

SPM BIBLE KNOWLEDGE SEMINAR

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How to Answer Questions for Section C Part 1

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These are questions that

1. Have the HOTS element – meaning that the questions require some degree of thinking

- Give opinions
- Make implications
- Make comparisons
- Make conclusions
- Make personal applications
- Note that HOTS questions are not complicated questions, not long winded questions nor the kind that require the candidate to regurgitate a lot of information or subject content.

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2. Involve the APPLICATION of the teachings in Luke and Acts, whether taken from one chapter or from the whole book

- in today's world
- in the student's life – personal, family, school, friends

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3. Are easy enough for the majority of students to get some marks, and the question is HOTS enough to taper off the more mature thinking candidates.
4. Are concise and clearly written so that the candidate easily understands what is required in it.
5. Use simple words, where possible, taking into consideration candidates who are English language challenged.

Sample Questions From Luke

1. “Jesus grew both in body and in wisdom, gaining favour with God and men.” *(Luke 2:52)*

What would you do to ‘gain favour with God and men’?

2. The people asked him, "What are we to do, then?" He answered, "Whoever has two shirts must give one to the man who has none, and whoever has food must share it." *(Luke 3:10-11)*

How might you practise this teaching in your daily living?

Sample Questions From Acts

1. At the Beautiful Gate, God's mercy and grace were displayed when Peter healed the crippled man instead of giving him money. (*Act 3: 1-10*)
How can you display God' mercy and grace to your family and friends?
2. On the surface, the argument between Paul and Barnabas over John Mark seemed to have a bad outcome since it ended in their separation as travel partners. But, in the end, Mark became the writer of the Gospel according to Mark. (*Acts 15:36-41*)
How does Mark's story encourage you personally?

CRITERIA

1. Significance of issue
2. Clear expression – evidence, example, elaborations, details
3. Organisation – show progression & development of thought, and good flow of language
4. Maturity of thought

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Sample Script from a Student

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Summary

1. Decide what the focus of the question is.
2. What are the key points? 
3. Work out the main points you wish to discuss.
4. Choose at least 3 points.
5. State the points (P).
6. Explain each point (Exp).
7. State the benefit (B) or Personal Application for each point (PA). 
8. Write a 'short' paragraph using these three points with the explanations and benefits.
9. Your last line should be a conclusion.

- Point 1 –
- Explanation –
- Benefit –

- Point 2 –
- Explanation –
- Benefit –

- Point 3 –
- Explanation –
- Benefit –

- Conclusion

CONGRATULATIONS!

**You have now learnt how to
answer a HOTS question!**

Lord, This world is yours
and I belong to you. Give
me strength to study
your Word through BK!

