

ශ්‍රී ලංකා විභාග දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව ශ්‍රී ලංකා විභාග දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව ශ්‍රී ලංකා විභාග දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව ශ්‍රී ලංකා විභාග දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව ශ්‍රී ලංකා විභාග දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව  
 இலங்கைப் பரீட்சைத் திணைக்களம் இலங்கைப் பரීட்சைத் திணைக்களம் இலங்கைப் பரීட்சைத் திணைக்களம் இலங்கைப் பரීட்சைத் திணைக்களம் இலங்கைப் பரීட்சைத் திணைக்களம்  
 Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka  
 இலங்கைப் பரීட்சைத் திணைக்களம் இலங்கைப் பரීட்சைத் திணைக்களம் இலங்கைப் பரීட்சைத் திணைக்களம் இலங்கைப் பரීட்சைத் திணைக்களம் இலங்கைப் பரීட்சைத் திணைக்களம்  
 Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka

15 E I, II

අධ්‍යයන පොදු සහතික පත්‍ර (සාමාන්‍ය පෙළ) විභාගය, 2015 දෙසැම්බර්  
 கல்விப் பொதுத் தராதரப் பத்திர (சாதாரண தர)ப் பரீட்சை, 2015 டிசெம்பர்  
 General Certificate of Education (Ord. Level) Examination, December 2015

ක්‍රිස්තියානි ධර්මය I, II  
 கிறிஸ்தவம் I, II  
 Christianity I, II

පැය තුනයි  
 மூன்று மணித்தியாலம்  
 Three hours

## Christianity I

## Note :

- Answer all questions.
- In each of the questions 1 to 40, pick one of the alternatives (1), (2), (3), (4) which you consider as correct or most appropriate.
- Mark a cross (X) on the number corresponding to your choice in the answer sheet provided.
- Further instructions are given on the back of the answer sheet. Follow them carefully.

- In order to celebrate a meaningful Christmas,
  - open air carol services must be held.
  - cribs should be made in houses.
  - cards should be sent to friends.
  - joy must be brought to children in need.
- "The son of man came to search and save the lost." This saying of Jesus is connected with the
  - story of the rich leader.
  - incident of calling Levi.
  - story of Zacchaeus.
  - story of the centurion.
- If the Christian is to make the preaching of John the Baptist a reality in the present day he should
  - put aside diverse conflicts.
  - be a part of a positive change in society.
  - object to amassing money.
  - criticise the leaders of the society.
- The parable that explains that the growth of the Kingdom takes place by the power of God is
  - the parable of the yeast.
  - the parable of the fig tree.
  - the parable of the net.
  - the parable of the sower.
- The title of the Suffering Servant in the Old Testament first referred to
  - the people of Israel.
  - the slaves in Egypt.
  - the suffering Prophets.
  - Jesus Christ.
- As a Christian child, the highest service you can do for a helpless child is
  - to supply all his needs.
  - to hand him over to a welfare centre.
  - to invite him or her to your home in Christian love.
  - to introduce him or her to your friends.
- A special characteristic of Elizabeth was
  - that she bore all things with hope.
  - when she had to voice her opinion she did so at the correct time.
  - she respected the views of the elders.
  - she gave into the will of God and did nothing.
- In baptism you have especially
  - received membership in the Church.
  - received complete cleansing.
  - become open to repentance.
  - become open to the working of the Holy Spirit.
- The one who showed the people of Kilinochchi kindness and love was
  - Sister Baker.
  - Sister Evelyn Carnie.
  - Sister Muriel Hutchins.
  - Rev. Thambirajah.

