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GENERAL COMMENTS

The component had three sections worth 20 marks each. Candidates were expected to answer all questions. Each question consisted of structured questions which covered the three assessment domains:

- Knowledge and understanding
- Analysis and interpretation
- Evaluation

The overall candidate's performance for the year 2021 was below average. This can be attributed to a number of factors. The highest score was 56 while the lowest score was 0. On another note, candidates struggled to interpret the demands of some questions. Among the domains, candidates tried to answer questions on knowledge and understanding. However, they had challenges in interpretation, analysis and evaluation.

Points to note:

1. Incorrect spelling responses
2. Answering in SiSwati
3. Grammatical errors
4. Candidates struggled with the following:
 - (i) Making a difference on certain aspects
 - (ii) Extracting a lesson in each story
 - (iii) Drawing up a character of a person

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

NB: Candidates were expected to Answer all questions, using short sentences or phrases in the spaces provided.

Question 1

This question was fairly done by most candidates.

(a) (i) Who was the king of Egypt?

Expected responses:

Pharaoh

Common wrong responses:

- Lot
- Moses

(ii) What did God do in order for Pharaoh to pursue the Israelites?

Expected responses:

- He made Pharaoh's heart stubborn
- He hardened Pharaoh's heart

Common wrong responses:

- Death of the first-born sons and animals
- He sent the 10 plagues

(iii) Why were the Israelites in great fear?

Expected responses:

They saw the Egyptians drawing nearer to them while they were stuck near the Red Sea.

Common wrong responses:

- They were afraid of the Egyptians because they would make them slaves in Egypt.
- They were afraid of the Sea.

(iv) Describe how Moses opened and closed the Red Sea.

Expected responses:

He lifted his rod and stretched it over the Red Sea and then the sea opened up leaving dry ground for the Israelites to walk on and cross over. After they had all crossed over, he stretched forth his hand over the sea and it closed up and returned to the normal state.

Common wrong responses:

- God spoke to Moses to beat the Sea with the stick.
- Moses raised his stick and bit the Sea to open and bit it again to close it.
- Moses raised his stick up to open the Red Sea.

- (b) (i) ‘...fear not, stand firm and see the salvation of the Lord...’ Exodus 14:13.

Study carefully the words above which were spoken by Moses.

What do we learn about his character from the above words?

Expected responses:

- He is brave, he assured the Israelites of the power of God.
- He is trusting, he believed in God’s power

Common wrong responses:

- You should encourage people if you are in problems
- I learnt that we should fear not to see the salvation of the Lord
- God wants us to stand firm and fear not to see the salvation of the Lord

- (ii) Look carefully to the story of the crossing of the Red Sea. Write two lessons you have learnt from this miracle.

Expected responses:

- Nothing is impossible with God
- God has power over nature
- Trusting and believing in God’s word has fruitful benefits
- God punishes those who are against His people

Common wrong responses:

- God has power to heal
- God punishes sin
- God has power over death

- (c) ‘It was easy for the Israelites to believe in God after He saved them from the Egyptians.

What is your opinion? Give reasons for your answer.

Expected responses:

- Yes, they were going to believe in God because they had seen His demonstration of the power during the plagues
- No, they were not going to believe in God because when He took them out of Egypt He promised and swore to take them to the land of Canaan not to let them die or suffer along the way

Common wrong responses:

- Yes. God can save me I would tell the people to left their sin and pray to God
- Yes. I can teach people that God makes miracles

Question 2

This question was not well done by most candidates.

(a) (i) Name two divisions of the Bible.

Expected responses:

- Old Testament
- New Testament

Common wrong responses:

- Old division
- New division
- OT
- NT

(ii) State two occasions when Christians read the Bible.

Expected responses:

- Church services
- Bible studies/ church cell groups
- Funerals
- Weddings

Common wrong responses:

- Weeding
- Home
- At the bus rank
- Good Friday

(iii) What is the main message of the book of the Revelations?

Expected responses:

It contains prophecies about the future of the church.

Common wrong responses:

- It talks about the future of the early church
- It contains messages about life after death
- It is the last book of the Bible

(iv) How do Christians show respect for their sacred book? Give two details with examples.

Expected responses:

- They kiss it after reading
- Going down on knee after reading it
- Keep it in a safe place
- Cover it

Common wrong responses:

- They kneel down when reading
- They wash places and it clean from dust

(b) (i) What are the differences between the books of the Prophets and the books of Writings?

