



MAR THOMA SUNDAY SCHOOL
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE
DIOCESAN EXAMINATION MAY 15, 2011

CLASS: GRADE: 5

Answer.

Time: 90 Minutes

Total Score: 100

SECTION – 1 Mar Thoma Sunday School Curriculum

A. Match the Following. Write the appropriate letter of the matching word from column B to column A on the lines provided. (1 X 10 = 10 points)

Column A

Column B

1. James

J. Brother of Jesus (Ch. 10, Page 40)

2. Mephibosheth

H. Son of Jonathan (Ch. 21, P 69)

3. Samuel

D. Elkanah and Hannah (Ch.9, P.37)

4. Mother Teresa

G. Missionaries of Charity (Ch. 24, P. 78)

5. Nehemiah

A. God comforts (Ch. 24, P 78)

6. Elihu

I. Job's friend (Ch. 29, P. 93)

7. Josiah

C. Book of the Covenant (Ch. 22, P. 73)

8. Ananias

F. Sapphira (CH. 28, P. 89)

9. Abraham

B. Father of Believers (Ch.26, P. 84)

10. Legion

E. Demon possessed man (Ch. 12. P. 47)

B. Fill in the blanks.

1. Psalms 119 (Ch. 20, P. 67)
2. Saul (Ch. 21, P. 69)
3. James (the brother of Jesus) (Ch. 10, P. 40)
4. Cupbearer (Ch. 24, P. 78)
5. Isaiah's (Ch. 27, P. 88)
6. Gideon (Ch. 16, P. 58)
7. Elisha (Ch. 30, P. 95)
8. Luke (Ch. 11, P. 43)
9. Paul (CH. 15, P. 55)
10. Resurrection (Ch. 28. P. 89)

C. Select the most appropriate response for the following questions.

Circle the alphabet of the correct response. (1 x 20=20 points)

1. D. Uzziah (Ch. 27, P. 87)
2. D. Dr. Mary Varghese (Ch. 29, P. 92)
3. C. A small jar of oil (Ch. 17, P. 61)
4. B. Prophet Elijah (Ch. 6, P. 28)
5. B. Fire and burning Sulphur (Ch. 26, P. 85)
6. A. 39 (Ch. 20, P. 68)
7. D. Word of God (Ch. 20, P. 67)

8. A. Pigs (Ch. 12, P. 47)
9. B. Jairus (Ch. 14, P. 53)
10. 10. D. Nicodemus (Ch. 18, P. 63)
11. B. Philistines (Ch. 21, P. 69)
12. A. Eight (Ch. 22, 2 Chronicles 34:1)
13. D. Peter and John (Ch. 19, P. 65)
14. C. John, the Baptist (Ch. 8, P. 35)
15. C. 2mule loads of earth (Ch. 30, P. 96)
16. C. He was too young (Ch. 25, P. 82)
17. B. Bleeding (Ch. 14, P. 53)
18. C. Artaxerxes (Ch. 24, P. 79)
19. A. Unity, Harmony (Ch. 15, P. 56)
20. D. Servant girl (Ch. 13, P. 51)

D. Answer ANY five out of the six questions. Your answers should be clear and to the point.

(5 x 5 = 25 points)

**1. Write any five of the blessings God promised to Abram when he called him out of Haran?
(Ch.7, P31)**

- 1) I will give you many descendants and they will become a great nation.
- 2) I will bless you.
- 3) I will make your name famous.

- 4) You will be a blessing.
- 5) I will bless those who bless you.
- 6) I will curse those who curse you.
- 7) Through you I will bless all the nations.

2. The secret of Isaiah's success in life was his vision. Name five kinds of experiences of Isaiah (Ch 27/Pg88)

- a. Conviction
- b. Confession
- c. Cleansing
- d. Consecration
- e. Commission

3. What did the council in Jerusalem decide about the Gentile Christians? What did they have to abstain from? (Ch.10, P41)

The council decided that the Gentiles did not have to be circumcised to remain Christians. They had to abstain from

Food polluted by offering to idols.

Sexual immorality

Meat of strangled animals.

blood.

4. How did the prophet Elisha help the poor widow? (Ch. 17, page 61)

The woman said that she had a small jar of olive oil at home. Elisha asked her to collect empty jars from her neighbors and get into the room with her sons alone and pour the oil into the jars.

She poured oil into all the jars, and she could then sell the oil and pay her debt back. The rest of the oil helped her give enough money to survive the famine.

5. How did Gideon save Israelites from Midianites? (Ch. 16, P. 58-59)

1. Gideon selected 300 people those who lap the water with their tongues like a dog.
 2. He gained courage by first spying on the enemy camp.
 3. He divided 300 men into three groups and placed the trumpets and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torch inside.
 4. He told them to follow his lead and they did.
 5. The three groups blew their trumpets and broke the jars and shouted, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon"
- The Lord caused the men throughout the Midianites camp to turn on each other with their swords.

6. List five of seven ways King Josiah cleansed the house of the Lord. (Ch. 22, P. 73)

Any Five of:

- a. Burned the vessel made for Baal.
- b. Deposed idolaters priest
- c. Broke down the house of male prostituted
- d. Destroyed the altar at Bethel
- e. Removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun
- f. Removed all the shrines kept at high places.
- g. Removed wizards and idols from the land of Judah and Jerusalem.

E. Complete the following memory verses. Write any five. (5 x 5 = 25 points)

1. John 10.10 (Ch. 11, P. 46)
2. Isaiah 6.8 (Ch. 27, P. 88)
3. Matthew 10.32 (Ch. 13, P. 52)
4. Jeremiah 1.5 (Ch. 25, P. 83)
5. Matthew 5.16 (Ch. 30, P. 97)
6. Luke 19.46 (Ch. 22, P. 74)

SECTION II – Mar Thoma Church Our Foundation and Vision.

Choose the most appropriate response for the following questions. Circle the Alphabet of the correct response. (1 X 10 = 10 points)

1. B. Aramana (Ch. 5, P. 122)
 2. B. baptism (Ch. 3, P. 118)
 3. C. Juhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan (Ch. 5, P. 122)
 4. D. Liturgy (Ch. 4, P. 120)
 5. C. The world Council of Churches.(Ch. 9, P. 114)
 6. B. 1972. (Ch. 5, P. 147)
 7. D. Reformed Church (Ch. 4, P. 121)
 8. B. Receiving Holy Baptism (Ch. 3, P. 118)
 9. B. Confession and Thanksgiving (Ch. 2, P. 117)
 10. B. Worship (Ch. 2, P. 116)
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SECTION - I Mar Thoma Sunday School Curriculum

A. Fill in the blanks

(1 x 10 = 10 points)

1. In the book of **Kings**, during a time of famine and drought, we read about a raven that was directed by God to feed a prophet Elijah meat and bread. (L-3, preparation, first para, page 15)
2. A harmonious co-existence is essential to maintain the proper balance and rhythm of our **universe**. (L-2/pg 13 main idea, para1)
3. After making peace with **Laban**, Jacob decided to make arrangements to meet Esau. (L-7, pg 24 Main ideas)
4. King David brought the **Covenant Box** to Jerusalem in great celebration and placed it in a tent. (L-16/pg 48 Main Idea)
5. Jael the wife of Heber killed **Sisera** in his sleep. (L-17/pg 52)
6. Jeremiah was born to a priestly family in **Anathoth**, a town near Jerusalem. (L-25/pg 74 main idea)
7. **Confession** involves repenting sins and seeking forgiveness from God. (L-23/pg 69 main idea)
8. While travelling, the eunuch, an important official of the Queen of Ethiopia was reading from the book of **Isaiah**. (L-19/pg 58)

9. William Carey's Motto, "Expect great things from God, do great things for God", is reflected throughout the life of Elijah. (L5/P20)
10. Paul the Apostle's second journey took him to Europe. (Europe, L20, p60)

B. Match the following. Write the appropriate alphabet of the matching word from Column B to Column A in the space provided. (1 x 10 = 10 points)

Column A	Answer	Column B
1. Samuel	<u>K</u>	A. Achor (L-24/pg71)
2. Joshua	<u>F</u>	B. Thyatira (L-11/pg 36)
3. Horeb	<u>J</u>	C. First Judge (L-17/pg 51)
4. Lydia	<u>B</u>	D. Prophets of Baal (L-8/pg 27)
5. Noah's ark	<u>G</u>	E. Ahaz (L-21/pg 61)
6. Deborah	<u>H</u>	F. Ephraim tribe (L-9/pg 30)
7. Othniel	<u>C</u>	G. Mountain of Ararat (L-3/Gen 8:4)
8. River Kishon	<u>D</u>	H. Issachar (L-17/pg 51)
9. Achan	<u>A</u>	I. "Jehovah Exalts"(N/A)
10. Hezekiah	<u>E</u>	J. Mountain of God (L-8/pg 28)
		K. Heifer (L-4/pg 17)

C. Select the most appropriate response for the following questions. Circle the alphabet of the correct response. (1 x 20 = 20 points)

1. What part (Chapter) of the Bible is known as the "Gospel in the Gospel"? (L-23/pg69)
 A. Mathew 16 **B. Luke 15** C. John 3 D. Mark 12
2. Jesus gave _____ the keys of the Kingdom of heaven, which means the church on Earth. (L-18/P-55)
 A. Disciples **B. Peter** C. Mark D. Paul