10. When Jesus stated "You shall worship your God only" he meant it to those who  
 (1) were enslaved to the things of the world. (2) go after miracles.  
 (3) forsake justice and truth. (4) were engaged in violating the law.
11. The Christian should be a witness to the living Lord by  
 (1) proclaiming the resurrection found in the gospels.  
 (2) living out Christian attitudes through a changed life.  
 (3) proclaiming the words uttered by the angels to the women.  
 (4) spreading the witness of the Roman centurian.
12. Several statements about forgiveness are given below.  
 A - You should forgive before you ask for forgiveness.  
 B - You should be ready to forgive unconditionally.  
 C - You should not seek forgiveness for minor mistakes.  
 D - You should highlight the wrong deed and then forgive.  
 What ideas regarding forgiveness are correct?  
 (1) A and B (2) A and C (3) B and C (4) C and D
13. The real reason for natural disasters is  
 (1) human conduct that is selfish and immoral. (2) working against God.  
 (3) the excessive use of technology. (4) increasing number of factories in the world.
14. The guidance that the Christian Church receives from the early Church in overcoming challenges is  
 (1) to work in a new way getting away from the old order.  
 (2) to assist Christians only.  
 (3) trying to identify responsibilities.  
 (4) solving issues through shared leadership.
15. The main theological truth that one learns from the feeding of the five thousand is that  
 (1) preference should be given to worldly needs.  
 (2) miracles are necessary to solve economic problems.  
 (3) one must wait upon the providence of God.  
 (4) food must be distributed according to a plan.
16. Through the transfiguration of our Lord, the disciples became aware of  
 (1) his suffering. (2) his trial. (3) his love. (4) his divine nature.
17. Christians who are faced with the challenge of working for Christian unity  
 (1) should not forsake diversity.  
 (2) should be one flock under Christ who is the head.  
 (3) should boast about their own traditions.  
 (4) should look down upon people of other faiths.
18. From the parable of the Pharisee and the publican, the characteristic that should be followed looking at the publican is  
 (1) the mark of accepting one's identity through confession.  
 (2) the characteristic of exalting one's self.  
 (3) the characteristic of comparing one's self with others.  
 (4) the characteristic of building one's own personality.
19. The special characteristic that was seen in Paul's life after his conversion was  
 (1) his giving up citizenship. (2) taking all decisions by the direction of God.  
 (3) rejecting the Jews. (4) slavishly following the law of the Pharisees.
20. You who follow The Christ who went beyond the Jewish Messianic hope, should  
 (1) give up politics altogether. (2) interpret the concept of the Messiah.  
 (3) move towards full salvation. (4) shout out slogans of salvation.
21. When a place of worship of another religion in your area is being renovated, you should  
 (1) participate in it after obtaining permission from your Clergy.  
 (2) secretly take part in it.  
 (3) safeguard your Christian identify and participate in it.  
 (4) not participate in it since it is a ritual of another faith.

