**Suggested Answers**

**(Teachers to use their discretion in awarding marks)**

**SPM Trial Bible Knowledge Exam 2022**

**Section A**

1. a) Elizabeth spoke these words to Mary.

b) The baby within Elizabeth jumped with gladness.

c) She stayed for three months.

1. a) The Devil spoke those words to Jesus.

b) The temptation of Jesus in the desert was taking place.

b) Jesus answered, “The scripture says, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test’.”

1. a) Seven demons had been driven out of her.
2. Her husband Chuza was an officer in Herod’s court.
3. Susanna

**Section B**

1. a) Peter spoke these words when some people made fun of the believers, saying they were drunk, after the Holy Spirit descended on the believers and they started to speak in different languages.
2. Peter quoted Prophet Joel.
3. He said that there will be blood, fire and thick smoke; the sun will be darkened, and the moon will turn red as blood before the great and glorious Day of the Lord comes.
4. About three thousand people were added to the group that day.

2 a) The prophet was Agabus.

1. He predicted that a severe famine was about to come over all the earth.
2. It came true when Claudius was emperor.

3 a) In his vision in Troas, Paul saw a Macedonian standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!”.

b) The use of “we” indicates that the writer of the Acts of the Apostles, Luke, had joined Paul.

**Section C Part One**

Question 1

## Points to Consider

* + Peter made it clear that he and John were mere instruments used by Jesus, so that God can continue to work miracles and wonders through them.
  + We learn that we too can be used by God to perform healings and miracles but we must not try to glorify ourselves, but give the glory to God.
  + Jesus had earlier warned the seventy two men, whom he sent out, and who returned full of joy, to beware of the sin of pride.
  + Jesus said at that time that he saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
  + We have to always remember that we too are just instruments to be used by God for work to bring the Kingdom of God to others.
  + We must always remain humble and give the glory to God who will work wonders through us.
  + Jesus set us an example by coming to us as a suffering servant.

**Qoustion 2**

## Points to consider

* We should forgive those who repent and ask for forgiveness.
* We should not keep unforgiveness, hatred and grudges in our heart.
* At the same time, it is best to avoid those who do not repent and are likely to harm us again.
* We note that Zacchaeus offered to give half his property to the poor and pay back four times those who he cheated. Thus, he deserved forgiveness.
* We need to constantly pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit to help us discern who to forgive and who to avoid.
* It is best to avoid those who are likely to lead us to sin.
* We need to be shrewd and use our intelligence to avoid being cheated.
* As Jesus said, we are like lambs among wolves.
* We have to guard against allowing people to take advantage of our kindness
* and making use of us for their own material benefit.

## Section C: Part 2 Answers

1 (a) i. Why did Joseph and Mary take the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem? (5 marks)

## Suggested answer in point form

* Joseph and Mary took the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem for the ceremony of purification
* as the Law of Moses commanded.
* It is written in the law of the Lord
* that every first-born male is
* to be dedicated to the Lord.

ii. What did they offer as a sacrifice? (2 marks)

## Answer

1. As a sacrifice, they offered a pair of doves or two young pigeons as required by the Law.

b) Describe the two prophets and explain what each of them did and say when they saw the baby. (13 marks)

## Suggested answer in point form

* + There was a man named Simeon living in Jerusalem who was a good, God fearing man, waiting for Israel to be saved.
  + The Holy Spirit was with him and assured him that he would not die
  + before he had seen the Lord’s promised Messiah.
  + Led by the Spirit, Simeon went into the Temple when the parents brought the child Jesus into the temple.
  + Simeon took the child into his arms and gave thanks to God.
  + He said, “Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace.
  + “With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all people: A light to reveal your will to the gentiles and bring glory to your people Israel.”
  + The parents were amazed at the things Simeon said about him.
  + Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, “This child is chosen by God for the destruction and salvation of many in Israel. He will be a sign from God which many people will speak against, and so reveal their secret thoughts.
  + And sorrow, like a sharp sword, will break your own heart.”
  + There was an old prophet named Anna, daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher.
  + She had been married for seven years and was now 84 years old.
  + She never left the Temple; day and night she worshipped God, fasting, and praying.
  + That very same hour she arrived and gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were waiting for God to set Jerusalem

2 a) Why did Jesus tell the Parable of the Rich Fool? (5 marks)

## Suggested answer in point form

* A man in the crowd asked Jesus to tell his brother to divide the property their father had left them.
* Jesus then asked who made him judge of such matters and warned the people to guard against every kind of greed.
* Jesus then told the Parable of the Rich Fool to make this point clearer.