3. The story of the Canaanite woman teaches us that her _____, _____ and _____ did not diminish in the midst of the adversities she was facing. (L22/Pg67)
 A. Patience, perseverance and silence **B. Faith, need and hope**
 C. Compassion, humility and need D. Humility, intercession and kindness
4. God said to Noah, "Take with you _____ of every kind of clean animal a male and its mate and two of every kind of unclean animal a male and its mate. (L3/Genesis 7: 1-10)
 A. 6 **B.7** C. 12 D. 3
5. When Moses went up the Holy _____ to receive the Ten Commandments, Joshua was with him. (L9/Pg30)
 A. Mount Horeb B. Mount Moria **C. Mount Sinai** D. Mount Tabor
6. Moses appointed Joshua and told him to fight the _____. (L 9, pg 30)
 A. Canaanites B. Amorites **C. Amalekites** D. Philistines
7. Jeremiah was called to prophesy when he was _____ years. (L 25, pg 74)
A. 20 B. 40 C. 15 D. 25
8. Jacob wrestled with God till daybreak at _____. (L -7 Genesis 32:30)
 A. Mahannium B. Succoth **C. Peniel** D. Bethel
9. Elijah means _____. (L- 5)
 A. Jehovah is Almighty **B. The Lord is God**
 C. God Strengthens D. Jehovah Exalts
10. The way of the _____, Jesus pointed out, is to attain greatness through service. (L-10/pg 33)
 A. life B. society C. power **D. cross**
11. David led the Israelites to a major victory over _____ during the time of King Saul. (L-13/pg 40)
 A. Canaanites B. Ammonites **C. Philistines** D. Amalekites
12. _____ molded a golden calf for the Israelites to worship. (L-11/pg 36)
 A. Joshua B. Caleb C. Moses **D. Aaron**
13. How many years were the Israelites led by Judges? (L-17/pg 51)
A. 290 B. 120 C. 40 D. 230
14. _____ was the first missionary to go to Samaria with the good news. (L-19/pg 57)
 A. Lydia B. Paul **C. Philip** D. Barnabas

15. Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem on Mount _____. (L-16/pg 49)
A. Moria B. Hermon C. Carmel D. Sinai
16. _____ is NOT considered as one of the 3 Major Prophets (L25/Pg74)
 A. Isaiah B. Ezekiel **C. Elijah** D. Jeremiah
17. The Jerusalem temple and furnishings were defiled by King _____. (L-21/pg 63)
 A. David B. Solomon **C. Ahaz** D. Hezekiah
18. Who said to whom? “Yes Lord, but even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” (L 22/PG 67)
A. Canaanite woman to Jesus B. Thomas to Jesus
 C. Peter to Jesus D. Disciples to Jesus
19. Jesus followed the life style of a _____. (L-10/pg 33)
 A. Master B. Teacher C. Priest **D. Suffering Servant**
20. The early Christian missionaries regard _____ as a faithful servant of the Lord.
 A. Silas B. Luke **C. Lydia** D. Paul (L20/P61)

D. Answer any five (5) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (5 x 5 = 25 points)

1. What did the eunuch do after he received Jesus Christ as his savior? What are the three things involved in Christian Baptism? (L-19/Pg-58)

- *The eunuch got baptized as a sign of dedication after accepting Jesus Christ as his savior. (1 point)*
- *Took the message of Jesus Christ to Africa (1 point)*

The three things involved in Christian baptism are:

- 1. Baptism is a sign of purification*
- 2. Baptism is the beginning of a new experience.*
- 3. Through baptism, we become one with God. (3 points)*

2. What was the reason for the defeat of the Israelite army at the City of Ai? What spiritual values do we learn from this incident? (L24/Pg71-72)

- *The Israelites broke God’s commandments and sinned. They took some of the things condemned to destruction and lied about it.(1 point)*
- *Achan coveted and stole a Babylonian garment, silver and gold and hid them in his tent. (1 point)*

Spiritual lessons: (3 points)

1. *Society as a whole can suffer because of one person's sin.*
2. *We will be punished for our sins*
3. *We are not able to hide our true self from God.*

3. What is the essence of Ten Commandments? According to Moses, how should people love God? (L-6/pg 21-22)

- *Love the Lord with all our strength, with all our soul, with all our heart. (1point)*

4 points: (a, b, c, d)

- a. *Fix God's Commandments in your hearts and minds.*
- b. *Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home, when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*
- c. *Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*
- d. *You should carefully observe all these commandments, love the Lord your God, walk in all His ways and hold fast to Him.*

4. How did King Hezekiah renovate and sanctify the Jerusalem temple? (L-20, Page 64)

1. ***The Temple was sanctified:*** King Hezekiah sanctified the temple in his first month of his reign. He opened the doors that had been closed for sixteen years. He assembled a group of Priests and Levites and appointed them to purify the temple. They carried the unclean items to the Kidron Valley.
2. ***The priests and Levites renewed their dedication by consecrating themselves:***
3. ***Courageous reforms were made:*** Destroyed the pagan places of worship and the idols.
4. ***Service was restored:*** King Hezekiah gathered all the city officials and ordered a "sin offering" for all Israel. The assembly bowed and worshiped, restoring worship in the Temple of God.
5. ***The Lord was praised:*** The whole nation sang in gladness. They praised God with the words of David and Asaph.

5. Describe the transformation of Jacob happened at the camp near Jabbok River? What was the new name of Jacob? How did he get it? (L-7, Page 25)

- *At the Jabbok River Jacob met a man who started wrestling with him. Jacob wrestled back with him bravely and using the will power and presence of mind he gained over last 20 years. When the man knew he wasn't winning he hit Jacob on the hip and it was thrown out of joint. Jacob then realized that he had wrestled with God all night long, he insisted to be blessed. (3 points)*
- *God blessed him and changed his name to Israel(1 point)*
- *He accepted his mistake and repented. He asked God to bless him. (1 point)*

6. What is "Coonen Cross Oath"? Briefly explain the history and the results of this event. (MTCFV L2/Pg135-136)

- The “Coonen Cross Oath” is a pledge taken by a group of Christians. The pledge was “ We and our children shall never be under Rome.” (2 point)
- In 1653, about 25000 devoted Christians under the leadership of Archdeacon Thomas and 633 priests marched to Cochin fort. They were confronted by Portuguese soldiers. They withdrew to a church at Mattancherry, where there was a cross. They tied ropes to the cross and touching the ropes they took the above pledge. The cross was slightly leaning and so the oath is known as “Coonen Cross Oath.” (3 points)

E. Memory Verses - Complete any five (5) of the following. (5 x 5 = 25 points)

1. These commandments that I give you today are upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. (Deuteronomy 6: 6-7) (L-6/pg 23)
2. If I have found favor in your eyes, accept this gift from me. For to see your face is like seeing the face of God, now what you have received me favorably. (Genesis 33:10) (L-14/pg 43)
3. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them – the Lord, who remains faithful forever. (Psalms 146: 5-6) (L-2/pg 14)
4. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John1:9)(L-23/pg 70)
5. After removing Saul, he made David their King. He testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son Of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him do.’ (Acts 13:22) (L-4/pg 18)
6. And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagan do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5: 47-48 (L-20/pg 62)

Section II Mar Thoma Church Our Foundation and Vision

F. Choose the most appropriate response for the following questions.

Circle the alphabet of the correct response (10 x 1 = 10 Points)

1. It is believed that St. Thomas established seven Churches in the Malabar Coast. This is not one of them. (L2/Pg134)

A. Gokamangalam	B. Chavakad
C. Mylapore	D. Parur
2. The Nestorian Liturgy was in the _____ language, the language spoken by Jesus himself. (L2, P 135)

A. Syriac B. Hebrew **C. Aramaic** D. Greek

3. This term in relation to the church refers to all people of faith in Jesus Christ or the whole body of Christians. (L1/Pg132)
- A. The church is a pilgrim community
 - B. The church is a worshipping community
 - C. The church is Apostolic
 - D. The church is catholic**
4. Who was the visitor from Church of England reached the Malabar Coast in 1806, also served as the chaplain in British Army in Calcutta? (Lesson 2/ Page 136)
- A. Benjamin Bailey
 - B. Joseph Fenn
 - C. Henry Baker
 - D. Claudius Buchanan**
5. Rt. Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Suffragan Metropolitan recognized as the first Diocesan Bishop of North America & Europe in _____. (L5/P147)
- A. 1972
 - B. 1993
 - C. 1988**
 - D. 1980
6. Who was the first Indian Bishop of the Church consecrated with the title Marthoma 1? (L-2/pg 136)
- A. Archdeacon Alexander
 - B. Archdeacon Gregorios
 - C. Archdeacon Thomas**
 - D. Abraham Malpan
7. The Bishops of the Mar Thoma Church are elected by the _____. (L 4/ PG 142)
- A. Sabha Council
 - B. The Metropolitan
 - C. Diocesan Assembly
 - D. Sabha Pradhinidhi Mandalam**
8. The first Holy Qurbana in Malayalam was conducted by Abraham Malpan in his native church at _____ (L3/Pg139)
- A. Thiruvalla
 - B. Kottayam
 - C. Maramon**
 - D. Malabar
9. The Diocesan Assembly has an elected executive committee called the “_____”. (L-5/pg 148)
- A. Sabha Council
 - B. Diocesan Council**
 - C. General Body
 - D. Sabha Pradhinidhi Mandalam
10. Matters of policy are decided by the General Body of the Parish which consists of all communicant members of _____ years and above. (L-4/pg 143)
- A. 13
 - B. 21
 - C. 18**
 - D. 60

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A. Select the most appropriate response for the following questions. Circle the letter of the correct response. (30 points: One point for each)

1. Which of the following statement is not true about Hezekiah ?

- a. He became the king of Judah at the age of 25 and ruled for about 29 years.
- b. Hezekiah means ‘ Jehovah is strength’.
- c. God added an additional 10 years to his life.**
- d. He allowed prophet Isaiah to advise and guide him.