22. Pilate was added to history as one who  
 (1) betrayed truth to safeguard his title. (2) did not have the courage to do that which is right.  
 (3) did not listen to the cry of the people. (4) sent Herod gifts.
23. The one who hold the plough and does not look back  
 (1) moves forward with the determination of service.  
 (2) realizes the Kingdom of God with the blessing of all.  
 (3) leaves the worldly life behind.  
 (4) begins to serve after maturing.
24. If a person who has gone astray comes to you, you should  
 (1) find out the reasons for it. (2) explain the importance of repentance.  
 (3) direct him to the priest. (4) accept the person with the unconditional love of God.
25. Jesus points out the fault of the rich who did not care for the poor  
 (1) in the story of the rich ruler. (2) in the parable of the rich fool.  
 (3) in the parable of rich man and Lazarus. (4) in the parable of the ten coins.
26. Certain activities done in Church premises are given below.  
 A - Conducting carnivals and trade fairs to increase funds.  
 B - Consuming food after fasting and prayer.  
 C - Conducting mission services when necessary.  
 D - Using indigenous forms of music instruments in worship.  
 Which aspects are **not** suited in close proximity to the Church?  
 (1) A and B. (2) A and C. (3) B and C. (4) C and D.
27. An occasion in which one was at service for the sake of the other is  
 (1) working the whole day in the paddy field.  
 (2) taking a seriously-ill person whom he sees on the road to hospital.  
 (3) representing the village at a sports event on Sunday.  
 (4) praying for one's safety before going to work.
28. The main role of a present day Christian woman is  
 (1) to serve food and drinks at Christian functions.  
 (2) to serve through the societies for women.  
 (3) to seek ordination to the priesthood.  
 (4) to be involved in Christian mission whenever possible.
29. What Jesus spoke about the internal emptiness of the scribes and Pharisees is seen today, when,  
 (1) children who do not care for their parents build monuments after death.  
 (2) some are sent to home for elders.  
 (3) some taking part in worship on special occasions.  
 (4) some giving alms continuously.
30. The Christian should be **different** to Peter who denied Jesus  
 (1) by being quiet in the midst of troubles. (2) by putting down the ideas of others.  
 (3) by justifying one's actions. (4) by not thinking of one's own protection.
31. What was the background of Saul's earlier life helped his mission in later life?  
 (1) He became the apostle to the gentiles.  
 (2) Being brought up amidst diverse communities.  
 (3) He was able to make tents for himself only.  
 (4) He became an active Evangelist.
32. Young people who are with Jesus and who wish to have their lives transformed, should  
 (1) live pure and moral lives. (2) enter the competitive society.  
 (3) always be in leadership roles. (4) refrain from associating with bad friends.
33. An aspect of life that was present in Jewish society then, but which is **not** seen today in the Church is  
 (1) accepting the scriptures to have been inspired by God.  
 (2) showing hospitality.  
 (3) an outward observance of the law of Moses.  
 (4) distribution of land from one generation to the next.

34. "First remove the beam from your own eye." This teaching of Jesus must be emphasised when you  
 (1) are moved to criticise someone. (2) are moved to conceal a good quality of someone.  
 (3) want to publicize an achievement of another. (4) want to praise a person.
35. Consider the following circumstances.  
 A - Following the right method  
 B - Unwavering in the face of challenges  
 C - To be dependent on miracles alone  
 D - To use personal experiences in witnessing.  
 Out of the above, what are the responsibilities of a Christian in mission who receives guidance from Paul?  
 (1) A, B and C. (2) A, B and D. (3) A, C and D. (4) B, C and D.
36. Consider the following statements.  
 A - Christian hope is receiving eternal life.  
 B - Christian hope is in the Second Coming of Jesus.  
 C - Christian hope is the fulfilment of the promises of the Old Testament.  
 D - Christian hope is giving the mission of the Messiah a new emphasis.  
 What are the most suitable statements about Christian hope?  
 (1) A and B. (2) A and C. (3) B and C. (4) C and D.
37. Consider the following facts.  
 A - Eradicate all forms of slavery  
 B - Moved to appreciate the environment  
 C - Build up divine and human relationships  
 D - Create a new identity that transcends division  
 Out of them, what should be the main efforts of creating peace and co-existence in a multi cultural, ethnic and religious society?  
 (1) A and B. (2) A and C. (3) B and C. (4) C and D.
38. Economic and spiritual poverty **cannot** be eradicated as  
 (1) there is a difficulty in improving welfare activities.  
 (2) the reluctance to accept that material things will be destroyed.  
 (3) the difficulty to prevent waste of resources.  
 (4) the difficulty in creating justice and equality.
39. Consider the following facts.  
 A - The protection of the beautiful temple  
 B - To witness with joy  
 C - To look forward to being part of the glorious end times  
 D - By considering natural disasters as signs of end times  
 Out of them, what did Jesus emphasise by the prophecies of the end times?  
 (1) A and B. (2) A and C. (3) B and C. (4) C and D.
40. What was an advice that Jesus gave with regards to being hospitable?  
 (1) "When you are invited, sit in the lowest place."  
 (2) "Invite the poor, the maimed and the disabled."  
 (3) "The person who eats in the kingdom of God is blessed."  
 (4) "The one who humbles himself will be elevated."

