

Bible Knowledge Trial Examination Marking Scheme**Section A – The Gospel According to Luke**

- 1 (a) *Joseph went from the town of _____ in Galilee to the town of _____ in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, ...*

(Luke 2:4-5)

(i) *Fill in the two blanks in the quotation above.*

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The two blanks should be Nazareth (1) and Bethlehem. (1)

(ii) *Describe what happened there in the birthplace of King David.*

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While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to have her baby. (1) She gave birth to her first son, (1) wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger (1) —there was no room for them to stay in the inn. (1) **Max 3**

- (b) *As they went on their way, a man said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lie down and rest."*

He said to another man, "Follow me."

(Luke 9:57-59)

(i) *How did the second man answer Jesus and what was Jesus' reply to him?*

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That man said, "Sir, first let me go back and bury my father." (1)

Jesus answered, "Let the dead bury their own dead. You go and proclaim the Kingdom of God." (1)

(ii) *What did the third man say to Jesus and how did Jesus answer him?*

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The third man said, "I will follow you, sir; but first let me go and say good-bye to my family." (1)

Jesus said to him, "Anyone who starts to plow and then keeps looking back (1) is of no use for the Kingdom of God." (1)

- (c) *Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared.*

(Luke 24:1)

(i) *What did the women find when they arrived at the tomb?*

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They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, (1) so they went in; but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. (1)

(ii) *Who suddenly appeared before them?*

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Suddenly two men in bright shining clothes stood by them.

(iii) *Relate the conversation that took place.*

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The men said to them, "Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? He is not here; he has been raised. (1) Remember what he said to you while he was in Galilee: (1) 'The Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and three days later rise to life.'" (1) **Max 2**

Section B - The Acts of the Apostles

- 2 (a) *An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get ready and go south to the road that goes from Jerusalem to Gaza."*

(Acts 8:26)

(i) *Who did Philip meet on this road?*

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He met an Ethiopian eunuch.

(ii) *What are we told about him?*

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He was an important official in charge of the treasury of the queen of Ethiopia. (1) He had been to Jerusalem to worship God and was going back home in his carriage. (1) As he rode along, he was reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. (1) **Max 2**

(iii) *What two things did Philip do for him?*

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(Beginning from the passage in Isaiah 53,) he told him the Good News about Jesus. (1)

When they came to some water, the eunuch asked to be baptised and Philip did so. (1)

- (b) *“The gods have become like men and have come down to us!”* (Acts 14:11)
(i) *Who said these words?* [1]

The crowds in Lystra said these words.

- (ii) *Why did they say these words?* [2]

They had seen Paul command a man lame from birth in a loud voice, “Stand up straight on your feet!” (1) The man jumped up and started walking around. (1)

- (iii) *What names did they give to Barnabas and Paul?* [2]

They gave Barnabas the name Zeus, (1) and Paul the name Hermes, (1) (because he was the chief speaker.)

- (c) *Some Jews who traveled around and drove out evil spirits also tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus to do this. They said to the evil spirits, “I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches.”* (Acts 19:13)

- (i) *Name a group of men who were doing this.* [1]

Seven sons of a Jewish High Priest named Sceva were doing this.

- (ii) *What did the evil spirit in the man say in response to them?* [1]

The evil spirit said to them, “I know Jesus, and I know about Paul; but you—who are you?”

- (iii) *What did the man with the evil spirit do to the group of men?* [2]

The man who had the evil spirit in him attacked them (1) with such violence that he overpowered them all. (1) They ran away from his house, wounded and with their clothes torn off. (1) **Max 2**

- (iv) *What happened in Ephesus that day?* [1]

All the Jews and Gentiles who lived in Ephesus heard about this; they were all filled with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was given greater honor. (1)

Many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in public. They added up the price of the books, and the total came to fifty thousand silver coins. (1) **Max 1**

Section C - Part 1

For the next two open-ended questions, there is no fixed answer. Accept answers that are relevant and logically argued. Use the following principles:

- 1. Explanation of the target issue based on the study of Acts of the Apostles or the Gospel of Luke [2-3 marks]***
- 2. Personal application of the matter [5-6 marks]***
- 3. Conclusion [1-2 marks]***

- 3** *The Gospel of Luke concludes with Jesus ascending to Heaven.
How does this fact give you hope as a Christian?*

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Jesus had been with His disciples for forty days after His resurrection, teaching them about the Kingdom of God. On that final day on earth, He led them out to Bethany and as He was talking with them, He suddenly rose from the earth, bodily, and then was received by a cloud. They watched Him disappear from their sight into heaven.

