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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Follow the instructions under each section.

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## SECTION A –MULTIPLE CHOICE (15 MARKS)

*Select the best option for your answer. Each question in this section carries 1 mark.*

1. The study of Christian Ethics aims at developing in the student...
  - a. hard work and intellectual ability.
  - b. desire to do things in biblical way.
  - c. desire to do things in a religious way.
  - d. interest in customs of the society.
  
2. One of the following may be considered as ethical position of Relativism.
  - a. Christian ethics
  - b. Asceticism
  - c. Altruism
  - d. Utilitarianism
  
3. Transformation of character has to involve a person's ---
  - a. Religion
  - b. Worldview
  - c. Understanding
  - d. Friends
  
4. Homosexuality is clearly condemned by the following verse in the Bible
  - a. John 3:16
  - b. Romans 7:15
  - c. I Corinthians 6:9
  - d. Matthew 11:27
  
5. We can only say an action is ultimate when it ---
  - a. comes from God.
  - b. is true in the society.
  - c. is interesting to someone.
  - d. has been taking place always.
  
6. One of the following is **not** a flaw in the view that morality is found in moderation.
  - a. No universal agreement on moderation.
  - b. What is pleasurable is morally good.
  - c. The immoderate is immoral.
  - d. Who determines what is moderately good?
  
7. In Christian Ethics the focus is on ...
  - a. pleasing man.
  - b. pleasing authority.
  - c. obedience to laws.

- d. pleasing God.
8. All the following are desired characters of a national leader except ...
- a. hard work.
  - b. truthfulness.
  - c. fairness.
  - d. Luke- warmness.
9. The opponents of Euthanasia think that ---
- a. God has power to save life.
  - b. only God has the power to kill.
  - c. the Ten Commandments prohibits it.
  - d. it stops wastage of resources.
10. One of the dangers associated with bribery is that ---
- a. development is enhanced.
  - b. bureaucracy is cleared off the way.
  - c. it facilitates crime.
  - d. it is applauded by God.
11. Christianity does not encourage polygamy because of this reason.
- a. One man gets too many farm hands.
  - b. The man will be weak having so many wives.
  - c. Lasting family confusions.
  - d. Riches is always denied.
12. God's basic purpose for the institution of marriage is to ---
- a. make the man the head of the family.
  - b. avoid loneliness in life.
  - c. make the woman a mother.
  - d. ensure continuous procreation.
13. One of the following is evidence of application of Christian Ethics in life.
- a. Impatience
  - b. Chastity
  - c. Arrogance
  - d. Slothfulness
14. Which of the following steps should be the first step to be taken for a person to develop a Christian character?
- a. Start going to church
  - b. Be disciplined
  - c. Accept Jesus Christ
  - d. Be rooted in God
15. This is not an argument in favour of the opponents of homosexuality.

- a. Sex should be done with God's purpose.
- b. Homosexuality is inherited at various degrees.
- c. Only male homosexuality is a menace to society.
- d. David and Jonathan were intimate homosexuals.

### SECTION B: CASE STUDIES

#### CASE STUDY ONE (15 MARKS)

*Read the case in this section carefully and with your knowledge of Christian Ethics answer the questions that follow. Each question in this section carries 1½ marks.*

The following conversation ensued between two male friends:

- Kojo 1: Thank God for the internet. Our parents did not have this wonderful facility. It is a whole new world just sitting in your room alone and looking at what is going on in the whole world
- Kwame 1: I know why you are calling this a wonderful facility. Is it not because of the women you look at every day? Have you considered what the constant watching nude women is promoting among young people? You know what I am talking about, don't you?
- Kojo 2: Look, I don't understand you. You complain about everything. The last time you were criticizing alternate lifestyles. Today you are on my neck about pornography.
- Kwame 2: So now what? You are thinking about being homosexual in your lifestyle? How can a man live with another man as a marriage partner/ that is not God's idea of marriage.
- Kojo 3: Isn't being gay about personal rights? After all don't people have the right to choose the lifestyle they want to pursue.
- Kwame 3: Are you hearing yourself? How does one choose to have such a lifestyle? Who are they expected to give birth in a man-woman relationship so they can prey on in a homosexual relationship? Look hard, even this does not happen in the animal kingdom.
- Kojo 4: Are you still holding on to this old-fashioned tradition of man and woman in marriage? Wake up. This is the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- Kwame 4: Have you thought out why God made humankind male and female at the beginning? He must have established sexual relations, is definitely a part of that process.