\* \*

ශ්‍රී ලංකා විභාග දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව  
 இலங்கைப் பரீட்சைத் திணைக்களம்  
 Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka  
 இலங்கைப் பரීட்சைத் திணைக்களம்  
 Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka

15 E I, II

අධ්‍යයන පොදු සහතික පත්‍ර (සාමාන්‍ය පෙළ) විභාගය, 2015 දෙසැම්බර්  
 கல்விப் பொதுத் தராதரப் பத்திர (சாதாரண தர)ப் பரீட்சை, 2015 டிசெம்பர்  
 General Certificate of Education (Ord. Level) Examination, December 2015

ක්‍රිස්තියානි ධර්මය	I, II
கிறிஸ்தவம்	I, II
Christianity	I, II

## Christianity II

\* Answer five (05) questions only, including question one and four other questions.

- Name the **two** people who received good news regarding special births from angel Gabriel and give their responses to it?
  - "The **harvest** is plentiful but the **labourers** are few, so pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."
    - To whom did Jesus say these words?
    - Explain the words that are in bold type.
  - According to the gospel of Luke, who are those who hold 'key of knowledge'?
    - What was the serious charge made against them by Jesus?
  - Give **two** instances where Jesus in his ministry showed respect and acceptance to children.
    - "I have not seen such faith in all Israel."
      - With regard to whom did Jesus make such a statement?
      - What example do Christians today learn from it?
    - "Gird up your loins and keep your lamps burning."
      - Who made this statement?
      - What is meant by it?
    - Who is depicted as the Shepherd in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm?
      - How did Jesus fulfil the concept of 'the good Shepherd'?
    - "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."
      - When did Jesus make this statement?
      - What is the truth that comes out of it?
    - What was the sole purpose of calling the Council of Jerusalem?
      - Who gave leadership to it?
    - Write one responsibility of parents and one responsibility of children in the smooth functioning of the Christian family?
 

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)
- Write the meaning of the word 'Messiah'. Who recognised baby Jesus as the Messiah in the temple?
  - State briefly **three** Jewish customs performed by the parents of Jesus on his behalf?
  - How could the Christian customs and rites be performed in Sri Lanka in a way that attracts others?  
(10 marks)
- In which town did Jesus begin his ministry? From which prophetic book did Jesus read about his ministry in the synagogue?
  - Give examples to depict how Jesus fulfilled, what he had read during his ministry.
  - State what measures Christians can take in present day society in responding to such situations mentioned above in (ii).  
(10 marks)

4. We constantly hear that human rights have been neglected.
- (i) Explain briefly about **two** groups of people in Jesus' time who were marginalised.
  - (ii) Mention **three** instances where Jesus acted to bring back such groups into the centre of society.
  - (iii) State **five** areas of marginalisation that people in Sri Lanka face and explain what the Christian response should be. (10 marks)
5. (i) Write briefly **two** challenges St. Paul faced on his voyage as a prisoner to Rome.
- (ii) Explain how Paul gave exemplary leadership in the midst of the crisis.
  - (iii) Taking into consideration the leadership qualities of Paul in the midst of crisis, explain how Christians should act in similar situations. (10 marks)
6. (i) What were the responses made by Simon Peter and Matthew to the call of Jesus?
- (ii) Give **three** special aspects of Jesus' call to discipleship that goes beyond the positions in Jewish society of that day.
  - (iii) Explain what Jesus expects of those he has called to be his followers in society today. (10 marks)
7. (i) What was the position held by the Pharisees in Jewish society? What place did they use as a centre for their religious activities?
- (ii) Write **three** customs that were left out in receiving Jesus into the home of Simon the Pharisee.
  - (iii) Explain giving **five** ways that Christians should act in society by following the example of Jesus in rejecting empty spirituality of the Pharisees. (10 marks)

\* \* \*