As they were watching Him go away, two men in white clothing appeared and told them that Jesus will come back to earth again one day in the future; as they saw Him go into heaven, so He will return. (Acts 1). The disciples went back to Jerusalem, minds boggled, hearts bursting, first with the resurrection of Jesus, then with His ascension.

The ascension of Jesus gives me hope because I know that Jesus is alive! He is seated at God’s right hand and watching me from heaven. He knows all that happens to me and will not allow anything to harm me irreparably. When I am in a crisis, He will draw alongside to guide me; in trouble, He will find a way out for me; in sickness, He will heal me. If death should overtake me suddenly, I know that I will go to heaven to be with Him because He has said that He would prepare a room in heaven for me. (John 14). Just as Stephen the first martyr saw Jesus standing up to receive him into heaven.

Yes, Jesus' ascension to heaven definitely gives me hope as a Christian. I will celebrate that day and remember all His promises to me from now onwards. Dr Luke concludes the Gospel of Luke with the ascension of Jesus and opens the book of Acts with the same.

- 4 *Priscilla and Aquila were a great help to Apollos in the book of Acts. As tentmakers they helped in building up the Church.
How would you order your life so that you can help strengthen the Christian community in your school and your church?* [10]

Priscilla and Aquila were in Ephesus when Apollos arrived there. He was an eloquent speaker and began to speak in the synagogue; he taught accurately the facts about Jesus but he knew only the baptism of John. The couple invited him to their home and taught him more accurately the things concerning Jesus. Apollos then went on to Corinth and powerfully preached Jesus and His kingdom.

I would like to follow Priscilla and Aquila's example and equip myself with knowledge of the Scriptures. Taking Bible Knowledge for SPM is one way to do so. Another way is to have a daily personal Quiet Time and weekly Bible Study group in school and at church. Through these ways I will be able to navigate through the many questions that will arise concerning the Christian faith. With the help of the Holy Spirit I shall be able to show my friends at school the answers to these questions and help them strengthen their faith. I will make it a point to be regular in Christian Fellowship meetings and at Church meetings. Through these avenues, the Lord Jesus will guide me to talk to various people and help them have a more accurate knowledge of Him and His Word.

I will save up money to buy books and commentaries to help me in the study of the Bible. Today, there are so many resources available online for free that I can download for study. I must set up a time-table as to how I spend each day of my life.

Thus, I will be able to do my part in building up and strengthening the Christian community in my school and my church. It is only through knowing God's Word accurately and thoroughly that we can grow as Christians.

Section C - Part 2

The Life and Teachings of Christ as contained in the Gospel of St. Luke

- 5 (a) Give a full account of the incident when Jesus healed a paralysed man in a house. [16]
Luke 5:17-26

One day when Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of the Law (1) were sitting there who had come from every town in Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. (1) The power of the Lord was present for Jesus to heal the sick. (1) Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a bed, (1) and they tried to carry him into the house and put him in front of Jesus. (1) Because of the crowd, however, they could find no way to take him in. (1) So they carried him up on the roof, made an opening in the tiles, and let him down on his bed into the middle of the group in front of Jesus. (1) When Jesus saw how much faith they had, (1) he said to the man, "Your sins are forgiven, my friend." (1) Max 8

The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees began to say to themselves, "Who is this man who speaks such blasphemy! (1) God is the only one who can forgive sins!" (1) Max 2

Jesus knew their thoughts (1) and said to them, "Why do you think such things? (1) Is it easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?" (1) I will prove to you, then, that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." (1) So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, pick up your bed, and go home!" (1) Max 4

At once the man got up in front of them all, took the bed he had been lying on, and went home, praising God. (1) They were all completely amazed! (1) Full of fear, they praised God, saying, "What marvelous things we have seen today!" (1) Max 2 Total 16

(b) Identify the points at which He claimed divinity.

