



**JOINT UNIVERSITIES PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS BOARD  
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**OPTION – C031**

**CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**Time Allowed: 3 hours**

**SECTION A: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**

**Answer all questions in this section.**

**Write the OPTION NUMBER that appears on your question paper on all your answer sheets and booklets**

**Write your answers legibly in the Answer Sheet provided for Multiple-Choice Questions**

**SECTION B: ESSAY QUESTIONS**

**Answer FOUR Questions in all; ONE from each Course.**

**Write the OPTION NUMBER that appears on your question paper on all your answer sheets and booklets**

**Ensure you read and follow all the Instructions on the cover page of the Answer Booklet.**

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**Turn Over**

## SECTION A: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Answer all questions in this section.

1. That the Gospels were anonymous means that
  - A. there were no authors
  - B. names of the authors were not known
  - C. authors were not properly addressed
  - D. Jesus was the only author.
2. What was the reason behind Jesus' Messianic Secret?
  - A. To avoid unnecessary conflicts with Jewish leaders
  - B. In order not to be killed by Roman government
  - C. So that his kingdom will come soon
  - D. To make friend with sinners in Jerusalem
3. Garrick Sokari Braide's followers established
  - A. Christ Army Church of Nigeria
  - B. Full Life Christian Centre
  - C. Assemblies of God Church
  - D. Evangelical Church Winning All.
4. The theory often associated with Mosaic authorship is
  - A. Two Documentary Hypothesis
  - B. JEDP
  - C. Biblical Inspiration
  - D. Memorabilia Hypothesis.
5. One of the weaknesses of King Solomon is that he
  - A. killed Uriah, the Hittite
  - B. took a census of his people
  - C. married foreign wives
  - D. spared King Agag.

6. The attributes below are synonymous with Moses, **EXCEPT**
  - A. humility
  - B. oratory
  - C. empathy
  - D. heroism
7. Which synoptic writer lays strong emphasis on universality of the gospel?
  - A. John
  - B. Luke
  - C. Mark
  - D. Mathew
8. Which Documentary Hypothesis stresses on central shrine?
  - A. J
  - B. E
  - C. D
  - D. P
9. Which of the following is **NOT** a criteria that determined the Old Testament Canonization?
  - A. Antiquity of the book
  - B. Language of the book
  - C. Age of the prophet
  - D. Prophetic authorship
10. God called Abraham from Haran to the Land of
  - A. Ur
  - B. Egypt
  - C. Sodom

D. Canaan

11. What did God instructed Moses to put off in the burning bush experience?
  - A. Cloak
  - B. Staff
  - C. Sandal
  - D. Armlet.
12. Which of the following is **NOT** an effect of the exile?
  - A. Lost of their land
  - B. Sickneses of the people
  - C. Destruction of the temple
  - D. Walls off Jerusalem Destroyed
13. Which of the following is **NOT** a factor that led to the divided Kingdom of Israel?
  - A. Saul's disobedient
  - B. David bad economic policy
  - C. Solomon' bad rule
  - D. Rehoboam's unwise decision
14. Why is the Gospel of John **NOT** referred to as Synoptic?
  - A. It is the fourth Gospel
  - B. The author did not copy other Gospels
  - C. The author is known as the Beloved
  - D. Its narrative is Christ-centred

15. The **earliest** canon containing twenty-seven books of our present New Testament was first circulated by
  - A. John the Baptists
  - B. Clement of Rome
  - C. Athanasius of Alexandria
  - D. Simon Peter.
16. The most important factor used to determine canonicity of the New Testament was
  - A. apostolicity
  - B. Holy Spirit
  - C. inspiration of the authors
  - D. correct doctrine.
17. Two of the major reasons for the priority of Mark is that over
  - A. 90 percent of Mark's verses is contained in Mathew and over 50 percent in Luke
  - B. 100 percent of Mark's materials are in Mathew and over 99 percent in Luke
  - C. 40 percent of Matthew's materials are in Mark and over 100 percent in Luke
  - D. 90 percent of Luke's materials are in Mark and over 99 percent in Matthew.
18. Luke's main profession is
  - A. historian
  - B. medical doctor
  - C. evangelist
  - D. theologian.