Expected responses:

Books of Prophets	Books of Writings
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contains messages from the prophets• Prophets encourages people to live Godly lifestyle• Written by different authors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contains poems• Talk about the coming kingdom of God• Contains songs

Common wrong responses:

NB: The candidates were listing books of both the Old and New Testament

- The Prophets are talking about the death of Jesus while the Writings are talking about the life and miracles of Jesus Christ
- The Prophets are talking about the creation and the early church while Writings are mainly about the life of Jesus
- The Prophets prophesy while Writings show how people should worship God

(ii) 'Give us this day our daily bread;' Matthew 6: 11.

Study the verse above. Write **two** important teachings do we get from this verse

Expected responses:

- God provides for our daily provision
- We need food every day in order to live
- The word of God is something we need to read daily to support our spiritual growth.

Common responses:

- God has power over nature
- God protects us everyday
- God forgives us our sins

- (c) 'The Bible speaks for itself.'
Do you agree with the statement? Give reasons for your answer.

Expected responses:

- Yes, it does speak for itself because it is inspired by God
- Yes, it speaks on itself because it gives direction on how people should live moral life
- No, it cannot speak for itself because some people find it difficult to understand its meaning. They need someone full of spirit of God to interpret it to them.
- No, the Bible does not speak for itself because some of the verses are in parables with no meanings.

Common wrong responses:

- No, because it tells us about things we do when we live on earth that makes us to be sons of God.
- No, because the Bible do not have mouth to speak

Question 3

Most candidates performed well in this question.

- (a) (i) Which town was Lazarus from?

Expected response:

Bethany

Common wrong responses:

Bethlehem/ Judia/ Betall/ Bhethal

- (ii) Name Lazarus's **two** sisters.

Expected response:

Martha and Mary

Common wrong responses:

Merry/ Math/ Mata/ Matter/ Mariya

- (iii) Mention three things Jesus did to raise Lazarus from the dead.

Expected responses:

- Instructed that the stone be removed
- He lifted His eyes to heaven and pray
- Cried out in a loud voice calling Lazarus to come out

Common wrong responses:

- Jesus said God answer my prayers
- Jesus used the faith He have in order to raise Lazarus
- Jesus said wake up Lazarus you are sleeping
- Jesus used the miracle from God to raise Lazarus

(iv) How did the people react when they saw Lazarus come back to life?

Expected responses:

- They believed in Jesus Christ
- Some went away to the Pharisees and told them about what Jesus did

Common wrong responses:

- They were afraid and asked how Lazarus woke up
- They said it is a Ghost
- They were afraid to see Lazarus back to life again
- They were amazed and terrified

(b) (i) 'Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' John 11: 21.

Study the verse above carefully. What does it reveal about the speaker's Character?

Expected responses:

- Brave, she tells Jesus the master of life how she feels about his delay
- Disrespectful, she speaks to Jesus with anger
- Little faith, she did not trust in Jesus instead she blamed Him for late response
- Respectful, she called Jesus Lord even though she was in pain of losing her brother

Common wrong responses:

- More believed in God
- It reveals that if God was there He would save Lazarus from death

(ii) What two lessons can we learn from the healing of Lazarus?

Expected responses:

- Nothing is impossible with God
- God works things in His own way and time
- God intervenes even in worse situations beyond human understanding
- God's delay is never denial
- God's timing is always right

Common wrong responses:

- God has power over sickness
- God has power over nature

- (c) 'Was Jesus fair to arrive when Lazarus had already been buried?
What is your opinion? Give reasons for your answer.

Expected responses:

- Yes, it was fair for Jesus to come when Lazarus was dead, so that people could see the power of God and give Him glory
- Yes, it was fair for Jesus to come when Lazarus was dead in order to convince the Jews who did not believe in the resurrection.
- No, it was not fair for Jesus to come when His friend Lazarus was dead because He proved to be an unreliable friend. Friends are always there for each other for better or worse.
- No, Jesus was not fair to arrive after Lazarus was already dead because He added pain to Lazarus' families

Common wrong responses:

- Yes. It is because Jesus knows that Lazarus will resurrect again from the death
- Yes, because his sister has died
- Yes, because He explained to Lazarus' sisters that He was busy preaching
- No, because Lazarus was afraid of Jesus