2. The two sons of Isaac are :

- a. Esau and Joshua
- b. Esau and Jacob**
- c. Ishmael and Judah
- d. David and Benjamin

3. Nimrod, the son of Kush was a descendent of _____

- a. Shem
- b. Ham**
- c. Japheth
- d. Abraham

4. After the death of Paul, Timothy was in charge of the church in

- a. Lystra
- b. Corinth
- c. Syria
- d. Ephesus**

5. Peter had a vision while he was at Simon the tanner’s house at _____

- a. Lystra
- b. Joppa**
- c. Iconium
- d. Nineveh

6. The name Jeremiah signifies
- a. Jehovah is strength
 - b. God strengthens
 - c. Raised up by the Lord**
 - d. Father of Multitude
7. Which of the following is true about Gideon ?
- a. He was a king of Israel
 - b. He was called by God while he was at the Temple
 - c. He defeated the Philistines with only 300 soldiers
 - d. He was also known as Jerubbaal since he destroyed the altar of Baal**
8. Who became a coworker to Paul in his 2nd missionary journey ?
- a. John
 - b. Cornelius
 - c. Mark
 - d. Timothy**
9. Jacob met with God's angels and so he named that place
- a. Succoth
 - b. Schechem
 - c. Padan Aram
 - d. Mahanaim**
10. In the Gospel according to Mathew, the genealogy of Jesus begins with _____
- a. Adam
 - b. Noah
 - c. Moses
 - d. Abraham**
11. Among the judges and prophets of Israel, there was a woman by the name
- a. Ruth
 - b. Esther
 - c. Deborah**
 - d. Rebekah
12. The 'covenant of grace' is referred in
- a. John 12:4
 - b. John 3:16**
 - c. John 3:12
 - d. John 6:10
13. The name Abram means 'Exalted Father', while the name Abraham means _____
- a. Beloved of God
 - b. Father of believers
 - c. God's friend
 - d. Father of multitude**
14. Barak had to fight Sisera and his army at
- a. Mt. Horeb
 - b. Mt. Olive
 - c. Mt. Tabor**
 - d. Mt. Hermon
15. Which of the following is not true about Holy Spirit ?
- a. Holy Spirit was present at the beginning when God created the earth
 - b. Holy Spirit is a part of Trinity
 - c. Holy Spirit came to the disciples on the day of Ascension**
 - d. Self control is one of the gifts of Holy Spirit

16. The first king of Israel was
- a. David b. Solomon c. Hezekiah **d. Saul**
17. Deborah with the help of _____ defeated Jabin and his army
- a. Sisera **b. Barak** c. Heber d. Lappidoth
18. Who were the leaders of Israel between Joshua and the Kings ?
- a. Judges** b. Prophets c. Pharoahs d. Herods
19. This high caste Hindu later became a Christian Missionary
- a. Sadhu Sunder Singh** b. William Carey
c. Mother Teresa d. Swami Vivekananda
20. What do the first three petitions in the Lord's prayer suggest ?
- a. Our needs b. forgiveness **c. glory to God** d. confession
21. The first commandment with a promise is _____
- a. 'You shall have no other gods before me'
b. 'Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it Holy'
c. 'You shall not steal'
d. 'Honor your father and mother'
22. Paul had a vision and was converted on his way to :
- a. Joppa b. Caesarea **c. Damascus** d. Ephesus
23. Besides baptizing in Jordan River, John the Baptist also baptized people in _____
- a. Aenon** b. Tyre c. Nain d. Nazareth
24. King Hezekiah made the people of Judah to stop worshipping _____ that Moses has made.
- a. The golden calf **b. the bronze snake** c. the staff d. The arc of the covenant
25. This Missionary from Belgium worked among the lepers of Hawai.
- a. William Carey b. Sadhu Sunder Singh
c. Father Damien d. Mother Teresa

26. John means :

- a. **God is grateful**
- b. Jehovah is strength
- c. Raised up by God
- d. Jehovah's salvation

27. Some animals have symbolic meaning in the Bible. The snake is a symbol of Temptation, while the dove is a symbol of _____

- a. Power
- b. Deliverance**
- c. Sacrifice
- d. royalty

28. Name three people who entered into a covenant with God.

- a. Jacob, Esau and Laban
- b. Jacob, Noah and Abraham**
- c. Ham, Noah and Esau
- d. Abraham, Esau and Sarah

29. Which of the following statement is true about Timothy ?

- a. His father and mother were Jews
- b. He became the co-worker of Paul in his third missionary journey
- c. After the death of Paul, Timothy was in charge of the church in Antioch
- d. He died as a martyr.**

30. 'There is no one like him among all the Kings of Judah, either before him or after him'.
About whom is this written about ?

- a. Hezekia**
- b. Uzziah
- c. Ahaz
- d. David

B. Answer any Five of the following Questions (Five points each : Total 25 points)

1. Who was Gideon ? How did God call him ? What was the sign given by God to show That Gideon was chosen ? (Lesson 11)

When people of Israel cried for help, God sent Gideon to take action against their enemies. Gideon was an ordinary person who was chosen by God. He was the son of Joash. He was not a Fighter, but an ordinary man. One day he was threshing some wheat secretly in a wine press, so that the Midianites would not see him. The Lord's angel appeared to him to inform him that he was the chosen one.

Gideon could not believe that the Lord was talking to him. He wanted a definite sign. When Gideon went up to give the offering of meat and leavened bread the angel of the Lord touched the offering with the end of the stick he was holding and fire came out of the rock and burned the meat and bread.

2. How did John the Baptist prepare the way for Jesus ? (L 29. Page 94)

John's attitude to the establishment order in Israel was one of condemnation. He denounced the religious leaders as a 'brood of vipers' and said that there was no meaning in their claim to be descendents of Abraham. He cautioned them to bear fruits consistent with repentance. He announced that the time has come to prepare the people for the coming Messiah. He was quite aware that he was the forerunner of Jesus and pretended to be nothing more than that. He knew that the time had come to prepare the people for the coming of Messiah. John also knew that his mission was to 'make straight the way for the Lord' (John 1:23). He was very well aware that he was the forerunner of Jesus and pretended to be nothing more than that.

3. What was the main theme of the teachings of Jesus ? How did Jesus teach about the Kingdom of God ? (L 15)

The kingdom of God was the main theme of Jesus's teachings and was also called Kingdom of heaven.

Jesus used parables to teach the characteristics of the Kingdom of God. Some of the parables are the parable of the mustard seed, the parable of the yeast, the parable of the treasure hidden in the field and the parable of the Vineyard. In another parable Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to a wedding feast where people excused themselves for not attending with their worldly business. The feast was then served open to everybody in the street.

4. Name three symbols used in our worship and explain each of them. (Foundation & Vision) Pages 157-159

- a. Light : Candles are used in our worship. The light from the candles reminds us of the Apostolic times when the worship was conducted in caves and catacombs fearing repression. The Church still continues the practice reminding the worshippers the hardships and Persecutions faced by our forefathers and also call on the believers to shine like light in a World of darkness.
- b. Incense and Censer : Incense is used as to pay honor and respect. Frankincense, which is taken from a tree is regarded as the life sap of the tree and also regarded as an offering. The smoke from the incense is a symbol of divine presence. Censer is a vessel for burning incense and has three chains representing the Holy Trinity.
- c. Cross: The cross symbolizes the eternal life granted to humanity through Christ's sacrificial act. The cross Mar Thoma church uses is known as the Easter cross. The cross symbolizes light, peace and the new life received through Christ.
- d. Kappa : Kappa is the vestment the priest wears during the Holy Qurbana and other sacraments. They are made like those which Aaron and the priests of the Old Testament wore for 'glory and beauty' and have a symbolic meaning.

(ONLY THREE NEED TO BE WRITTEN)

5. Explain Isaiah's vision. (L 27)

Isaiah was in the temple of God when he fell into a spiritual trance. He saw God seated on a high throne, with his robe filling the whole temple. Isaiah saw Seraphs also in attendance. Each one had six wings, with two covering its face, two covering its feet and the other two used for flying, ready to do God's will. They were calling out to each other, 'Holy, Holy, Holy ! His glory fills the world'. They chanted the glory of Jehovah.

6. How did Jacob cheat his brother of his birthright, get his father's blessings, and what was the result ? (L 13)

Issac the father of Jacob and Esau wanted to declare and bless Esau his oldest as heir. So Issac told Esau to go hunting and bring him some wild game and prepare the food, as he likes to eat it and bless Esau. Rebekah the mother, heard this and told Jacob to go and find some choice animals so that she could prepare it for Issac. His mother covered Jacob's hand and the smooth part of his neck in goat hair to fool the father because Esau was a hairy man. With some difficulty and help from his mother Jacob received the blessing that were promised to Esau. When Esau realized that Jacob got the blessing after his return with the wild game, he was angry at Jacob and wanted to kill him. Rebekah heard this and told Jacob to flee from the country for safety. She told him to go to Syria and to stay with his uncle Laban.

C. Memory Verses (Choose any Five : 5 points each : Total 25 points)

1. Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table (Psalms 128: 1-3) (L 28)
2. His master replied, " Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" (Mathew 25:21) (L 10)
3. "For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possessions".(Deut. 7:6) (L 7)
4. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9) (L 17)
5. But when he, the spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. (John 16:13) (L 18)
6. The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you ?" (Judges 6:14) (L 11)

D. The Mar Thoma Church – Foundation and Vision (One point each: Total 10 points)

Circle your answer.

1. Liturgy means _____ rendered to God and people.
a. Communion b. Offering **c. Service** d. Sacrifice
2. Forty days after the Easter is known as the day of :
a. Pentecost b. Transfiguration c. Advent **d. Ascension**
3. The St.James liturgy is called _____
a. Eucharist **b. Taksa** c. Kappa d. Sleeha
4. The Mar Thoma Church is a :
a. **Reformed eastern church** b. Lesser Eastern church
c. Orthodox eastern church d. Episcopal Eastern church
5. The day that the gentiles saw the Glory of the Lord is called _____
a. Pentecost b. Day of Annunciation c. Day of Ascension **d. Epiphany**
6. The cross Mar Thoma church uses is known as _____
a. Latin Cross b. Celtic Cross c. Calvary cross **d. Easter Cross.**
7. All of the following statements are correct about the Nicene Creed except :
a. Formulated by Church fathers in 325 A.D
b. Formulated at Nicea, a city in Asia Minor
c. Constantine prepared the first draft of the creed
d. Faith in Trinity is proclaimed by this creed.
8. Emperor _____ gave freedom to Christians through Edict of Milan
a. Eusebius **b. Constantine** c. Tiberius d. Caesar
9. The specially consecrated _____ is a reminder of holiness and purity
a. Tabaleetha b. Thronos c. Censer d. Cross
10. The vestment that the priest wears during the Holy Qurbana is known as _____
a. Masnapsa b. Robe **c. Kappa** d. Cloak

E. Choose one of the two topics to write an essay in approximately 150 words (10 points)

1. What do you mean by 'Victory through victor' ? What are some areas in your life where you want Christ to give you victory ?
 - a. Jesus as the victor (4 points)
 - b. Victory over spiritual death (4 points)
 - c. Victory in the race of life (2 points)

OR

2. Write an essay about Jeremiah's life highlighting the following points :
 - a. Who was Jeremiah (2 points)
 - b. What were the three aspects of Jeremiah's message (3 points)
 - c. Name three symbols that Jeremiah used to proclaim God's message and their significance (3 points)
 - d. Jeremiah's message's life application (2 points)

1. (Lesson 19)
 - a) Jesus the son of God born as a man through Virgin Mary personifies the love of God to the humans. His life was perfect in every respect and filled with the Holy Spirit as He walked the earth. Jesus performed miracles teaching the God's word and later died on the cross for the world's sin. When He rose from the grave after three days, He did achieve victory over death. Jesus is our savior over two major areas: spiritual death and everyday life. The Bible teaches that only through Jesus victory is possible.
 - b) Spiritual death happens when you do not accept Jesus Christ in your life. You can overcome spiritual death by acknowledging that you are a sinner and Jesus can cleanse your sins. Also proclaiming that Jesus died on the cross for your sins and accepting that gift will help to attain victory over spiritual death. Another path to this victory is to accept God's forgiveness and believing that you are saved through Jesus Christ. Moreover, God promises that he will always be there for us and that nothing will Separate us from His love.
 - c) In Jesus, believers will find the strength to overcome trials and fears. God provides man's redemption and salvation through Jesus Christ. Therefore, victory in the race of life is a victory through Jesus.