1. Narrate the Parable of the Rich Fool. (15 marks)

## Suggested answer in point form

* + A man in the crowd said to Jesus,
  + “Teacher, tell my brother to divide with me the property our father left us.”
  + Jesus answered him,
  + “Man, who gave me the right to judge or to divide the property between you two?”
  + And he went on to say to them all,
  + “Watch out and guard yourselves from every kind of greed, because a person’s true life is not made up of the things he owns, no matter how rich he may be.”
  + Then Jesus told them this parable:
  + “There was once a rich man who had land which bore good crops.
  + He began to think to himself, ‘I don’t have a place to keep all my crops. What can I do?
  + This is what I will do,’ he told himself;
  + ‘I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I will store the grain and all my other goods.
  + Then I will say to myself, Lucky man! You have all the good things you need for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink and enjoy yourself !’
  + But God said to him,
  + ‘You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself ?’
  + And Jesus concluded, “This is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God’s sight”.

**Acts of the Apostles**

3 a) i. Where was Peter and what was he doing when the men from Cornelius were on

their way? (3 marks)

## Suggested Answer in point form

* + Peter was in Joppa and as the men from Cornelius were on their way and coming near Joppa, Peter went up on the roof of the house about noon in order to pray.
  + He became hungry and wanted something to eat;
  + while the food was being prepared, he had a vision.

ii. Give an account of Peter’s vision (7 marks)

## Suggested Answer in point form

* + He saw heaven open
  + and something coming down that looked like a large sheet being lowered by its four corners to the earth.
  + In it were all kinds of animals, reptiles, and wild birds.
  + A voice said to him, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat!”
  + But Peter said, “Certainly not, Lord!
  + I have never eaten anything ritually unclean or defiled.”
  + The voice spoke to him again,
  + “Do not consider anything unclean that God has declared clean.”
  + This happened three times, and then the thing was taken back up into heaven.

b i. Give an account of what Peter did until he arrived in Caesarea. (5 marks)

## Suggested Answer in Point Form

* + While Peter was wondering about the meaning of this vision,
  + the men sent by Cornelius had learned where Simon's house was, and they were now standing in front of the gate.
  + They called out and asked,
  + “Is there a guest here by the name of Simon Peter?”
  + Peter was still trying to understand what the vision meant, when the Spirit said,
  + “Listen! Three men are here looking for you.
  + So get ready and go down, and do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.”
  + So Peter went down and said to the men,
  + “I am the man you are looking for. Why have you come?”
  + “Captain Cornelius sent us,” they answered.
  + “He is a good man who worships God and is highly respected by all the Jewish people.
  + An angel of God told him to invite you to his house, so that he could hear what you have to say.”
  + Peter invited the men in and had them spend the night there.
  + The next day he got ready and went with them; and some of the believers from Joppa went along with him.
  + The following day he arrived in Caesarea, where Cornelius was waiting for him, together with relatives and close friends that he had invited.

1. What happened in Caesarea? (5 marks)

## Suggested answer in point form

* + Cornelius was waiting for Peter together with his family and close friends. He welcomed Peter and they spoke about their visions.
  + Peter spoke to them about Jesus and while he was speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all who were listening.
  + The Jewish believers who had come with Peter were amazed that God poured out his gift of the Holy Spirit on Gentiles also.
  + Peter said, “These people have received the Holy Spirit, just as we also did. Can anyone, then, stop them from being baptised with water?”
  + So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay with them for a few days.

4 a) i. Why did the Roman commander order the chief priests and the whole Council to meet? (2 marks)

## Answer

The Roman Commander wanted to find out for sure what the Jews were accusing Paul of.

1. Describe Paul’s encounter with the High Priest Ananias. (8 marks)

## Suggested Answer in point form

* When Paul was brought before the Council, he said, “My fellow Israelites! My conscience is perfectly clear about the way in which I have lived before God to this day.”
* The High Priest ordered those who were standing close to Paul to strike him on the mouth.
* Paul said to him, “God will certainly strike you, you whitewashed wall! You sit there to judge me according to the Law, yet you break the Law by ordering them to strike me!”
* The men close to Paul said to him, “You are insulting God’s High Priest!”
* Paul answered, “My fellow Israelites, I did not know that he was the High Priest.
* The scriptures says, ‘You must not speak evil of the ruler of your people.’ ”.

1. Narrate what occurred when Paul saw that some in the group were Sadducees and some Pharisees (10 marks)

## Suggested answer in point form

* + When Paul saw that some in the group were Sadducees and the others were Pharisees, he called out in the Council,
  + “Fellow Israelites! I am a Pharisee, the son of Pharisees. I am on trial here because of the hope I have that the dead will rise to life!”
  + As soon as he said this, the Pharisees and Sadducees started to quarrel, and the group was divided.
  + For the Sadducees say that people will not rise from death and that there are no angels or spirits; but the Pharisees believe in all three.
  + The shouting became louder, and some of the teachers of the Law who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and protested strongly:
  + “We cannot find a thing wrong with this man! Perhaps a spirit or an angel really did speak to him!”
  + The argument became so violent that the commander was afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces.
  + So, he ordered his soldiers to go down into the group, get Paul away from them, and take him into the fort.
  + That night the Lord stood by Paul and said,
  + “Don't be afraid! You have given your witness for me here in Jerusalem, and you must also do the same in Rome.”