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1. He claimed divinity when he said to the paralysed man, "Your sins are forgiven, my friend."

Only God can forgive sins.

2. When he called himself 'the Son of Man' he claimed to be divine.

In the book of Daniel, the Son of Man is pictured as a heavenly figure who, in the end times, is entrusted by God with authority, glory and sovereign power.

3. When he told the paralysed man to get up and he healed him, he showed his divinity.

Only God can heal without any conditions attached.

(Give 2 marks for each point above. Only two points are required.) Max 4

6 (a) Narrate the following parables.

(i) Parable of the Rich Fool;

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Luke 12:16-21 Jesus told this parable.

"There was once a rich man who had land which bore good crops. (1) He began to think to himself, 'I don't have a place to keep all my crops. What can I do? (1) 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. (1) Then I will say to myself, Lucky man! (1) You have all the good things you need for many years. (1) Take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy yourself!' (1) But God said to him, 'You fool! (1) This very night you will have to give up your life; (1) then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?'" (1)

And Jesus concluded, "This is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God's sight." (1) Max 7

(ii) Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus.

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Luke 16:19-31

There was once a rich man who dressed in the most expensive clothes and lived in great luxury every day. (1) There was also a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who used to be brought to the rich man's door, (1) hoping to eat the bits of food that fell from the rich man's table. (1) Even the dogs would come and lick his sores. (1) The poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the feast in heaven. (1) The rich man died and was buried, and in Hades, where he was in great pain, (1) he looked up and saw Abraham, far away, with Lazarus at his side. (1) So he called out, 'Father Abraham! Take pity on me, (1) and send Lazarus to dip his finger in some water and cool off my tongue, because I am in great pain in this fire!' (1) Max 7

But Abraham said, 'Remember, my son, that in your lifetime you were given all the good things, while Lazarus got all the bad things. (1) But now he is enjoying himself here, while you are in pain. (1) Besides all that, there is a deep pit lying between us, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot do so, nor can anyone cross over to us from where you are.' (1) The rich man said, 'Then I beg you, father Abraham, send Lazarus to my father's house, where I have five brothers. (1) Let him go and warn them so that they, at least, will not come to this place of pain.' (1) Abraham said, 'Your brothers have Moses and the prophets to warn them; your brothers should listen to what they say.' (1) The rich man answered, 'That is not enough, father Abraham! But if someone were to rise from death and go to them, then they would turn from their sins.' (1) But Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone were to rise from death.' (1) Max 5

Total 12

(b) State one lesson you learn from these two parables.

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1. We must use our riches to help others who are in need.
2. We must not live to earn riches only; death catches us unawares and we are ushered into eternity.
3. We must pay heed to the Scriptures and live to pile up riches in God's sight.
4. Our station in life does not determine our destiny. We must have faith in God's provision for us.

(Give 1 mark for each point above or any other relevant answer.) Max 1

The Acts of the Apostles

7 (a) *Narrate the vision of Cornelius in Caesarea when he was told to send men to look for Peter.* [9]

Acts 10:1-8

There was a man in Caesarea named Cornelius, who was a captain in the Roman army regiment called "The Italian Regiment." (1) He was a religious man; he and his whole family worshiped God. (1) He also did much to help the Jewish poor people and was constantly praying to God. (1) It was about three o'clock one afternoon when he had a vision, (1) in which he clearly saw an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius!" (1) **Max 4**

He stared at the angel in fear and said, "What is it, sir?" (1)

The angel answered, "God is pleased with your prayers and works of charity, and is ready to answer you. (1) And now send some men to Joppa for a certain man whose full name is Simon Peter. (1) He is a guest in the home of a tanner of leather named Simon, who lives by the sea." (1) Then the angel went away, and Cornelius called two of his house servants and a soldier, a religious man who was one of his personal attendants. (1) He told them what had happened and sent them off to Joppa. (1) **Max 4**
Total 9

(b) *Describe what happened*

(i) *when Peter arrived at Cornelius' house.* [3]

Acts 10:24-26

When Peter arrived at Cornelius' house in Caesarea, Cornelius was waiting for him, (1) together with relatives and close friends that he had invited. (1) As Peter was about to go in, Cornelius met him, fell at his feet, and bowed down before him. (1) But Peter made him rise. "Stand up," he said, "I myself am only a man." (1) **Max 3**