2. (Lesson 9)

- a) Jeremiah was the son of Hilkiah, a priest from Anathoth. He was of priestly descent and may be from David's priest Abiathar. He is known as the 'Weeping prophet of Judah'. Jeremiah signifies 'raised up by the Lord.'
- b) The following are the three aspects of Jeremiah's message.
1. He warns about the punishment for backsliding as the people had turned away from God.
 2. He predicted divine judgement in the form of overthrowing of Jerusalem.
 3. He gave hope in the eventual restoration of the Jews.
- c) The three symbols used to proclaim God's message are as follows :
1. The fountain and broken cistern. Fountain as a symbol of God and cistern as idols.
 2. The clay and the potter. Clay symbolizes people and potter God.
 3. The new covenant.
- d) We must realize and understand that we have a prophetic role to fulfill. We must always speak the truth no matter how difficult it is. We must continue to pray for those who do not agree with us and should stand up for God.



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GRADE 8**

Registration Number: _____

Please do not write your name or the name of your Sunday school. Your registration number will be verified under the responsibility of the Proctor.

DURATION: 90 MINUTES

TOTAL POINTS: 100

A. Select the most appropriate response for the following questions. Circle the letter of the correct response. (One Point for Each correct answer, Total points: 30)

1. Jesus taught the following insights on prayer.
 - A. We should continue to pray until we receive blessings.
 - B. God wants us to pray always
 - C. God hates self-glorifications
 - D. **All of the above (Pg. 89-90, Title- Prayer)**

2. Where was Jesus, when he instructed his disciples, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation"
 - A. The wilderness
 - B. Mount of Transfiguration
 - C. Mount Sinai
 - D. **Gethsemane. (Pg.90, para 4)**

3. What do natural disasters mentioned in the Bible indicate?
 - A. Are part of God's judgment for an evil generation.
 - B. Are part of God's corrective measures for man.
 - C. Shows God's control over nature
 - D. **All of the above (pg. 83, para 3,4 and pg.84, para 1)**

4. Which Prophet revealed the term 'Immanuel'?
 - A. **Isaiah (pg. 32, para3)**
 - B. Jeremiah
 - C. Ezekiel
 - D. Matthew

5. Who bought Joseph as a slave from his brothers?

- A. Potipher
- B. **Ishmaelites (pg. 26, last line)**
- C. Philistines
- D. Egyptians

6. Prophet Samuel was _____

- A. The last of the judges in Israel
- B. The successor to Eli
- C. A Priest who offered sacrifices
- D. All of the above.(pg.36, last three lines)

7. Who said to whom, “My Grace is all you need, for My power is strongest when you are weak”.

- A. Lord to Peter
- B. **Lord to Paul (pg. 20, para 1 –last 2 lines)**
- C. Lord to Moses
- D. Lord to John the Baptist

8. Who said to whom, “You intended to harm me but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives”.

- A. Jesus to his disciples
- b. **Joseph to his brothers (pg.27, ref: Gen.50:14-21–MV pg28 Gen. 50:20)**
- c. Jacob to his children
- d. None of the above

9. A Prophet _____

- a. Speaks on behalf of God
- b. Is God’s chosen
- c. known as visionaries
- d. **All of the above (pg. 29, last para)**

10. Name the prophet who was commanded by God to tell the kings that God, with His great power and strength, created the world, mankind, and all animals that live on the earth.

- a. Isaiah
- b. **Jeremiah (pg.16, last three lines of first para, Jer 27:5)**
- c. Jonah
- d. Amos

11. Name the wicked king who was concerned about the animals during a famine.

- a. **Ahab (pg.17, para 4)**
- b. Ahaz
- c. Asa
- d. Hezekiah

12. What are the characteristics of clean animals?

- a. **Divided hoofs and chew the cud (pg.17, para one)**
 - b. Divided hoofs and do not chew the cud
 - c. Undivided hoofs and chew the cud
 - d. Undivided hoofs and do not chew the cud
13. Which gospel records the High Priestly Prayer of Christ?
- a. Matthew
 - b. Mark
 - c. Luke
 - d. **John (pg. 30, para 5, Jn.17:21)**
14. Where did young Jesus go with his family to celebrate Passover festival at the age of 12?
- a. Capernaum
 - b. Galilee
 - c. **Jerusalem (pg.46, para 3)**
 - d. Nazareth
15. What was the sign the Lord gave to king Ahaz that Judah would overcome enemies?
- a. A star at Bethlehem
 - b. Dew will be seen on the ground
 - c. **“A young woman will have a son and will name him Immanuel”. (pg. 33, para one)**
 - d. All of the above.
16. Why did Elimelech move to Moab with his wife and two sons?
- a. For better education
 - b. To escape captivity
 - c. For adventure
 - d. **Because there was a severe famine in the land of Judah.(pg.49, para 3)**
17. Who wrote autobiography ‘Confessions’?
- a. John Bunyan
 - b. **St. Augustine (pg.87, para 3)**
 - c. Mother Teresa
 - d. John Milton
18. In Jeremiah’s response to the social conditions, how many years would king of Judah and the people will have to serve Babylon?
- a. 10 years
 - b. 40 years
 - c. **70 years (pg.99, #6)**
 - d. 430 years
19. Who advised king Xerxes to dethrone Queen Vashti?
- a. Esther
 - b. Haman

- c. **Memucan (pg.77, para3)**
 - d. Mordecai
20. Which prophet was not allowed to cry when his wife, 'the delight of his eyes' passed away ?
- a. Jeremiah
 - b. Daniel
 - c. Zachariah
 - d. **Ezekiel (pg.92, para4)**
21. To have real faith and humility in our lives, there must be _____
- a. Patience
 - b. Love
 - c. **Obedience (pg.40, para 3)**
 - d. Forgiveness
22. During the second missionary journey of Paul, who did Barnabas accompany to go to Cypress?
- a. **Mark (pg.54, para 4)**
 - b. Silas
 - c. Peter
 - d. John
23. What did Jesus teach us through the washing of His disciples' feet?
- a. Cleanliness
 - b. **Humility for service (pg. 58, para 2)**
 - c. To help the afflicted and sick
 - d. Compassion for others
24. God's calling depends on our _____
- a. Ability
 - b. Good behavior
 - c. **Availability (pg.44, Bible application)**
 - d. Smooth talking
25. The meaning of the word 'Manna'
- a. White coriander like substance
 - b. Fell from the sky
 - c. Provided by God
 - d. **What is it (pg 14, para 2)**
26. When the Israelites started to complain in the wilderness of Sin, Moses told they were complaining against _____
- a. Aaron
 - b. Pharoh
 - c. **God (pg.14, para 1)**
 - d. Egypt

27. Where did Jesus heal the paralytic?
- Bethlehem
 - Galilee
 - Capernaum (Pg 19, para 3)**
 - Judea
28. What marks the great deliverance of Israelites from the angel of death and from the Egyptian bondage?
- Holy Communion
 - Last Supper
 - Passover (pg.47 para 2 and 96 #2)**
 - Pentecost
29. Peter had the vision when he was on the rooftop of a house in _____
- Joppa (Page 55 para 2)**
 - Judea
 - Jerusalem
 - Jabbok
30. How many times did God call the boy, Samuel?
- One time
 - Two times
 - Three times
 - Four times (pg. 36, 1Sa.3:6-10)**

B Answer Any Five of the Following Questions (*Five points each, Total Points:25*)

- What are the five main points from Ezekiel's prophetic message of hope?
 - He will be a watchman to God's people and so proclaim the word of God to them. The Word of God is sweet as honey.
 - Those that refuse to obey his commandments will be punished. There will be some people who will listen and change from their wicked ways.
 - God will judge everyone and even Noah, Daniel, and Job are not exempt. They cannot save anyone else's souls with their righteousness.
 - God will gather Israel from foreign lands and bring them back. He will change their stubborn hearts (36:26.)
 - God will give his Holy Spirit to the Israelites and make a strong army out of them. And God will ensure them victory over their enemies (37:10.) (Page 93)

- Explain the vision of Peter and how does it relate to gentiles?

Peter, like any other Jew, had a negative attitude towards Gentiles. Once he saw a vision while he was praying on the top of a house in Joppa (Acts 10: 10-20. It was noon when he started to pray. But he was hungry and desired to eat. The meal was still under preparation. He fell into a

trance and saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. It had all kinds of four-footed animals, reptiles, and birds. Included in the sheet were creatures Jews considered clean as well as unclean. He heard a voice "Get up Peter. Kill and eat." Peter responded: "Certainly not Lord! I have never eaten anything ritually unclean or declared unclean." Then he heard another voice, "What God has cleansed for you must not be called unclean". This happened three times. The object was taken up back to heaven.