19. What probable date can you say Mark was written  
 A. 45 – 45AD  
 B. 65 – 67AD  
 C. 85 – 87AD  
 D. 105 – 117AD.
20. In biblical scholarship the word “biblical criticism” implies  
 A. doubting the authenticity of the Bible  
 B. doing a deep study to discover the truth  
 C. disagreeing with the biblical messages  
 D. attempting to disregard the Bible text.
21. Which of these options most effectively relates to measures of religiosity?  
 A. Degrees, examinations, and result  
 B. Facts, projections and forecast  
 C. Attitudes, behaviours and values  
 D. Leadership, followership, and duty.
22. Which of the following is **NOT** a mainline church in Nigeria?  
 A. Roman Catholic  
 B. Christ Apostolic Church  
 C. Baptist Church  
 D. Church of Nigeria
23. Who read the Bible in public spaces in Bonny Area?  
 A. Manila Pepple  
 B. Annie Pepple  
 C. Samuel Crowther  
 D. Oke Jumbo
24. The cradle of Christianity in Nigeria is associated with one of the following cities.  
 A. Obudu  
 B. Ikeja  
 C. Abuja  
 D. Badagry
25. The greatest obstacle that affected Christian activity in Warri in the 15th century was  
 A. Islamic religion  
 B. hero worship  
 C. Traditional religion  
 D. monarchical rule
26. The Oba of Benin who opened up negotiation with the Portuguese Mission in 1485 was  
 A. Oba Ozoula n'Ibaromi  
 B. Oba Ovorame Nogbaisi  
 C. Oba Omonoba Eredua  
 D. Oba Eweka I.
27. One of the social problems created from the liberation of slaves in Britain was  
 A. unemployment  
 B. childlessness  
 C. vote rigging  
 D. climate change.

28. Nigerian Pentecostalism emerged between

- A. 1950s and 1960s
- B. 1960s and 1970s
- C. 1970s and 1980s
- D. 1980s and 1990s.

29. Who among the following defined religion as "a unified system of beliefs and practices relative to sacred things"?

- A. Karl Marx
- B. Immanuel Kant
- C. Sigmund Freud
- D. Emile Durkheim

30. Religious conflict resolution gatherings require less participation from

- A. medical workforces
- B. governmental authority
- C. security personnel
- D. religious functionaries.

31. In Matthew 5:38–45, Jesus talks about Moses' maxim of "an eye for an eye." Here, He (Jesus) primarily advocates

- A. resilience
- B. forgiveness
- C. apology
- D. counselling.

32. According to Christian belief, the most efficacious response to all societal ills is

- A. advocacy
- B. prayer
- C. counselling
- D. giving.

33. Conflict Theory of religion is associated with

- A. Emile Durkheim
- B. Max Weber
- C. Sigmund Freud
- D. Karl Marx.

34. Which of these is NOT a tool for religious conflict resolution?

- A. Religious proliferation
- B. Inter Religious Dialogue
- C. Counselling
- D. Reconciliation.

35. Religious personality can promote human values by

- A. coercing followers
- B. assigning tasks
- C. monitoring assessments
- D. rewarding behaviour.

36. The following are contemporary issues in the Nigerian society EXCEPT

- A. burnout
- B. homosexuality
- C. cyber fraud
- D. diseases.

37. Which of the Humanist who defined religion as the worship of the

world?

A. A. A. A.

B. B. B. B.

C. C. C. C.

D. D. D. D.

38. Which characteristic of religion is associated with pattern of worship?

A. Ritual

B. Myth

C. Symbol

D. Experience

39. The common term used in describing the role of religion in maintaining peace in the society to prevent conflict is called

A. Peace making

B. Social control

C. Peace building

D. Social participation

40. The best of literature primarily belongs to which of the following

genres of literature?

