CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADE 10

TOPICAL REVISION ANSWER BOOKLET

STRAND 1: THE OLD TESTAMENT

1.1 The Holy Bible — Bible as the Inspired Word of God

1.1.1 Meaning of 'Inspired' and Why the Bible is Called the Word of God.

1. What does the word 'inspired' mean in the biblical context?

Inspired means "God-breathed" (2 Timothy 3:16). It means God guided the human authors so that what they wrote was exactly what God wanted, without error in the original manuscripts.

2. Explain why the Bible is referred to as 'the inspired word of God'. Give four reasons.

- It claims to be inspired (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21).
- It contains prophecies that come true.
- It has unity and consistency despite 40+ authors over 1,500 years.
- It changes lives and has power to convict people of sin.

3. How did God use the Holy Spirit in the writing of the Bible?