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BIBLE KNOWLEDGE 2025 Trial Exam Marking Scheme

1 (a) *... and Annas and _____ were High Priests. At that time the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. So John went throughout the whole territory of the Jordan River, preaching,"...* ***(Luke 3:2-3a)***

(i) Name the other High Priest. *[1]*

The other High Priest was Caiaphas.

(ii) What message did John preach? *[2]*

"Turn away from your sins and be baptized, and God will forgive your sins."

(iii) State the prophecy of Isaiah concerning John the Baptist. *[2]*

"Someone is shouting in the desert: |
'Get the road ready for the Lord; (1) | *(Compulsory mark)*
make a straight path for him to travel! (1)
Every valley must be filled up,
every hill and mountain leveled off. (1)
The winding roads must be made straight,
and the rough paths made smooth. (1)
The whole human race will see God's salvation!'" (1) *(Anyone of the above)*
Max 2

(b) *"Lord, don't you care that* ***my sister*** *has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!"* ***(Luke 10:40b)***

(i) Who said these words? *[1]*

Martha said these words.

(ii) Name the village where this incident occurred. *[1]*

The village was Bethany.

(iii) What was ***'my sister'*** *doing?* *[1]*

Her sister, Mary, was sitting at the feet of the Lord Jesus and listening to Him teach.

(iv) What was Jesus' reply to the speaker? *[2]*

"Martha, Martha! You are worried and troubled over so many things, but just one is needed. (1) Mary has chosen the right thing, and it will not be taken away from her." (1)

(c) *There was a man named Joseph from Arimathea, a town in Judea. He was a good and honourable man, who was ...* ***(Luke 23:50-51a)***

(i) What else are we told about Joseph of Arimathea? *[2]*

He was waiting for the coming of the Kingdom of God. (1)
Although he was a member of the Council, (1)
he had not agreed with their decision and action. (1) Max 2

(ii) What did he do after Jesus had died on the Cross? *[3]*

He went into the presence of Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. (1)
Then he took the body down, wrapped it in a linen sheet, (1)
and placed it in a tomb which had been dug out of solid rock (1)
and which had never been used. (1) Max 3

2 (a) *The news about this reached the church in Jerusalem, so they sent Barnabas to Antioch.* ***(Acts 11:22)***

(i) What had happened in Antioch that made the Church send Barnabas there? *[1]*

A great number of Gentiles had believed the Gospel and turned to the Lord.

(ii) Why do you think Barnabas was chosen to go? *[1]*

Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith (and he had proven his dependability in the Early Church). (1)
The men who had preached to the Gentiles in Antioch were from Cyprus and Cyrene, and Barnabas was from Cyprus. (1) (He would have understood their language and customs and would have been able to communicate with them.) Max 1

(iii) What did Barnabas do there? *[1]*

He urged them all to be faithful and true to the Lord with all their hearts; (1)
and he brought many people to the Lord. (1) Max 1

(iv) When the work became too much for him, what did Barnabas do? *[1]*

Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul. He took him to Antioch, and for a whole year the two met with the people of the church and taught a large group.

(v) What distinguishing thing happened there at Antioch as a result? *[1]*

The believers were first called Christians at Antioch.

(b) *About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a violent earthquake, which shook the prison to its foundations. At once all the doors opened, and the chains fell off all the prisoners.* ***(Acts 16:25-26)***

(i) In which city did this happen? *[1]*

This happened in Philippi.

(ii) What did the jailer do when he woke up? *[1]*

When the jailer woke up, he saw the prison doors open and he thought that the prisoners had escaped; so he pulled out his sword and was about to kill himself.

(iii) What happened after that? *[3]*

Paul shouted at the top of his voice, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" (1)
The jailer called for a light, rushed in, and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas. Then he led them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (1)
They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your family." (1)
Then they preached the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in the house. At that very hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; and he and all his family were baptized at once. (1)
Then he took Paul and Silas up into his house and gave them some food to eat. He and his family were filled with joy, because they now believed in God. (1) Max 3

(c) *On the following day we left and arrived in Caesarea. There we stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the seven men who had been chosen as helpers in Jerusalem. He had four unmarried daughters who proclaimed God's message. We had been there for several days when a prophet named Agabus arrived from Judea.* ***(Acts 21:8-10)***

(i) What did Agabus do and say to the believers? *[2]*

He took Paul's belt, tied up his own feet and hands with it, (1)
and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says: The owner of this belt will be tied up in this way by the Jews in Jerusalem, and they will hand him over to the Gentiles." (1)

(ii) How did the believers react to this? *[1]*

Dr Luke and the others there begged Paul not to go to Jerusalem.

