



# EAST

FINAL EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

BURUBURU/KITENGELA CAMPUS

FIRST SEMESTER, 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATE IN BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

UCC 124/DBT 3133 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS (FORM A)

**STREAM: N/A**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**EXAMINATION SESSION: SEP/DEC**

**YEAR: 2025/26/1**

**DAY [ ]**

**DATE: [ 00]**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Attempt ALL the questions in **Section A**
  2. Attempt any **Two** questions in **Section B**
  3. The entire exam is worth forty (40) marks.
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## **SECTION A (20 MARKS) – ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTION ONE**

Ephesians 5:22–33 and Genesis 2:18 present marriage as a divine partnership. The husband is called to love his wife selflessly, as Christ loved the Church, while the wife supports and complements him through respect and godly influence. Together, they reflect Christ’s love and maintain the spiritual harmony of the home.

- a) Explain the biblical meaning of *Agape* love as demonstrated by Christ toward the Church. (5 Marks)
- b) Analyze how a husband can model this Christlike love and leadership within the family. (5 Marks)
- c) Discuss the wife’s role as a helper and partner in maintaining biblical order and harmony in marriage. (5 Marks)
- d) Evaluate how mutual submission and understanding between husband and wife promote a Christ-centered and stable home. (5 Marks)

## **SECTION B (20 MARKS)**

### **ATTEMPT ANY TWO QUESTIONS**

#### **QUESTION TWO (10 MARKS)**

In modern African society, the church faces the challenge of ministering to individuals in diverse family circumstances, including single parents, widows, and singles. These groups often experience social stigma, emotional struggles, and economic hardship. The church is called to demonstrate Christ’s compassion while upholding biblical truth in addressing their needs and inclusion within the faith community.

- a) Assess how the church can effectively respond to the challenges of single parenthood, widowhood, and singleness in modern African society. (5 Marks)
- b) Evaluate how the church’s ministry to these groups strengthens its witness and community life. (5 Marks)

#### **QUESTION THREE (10 MARKS)**

Healthy communication is the foundation of strong family relationships and spiritual growth. When families fail to listen, express themselves respectfully, or resolve conflicts, emotional disconnection and spiritual decline can result. James 1:19 provides a biblical framework for

communication that honors God—teaching believers to be “quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.”

- a) Analyze how poor communication affects family relationships and spiritual health. (5 Marks)
- b) Explain how James 1:19 offers a biblical solution to restore healthy communication in the family. (5 Marks)

#### **QUESTION FOUR (10 MARKS)**

In today’s rapidly changing world, couples face new pressures from role confusion, media influence, and globalization. These forces often challenge traditional biblical values and disrupt harmony in marriage. To maintain divine order and stability, Christian couples must intentionally align their relationship with God’s Word and the principles of love, leadership, and mutual submission found in Ephesians 5:21–33.

- a) Analyze the major modern challenges that threaten divine order and harmony in Christian marriages. (5 Marks)
- b) Propose a Christian strategy that couples can use to maintain divine order and harmony in marriage. (5 Marks)

#### **QUESTION FIVE (10 MARKS)**

Many couples in the church have lived together for years under customary marriage without ever having a formal Christian wedding. Some now desire to renew their vows and dedicate their union before God but are unsure how to proceed or understand the spiritual meaning behind it.

- a) Analyze the challenges and pastoral concerns associated with couples who have lived for years under customary marriage. (5 Marks)
- b) Design a pastoral strategy to help such couples renew their marriage vows and align their relationship with biblical principles. (5 Marks)



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**SECTION A (20 MARKS) – ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE**

In many African communities, couples who married traditionally often desire to renew their vows in a Christian setting to affirm their covenant before God. The church plays a vital pastoral role in guiding these couples toward spiritual renewal, forgiveness, and biblical understanding of marriage as a divine covenant (Ephesians 5:21–33). A well-structured pastoral strategy can help transform customary unions into Christ-centered marriages that strengthen both the couple and the church community.

- a) Analyze the **social and cultural challenges** faced by couples who desire to renew their marriage vows after years of customary marriage. (5 Marks)
- b) Examine the **spiritual and moral challenges** such couples may encounter during the renewal process. (5 Marks)
- c) Evaluate the **role of the church and pastoral counseling** in preparing couples for Christian marriage renewal. (5 Marks)
- d) Design a **comprehensive pastoral strategy** that the church can implement to help such couples renew their marriage vows successfully. (5 Marks)

## SECTION B (20 MARKS)

### ATTEMPT ANY TWO QUESTIONS

#### QUESTION TWO (10 MARKS)

In many African societies, childbearing is considered a sign of marital success, and couples without children often face cultural pressure and stigma.

- a) Analyze how African cultural expectations about childbearing affect couples experiencing childlessness.
- b) Explain how pastors can respond biblically to support such couples.

#### QUESTION THREE (10 MARKS)

A Christian couple frequently disagrees on how to discipline and guide their children. Their conflicting parenting styles create tension, confusion, and emotional distance within the home.

- a) Identify and explain the major parenting differences that can lead to conflict in Christian families. (5 Marks)
- b) Evaluate how a pastoral approach can help resolve these differences and restore harmony in the home. (5 Marks)

#### QUESTION FOUR (10 MARKS)

In the Church today several couples struggle with parenting disagreements that lead to conflict, confusion, and strained family relationships, that affects both their marriage and children's well-being.

- a) Analyze the major causes of parenting differences that create conflict and confusion in the home. (5 Marks)
- b) Evaluate how a pastoral approach can help resolve these differences and promote unity and spiritual growth within the family. (5 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (10 MARKS)**

A married couple regularly fights about money—hidden spending, differing priorities, mounting debt, and resentment over unequal financial contributions. Their arguments have damaged trust, created secrecy, and weakened their spiritual and emotional intimacy.

- a) Analyze the underlying causes and dynamics of financial conflict in this marriage. (5 Marks)
- b) Propose a step-by-step pastoral counseling plan the pastor can use to help the couple resolve their financial conflict and restore trust. (5 Marks)