- Kojo 5: Then why are some people making a big fuss about having sex? Is there really an age in the Bible where people are supposed to have sex?
- Kwame 5: There is no age as such but there is a stage in life where this becomes inevitable and acceptable.. Only then will sex be legal before God and sanctified for its purpose. When people get involved in sex you know the result. How ready are young people to fulfill the obligations that go with it?
- Kojo 6: If you argue that youth are not ready, what about the many youth who are having sex, anyway? In a world of all kinds of sexually-transmitted diseases, don't you think it is perfectly right to give condoms to young people?
- Kwame 6: Certainly giving condoms to youth is going to introduce a monster that the world cannot control, if it has not already done that. In any case how can we guarantee they will not get pregnant and plague our world with unwanted pregnancies?
- Kojo 7: That is why the abortion clinics are there isn't it?
- Kwame 7: Oh so now you want to kill unborn babies. No matter what arguments people have in favour of abortions I believe it is still not right from a Christian perspective.
- Kojo 8: That is not the point. What if medical science reveals that the baby coming has a defect?
- Kwame 8: You know there are strong moral and ethical questions about abortion.

### Questions

16. What does Kwame consider the effect of the practice he was complaining about [Kwame1]?
- Timid youth hide and arouse themselves for pleasure(masturbation).
  - Increase in pre-marital sex for adventurous youth.
  - An unnecessary sexual tension all day long.
  - All the above.
17. What is Kojo referring to as alternate lifestyle ? [Kojo 2]
- Sexual relations between people of the same sex.
  - A lifestyle that seeks to not offend anyone in society.
  - A lifestyle totally left for the individual to decide by himself.
  - A lifestyle that does not fit into any particular paradigm.
18. What is God's idea of marriage? [Kwame2]
- That a man should get joined to a woman and live together as one.
  - That men may have the option of choosing the kind of woman they want to marry.
  - That women decide the kind of person they want to live their lives with.
  - That all men marry irrespective of their life circumstances.

19. How does Kwame want us to view the lifestyle in his third response to Kojo? [Kwame 3]
- It is an advancement of human thought and practice.
  - An improvement of human status.
  - A sign of progressiveness in the modern world.
  - A reduction of man to a status lower than he was originally created.
20. What is God's primary purpose for the man-woman union? [Kwame4]
- The highest pleasure for the man-woman relations
  - Procreation – co-partnership with God for filling the earth with humans
  - For the man to always be happy like the animals
  - For man and woman to be what they can be on earth representing God
21. What is the right context and purpose for sex according to the response in Kwame 5?
- That is the age of marriage where a man makes a lasting commitment to a woman.
  - That is the stage where man becomes a truly independent being.
  - That is the stage where man may now take full charge of all of God's creation.
  - That is the stage where man can fully enjoy his physical body.
22. What is that Kwame argues if young people are ready for?
- Having sex and enjoying it without guilt.
  - Deciding when it is right to have sex or not.
  - Teaching others about sexual relations in the society.
  - Raising children, becoming responsible for other humans.
23. Kwame 6 introduces the term, monster. What is it he is referring to by this terminology?
- Fee uncontrolled sex life with all the emotional baggage.
  - Bringing several children into the world for their parents to take care of.
  - Youth rendering themselves not being able to get married when they grow up.
  - Conflict between youth and their parents everywhere.
24. Why do Christians abhor abortion?
- It brings pain to those who get involved in it.
  - It is killing unborn humans.
  - It is a violation of fundamental human rights.
  - It brings a burden on society.
25. Which of the statements below best presents abortion as unethical from the Christian perspective?
- It brings pain to those who get involved in it.
  - It is a violation of fundamental human rights.
  - It creates conflict within the medical profession.
  - No man has the right to determine who lives or who dies.

## CASE STUDIES TWO –FOUR (15 MARKS)

### Case Study Two

**Giving of Gifts/Accepting Gifts** – One way people generally show their love and appreciation to another is giving of gifts. Giving of gifts in business however is often given a different slant. A common practice that has pervaded business in Ghana is described as “Pushing the white envelope” – a situation where the token of appreciation is expected, is often demanded prior to awarding and executing of contracts. In this practice, money is distributed to the individuals who decide who should be awarded the contract. Often the “size” of the envelope determines who is awarded the contract. If you happen to question the rationale behind this practice, everyone asks, “Are you the only stranger in town” or, “welcome to the real world”, meaning that is what happens everywhere.