(iii) What was Paul's answer to them? *[2]*

"What are you doing, crying like this and breaking my heart? (1)
I am ready not only to be tied up in Jerusalem but even to die there for the sake of the Lord Jesus." (1)

3 *Do not judge others, and God will not judge you; do not condemn others, and God will not condemn you; forgive others, and God will forgive you. Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands — all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you. (Luke 6:37-38)*

Describe an experience that you have had that reflects the truth of one of the teachings that Jesus gave above.

As a child growing up in a poor neighbourhood, our family literally lived from hand to mouth. When I became a Christian in Form Two, I began going to church. With my meagre allowance I learnt to tithe in order to put something into the collection bag. One Sunday morning, my mother gave me RM10/- as my allowance for the whole week. I bought a bus pass for the month. In Church that day, an announcement was made concerning a severe flood in the Philippines which had wiped out the villages and many people were left without homes and had lost all their belongings. There were Christians among them who had lost their Bibles as well. We were encouraged to give generously that day and I felt the Holy Spirit saying to me, "Give all you have in your purse." I thought to myself that I would have nothing left for the rest of the week. But the Holy Spirit was insistent and I finally gave all the money that I had in my purse. That night as I was preparing for school the next day, my mother said to all three of us children in the house, "I have won a lot of money today! Here is another RM10/- for each of you!" Wow! I had received more than I gave away that morning. Jesus had proven His word true!

4 Dorcas (or Tabitha) was a believer who lived in Joppa. She spent all her time doing good and helping the poor. She made shirts and coats for the widows and others.

What social work is being done by the Church today? Are you involved in it? Could you begin a project in your school or your community?

Dorcas set an excellent example for believers down through the ages. The Church has spread throughout the world through the preaching of the Word and through the social programs carried out in the communities. In the 1500s, the Gospel came to Malaya and the missionaries set up teaching centres. In subsequent years, many more missionaries came and schools were set up to teach the youth English and the Gospel. Today there are more than 400 Mission Schools in Malaysia. Many young people and their families became Christians through education. These schools were largely in town centres. Today, many efforts have been made to reach the Orang Asli in the jungles. Pre-schools have been set up in their communities to prepare the children for primary school. These communities have largely trusted in the Lord Jesus. In town centres, many churches have feeding programs for the poor in their neighbourhoods. I am involved with a pre-school and we help to raise funds for the B40 children to come to the school.

5 *(a) Describe the following miracles performed by Jesus on the Sabbath day:*

(i) The woman with an evil spirit that caused her to be bent over; *[9]*

Lk 13:10-17 One Sabbath Jesus was teaching in a synagogue. (1) A woman there had an evil spirit that had kept her sick for eighteen years; (1) she was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called out to her, "Woman, you are free from your sickness!" (1) He placed his hands on her, and at once she straightened herself up and praised God. (1)

The official of the synagogue was angry that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, (1) so he spoke up and said to the people, "There are six days in which we should work; so come during those days and be healed, but not on the Sabbath!" (1)

The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! (1) Any one of you would untie your ox or your donkey from the stall and take it out to give it water on the Sabbath. (1) Now here is this descendant of Abraham whom Satan has kept in bonds for eighteen years; should she not be released on the Sabbath?" (1) His answer made his enemies ashamed of themselves, while the people rejoiced over all the wonderful things that he did. (1) Max 9

(ii) The man with swollen arms and legs (dropsy). *[7]*

Lk 14:6-11 One Sabbath Jesus went to eat a meal at the home of one of the leading Pharisees; (1) and people were watching Jesus closely. (1) (A man whose legs and arms were swollen came to Jesus,) and Jesus spoke up and asked the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees, (1) "Does our Law allow healing on the Sabbath or not?" (1)

But they would not say a thing. (1) Jesus took the man, healed him, and sent him away. (1) Then he said to them, "If any one of you had a child or an ox that happened to fall in a well on a Sabbath, would you not pull it out at once on the Sabbath itself?" (1)