The vision enhanced Peter's understanding of Gentiles. He learned that it was God's will to accommodate Gentiles. He also realized human beings are equal in the sight of God. He has no difference between wise and the unwise, rich and poor, or master and servant. He loves them all the same way. (Page 55)

3. Among seven of the Jewish festivals, explain any of the five festivals and its significance.

a. Sabbath: God having completed his work of creation, rested on the 7th day and the Israelites were to observe the same pattern in their service of God. God asked the Israelites to keep the Sabbath holy when He gave the laws to Moses on Mount Sinai.

b. Feast of Passover: It denotes the deliverance of the Israelites from the angel of death and from the Egyptian bondage. It is celebrated on the 14th day of the first month (Abib).

c. Feast of Unleavened Bread: It began with the Passover meal and continued for seven days. It was celebrated in the first month from the 15th to 21st. For these seven days Israelites ate unleavened bread or bread made without yeast to remember that they left Egypt in haste.

d. Feast of The Harvest: It is also called the feast of weeks or the feast of Pentecost. It is held seven weeks after the feast of unleavened bread. In later Judaism it came to commemorate the giving of the law at Mount Sinai though there is no evidence of this in the Old Testament. In New Testament times, it is called the day of Pentecost which means fifty.

e. Feast Of Trumpets; It is celebrated on the first day of the seventh month. It is also known as Jewish New Year or Rosh-Hashanah.

f. Day of Atonement: It is celebrated on the 10th day of the seventh month. It a time of confession, contrition and celebration.

g. Feast of Tabernacles: It is also known as feast of Ingathering or Booths. It began on the 15th day of the 7th month and lasted for seven days. This was celebrated as a reminder to the Israelites that they lived in temporary shelters when God brought them out of Egypt. (Page 96)

4. Explain Isaiah's vision of Unity

The prophet indicates the path for the realization of this new humanity. This new humanity, which the prophet visualizes, is possible only through walking in the paths God revealed through His son, Jesus Christ (Is. 2:3). When we enter the experience of the Kingdom of God, the nations will withdraw from the competition of arms accumulation that arises out of fear. There after they will act in a way, which will ensure the sustenance of life and promote peaceful co-existence. They will hammer their swords into plough shears and their spears into pruning knives. Nations will never again go to war, never prepare for battle again (Is. 2:4). (page 30)

5. What are the three principles that Jesus taught using the parable of two sons? (3 Points)
What is the warning for us? (2 Points)

First, it reminds us of the two types of people. One group only teaches others the moral standards but does not practice it themselves. They are good in acting pious and quick to give instructions about truth, faithfulness, and love. But you cannot find these qualities in their own lives. The second group does not teach, offer advices, or issue warnings to others. They may appear to be materialistic, and heartless to the pious ones. But in reality, they are compassionate and honestly care for others in their practical needs.

Secondly, the parable sheds light on the principle that good words cannot be substitutes for good deeds. The second son wanted to impress his father with a seemingly nice, and humble answer, "Yes Sir." He certainly acted nicely but he did not live up to his words. He has never gone to the vineyard. To have real faith and humility in our lives, there must be obedience. The first son, though he said he didn't want to go, he repented later and obeyed his father's will.

Thirdly, Jesus is sending out a strong warning to the hypocritical teachers of law and the self-righteous Pharisees. They refused to believe the preaching of John the Baptist as he preached the way of righteousness. The tax collectors and prostitutes, the people who were condemned by their society, repented of their sins and asked God's forgiveness. So Jesus had to warn them that the tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the Kingdom of God before the religious hypocrites.

Warning for Us

The teaching of Jesus is relevant today as it was two thousand years ago. Even in our time, people mistakenly think true faith is participating liturgical worship, offering advices and maintaining the status in the community. In reality, they are simply trying to impress others with their self-righteous, and pretentious attitude. They want others to accept them as true believers. Their deeds do not attest their words. These are like the second son in the parable. They will be put to divine judgment (Page 40)

6. Explain the five elements of a sacrament?

1. Intention: It is the declared purpose of the Sacrament. For example, the intention of Holy Confession is to receive forgiveness of sins and admission into the covenant community.
2. Meaning: Baptism means commissioning of one's identification with the death and resurrection of Jesus.
3. Words of Institution: Words of Institution in the Holy Communion are: "When the sinless one, of his own will, chose to suffer death for us sinners, he took bread in his holy hands. He gave thanks, blessed, sanctified and broke it and gave it to his Apostles saying - take, eat, this is my body given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way, he took the cup. He gave thanks, blessed, sanctified and gave it to his Apostles saying drink this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for the many for the forgiveness of sin."
4. Matter: Water is the matter used in Baptism. Bread and wine are used as material means in the Holy Communion.
5. Celebrant: The celebrant is the ordained minister of the Church. (Page 172 & 173)

C Memory Verse (Choose any 5 out of 6. Each carries 5 points for a total of 25. Only the first five will be credited unless marked)

1. The spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind to releasethe oppressed. (Luke 4:18)
2. He will judge between the nations and will settle dispute for many people. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take sword against nations, nor will they train for war anymore. (Is 2:4)
3. Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners and sit in the seat of mockers. (Ps 1:1-2)
4. Therefore, since we are surrounded such a great cloud of witnesses let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. (Heb 12:1)
5. Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. (Heb 10:22)
6. If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your father in heaven will give good gifts to those who ask him. (Mat 7:11)

D. The Mar Thoma Church's Foundation and Vision (*One point each: Total Points:10*)

1. What is the meaning of the word 'Sacramentum'?
 - a. Faith
 - b. Confession
 - c. Oath (Page 171, Last para)**
 - d. Holy
2. What is the 'matter' used in the Baptism?
 - a. Oil
 - b. Baby
 - c. Basin
 - d. Water (Page 173 #4)**
3. What liturgy does Mar Thoma Church use in holy Communion?
 - a. St. James (Page 180 para 3)**
 - b. St. John
 - c. St. Peter
 - d. St. Thomas
4. What is the explicit reference to Baptism in the Nicene Creed?
 - a. Acknowledges group baptism
 - b. Acknowledges multiple baptism
 - c. Acknowledges one baptism (Page 176 para 3)**
 - d. Acknowledges no Baptism
5. What is the sacrament that is administered along with Holy Communion?

- a. Confirmation
 - b. Confession (Page 180 #3)
 - c. Ordination
 - d. Marriage
6. How many component elements are there in the final blessing?
- a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3 (Page 181 #14)**
 - d. 4
7. What is the prayer of Epiclesis?
- a. Communication for blessing
 - b. Prayer for the saints
 - c. Prayer for absolution
 - d. Prayer to the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine (Page 181 #8)**
8. What is Unction?
- a. Funeral service
 - b. Anointing of the sick (Page 188 last Para)**
 - c. Dominical sacrament
 - d. Fellowship
9. Who is the celebrant in a sacrament?
- a. Participant
 - b. Congregation
 - c. God parent
 - d. Ordained minister (Page 173 #5)**
10. What is Mooron?
- a. Thaksa
 - b. Holy oil / Consecrated oil (Page 176 last para)**
 - c. Wine
 - d. Water

E. Choose one of the following two topics to write an essay in 150 words (Total Points: 10)

1. Describe how God enabled Joseph to reconcile with his family.
- Joseph's family and crises (3 Points)
 - The events that led to becoming the governor (3 Points)
 - The reconciliation with the brothers (3 Points)
 - Conclusion (1 Point)

The family consisted of his wife, twelve sons (Gen. 35:23-26) and one daughter (Gen. 30:21). Benjamin was the youngest son and Joseph was the eleventh son. Jacob loved his son Joseph most than all other children. Joseph was born to Jacob when he was very old and was born to Rachel. Joseph brought to his father the report of the ill doings of his brothers (Gen. 37:2). This creates crisis in Jacob's family due to over affection and love to Joseph.

The Crisis in Jacob's Family

When Jacob loved Joseph more than all other children, the brothers started to hate Joseph (Gen. 37:4). They hated Joseph more when he told them about his dream (Gen. 37:18). They thought of killing Joseph. When Joseph came to the place where they were tending the flock, he was thrown in to a well and then sold him to a group of Ishmaelites.

Later they sold Joseph to Potiphar, who was the captain of the Guards of the King's palace. Joseph became the steward of his house. Soon Joseph was accused of misbehavior towards Potiphar's wife and put him in jail. Joseph overcame all these adversities because of his strong faith in God, his good conduct and the wisdom of interpreting the dreams of the king when his magicians and wise men failed to do so. Pharaoh was well pleased with Joseph and his ability to interpret the dreams and appointed him as the Governor of Egypt (Gen. 41:41). Joseph made all the arrangement to provide the food supply for the people during the time of famine. Joseph's brothers also came to collect the supplies except Benjamin, without knowing Joseph.

Reconciliation in the Family

Though the brothers failed to recognize Joseph, Joseph recognized them (Gen. 42-45). To test them, Joseph treated them as spies and put them in prison for three days, and kept Simeon in prison until Benjamin was brought to Egypt. (Ask students to explain the story and the teacher completes the missing portion). Second time they came with Benjamin to collect the grain. Finally Joseph revealed his true identity to his brothers-Gen.45. Joseph said, "It was really God who sent me ahead of you here to save the lives of people (Gen. 45:5). Joseph treated them so kind and affectionately. Here shows his firm faith and trust in God. Joseph helped his brothers in crisis without taking any revenge against them. Joseph was sincere and faithful to God, himself and to his fellow humans. The words of Joseph touched the heart of his brothers .

Conclusion:

Through Joseph's faith in God, he was able to overcome the many obstacles that occurred in his life. His trust in the Lord enabled him to reconcile with his family and thus be able to settle the crisis.

2. Write an essay on how did a Moabite woman Ruth receive the great honor in the genealogy of Jesus Christ? Include the following sections:
 - a. The background of Ruth connecting with Naomi's family(2 points)
 - b. The circumstances that led to her travel to Bethlehem (2 Points)
 - c. The six important choices (3 Points) that she made and Gods reward(1 Point)
 - d. What are the values in Ruth? (2 Points)
- a. The background of Ruth connecting with a the Jewish family(2 points)

There was a severe famine in the land of Judea. A man named Elimelech moved from Moab with his wife, Naomi, and their two sons, Mahlon and Chilion to escape the hard times in Judea. They settled down in the new country. Soon Elimelech died. Naomi's two sons got married to Moabite girls, Orpah, and Ruth.

b. The circumstances that led to her travel to Bethlehem (2 Points)

After ten years Mahlon and Chilion passed away. Naomi was left with her two daughters-in law. She heard that the Lord has visited Judea and blessed His people in giving them food. Naomi made plans to leave the foreign land and return to Bethlehem. Orpah decided to return to her people. Ruth decided to follow Naomi sacrificing her freedom and pleasure.

