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1. (a) (i) Name the **two** major divisions of the Bible. [2]

Old Testament and New Testament.

(ii) List **two** types of writings contained in the second division? [2]

- Gospels
- Epistles / letters

(iii) Mention **four** times when Christians use the Bible. [4]

Church services; funerals; baptism; confirmation classes; ordination;  
private prayer and study

**{Any 2 well described points for 4 marks}**

(b) (i) Explain why Christians use the Bible. [4]

To help them make good judgement; to learn more about God; to learn what God expects from people; to get answers about origins of man and universe; to receive advice and guidance; to bring comfort during difficult situations; it is God's word; answers life's important questions; instructs them how to live  
**{Any 2 well described points for 4 marks}**

(ii) Explain Christian beliefs about the Bible. [4]

It is inspired by God; it has God's authority; it reveals God's nature, purpose and will; it is God's way of communicating.

(c) Do you think believers should read the Bible more than any other book? Give reasons for your answer. [4]

**Yes:** It makes them wise; gives guidance, knowledge; not outdated.

**No:** There are other books that do the same or even explain the teachings of the Bible better.

2. (a) **What represents the following in the parable of the talents?**

- (i) **Master** Jesus / God [1]
- (ii) **Servants** people / disciples of Jesus / Christians or people [1]
- (iii) **Talents** gifts / abilities / money [1]
- (iv) **How many more talents did the servants with five talents bring to the master?** 5 more talents [1]
- (v) **What did the servant who was given one talent say to the master?** [4]

Servant said he knew that the master was a hard man; he was afraid; he kept the talent safe; he had brought it untampered with; he reaped where he did not sow.

Master said bad, evil and lazy servant; should have invested talent to produce more; his talent was given to one with many.

(b) (i) **Give four lessons that can be learnt from the parable of talents?**[4]

Success is a product of our handwork; God always gives everything we need to do what he has called us to do; we are not all created equal or have the same capabilities or abilities; have different gifts; we work for God / master and not our selfish purposes; people or Christians will be held accountable for their God-given abilities one day; it is always advisable to use one's gift.

- (ii) **What did the master say to the servant who was given five talents?** [4]

Well done good and faithful servant; you were faithful over little; I will set you over much; enter into the joy of the master.

(c) **Do you think it is advisable to use one's talents? Give reasons for your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view.** [4]

**Yes:** God expects us to use them; God gives us the ability and strength to make it; our talents bring glory to God.

**No:** You may be multi-talented, but sometimes there is a risk; sometimes fear prevents us from using our talents.

3. (a) (i) **What is sin?** [1]  
 Breaking God's law
- (ii) **Who were the first people to sin?** [1]  
 Adam and Eve
- (iii) **Describe how sin came into the world.** [4]  
 God created Adam and Eve and gave them instructions not to eat of the tree in the middle of the garden; serpent tempted Eve by telling her the fruit was going to make them wise like God and she should eat it; Eve ate and gave some to Adam who also ate; God punished them for breaking his laws.
- (iv) **Give two consequences of sin.** [2]  
 Brings shame and guilt; Separates people from God; Leads to death.
- (b) (i) **Explain how a person gets saved from sin.** [4]  
 Believe in Jesus; feel sorry for sins committed; repent of their sins; confess that Jesus is Lord; be baptised  
**{Any 2 well described points for 4 marks}**
- (ii) **What lessons do we get from the parable of the lost son?** [4]  
 It is important to restore relationship with God; God is loving and ready to forgive a repentant sinner.
- (c) **Do you think people who continue to sin are justified? Give reasons for your answer.** [4]
- Yes:** They are human; the devil keeps tempting people.
- No:** God has provided Jesus so that people can live a changed life; Jesus gives us power to resist temptation.