But they were not able to answer him about this. (1) Max 7

(b) What did Jesus teach concerning work done on the Sabbath that contradicted what the Jewish religious leaders taught? *[4]*

The Jewish religious leaders taught that the Sabbath was a day of rest and of worship of Almighty God; hence no work was to be done at all. (1)
Jesus taught that He, the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath and therefore had the authority to annul or adapt the Law of the Sabbath. (1)
He allowed works of necessity to be performed on the Sabbath. (1) His disciples could pluck the grains of wheat and eat them as they passed through the grain fields. (1)
He allowed works of mercy also to be performed on the Sabbath. (1) He performed acts of healing on the Sabbath. (1) Max 4

6 *(a) Narrate the following parables.*

(i) Parable of the Widow and the Judge; *[7]*

Luke 18:1-8 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and never become discouraged. (1) "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. (1) And there was a widow in that same town who kept coming to him and pleading for her rights, saying, 'Help me against my opponent!' (1) For a long time the judge refused to act, but at last he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or respect people, yet because of all the trouble this widow is giving me, I will see to it that she gets her rights. (1) If I don't, she will keep on coming and finally wear me out!'" (1)

And the Lord continued, "Listen to what that corrupt judge said. (1) Now, will God not judge in favor of his own people who cry to him day and night for help? Will he be slow to help them? (1) I tell you, he will judge in their favour and do it quickly. But will the Son of Man find faith on earth when he comes?" (1) Max 7

(ii) Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. *[8]*

Luke 18:9-14 Jesus also told this parable to people who were sure of their own goodness and despised everybody else. (1) "Once there were two men who went up to the Temple to pray:(1) one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood apart by himself (1) and prayed, 'I thank you, God, that I am not greedy, dishonest, or an adulterer, like everybody else. (1) I thank you that I am not like that tax collector over there. (1) I fast two days a week, and I give you one tenth of all my income.' (1) But the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even raise his face to heaven, but beat on his breast (1) and said, 'God, have pity on me, a sinner!' (1) I tell you," said Jesus, "the tax collector, and not the Pharisee, was in the right with God when he went home. (1) For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great." (1)

Max 8

(b) State the lessons you learn from these two parables. *[3]*

(i) The Parable of the widow and the judge teaches urgent intense prayer as well as continual prayer. (1)

(ii) While other parables on prayer teach us the importance of prayer, the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector teaches what prayer is. (1) Prayer is the lifting of the heart to God, acknowledging His willingness and power to save, and our absolute worthlessness. (1)
It also teaches that we should be humble in prayer. (1) Max 2

(c) Mention the occasion when Jesus went up a hill and spent the whole night there praying to God. Why do you think He did that? *[2]*

Lk 6:12 It was the night before He chose the twelve apostles. (1)
It was a very important decision that He had to make – to choose the men into whose hands He would entrust the proclamation of the Good News that He had brought to the world. He needed God's wisdom for that. (1)

The Acts of the Apostles

7 (a) Relate how King Herod Agrippa I persecuted members of the Church. *[4]*

Acts 12:1-5 About this time King Herod began to persecute some members of the church. He had James, the brother of John, put to death by the sword. (1) When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he went ahead and had Peter arrested. (1) (This happened during the time of the Festival of Unleavened Bread.) After his arrest Peter was put in jail, where he was handed over to be guarded by four groups of four soldiers each. (1) Herod planned to put him on trial in public after Passover. (1) So Peter was kept in jail, but the people of the church were praying earnestly to God for him. (1) Max 4

(b) Describe how the angel rescued Peter from prison and what happened when Peter went to the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark. *[14]*

Acts 12:6-19 The night before Herod was going to bring him out to the people, Peter was sleeping between two guards. (1) He was tied with two chains, and there were guards on duty at the prison gate. (1) Suddenly an angel of the Lord stood there, and a light shone in the cell. (1) The angel shook Peter by the shoulder, woke him up, and said, "Hurry! Get up!" (1) At once the chains fell off Peter's hands. (1) Then the angel said, "Tighten your belt and put on your sandals." (1) Peter did so, and the angel said, "Put your cloak around you and come with me." (1) Peter followed him out of the prison, not knowing, however, if what the angel was doing was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. (1) They passed by the first guard station and then the second, and came at last to the iron gate that opens into the city. The gate opened for them by itself, and they went out. (1) They walked down a street, and suddenly the angel left Peter. (1) Max 7