Naomi had lost her husband 10 years ago. Now she lost both of her beloved sons. Orpah and Ruth had lost their loving husbands. All three of them were grief stricken. Their love was such that Orpah and Ruth did not want to part Naomi. They wanted to go to Bethlehem with Naomi. Naomi loved her daughters-in-Law that she wanted them to return to their people and have a better life of their own. She counseled them to return to their families. Notice her love and affection for them in verse eight: "May the Lord be as good to you as you have been to me and to those who have died." This created a dilemma for both Orpah and Ruth. Orpah, a Moabite, was inclined to her kinsmen and their religion she grew up with. It was but natural. Naomi was faithful to her God, the living God of Israel. But the differences in their culture, and faith did not stop Naomi from loving her. When Orpah finally chose to return, Naomi encouraged Ruth to follow suit. Notice verse fifteen, which says: "Go back home with your sister-in-law" What did Ruth say? "Don't ask me to leave you. Let me go with you. May the Lord's worst punishment come upon me if I let anything but death separate me from you.

c. The six important choices (3 Points) that she made and Gods reward(1 Point)

1. She would accompany Naomi to Bethlehem.
2. She would stay with her.
3. She would sacrifice her interests ("Your people shall be my people")
4. She would accept Naomi's faith. ("Your God my God")
5. She would die where Naomi died.
6. She would get buried along with Naomi.

Ruth would never depart from Naomi until the day of her death. Her determination was such that she would take any punishment God would send her

God rewarded her with a redeemer call Boaz. Then God blessed Boaz and Ruth with a wonderful child called Obed. St. Matthew has recorded the position of Ruth in the genealogy of Jesus Christ with special attention. Ruth, the ordinary, humble girl from the land of Moab was honored as the great grandmother of King David; and; therefore; of our Savior Jesus Christ as well.

d. What are the values in Ruth that we should adopt ? (2 Points)

1. Like Ruth, we need to be willing to sacrifice our own wants for the needs of others.
2. A child of God must never be selfish.
3. We must use all situation and opportunities for the good of others as well as for the glory of the Lord.

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SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2011

Grade: 9

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Time: 90 Minutes

Maximum Points: 100

A: Select the most appropriate response for the following questions. Circle the alphabet of the correct response. (25x1=25 points)

1. The Creation story is an example of God revealing himself to man through _____

- A. Divine Revelation
- B. Special Revelation
- C. General Revelation (L-1 Pg. 11 Line 1)**
- D. Apostolic Revelation

2. _____ is also known as the prophet of Reformation, who performed mighty deeds

- A. David
- B. Elijah (L-4 Pg 21 para 3 line 2)**
- C. Amos
- D. Ezra

3. Ezra means _____

- A. Mercy
- B. From Jezrel
- C. Burden-bearer
- D. Help (L-7, Pg. 31 line 12)**

4. _____ was known as “The Lady with the Lamp”.

- A. Mother Teresa
- B. Florence Nightingale (L-16 Pg. 62 para 2 line 5)**
- C. Pandita Ramabai
- D. Dolores Huerta

5. What is unique about Christians' approach to suffering?
- A. Christians do not have to suffer because Christ suffered and died instead
 - B. Christians view suffering as a means to experience the power of the living Christ (L-20 P. 77)**
 - C. Christian suffering was limited to the early centuries
 - D. Christians believe that through suffering they will have eternal life
6. Which of the following **is not** true of Ananias and Sapphira? (L – 24 Pg. 91)
- A. They chose to join the Church without any compulsion
 - B. They sold a field and donated only a part of the proceeds to the apostles
 - C. They attempted to deceive the early church community but were caught in the act
 - D. They won the support and esteem from the community**
7. What was the peoples' attitude towards prophets during Micah's time?
- A. They asked prophets not to prophesize but tell them what they wanted to hear (L-27 P. 102)**
 - B. They obeyed prophets diligently
 - C. They listened to their prophets and stopped oppression and covetuousness
 - D. They discouraged false prophets
8. Which of the following statement is true about Timothy?
- A. Timothy received the gift of God for his ministry when Paul laid his hands on him (L-21 P. 80)**
 - B. Timothy was Paul's son
 - C. Timothy's parents were Jews
 - D. Paul refused to circumcise Timothy
9. In Psalms 42 and 43 the Psalmist reflects the thirst of the human soul for
- A. God's presence (Lesson 3 p.18)**
 - B. God's love
 - C. God's promise
 - D. God's care
10. _____ proclaims the truth with regards to salvation through Jesus Christ.
- A. Coptic Creed
 - B. Apostolic Creed**
 - C. Creed of Athanasius
 - D. Syrian Creed

(Reference – Page 26, Ch 5, Para 2, line 2)

11. One who can experience the presence of this _____ can easily overcome dark experiences that happen in his or her life.

- A) honesty
- B) good shepherd**
- C) true faith
- D) forgiveness

Ans: b (L-6/P-28)

12. Which of the following is **not** true about Ezra?

- A) He was a prophet**
- B) He was an interpreter of the Old Testaments
- C) He obtained a remarkable position in the Persian King Artaxerxes's court
- D) He was send to Jerusalem on a royal commission

Ans: a (L-7/P-32)

13. Martin Luther calls Psalm 104: _____

- A) Praise of God from the Book of Nature**
- B) The Reformation psalm
- C) The hymn of Israel's past
- D) The great song of victory

(Reference - Page 11, Ch 1, Para 3)

14. All of the following are true of Barnabas **except**:

- A) He was a bishop in Jerusalem**
- B) He was a good man, full of faith, and of the Spirit
- C) Before the apostles surnamed him Bernabas, his name was Joseph
- D) He was a very generous person

Ans: a (L-24/P-91)

15. Micah gives the people the message of hope, despite the:

- A) Oppression
- B) Condemnation**
- C) Confession
- D) Obedience

Ans: b (L-27/P-102)

16. Oscar Romero was known as the Bishop of the _____.

- A. Sick.
- B. Poor**
- C. Needy
- D. Orphans

(Reference – Page 66, Ch 17, Para2, line 2)

17. Paul was very concerned for the lack of unity in the_____ congregation

- A. Philippian**
- B. Galatians
- C. Corinthian
- D. Colossian

(Reference - Page 109, Ch 29, Para 2, line 3)

18. Pandita Ramabai was born in

- A. Poona, Maharashtra
- B. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- C. Nagpur, Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka**

Lesson 30, p.112

19. _____ once quoted Martin Luther and said: “It is rather impossible to summarize Christian faith, other than the Apostolic Creed”

- A) Philip Melancthon
- B) John Calvin**
- C) Bishop Courtney
- D) H. Zwingli

Answer b Lesson 5, p.26)

20. From the following statements which one best describes John the Baptist?

- A) cared about what others thought of him and his preaching
- B) desired to be well-known amongst society
- C) ate nothing but bread and honey
- D) fearless in his preaching**

Answer d, Lesson 25, p.94

21. After the reign of Solomon, the kingdom was divided into two. The southern kingdom which was ruled by the descendants of _____and the northern kingdom was ruled by the descendants of _____.

- A. Solomon, Jeroboam I**
- B. Joshua, Ahab
- C. Hezekiah, Joshaphat
- D. Uzziah, Jezebel

(Reference - Page 37, Ch 9, Para3, line 3)

22. To walk with God requires _____.

- A. Courage and conviction
- B. Worshipping in spirit and in truth
- C. Harmonious relationship with Him**
- D. Wearing phylacteries on your foreheads

(Reference - Page 38, Ch 9, Para6, line 1)

23. _____, one of the pioneer missionaries to India, preached the gospel, translated the Bible to the major languages and dialects of India and established educational institutions for the future of India.

- A. William Ward
- B. James Long
- C. Henry Martyn
- D. William Carey**

(Reference - Page 13, Ch 2, Para4, line 1)

24. St. Paul says that we should be _____ producing fruits of goodness, righteousness and truth.

- A. True Christians
- B. Children of light**
- C. Peace loving Christians
- D. Experiencing presence of living Christ.

(Reference - Page 35, Ch 8, Para 4, line 4)

25. The Non Jewish Emperor used by God to help return of the Jews from Captivity was: _____

- A. Artaxerxes
- B. Cyrus**
- C. Ezra
- D. Ahaziah

(Reference - Page 31, Ch 7, Para 6, line 1)

SHORT ANSWER

B. ANSWER ANY FIVE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. Answers should be to the point. If you answer all six, only the first 5 will be checked (5x5=25 points)

1. Briefly explain the benefits of our fellowship with Christ. **(L-8 Pg. 35)**

Experiencing the gift of salvation by the Grace of God:

Our knowledge of God was made clearer through Jesus Christ. God offers salvation through the Son and no one can receive salvation through his/her own deeds. God gives us the salvation experience through His Grace and through our faith in the death and resurrection of Christ.

This makes us mature as children of God, one of the outward expressions of this is "Divine Love". **(3 points)**

Experiencing the living presence of God in our lives:

Even though it is not possible to experience the physical presence of Jesus, we will be able to experience the presence of Jesus in the same way the disciples experienced, after the ascension of Jesus. **(2 points)**

2. Who was Timothy? What did Paul warn Timothy about and how did he encourage Timothy to endure? **(L-21 P. 80)**

Timothy was a young man from Lystra whose father was Greek but mother Eunice and Grandmother Lois were of great faith. Timothy was a man of God with strong faith, good training and reputation and he was ready to suffer for the sake of Christ and the Gospel. **(2 points)**

Paul warns Timothy that all who desire to live a godly life in Christ will be persecuted. However, he encourages Timothy by telling him that the Lord rescued him through all the persecutions that he had to endure. Paul tells him not to worry about his youth, but to set the believers an example in speech and conduct, love and faith and in purity. **(3 points)**

3. Briefly state any five points from history and tradition that demonstrate the existence of a church in Kerala from the ancient times. **(MTC - Pg. 191-192)**

1. Bishop John of Persia, documented his representation from churches of Persia and great India which shows the connection between Persian and Malabar churches.
2. The writing of Cosmas, a merchant from Alexandria, records the presence of a strong Christian community with clergy ordained by a Bishop from Persia.
3. At the dawn of Christianity there existed trade routes from west Asia to Kerala. It was very much possible for St. Thomas to have traveled by these routes to Kerala.
4. There is a reference to St. Thomas in the Rambban Pattu and Margam Kalipattu

5. The oral traditions of the community in relation to its identity as seen by outsiders give it a distinct nomenclature prevalent only in the ancient church.

