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1 (a) (i) **Name the first human beings that were created by God in the beginning according to the Bible?**

Adam and Eve [2]

(ii) **Mention what the Spirit of God was doing when the earth was without void.**

Moving upon the **face of waters** [2]

(iii) **Describe how Eve came into being.**

- God said it is not good for a man to be alone
 - I will make him a helper suitable for him
 - God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man
 - Took one of his ribs and closed it up its place with flesh
 - From the rib God made the woman
- [4]

(b) (i) **What can be learnt about the character of the serpent that appeared to Eve in the Garden of Eden?**

- Cunning
 - Subtle
 - Clever
 - Deceitful
- (Any **two** marks for one well explained)
- [4]

(ii) **Explain how man is different from the rest of God's creation?**

- Man has the breath of life
 - Man was created in the image and likeness of God
 - Man has eternal soul
 - Man knows what is wrong and right
 - Man has a free will- can exercise God given free will
 - Man was created to have dominion over God's creation.
- [4]

(c) Eve is responsible for the fall of man. Do you agree with the statement/ Give reasons for your answer and show have considered other points of view.

Yes

- Eve was responsible because she listened to the serpent
- She was the first to eat the forbidden fruit
- Eve had knowledge of what they were forbidden to eat and not eat

NO

- Adam was created first so he was the leader
- Adam is to blame because as a leader and the one created first was supposed to protect his wife eve from the snake
- Adam should not have eaten the forbidden fruit on coming back

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[Total: 20 Marks]

2. (a) One of the parables Jesus told was that of the Prodigal Son.

(i) What did the Younger son ask his father for before he left for a far country?

His share of property/inheritance

[2]

(ii) What does prodigal mean?

Wasteful

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(iii) Describe the action of the elder brother when his younger brother came back home.

- He claimed to be righteous
 - Reacted with anger and discouragement
 - Stood outside his Father's house and would not go in
 - He complained that he was treated unfairly [4]
- (2 marks for any **one** well explained)

(b) (i) What does the following represent in the parable of the prodigal son?

- (a) Elder Brother-** Pharisees/ righteous
- (b) Robes-** protection/ restoration of birth right
- (c) Ring-** love/ affection/ authority/ transfer of inheritance/ covenant
- (d) The Father-** God

[4]

(ii) What two lessons can be learnt from the parable of the prodigal son does the story teach?

- When we try to find pleasure and acceptance in the world, we lose spiritually
- When we choose our own way over God's way, we end up living in filth
- In order to be transformed, changed, we must forget ourselves and totally surrender to God
- God is always ready and waiting for our return to Him with open arms
- God's love is abundant and his mercies always triumphs
- We must guard our hearts from self-righteousness and a critical attitude towards our brothers and sisters [4]

*(Any **two** well explained points for two marks each)*

(c) Do you think the Father did well to celebrate the prodigal son when he decided to become a boy instead of celebrating the older brother for always being good?

Yes

- The he did well because the feast that the father puts on is not a reward
- The son's reward is his father's acceptance of his son's repentance
- The father's expression of joy
- This was a perfectly normal (human) emotion
- We are taught to always forgive anyone who wrongs us with no exception

NO

- That gave the impression that the younger so was better than the elder good son
- The celebration would encourage him that he can puss everything and then say I am sorry and he'll get abig party and welcomed back with open arms and that would get on and on
- The Father should have appreciated the elder brother for always being good and at home
- The Father overjoyed too much and that was not necessary
- How sure was the Father that the younger son was not going to change unless he is forced to
- The father should have set some rules
- Forgiving does not mean than that you have to rollover and let them walk on you
- He did not do well because of the statement which says that all that is mine is yours meaning that the Father was robbing from his obedient son to reward or celebrate toe Prodigal Son for wasting his share

[4]

[Total: 20 Marks]

The ninth commandment says that ' ...Thou shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

3. (a) (i) According to the Bible teaching who is one's neighbour?

Whoever you meet or see today / anyone who needs help/ all
mankind [2]

(ii) Give an example of how one can bear false witness
Against a neighbor?

Speaking falsely in any matter, lying devising and designing to
deceive [2]

(iii) Describe the teachings of the Bible about neighbours.

Loving your neighbor as you love your- self

Reason frankly with your neighbour

Do not avenge your neighbor [4]

*Because bearing false witness is in the question should not be
credited. (2 marks for **one** well explained point)*

(b) (i) How does the Bible expect and command us treat our
enemies?

Love our enemies,

pray for our enemies

do good to our enemies

should not gloat when our enemy falls/ do not let your heart rejoice [4]

*(2 marks for **one** well explained point)*

(ii) The Bible Teaches us to forgive seventy times seven (70x 7)

Explain two reasons why forgiving those wrong us is important.

- For our own happiness
- When we hold on to hurt, pain resentment and anger it harms us far more than it harms the offender
- Forgiveness free us to live in the present
- Forgiveness allow us to move on without anger or contempt or seeking revenge
- To live a peaceful life

*(2 marks for **one** well explained reason)*

[4]

(c) **Bearing false witness against a neighbor is bad. Do you agree with the statement? Give reasons for your answer.**

Yes

- It is bad because judgement will be made and based on false testimony
- False testimony can destroy one's life and property
- Innocent people may be discredited

NO

- It is not bad if it is for a good cause.

[4]

*(Any **two** well-argued points for two marks each)*