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WAEC CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES SYLLABUS 2027/2028

(May not be taken with Islamic Religious Studies and/or West African Traditional Religion)

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

At the end of the three-year course of study, the candidate will be expected to;

1. have knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the religious, cultural, historical and social background of the biblical materials prescribed to be studied;

2. understand the nature of biblical moral lessons in the selected passages/themes from the Bible and the extent of their relevance and possible application to present-day social, political, religious and cultural life and existence;

3. identify difficulties involved in the application of healthy attitudes, concepts and skills acquired from the Bible in ensuring peaceful co-existence and national development;

4. demonstrate adequate preparation for higher education through critical thinking and independent work.

SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

There will be two papers, Papers 1 and 2, both of which will be a composite paper to be taken at one sitting.

PAPER 1: Will consist of fifty multiple choice objective questions all of which must be answered within 1 hour for 40 marks.

PAPER 2: Will consist of nine essay-type questions. Candidates will be required to answer four questions within 2 hours for 60 marks.

The questions will be arranged in sections as follows:

Section A: Themes from the Old Testament - four questions.
Section B: Themes from the Synoptic Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles - three questions.
Section C: Themes from selected Epistles - two questions.

Candidates will be required to answer four questions in all, choosing at least one question from each section and the fourth question from **either** Section A **or** Section B.

The Revised Standard Version of the Bible will be used in setting of questions.

DETAILED SYLLABUS

SECTION A

Themes from the Old Testament

S/N	CONTENTS	NOTES
1.	**The Sovereignty of God**	
	(a) God, the Creator	Gen. 1; 2
	(b) God, the Controller of the universe	
2.	**Leadership roles**	
	(a) Joseph	Gen. 37; 1-28, 41: 1-57, 45: 1-15
	(b) Moses	Exodus 1;2;3;4:1-17;5: 1-5, 22-23; 6: 28-30, 7; 1-7; 14;32: 1-14 Numbers 13:1-33; 14: 1-19
	(c) Joshua	Numbers 27: 15-23 Joshua 1: 1-9
	(d) Deborah	Judges 4
3.	**Parental Responsibility** Eli and Samuel	1 Sam 2: 11-36; 3:1-18; 4: 10-22; 8: 1-5
4.	**Consequences of Saul's disobedience**	1 Samuel 15: 1-26; 16: 14-23; 31: 1-13
5.	**Submission to the will of God**	
	(a) David's submission to the will of God	1 Sam 26;
	(b) David's sin, repentance and forgiveness	2 Sam 12: 15-25
6.	**Making Decisions**	1 Kings 3: 3-28; 4: 29-34; 5: 1-12; 8
	(a) Solomon's wisdom	

	(b) The unwise decision of Solomon and Rehoboam	1 Kings 9; 15-23; 11: 1-13; 12:1-20
7	**Supremacy of God**	
	(a) Religious tensions during Ahab's reign	1 Kings 16: 29-34; 17: 1-7; 18: 1-19
	(b) Elijah at Mount Carmel	1 Kings 18: 17-46
8	**Greed and its effects**	
	(a) Ahab	1 Kings 21: 1-29
	(b) Gehazi	2 Kings 5
9.	**Religious reforms**	
	The reign of King Josiah	2 Kings 22; 23: 1-30
10.	**Concern for one's Nation**	
	(a) The condition of the nation	2 Kings 24; 25;1-17
	(b) Response to the state of the nation	Nehemiah 1; 2: 9-20; 4 Ezra 1; 4; 5: 1-2; 6: 13-22; 7: 1-10
11.	**Faith in God**	
	(a) Faith and courage	Daniel 3
	(b) Faith and power	Daniel 6
12.	**Nature of God**	
	(a) True religion and social justice – Amos	Amos 2: 6-8; 4; 5: 1-24; 7: 10-17; 8
	(b) God's divine love – Hosea	Hosea 1; 2; 3; 6

SECTION B

Themes from the Synoptic Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles

S/N	CONTENTS	NOTES
1.	**Baptism and Temptation of Jesus**	
	(a) The Baptism	Matthew 3:13-17 Mark 1: 9-11; Luke 3: 21-22
	(b) The Temptation	Matthew 4: 1-11; Mark 1: 12-13; Luke 4:1-13
2.	**The Call and Demands of Discipleship**	Matthew 4: 18-25; 8: 18-22; 9:9-13 ; Mark 1: 16-20; 2: 13-17; Luke 5: 1-11; 9: 57-63; 14: 25-33
3.	**Jesus' Teaching on forgiveness**	Matthew 6: 12,14-15; 18:21-35
4.	**The Trials of Jesus**	
	(a) Jesus at Gethsemane	Matthew 26:36-56; Mk 14: 32-52;
	(b) Peter's Denials	Matthew 26: 69-75; Mark 14: 66-72; Luke 22: 54-62
	(c) Condemnation of Jesus	Matthew 26:47-75 Mark 14: 53-72; Luke 22: 66-71; 23: 1-12
5.	**The Crucifixion, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus**	
	(a) Crucifixion and burial	Matthew 27: 32-66 Mark 15: 16-47; Luke 23: 26-56
	(b) The Resurrection	Matthew 28:1-10 Mark 16: 1-14; Luke 24: 1-35
6.	**Fellowship in the Early Church**	Acts 1:15-26; 2:41-47; 4:32-37; 5:1-11; 6:2-6

7.	**The Holy Spirit and the Mission to the Gentiles** (a) The Holy Spirit at Pentecost (b) Mission to the Gentiles	 Acts 2 Acts 9; 11:1-18
8.	**Opposition to the Gospel Message**	Acts 4:1-31; 5:17-42; 6:8-9; 7:1-10; 12:1-24

SECTION C

Themes from selected Epistles

S/N	CONTENTS	NOTES
1.	**The Epistles of James**	
	(a) Faith and Works	James 1: 2-27; 2:14-26
	(b) Impartiality	James 2:1-13
	(c) Effective Prayers	James 1: 2-8; 5:13-18
2.	**The Epistle of 1 Peter**	
	(a) Good Citizenship	1 Peter 2:13-17
	(b) Christians Living among non-Christians	1 Peter 2:1-25
	(c) Interpersonal Relationship among Christians	1 Peter 5:1-11

SUGGESTED READING LIST/REFERENCES

1. GENERAL

(i) The Holy Bible (Revised Standard Version)
(ii) New Clarendon Bible Series
(iii) Bright, John: History and Religion of Israel
(iv) Anderson, B. W.: The Living World of the Old Testament
(v) Kee. H. C. & Young: The Living World of the New Testament
(vi) Cambell, D. B. J.: The Synoptic Gospels
(vii) New Bible Commentary – Cambridge.

2. (a) OLD TESTAMENT

Quarcoopome, T. N. O. : History and Religion of Israel AUP, Ibadan, 1986.

Dickson, Kwesi
i. History and Religion of Israel Darton L & T 1968
ii. From the Institution of the Monarchy to the fall of the Northern Kingdom

(b) NEW TESTAMENT

Guy, H. A.
1 The Life of Christ
2. The Acts of the Apostless

Pobee, John S Matthew and Mark for Schools

Dickson K .A The Gospel According to Luke (Accra, Asempa Publishers)

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