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EAST

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

SCHOOL OF BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

BURUBURU CAMPUS

FIRST SEMESTER, 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN

BIBLICAL STUDIES

PCC 1253: THE BIBLE & THE CHURCH (FORM A)

STREAM: N/A

TIME: 2 HOURS

EXAMINATION SESSION: NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

YEAR: 2025/26/1

DAY []

DATE: []

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
4. Write **ONLY** on the space provided on the answer sheet or as otherwise instructed.
5. Where necessary Show your working clearly.
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7. The camera must be on throughout the exam period.

SECTION A (20 MARKS) – ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

Question One

While the Christian community regards the Bible as its authoritative guide for life, critics have often challenged its credibility and secular society increasingly views the church as rigid, outdated, and irrelevant in today's world:

- a) Examine the impact of multi-site satellite model and on-line church ministry in reaching multiple congregations. (3 Marks)
- b) Explain the importance and relevance of the KAG East University philosophy to students undertaking this course. (3 Marks)
- c) Propose a model for today's church life that integrates the Old Testament themes of being “called out, called for, called together, and called to.” (6 marks)
- d) Design a personal plan on how you intend to positively influence at least two individuals per semester to develop a consistent Bible reading and study plan, based on your understanding. (8 marks)

SECTION B (20 MARKS) – CHOOSE TWO QUESTIONS

Question Two

- a) Use Genesis 3 as a case study to explain how the principle of reliability applies even when the Bible records false or deceitful messages. (5 marks)

Genesis 3 “Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

- b) Examine the importance of early Bible translations (Latin and Syriac) in affirming the genuineness of the Bible. (**5 marks**)

Question Three

- a) Evaluate the claim that the canon was established by councils of men rather than by divine authority. (**5 marks**)
- b) Assess the shift from Israel as God’s only chosen people to the inclusion of Gentiles in the New Testament church. (**5 marks**)

Question Four

- a) Explain the importance of the Holy Spirit in the founding and growth of the church. (**5 marks**)
- b) Interpret the concept of *koinonia* to practical church life today. (**5 marks**)

Question Five

- a) Apply the three organizational factors (persons, actions, and goals) to the universal church as described in Ephesians 5:23–27. (**5 marks**)

Ephesians 5: 23 “For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing^[a] her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

- b) Analyze the difference between the ministry symbolized by “salt” and that symbolized by “light.” (**5 marks**)

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SECTION A (20 MARKS) – ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

Question One

In contemporary society, calls to return to the authority of the Bible are often dismissed as outdated or naïve. This has left ultimate questions of life and faith open to individual speculation, presenting significant challenges for the church and Christian education today:

- a) Apply Jesus' statement in Matthew 16:18 "I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it" to the challenges faced by the church today. (**8 Marks**)
- b) Explain the importance and relevance of the KAG East University philosophy to students undertaking this course. (**4 Marks**)
- c) Evaluate how the church today makes use of modern technology to fulfil the Great Commission. (**4 Marks**)
- d) Design a personal plan on how you intend to positively influence at least two individuals per semester to develop a consistent Bible reading and study plan, based on your learning in this course. (**4 Marks**)

SECTION B (20 MARKS) – CHOOSE TWO QUESTIONS

Question Two

- a) Using the standards of canonicity explain why the book of Hebrews was accepted into the New Testament despite its unknown authorship. (**5 Marks**)
- b) Compare the roles of the apostles and secular history in confirming the reliability of the Old Testament as inspired. (**5 Marks**)

Question Three

- a) Assess the importance of families and the whole church as instruments of outward ministry. (**4 Marks**)
- b) Analyse the difference between the ministry of church leaders (Ephesians 4:11–13) and the ministry of all believers (Romans 12). (**6 Marks**)

Question Four

- a) Apply the biblical principle of discipline as shown in John 8:3–11 to modern church situations. (**5 Marks**)
- b) Analyze why, Christ and not the apostles had to be the foundation of the church. (**5 Marks**)

Question Five

- a) Using the original meaning of ekklesia, explain how the church today should understand its identity as a “called-out assembly.” (**4 Marks**)
- b) Propose a set of tests that early believers could use to distinguish true prophetic writings from false ones. (**6 Marks**)