Then Peter realized what had happened to him, and said, "Now I know that it is really true! (1) The Lord sent his angel to rescue me from Herod's power and from everything the Jewish people expected to happen." (1)

Aware of his situation, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. (1) Peter knocked at the outside door, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer it. (1) She recognized Peter's voice and was so happy that she ran back in without opening the door, and announced that Peter was standing outside. (1) "You are crazy!" they told her. But she insisted that it was true. So they answered, "It is his angel." (1) Max 4

Meanwhile Peter kept on knocking. At last they opened the door, and when they saw him, they were amazed. (1) He motioned with his hand for them to be quiet, and he explained to them how the Lord had brought him out of prison. (1) "Tell this to James and the rest of the believers," he said; then he left and went somewhere else. (1)

When morning came, there was a tremendous confusion among the guards—what had happened to Peter? (1) Herod gave orders to search for him, but they could not find him. So he had the guards questioned and ordered them put to death. (1) Max 3

After this, Herod left Judea and spent some time in Caesarea.

(c) State the significance of this event. What relevance does it have today? *[2]*

The miraculous deliverance of Peter from prison was a clear sign to the Early Church that God was in control of the circumstances that they faced. (1) God intervened in the decisions of King Herod to kill Peter and King Herod subsequently died when he did not give glory to God. (1) Dr Luke records that the Word of God continued to spread and grow. Persecution serves to expand the Church. (1) Max 1

Today, Christians can take comfort in knowing that God will not allow any suffering to come their way that is not allowed by Him. (1) We can learn and grow from our experiences of suffering. Our main concern is that we honour and glorify the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. (1) Max 1

8 *(a) Give an account of Paul's ministry in Corinth on his second missionary journey.* *[17]*

Acts 18:1-17 Paul arrived in Corinth where he met with a Jewish couple named Aquila and Priscilla. (1) Aquila who was born in Pontus, had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, for Emperor Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. (1) Paul went to see them, and stayed and worked with them, because he earned his living by making tents, just as they did. (1) He held discussions in the synagogue every Sabbath, trying to convince both Jews and Greeks. (1) Max 3

When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul gave his whole time to preaching the message, testifying to the Jews that Jesus is the Messiah. (1) When they opposed him and said evil things about him, he protested by shaking the dust from his clothes (1) and saying to them, "If you are lost, you yourselves must take the blame for it! I am not responsible. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." (1) So he left them and went to live in the house of a Gentile named Titius Justus, who worshiped God; his house was next to the synagogue. (1) Crispus, who was the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with all his family; (1) and many other people in Corinth heard the message, believed, and were baptized. (1) Max 5

One night Paul had a vision in which the Lord said to him, "Do not be afraid, but keep on speaking and do not give up, for I am with you. (1) No one will be able to harm you, for many in this city are my people." (1) So Paul stayed there for a year and a half, teaching the people the word of God. (1)

When Gallio was made the Roman governor of Achaia, Jews there got together, seized Paul, and took him into court. (1) "This man," they said, "is trying to persuade people to worship God in a way that is against the law!" (1) Max 4

Paul was about to speak when Gallio said to the Jews, "If this were a matter of some evil crime or wrong that has been committed, it would be reasonable for me to be patient with you Jews. (1) But since it is an argument about words and names and your own law, you yourselves must settle it. I will not be the judge of such things!" (1) And he drove them out of the court. (1) They all grabbed Sosthenes, the leader of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the court. (1) But that did not bother Gallio a bit. (1) Max 4

Paul stayed on with the believers in Corinth for many days (1) and then left for Ephesus with Priscilla and Aquila. Total 17

(b) How did Priscilla and Aquila help Apollos later on? *[3]*

Acts 18:24--28 At that time a Jew named Apollos, who had been born in Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent speaker and had a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. (1) He had been instructed in the Way of the Lord, and with great enthusiasm he proclaimed and taught correctly the facts about Jesus. However, he knew only the baptism of John. (1) He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him home with them and explained to him more correctly the Way of God. (1) Apollos then decided to go to Achaia, so the believers in Ephesus helped him by writing to the believers in Achaia, urging them to welcome him. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who through God's grace had become believers. (1) For with his strong arguments he defeated the Jews in public debates by proving from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Messiah. (1) Max 3