- 4) How and where was the relationship between God and humanity broken? What was the greatest performance of God to restore this broken relationship?

(Reference – Page 66, Ch 17, Para 3-4, multiple lines)

God created Adam and Eve, and placed them in the Garden of Eden to have daily fellowship with them. However, they disobeyed God and got separated from God. As a result, sin entered into this world. Again, God continually revealed his love and mercy to restore the relationship. He used people like Abraham, Moses, Samuel and Jeremiah for this purpose. But, the people always rejected God's love and continued in sin. (3 points)

God's greatest performance to restore this broken relationship was sending His own son to deliver humanity from the bondage of sin. Jesus Christ, God's Son came to this world as an ordinary human being. He died on the cross and rose again on the third day. Everyone who believes in Jesus can restore the broken relationship and have eternal life. (2 points)

5. Families are the building blocks of society. What are the 5 special features of Christian families? **(L-28 P. 104 – 106)**

1. Christian family is a holy relationship. Home is the first and most basic institution established by God.
2. Christian family is a school where the children are trained the way they should go. Virtues like discipline and moral values are learned at home.
3. Family is where the formation of faith takes place. Children learn about Christ at home and also learn to honor their parents through that faith.
4. family is the great place for effective communication. Coming together and exchanging ideas and views leads to strong and healthy relationships.
5. Each member of the family leads other members of the family to god and together they experience the presence of God.

- 6) Explain the different forms of ministries and their function in the Mar Thoma Church? (Foundation p.82)

All Mar Thoma Church members are called for the Lords Ministry. (1 pt)

Some are in the ordained ministry while others are in lay ministries spreading the gospel as evangelist. (1 pt)

The ordained ministry consists of deacon, priest and bishops (1 pt)

The priest is the vicar of parishes. The deacon helps achen in the worship (1 pt)

Laity is also given a responsible position in the administration of the church (1 pt)

C. MEMORY VERSES. Complete any Five (5) of the following memory verses. Only the first five will be corrected for full credits. (5x5=25 points)

- 1) The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory (Romans 8:16-17)
- 2) I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. (John 17:11)
- 3) For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)
- 4) When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. (Jonah 2:7)
- 5) Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet (Exodus 15:25)
- 6) For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands (2 Timothy 1:6)

D. THE MAR THOMA CHURCH-(Our Foundation and Vision) Choose the most appropriate response for the following. (10x1=10 points)

- 1) In 1889, the Jacobite Church opted to continue under the Patriarch of _____
 - A) Alexandria
 - B) Antioch**
 - C) Persia
 - D) Portugal
- 2) The Sabha Council is elected for a period of _____ years
 - A. Two
 - B. Three**
 - C. Four
 - D. Five

(Reference - Page 202, Lesson 3, Para 2, line 2)

3) The Mar Thoma Church belongs to which of the following family of churches

- A Eastern European Churches
- B Greek Orthodox Churches
- C Lesser Eastern Churches (MTC, Pg. 198)**
- D Evangelical Churches

4) Which of the following is **NOT** true of the Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church?

- A He is the Methran (Head) of the Church
- B He is supreme to other Bishops (MTC, Pg. 200)**
- C He is first among equals
- D He represents the church in ecclesial matters

5) The synod of Diamper in 1599 _____

- A United the Indian church with the Roman catholic church
- B Forced the Indian church to accept roman doctrine and practices (MTC Pg. 192)**
- C Resulted in the formation of the Mar Thoma Church
- D Freed the Indian church from Roman catholic influence

6) The Mar Thoma Church has three forms of ordained ministry. They are _____.

- A. Ramban, Priest, Bishop
- B. Priest, Sabha Council, Bishop
- C. Sabha Council, Bishop, Episcopal Synod
- D. Deacon, Priest, Bishop**

(Reference - Page 200, Lesson 2, Para 2, line 2) New added

7) All decisions affecting the church are made by _____ consisting of 65% elected lay members from parishes and 35% clergy including the bishops.

- A. Sabha Council
- B. Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam**
- C. Diocesan Assembly
- D. Episcopal Synod

(Reference - Page 201, Lesson 3, Para 4, line 3)

8) Laos is a _____

- A Hebrew word meaning Praise
- B Greek word meaning People (MTC Pg. 204)**
- C Malayalam word meaning Sacrifice
- D A Latin word introduced by the Portuguese

- 9) Which of the following Change was “NOT” part of the Reformed order of worship in the Church
- A. Removed prayers for the dead
 - B. Decided to serve Bread and Wine separately
 - C. **Decided to carry Cross on the Alter**
 - D. Holly Communion is for participation and not for worship

(Reference - Page 210-211, Lesson 5, Para multiple)

- 10) Of the following bodies of the Mar Thoma Church which one is its executive committee?. (p.202)
- A. Sabha Pradhinidhi Mandalam
 - B. Sabha Council**
 - C. Diocesan Council
 - D. Diocesan Assembly

ESSAY: Write an essay in about 200 words on **any one** of the following topics. Essay should have an **introduction, body, and a conclusion.** (1x15=15 points)

- 1) Write an essay on John the Baptist. Include in your discussion: his background (who was John the Baptist), his way of addressing the social evils of his time, the lesson we learn about his humility, and the reason for his imprisonment and beheading by Herod. (Reference pages 93-94)**

Introduction (1 point)

His background (3 points)

John the Baptist is considered a prophet. He is a contemporary of Jesus. He was a Levite. He lived in the wilderness of Judea, between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. He was clothed in camel’s hair and wore a leather belt, and ate locust and wild honey. His simple life style helped him to challenge and criticize the existing social set up. John prepared himself before he presented himself before the public.

His way of addressing the social evils during his time (5 points)

He never played a divided role. He never watered down the message of God. He surrendered his whole being to the power and will of God. He fearlessly preached to the workingmen, religious leaders, and government officials, encouraging them to repent. He baptized people in the Jordan River for repentance and forgiveness of sins.

He instructed the tax collectors not to collect more than they had been ordered to collect. Publicans purchased (bought) the right to collect taxes from Rome and they often increased their wages by unfairly taxing the Jews.

When the soldiers heard him, they repented. He instructed them not to accuse anyone falsely, not to take money from anyone by force, and to be content with their wages. When the Pharisees and Sadducees came to hear John, he fearlessly called them

A “brood of vipers,” and called them to repentance.

Lesson we learn about the humility of John the Baptist (2 points)

- 1) He said that he was not worthy to untie the sandals of the one who was coming after him. This shows his humility
- 2) Also he said “He must become greater; I must become less.”

Reason for his imprisonment and beheading (3 points)

John’s ministry and life came to an end when he warned Herod for his sinful behavior. John fearlessly preached against his adulterous marriage to his brother’s wife, Herodias. Herod imprisoned John for the sake of Herodias. She held a grudge against John, and was put to death.

Conclusion (1 point)

2) Write an essay on the ministry of the Early Church. Include in your discussion: the structure of the Early Church, life style of the Early Church, leadership qualities of Stephen, and the witnessing Church. (Reference – Page 83-85, Ch. 22)

a) Introduction – (1 point)

b) Structure of the Early Church – (4 points)

- Paul talks about the organizational and hierarchical structure of the Church in his letter to Timothy.
- There were office-holders such as helpers, deacons, and bishops.
- In the early Church in Jerusalem, there were twelve apostles, and seven helpers selected for helping the apostles in distributing the food.
- They chose 7 Greek-speaking Jews who were men of good repute and full of the Spirit and of wisdom

c) Life style of the early Church (2 points)

- All the believers lived together and shared their belongings by selling their possessions
- Totally selfless and sharing life was the identity of the early Church

d) Leadership Qualities of Stephen in the early church – (4 points)

- While the apostles were busy preaching, Stephen was given the responsibility for distributing the food
- But he was not content with just distributing the food; he had a desire to preach the gospel, and started doing it whenever he could.
- He saw that message of Christ challenge many features of Judaism; the gospel removed the need for the Temple and its associated sacrifices and Mosaic rites,.
- He faced opposition for this but he did not waver in his faith and continued preaching till he became the first Christian martyr.

e) The Witnessing of the early Church - (3 points)

- praying together with one mind, and rejoicing and praising God
- sharing joy, sorrow, and possessions with others
- earning the goodwill of all other people

f) Conclusion - 1 (point)



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DURATION: 90 MINUTES

TOTAL SCORE: 100 POINTS

SECTION - I Mar Thoma Sunday School Curriculum

Select the most appropriate response for the following questions.

Circle the letter of the correct response.

