

## **CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

*(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;

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

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;

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

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 Apostle - 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.	<b>The Sovereignty of God</b> God, the Creator God, the Controller of the universe	Gen. 1; 2
2.	<b>Leadership roles</b> Joseph  Moses  Joshua  (d) Deborah	Gen. 37; 1-28, 41: 1-57, 45: 1-15  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  Numbers 27: 15-23 Joshua 1: 1-9  Judges 4
3.	<b>Parental Responsibility</b> Eli and Samuel	1 Sam 2: 11-36; 3:1-18; 4: 10-22; 8: 1-5  1 Samuel 15: 1-26; 16: 14-23; 31: 1-13
4.	<b>Consequences of Saul's disobedience</b>	1 Sam 26; 2 Sam 12: 15-25
5.	<b>Submission to the will of God</b> David's submission to the will of God David's sin, repentance and forgiveness	1 Kings 3: 3-28; 4: 29-34; 5: 1-12; 8
6.	<b>Making Decisions</b> Solomon's wisdom  The unwise decision of Solomon and Rehoboam	1 Kings 9; 15-23; 11: 1-13; 12:1-20  1 Kings 16: 29-34; 17: 1-7; 18: 1-19 1 Kings 18: 17-46
7	<b>Supremacy of God</b> Religious tensions during Ahab's reign  Elijah at Mount Carmel	1 Kings 21: 1-29 2 Kings 5
8	<b>Greed and its effects</b> Ahab Gehazi  <b>Religious reforms</b>	2 Kings 22; 23: 1-30  2 Kings 24; 25;1-17

9.	The reign of King Josiah	Nehemiah 1; 2: 9-20; 4 Ezra 1; 4; 5: 1-2; 6: 13-22; 7: 1-10
10.	<p><b>Concern for one's Nation</b></p> <p>The condition of the nation</p> <p>Response to the state of the nation</p>	<p>Daniel 3</p> <p>Daniel 6</p>
11.	<p><b>Faith in God</b></p> <p>Faith and courage</p> <p>Faith and power</p>	<p>Amos 2: 6-8; 4; 5: 1-24; 7: 10-17; 8</p> <p>Hosea 1; 2; 3; 6</p>
12.	<p><b>Nature of God</b></p> <p>True religion and social justice – Amos</p> <p>God's divine love – Hosea</p>	

**SECTION B**

Themes from the Synoptic Gospels and the Acts Of The Apostles

S/N	CONTENTS	NOTES
1.	<p><b>Baptism and Temptation of Jesus</b></p> <p>The Baptism</p> <p>The Temptation</p>	<p>Matthew 3:13-17            Mark 1: 9-11; Luke 3: 21-22            Matthew 4: 1-11;            Mark 1: 12-13; Luke 4:1-13</p>
2.	<p><b>The Call and Demands of Discipleship</b></p>	<p>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</p> <p>Matthew 6: 12,14-15; 18:21-35</p>
3.	<p><b>Jesus' Teaching on forgiveness</b></p>	<p>Matthew 26:36-56; Mk 14: 32-52;            Matthew 26: 69-75;            Mark 14: 66-72; Luke 22: 54-62</p>
4.	<p><b>The Trials of Jesus</b></p> <p>Jesus at Gethsemane</p> <p>Peter's Denials</p> <p>Condemnation of Jesus</p>	<p>Matthew 26:47-75            Mark 14: 53-72; Luke 22: 66-71; 23: 1-12</p> <p>Matthew 27: 32-66            Mark 15: 16-47;            Luke 23: 26-56</p>
5.	<p><b>The Crucifixion, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus</b></p> <p>Crucifixion and burial</p> <p>The Resurrection</p>	<p>Matthew 28:1-10            Mark 16: 1-14; Luke 24: 1-35</p> <p>Acts 1:15-26; 2:41-47; 4:32-37; 5:1-11; 6:2-6</p> <p>Acts 2            Acts 9; 11:1-18</p> <p>Acts 4:1-31; 5:17-42; 6:8-9; 7:1-10; 12:1-24</p>
6.	<p><b>Fellowship in the Early Church</b></p>	
7.	<p><b>The Holy Spirit and the Mission to the Gentiles</b></p> <p>The Holy Spirit at Pentecost</p> <p>Mission to the Gentiles</p> <p><b>Opposition to the Gospel Message</b></p>	

**SECTION C**

## Themes from selected Epistles

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

**SUGGESTED READING LIST/REFERENCES****1. GENERAL**

The Holy Bible (Revised Standard Version)  
New Clarendon Bible Series  
Bright, John: History and Religion of Israel  
Anderson, B. W.: The Living World of the Old Testament  
Kee, H. C. & Young: The Living World of the New Testament  
Cambell, D. B. J.: The Synoptic Gospels  
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 Apostles

Pobee, John S

Matthew and Mark for Schools

Dickson K .A

The Gospel According to Luke (Accra,  
Asempa Publishers)

Awolabi Joshua

Simple Approach to Christian Religious  
Knowledge Elis Association ,Lagos 2011