like earthquakes, famines and plagues.
- Strange heavenly beings will come from the sky.
- There will be disruptions in the sky and sea.
- The disciples of Jesus will be persecuted, arrested, imprisoned.
- The disciples would be betrayed by close relatives.
- They will be hated on the account of Jesus.
- They will be put to death.

(any 7 x 1 = 7mks)

(c) Reasons why the resurrection of Jesus is important to Christians.

- It proved that Jesus indeed was the Messiah sent by God.
- Jesus resurrection gives Christians hope of life after death.
- Resurrection of Jesus gives Christians hope of sharing in the resurrection of Jesus through Baptism.
- It assured Christians of the second coming of Jesus.
- It is a sign of victory over death.
- It also assures Christians of having a spiritual body that is superior.

- It also gives Christians confidence to face persecution because they will be rewarded with eternal life.
- It is the foundation of the Christian faith.
- It is through the resurrection of Jesus that the Holy Spirit is sent to guide Christians in their lives,

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4. (a) Four teachings of Peter concerning the people of God.

- The people of God are those who follow Jesus and His teachings.
- Christians are the people of God, the New Israel.
- Christians are the chosen race, a royal priesthood and a Holy Nation.
- They have been chosen to proclaim the kingdom of God in the world.
- They are chosen to unite human beings with God.
- They came from different background but are united with God through Jesus Christ.
- Their destiny is Heaven.
- Through baptism Christians are set apart and share in the resurrection of Jesus.
- They are a Holy Nation.
- They have received God's mercies through repentance.

(any 4x2 = 8mks)

(b) Six reasons why the gifts of the Holy Spirit brought disunity in the church of Corinth.

- There was competition in speaking in tongues.
- There was disorder and confusion in the worship as people with different gifts tried to outdo one another.
- People did not use their gifts for the benefit of the church.
- Some gifts such as prophecy and teaching were looked down upon.
- Those who had gift of speaking in tongues were boastful.
- There was no interpretation of tongues when the gift of speaking in tongues was in use, so the message was not understood.
- People did not show love for one another.
- Those with gifts of speaking in tongues despised those who did not have the gifts and thought they were too spiritual.

(6x1 = 6mks)

(c) How harmony between the church and the state is promoted by Christians in Kenya today.

- Christians encourage the faithful to obey the political rulers.
- They allow political rulers to become leaders in the church.
- They preach and condemn evils in the society.
- They advise political rulers on the correct ways of administering the Nation.,
- They support state initiated projects.
- They participate in reforming the laws governing the Nation.
- They promote the positive image of the country by being patriotic.
- They work together with the state when calamities occur.
- They participate in election of leaders.
- They pay taxes.
- They pray for the Nation and their leaders.
- They participate in National development activities.

(6x1 = 6mks)

5. (a) Eight factors that contribute to unemployment in Kenya today.

- High population whereby there are too many people for the available job opportunities.
- Some people lack skills which make them not to be absorbed in the job market.
- Foreign Aid – dependence on foreign aid causes the donors to give conditions of unemployment e.g. loan service.
- Selfish / greed – some Kenyans have more than two jobs while others lack.
- Education system – many Kenyans prefer white collar jobs after school.
- Negative attitude towards work – some Kenyans lack the initiative to do or participate in economic activities
- Unequal distribution of wealth. Some regions have more resources that create employment than others.



- New technological advancement has led to retrenchment.
- Preference the highly qualified than the less highly qualified.
- Insecurity / increase in crime discourages local and international investors.
- Bad governance / poor economic policies by government.

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(b) Causes of conflict between the employer and employees in Kenya today.

- Lack of respect to the employer by employee / vice versa.
- Employees not given time for leisure / leave.
- Poor working / living conditions / environment.
- When the employees do not receive their wage / not paid on time.
- When employees fail to consider their wage / not paid on time.
- When employers fail to consider welfare of employees and allowances,
- When employees are not allowed to join trade unions.
- Unequal chances of promotion / discrimination by the employer / lack of promotion.
- Poor / low remuneration by the employer.
- Sexual harassment by the employer.
- Differences in religious affiliation between employer and employee.
- Racial / tribal differences.
- Misuse / distribution of property by the employees.
- Divulging the secrets of employer / organizations.

(7 x 1 = 7mks)

(c) Role of a Christian during a strike.

- Not to take part in the strike unless really justified in extreme cases.
- Encourage other people to find a better means of solving the problem.
- To inform the authority of any grievances if not aware / mediate.
- To pray for a solution to the problem / seek God's guidance for a solution to the problem.
- Should not take part in a violent demonstrations / encourage peaceful demonstration.
- To report the matter to the nearest police station.

(5x1 = 5mks)

6. (a) Christian teachings on money and wealth.

- Christians teach that money and wealth should be acquired through hard work.
- They should also be utilized fairly.
- There should be fair distribution of wealth and money to those who work for it.
- Wealth and money is God given.
- Man is only a steward to help in taking care of the wealth that belongs to God.
- Man should use his wealth and money to assist the poor and needy.
- Man should use his wealth to help in spreading the word of God.
- Money and wealth should never replace God in a Christian life – make it an idol.
- Wealth and money are perishable commodities that are only temporary.
- Wealth and money can prevent man from eternal life if it is not properly used.

(6 x 1 = 6mks)

(b) Explain eight reasons why corruption is widespread in Kenya today.

- There is unemployment cases which make people desperate to secure employment by engaging in corrupt deals.
- Desire for instant services make people corrupt to get what they do not deserve.
- Some people are not contented with their wages so they engage in corruption.
- There is fear of arrest, or imprisonment, this makes the law breakers corrupt, to buy their freedom.
- Some people are ignorant of law so they bribe to get what is their rights.
- Lack of moral integrity by some people.
- Greed makes some people engage in corruption.
- There is inefficient machinery to fight and curb corruption.
- The judiciary is not able to deal with injustice.
- Some government agents abuse the power bestowed upon them.

(8x1 = 8mks)

(c) Reasons why Christians pay taxes to the government of the day.

- Christians pay taxes to emulate Jesus who paid tax to the Roman government.
- To heed to the instructions of Jesus to respect the civil authorities.
- They pay taxes in order to receive services from the government.
- To provide essential services.
- To show patriotism.
- It is a way of sharing wealth and resources with others.
- It is a Christian duty to pay taxes.
- To enable the government meet its financial obligations.