



Grade 9 Religious Education Test 2014

SECTION B MEMORANDUM

QUESTION 1: PRAYER (15 marks)

Put yourself in Bart Simpson's situation and rewrite his prayer in the way you think Jesus would have encouraged him to pray.

The rewritten prayer needs to correct the following;

- Bart shows lack of respect and over-familiarity in the way he addresses God.
- He thinks that, by an outward show of 'friendship' he can manipulate God.
- He wants to use God to cover for his own mistake.
- He wants God to manipulate things and intervene in the natural course of events.
- He doesn't seem to consider the needs of anyone else.

(5x3 marks)

OR

Compare the Lord's Prayer to Bart Simpson's prayer and say what you think is right or wrong about it.

In the *Our Father* the one praying

- First focuses on God – *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,*
- And on the concerns of God and others - *your kingdom come,*
- The one praying demonstrates trust, accepting whatever answer his prayer receives - *your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*
- Only then does he make a personal petition - *Give us today our daily bread*
- At the same time acknowledging his faults - *And forgive us our debts.*

(5x3 marks)

QUESTION 2: LITURGY (15 marks)

On an A4 sheet of paper draw a banner to be used at a Baptism, including on it symbols that represent what takes place in the celebration of the sacrament. Marks will be awarded for content (10) and presentation (5).

Content – Symbols

- Laying on of Hands
- Immersion in Water
- Anointing with Chrism (oil)
- Candle (fire)
- White Garment

(5x2 marks)

Presentation

- Clarity of meaning or message (2)
- Composition (design) (2)
- Originality (1)

QUESTION 3: SCRIPTURE (15 marks)

You have been thinking about the account of the healing of the man at the pool (John 5:1-9). Now that you understand the *literal* meaning of the text, you need to think of how the *deeper meaning* applies to your own life. To do this, answer the following questions:

- a) What is the deeper meaning of this story?..... (5)**
(The examiner will need to use his/her discretion in assigning marks to this question as many insights are possible. Here are some suggestions.)
 We all search for wholeness, but how often do we search for this in the material things around us? In our desperation for healing we are willing to try all sorts of things suggested to us by our culture or by the media. What is important is that we persist in our search even though at times it seems hopeless. It is our faith in the end that will bring us the healing we desire. The person of Jesus is one who is able to evoke the obedience of faith in us. His is the authority of life that goes beyond the laws of nature and man-made laws.
- b) Name an uncomfortable situation in your life that you feel unable to change. (2)**
- c) Is there anything at all you could do about it? (3)**
- d) What sort of help might bring about a change in this situation?..... (3)**
- e) Can you name a person or persons that might be able to offer such help? (2)**
(Again the examiner will need to use discretion in marking Questions b –e which require responses based on individual experience and circumstance.)

QUESTION 4: PERSONAL MORALITY (15 marks)

Scenario:

Consider possible consequences of your choice with reference to these two questions:

- a) What might happen if I do this? (10)**
(There are many possible consequences and students might mention different things depending on their situation. Here are some possibilities.)
- If I am found out I might be gated by my parents.
 - I will have to pay for my share of the liquor consumed.
 - I will have damaged the trust that my parents have placed in me.
 - I could get a criminal record if the party gets out of hand and damage is done to neighbouring property.
 - I might act inappropriately with a boy or girl when under the influence.
 - I could have damaged the friendship I had with the host friend.
 - If I am not found out I might go on to do more serious things.
- (5x2 marks)
- b) What might happen if everyone did it?..... (5)**
(The meaning here of ‘if everyone did it’ is that it becomes an acceptable thing as far as society goes. Again, here are some possibilities.)
- Drinking would become an even more serious problem among teenagers.
 - Trust would be destroyed between parents and teenagers.
 - Illegal trade in liquor would increase.
 - Many young people would become addicted at an early age.
 - The level of education among young people would drop.
 - Other social ills such as depression and suicide would escalate.
- (5x1 marks)



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