26. From your understanding of normative ethics, the situation describes the behavior of people who believe that ---
- The end justifies the means.
  - Organizations hold the power and decide what is right and what is wrong.
  - One good turn deserves another.
  - Making everyone happy is the yardstick for right or wrong.
27. The following constitutes common challenges you will face as a Christian working in an environment where pushing the envelope is a common practice **except?**
- Giving up one’s faith in Christ altogether.
  - How to best handle anger and frustration.
  - How to get your boss’ attention.
  - Being mocked and laughed at by your colleagues.
28. The hard core Christian in such an organization would...
- Stand up against the practice of pushing the envelope.
  - Try to understand the people who do such things.
  - Use wisdom to judge based on the situation.
  - Conclude there must be something wrong with people.
29. A new Managing Director of an organization decided to flush pushing the envelope out from his organization. The following is the only issue that may not be an obstacle.
- Pressure from people’s religious beliefs
  - Pressure from individual opinions
  - Pressure from the society
  - Pressure from people of power

### Case Study Three

A. **Personal Preferences** – Repeatedly, almost as a constant practice, each time someone closely related to the CEO applies for a job in an organization with the same qualifications like a total stranger, and they both do very well in the subsequent interview, the relations of the CEO get the job. Very soon the company is full of CEO's relatives. Other members of the company cry foul they are sidelined using the logical argument that they all have the requisite qualifications for the job. The CEO insists that he is doing the right thing and dares the employees to take the matter to court. He would not take counsel from anyone

30. What is the most common problem that will make this an ethical issue?
  - a) The CEO wants only his people to be rich.
  - b) Familiarity often affects efficiency in corporate world.
  - c) Relatives will occupy key positions in the organization.
  - d) Relatives usually bring a corporation down.
31. Identify one critical area of business operation that can be directly affected when too many employees are related to the head.
  - a) Productivity
  - b) Inter-personal relations
  - c) Discipline
  - d) Retrenchment
32. The behavior of the CEO reinforce the premise that right and wrong is decided by ...
  - a) humankind.
  - b) people of power.
  - c) religious persuasions.
  - d) society.
33. What Christian principle can the employees use to demand the CEO to step down?
  - a) He is not practicing being impartial.
  - b) Not all the ways that seem right to a man are God's ways.
  - c) God is no respecter of persons; He acknowledges all men.
  - d) Answers a, b and c.

### Case Study Four

**“Accepted” Kick-backs:** One practice often considered a pre-condition for awarding contracts to big companies is that an agreed percentage of the contract sum comes back to the top executives of the awarding organization. The top executives almost expect it and often demand it to the point that it has become “officially accepted” and companies and organizations that “understand that language” are the ones that get the big contracts. Kick-backs have been labeled in all forms, including “scratch my back and I scratch your back”, one hand washes the other and vice-versa”. Some may even extend this to “do unto others what would like them to do to you” A lot of leaders of organizations engage in kick-backs and no one stops to question whether it is ethical or not. Some argue they use kick-backs to give bonuses to staff and send some of the monies to charities. “we don't feed alone on the kickbacks.”



34. The argument of the leaders in this organization regarding kick-backs comes from those who believe that ...
- What societies agree to do is often the right thing to do.
  - Acts that make many people happy are the right ones all the time.
  - Once the act brings pleasure then it is right.
  - What brings pleasure is right.
35. Usually big contracts involve providing facilities that the public enjoys. What can be a common problem with projects heavily "kicked-back"?
- There is no problem. It is a normal business practice with contracts
  - Kickbacks make the project cost more than estimated
  - Lawyers cannot effectively handle kick-backs
  - Projects given based on kick-back often lack excellence when completed

### SECTION C: SHORT ESSAY (15 MARKS)

*Answer only one question from this section in not more than two pages.*

- In not more five lines for each point, explain **five** ethical business practices that should be upheld.
- State **three** differences between Augustine and Pelagius on their views on human depravity.
- Mention and briefly explain **five** reasons in favour of euthanasia.