A. Drama

B. Novel

C. Poetry

D. Prose

41. Who wrote the book of lamentation?

A. Jeremiah

B. Solomon

C. David

D. Moses

42. From a religious perspective, King Solomon's major achievement was that he

A. fought no war

B. built God's temple

C. married many wives

D. was Israel's Wealthiest prince.

43. Which of these statements could be said to be FALSE?

A. The Gospels were written by men inspired by God

B. There are other Gospels apart from the one in the bible

C. All the Gospels in the Bible are known as Synoptic

D. The word Gospel was derived from Anglo-Saxon word.

44. The Presbyterian Church of Ghana became independent from its former affiliate in

A. 1860

B. 1830

C. 1864

D. 1834

45. All's emanated as a result of one of these factors.

A. Doctrinal dispute

B. Congregational indiscipline

C. Clerical corrupt

D. Societal kidnapping

46. The Maccabean Revolt was a Jewish uprising against

- A. Seleucid Empire
- B. Babylonian Empire
- C. Assyrian Empire
- D. Roman Empire.

47. Which king united the Kingdom of Israel?

- A. Saul
- B. David
- C. Solomon
- D. Jehoshaphat

48. In 1842 the Methodist mission sent Thomas Barch Freeman to Badagry and Abeokuta from

- A. Gold Coast
- B. Sierra-Leone
- C. Gambia
- D. Liberia.

49. What influenced the canonisation of the New Testament?

- A. The death of Jesus
- B. Persecution of Christians
- C. Heresy among believers
- D. The Synoptic Problem

50. The AICs evolved as a result of protest against the oppression of Africans by the missionaries in the

- A. 16th century
- B. 17th century
- C. 19th century
- D. 20th century.

## SECTION B: ESSAY QUESTIONS

Answer **FOUR** Questions in all; **ONE** from each Course.

### CRS 001: OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES: HISTORY AND RELIGION OF ISRAEL

1. (a) Evaluate the importance of Moses to Israel [8 Marks]  
 (b) Examine **FIVE** ethical virtues of Moses [5 Marks]  
 (c) Briefly define the term pre-canonical prophet [2 Marks]
2. (a) Highlight the background of Prophet Amos. [5 Marks]  
 (b) Explain the themes in the book of Amos [5 Marks]  
 (c) What lessons can be drawn from the teachings of Amos when compared to the contemporary Nigeria? [5 Marks]

### CRS 002: NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES: THE GOSPELS

3. (a) Discuss the role played by the Maccabees in ancient Israel? [9 Marks]  
 (b) State the **THREE** causes and **THREE** effects of Maccabean Revolt [6 Marks]
4. (a) What is Synoptic problem? [3 Marks]  
 (b) Explain the following terms:  
 i. Griesbach hypothesis [4 Marks]  
 ii. Urevangelium (Primitive Gospel Theory). [4 Marks]  
 iii. Memorabilia [4 Marks]

### CRS 003: HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN WEST AFRICA

5. The uniqueness of Sierra-Leone is seen in its expression as "the nursery as well as the mother of the church in West Africa." Elucidate [15 Marks]

6. (a) What is Pentecostalism? [2 Marks]  
(b) Critically assess the factors that influence Pentecostalism in Nigeria. [9 marks]  
(c) Mention **FOUR** popular Pentecostal Churches and their leaders in Nigeria. [4 Marks]

**CRS 004: RELIGION AND SOCIETY**

7. (a) Give a brief history of Emile Durkheim [4 Marks]  
(b) Explain the theory of religion as propounded by Emile Durkheim [7 Marks]  
(c) How relevant is Durkheim's theory on Nigerian nation? [4 Marks]
8. (a) Define the term terrorism? [2 Marks]  
(b) List **FOUR** different proscribed terror groups in Nigeria. [2 Marks]  
(c) Discuss **FOUR** causes and **FOUR** effects of terrorism in Nigeria. [8 Marks]  
(d) How can Christians combat terrorism? [3 Marks]