(ii) *when Peter shared the good news that 'everyone who believes in Jesus will have his sins forgiven'.* [6]

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit came down on all those who were listening to his message. (1) The Jewish believers who had come from Joppa with Peter were amazed that God had poured out his gift of the Holy Spirit on the Gentiles also. (1) For they heard them speaking in strange tongues and praising God's greatness. (1) Peter spoke up: "These people have received the Holy Spirit, just as we also did. (1) Can anyone, then, stop them from being baptized with water?" (1) So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. (1) Then they asked him to stay with them for a few days. (1) **Max 6**

(c) *State the significance of this event.* [2]

1. This showed clearly that the barrier between Jew and Gentile had been broken down. That God gave the Holy Spirit to this Gentile family and close friends showed that Gentiles were no longer to be considered unclean.
2. Cornelius, his family and friends had received the Holy Spirit without being circumcised. God gave the same gift of speaking in tongues to them as he had given to the Jews on the day of Pentecost. This showed that God was calling out a new people for Himself on the basis of 'everyone who believes in Jesus will have his sins forgiven.'
3. This was the admission of the first Gentile family into the Church. In chapter 8, the Ethiopian eunuch was a descendant of Ham; in chapter 9, Saul of Tarsus was a descendant of Shem; in chapter 10, Cornelius was a descendant of Japheth. These were the sons of Noah. The Gospel is open to the whole world.

(Give 2 marks for each of the points above.) **Max 2**

8 (a) *Give an account of the following events.*

(i) *The trial of Paul before the Sanhedrin Council;* [9]

Acts 23:1-10

Paul looked straight at the Council and said, "My fellow Israelites! My conscience is perfectly clear about the way in which I have lived before God to this very day." (1) The High Priest Ananias ordered those who were standing close to Paul to strike him on the mouth. (1) Paul said to him, "God

will certainly strike you—you whitewashed wall! (1) You sit there to judge me according to the Law, yet you break the Law by ordering them to strike me!” (1)

The men close to Paul said to him, “You are insulting God's High Priest!” (1)

Paul answered, “My fellow Israelites, I did not know that he was the High Priest. The scripture says, ‘You must not speak evil of the ruler of your people.’” (1) Max 4

When Paul saw that some of the group were Sadducees and the others were Pharisees, (1) 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!” (1)

As soon as he said this, the Pharisees and Sadducees started to quarrel, and the group was divided. (1) (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.) (1) 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!” (1)

The argument became so violent that the commander was afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces. (1) So he ordered his soldiers to go down into the group, get Paul away from them, and take him into the fort. (1) Max 5

(ii) The vision of Paul that same night; [2]
Acts 23:11

That night the Lord stood by Paul (1) and said, “Don't be afraid! (1) You have given your witness for me here in Jerusalem, and you must also do the same in Rome.” (1) Max 2

(iii) The Jews' plot to kill Paul. [5]
Acts 23:12-15

The next morning some Jews met together and made a plan. (1) They took a vow that they would not eat or drink anything until they had killed Paul. (1) There were more than forty who planned this together. (1) Then they went to the chief priests and elders and said, “We have taken a solemn vow together not to eat a thing until we have killed Paul. (1) Now then, you and the Council send word to the Roman commander to bring Paul down to you, pretending that you want to get more accurate information about him. (1) But we will be ready to kill him before he ever gets here.” (1) Max 5

(b) How was this plot discovered by Paul and Claudius Lysias and what was done to keep Paul safe? [4]
Acts 23:16-24

The son of Paul's sister heard about the plot; so he went to the fort and told Paul. (1) Then Paul called one of the officers and said to him, “Take this young man to the commander; he has something to tell him.” (1) The officer did so and the commander heard from Paul's nephew himself. (1) Max 2

Then the commander called two of his officers and said, “Get two hundred soldiers ready to go to Caesarea, together with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen, and be ready to leave by nine o'clock tonight. (1) Provide some horses for Paul to ride and get him safely through to Governor Felix.” (1) This was done that same night and Claudius Lysias wrote a letter explaining the matter to Felix, the Roman governor. (1) Max 2 Total 4