(1x25 = 25)

1. In Athens, Paul entered into a debate with _____. (Chapter 27/Page 124)
 - a. Epimythidis of Crete
 - b. Arenans of Cilicia
 - c. An unknown God
 - d. **Stoics and Epicureans**
2. The three symbols that Paul refers to Timothy, for sharing the Christian faith are (Chapter 30/Page 136)
 - a. Soldier, Athlete and Preacher
 - b. **Soldier, Farmer and Athlete**
 - c. Devotion, Knowledge and Prayer
 - d. Discipline, Sacrifice and Service
3. What was Saul's (Paul) occupation? (Chapter 24/Page 111)
 - a. Teaching the Law
 - b. Persecuting Christians
 - c. An Eminent Doctor of the Law
 - d. **Tent Making**
4. The _____ were singing, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty". "The whole earth is full of His glory." (Chapter 21/Page 101)
 - a. Isaiah
 - b. **The Seraphs**
 - c. Cherubim
 - d. People in the temple

5. The word incarnation refers to _____. (Chapter 20/Page 97)
- The presence of Christ
 - God becoming flesh**
 - Obeying God
 - God's protection
6. The gift of the Holy Spirit is given to each person, and they are meant for _____. (Chapter 19/Page 92)
- Speaking
 - Defending faith**
 - Searching
 - The common Good of the church (answer)**
7. Who said to whom, "The Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die". (Chapter 17/Page 84)
- Lord God to King Saul
 - Lord God to King David
 - Nathan to King David**
 - Samuel to King Saul
8. In Ezekiel's vision, the dry bones represent _____. (Chapter 15/Page 75)
- The valley
 - The whole house of Israel**
 - The great army of Israel
 - The hopes and dreams of the Israelites
9. God blessed Daniel and his friends because (Chapter 12/Page 62, line 9)
- They were loyal to King of Babylon
 - They decided not to partake of the rich food
 - They did not acknowledge God as the revealer of mysteries
 - Of their faithfulness (answer)**
10. The grand old mother of the tribe of King David is _____. (Chapter 11/Page 58)
- Naomi
 - Samaritan woman
 - Ruth**
 - Mary Magdalene
11. When Nehemiah heard that the walls and gates of Jerusalem were burnt with fire, there was a progressive nature in Nehemiah's reaction that was _____. (Chapter 5/Page 31)
- He tried to solve this problem on his own
 - He 'heard', 'wept', 'mourned', 'fasted' and 'prayed' before the God of Heaven**
 - He immediately left the king's palace to Jerusalem
 - He asked his friends to go and rebuild the walls and gates

12. Whose vision talks about the 'New Heaven and New earth that exists where God lives along with man'? (**Chapter 4/Page 26**)
- John**
 - Peter
 - Daniel
 - Ezekiel
13. The Headquarters of the World Council of Churches is at _____. (**Chapter 22/Page 106**)
- New York
 - London
 - Geneva**
 - Brazil
14. 14. Stoic religion was found by _____ of Cypress. (**Chapter 27, page 124**)
- Epicures
 - Pharisees
 - Hebrews
 - Zeno**
15. What is the meaning of 'Pharisees'? (**Chapter 24, page 111**)
- Separated ones**
 - Holy ones
 - Highly religious
 - Traditional Jew
16. God blessed _____ and _____ and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth and subdue it". (**Chapter 28, page 128**)
- Job and his wife
 - Adam and Eve**
 - Noah and his wife
 - David and Bathsheba
17. _____ pronounced a decree enabling thousands of Jews to return to Jerusalem. (**Chapter 5, page 30**)
- King Artaxerxes
 - King Darius
 - King Cyrus**
 - King Nebuchadnezzar
18. _____ has a covetable place in Bible as she was the one of the first women who saw the risen Christ. (**Chapter 11, page 58**)
- Mary mother of Jesus
 - Martha
 - Mary Magdalene**
 - Salome

19. The name Ezekiel means _____. (Chapter 15, page 75)
- A. God is with us
 - God empowers**
 - God's love
 - God provides
20. Which King founded the city of Samaria? (Chapter 14, page 70)
- Josiah
 - Omri**
 - Saul
 - David
21. Whose portrayal of the incarnation of Jesus goes beyond the historical facts about Jesus? (Chapter 20, page 97)
- Matthew
 - John**
 - Mark
 - Luke
22. The nation of Israel was divided into two during the reign of _____. (Chapter 14/Page 70)
- King David
 - King Rehoboam**
 - King Saul
 - King Solomon
23. Whom did Ezekiel say that the Lord set him as? (Chapter 15/Page 75)
- Priest
 - Judge
 - Servant
 - Watchman for the people**
24. The most supreme and sublime type of love which involves sacrifice is? (Chapter 18/Page 87)
- Eros
 - Storge
 - Philia
 - Agape**
25. Who is known as the "Father of modern mission?" (Chapter 21/Page 100)
- Sadhu Sunder Singh
 - Charles Freer Andrews
 - Dwight Lyman Moody
 - William Carey**

B. Answer any five (5) of the following questions.

Answers should be to the point.

(5x5 = 25)

1. Why did the early Christian church modify its views on suffering? (Chapter 25/Page 116/ (5 points)

- a. Jesus showed us through His suffering and humiliation on the cross that suffering need not be always out of sin
- b. The early church modifies its belief in sufferings in the light of the passion and crucifixion of Jesus Christ.
- c. The sinless Christ took upon Him the calamities of the sinful world.
- d. Because Jesus died for us while we were sinners, His sufferings became a source of our redemption.
- e. The early Christian church viewed the sufferings they faced in a similar sense.

2. Why is Paul known as the Apostle of Gentiles? (Chapter 16/Page 79 (5 points)

- a. Paul was ever ready to mingle with and accept the Gentiles.
- b. He was ready to preach the good news to them.
- c. The central theme of his teaching was that we should not discriminate between people.
- d. In Galatians 3:28, Paul says there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ.
- e. Paul teaches the people of Galatia that all are equal before God.

3. Compare and contrast the spiritual man with the natural man. (Chapter 19/Page 93 (5 points))

- a. The spiritual man is one who accepts Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.
- b. The spiritual man's life is controlled and guided by the Holy Spirit.
- c. The spiritual man makes judgments about all things.
- d. The natural man is not Christ filled, unable to discern spiritual matters.
- e. Natural man is drawn by the sinful pleasures of the world, does not accept the things that come from the spirit of God.

4. Describe four major contributions of Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan? (Foundation and Vision/Lesson 2/Page 222) (5 points)

- a. He firmly believed that Mar Thoma Church has a special role in evangelizing the rest of India.
- b. He was a pioneer in sending missionaries from Kerala to the various corners of India to preach the gospel.
- c. He **exhorted** every member of the Mar Thoma Church to be a Missionary (Evangelist) and to promote this, he established the Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelistic Association.

- d. His entire life, as a priest, bishop and Metropolitan, was dedicated to the **moulding or shaping** of the Mar Thoma Church as a pioneer evangelistic church among all the churches in India.

5. What are the main points of Paul's address at Areopagus? (Chapter 27, page 124)

At Areopagus, Paul started his address by referring to an altar on which was written, "To an unknown God". He then told them he was going to proclaim about that unknown God. The main points of his address are the following:

- a. This God is different from their gods whom they worshipped.
- b. He is omnipotent, Maker and Master of the universe, does not confine Himself to temples made by man and limit himself to space and time.
- c. He is not served by human hands since he does not need anything. He gives life, breath, and everything else to all mankind.
- d. He predetermines the exact times and places where they would live **so that men could seek him and perhaps reach out to Him and find Him.**
- e. God is not far from anyone of us.

6. List the four thoughts in Psalm 19 that express God's glory. (Chapter 1, page 11)

- a. The glory of the Almighty God is revealed through creation.
- b. The utmost objective of the universe and the entire humanity is to glorify God. Respecting and loving the creation is part of glorifying and worshipping God
- c. It is only through faith that one can understand the Glory of God and His creation.
- d. God's creation is continued through the discoveries and innovations developed by human beings

C. Complete any Five of the following Memory Verses. (5x5 = 25)

1. I am with you and will watch over you _____

_____ what I have promised you. (Genesis 28:15)

(Chapter 11, page 59)

I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.

2. "Calling the twelve to him, he sent them out _____

These were his instructions: _____

_____ extra tunic. (Mark 6: 7-9)

(Chapter 30, page 139)

“Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits. These were the instructions: Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, and no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra tunic.”

3. All believers were together _____

_____. They broke _____

And the Lord _____ being saved

(Acts 2:44-47)

(Chapter 29, page 134)

All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

4. You made him a little lower than _____

_____ you put everything under his feet. (Psalm 8: 5-6)

Chapter 4, page 28)

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet.

5. Then I heard _____

_____ send me. (Isaiah 6:8)

(Chapter 21, page 103)

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here am I. Send me.”

6. If any one says, “_____”

_____ whom he has not seen. (I John 4:20)

(Chapter 18, page 89)

If anyone says, “I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

D. Write an essay of about 200 words on any one of the following. (15x1 = 15)
Essay should have an introduction, body and a conclusion.

1. Explain about Ezekiel’s vision of the valley of dry bones?
 - a) Introduction (Historical background of Ezekiel’s life) (4 points)
 - b) What are some of the characteristics of the literary style that the Prophet uses? (3 points)
 - c) Summarize the vision and explain its meaning (5 points)
 - d) Conclusion (What are the 3 insights that we can learn from this lesson?) (3 points)

(Chapter 15/Pages 75, 76)

- a. Prophet Ezekiel lived and ministered during a very important period of Israel’s history. He was a contemporary of the prophet Jeremiah, prophesized outside the land of Judah. He was one of the Jewish exiles taken as a captive into the land of Babylon. The name Ezekiel means “God empowers”. He was a trained priest but God called him to become a prophet. The Lord set him as a watchman for the people.

- b. The literature in the book of Ezekiel is distinguished by the following distinctive characteristics.
- It is full of symbolism and imaginary.
 - The author has dreams or visions
 - His subject matter is often eschatological in nature (pertaining to the future or end times).
- c. In Ezekiel 37: 1-14 the prophet narrates a magnificent vision he had seen. The Spirit of the Lord carried the prophet to a valley full of dry bones. The dry bones represented the whole house of Israel, with the people scattered as exiles, all their hopes lost, and dreams of nationhood utterly shattered. The exiled Jews were very dejected and spiritually dead. They had no hope of ever returning to Jerusalem their homeland. At this juncture, God gives the prophet the vision **at this juncture** of utter despair and hopelessness among his people.
- In the vision, the Lord poses this question to the prophet “Son of Man, Can these bones live”? to which Ezekiel replies, “O Sovereign Lord, You alone know.” The Lord then commands the prophet to prophesy to the dry bones and ask them to hear the Word of the Lord. When Ezekiel prophesized, the bones reunite and sinews and flesh come upon them. They are then covered with skin and finally receive the breath of life. Behold the valley was filled with a great army.
- d. The 3 insights are
- God is able to save His people from absolutely hopeless situations.
 - Intimate contact with God is imperative for our renewal and revival from dead spirituality.
 - God will bless us abundantly if we face our problems with complete trust in Him.

2. “Come and see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be Christ?” John 4:29. She became the first evangelist in Samaria. Write an essay about the encounter of Jesus with Samaritan woman. Include the following components in your essay.

- a. Introduction – reasons for the hatred between Jews and Samaritans (2 points)**
- b. Describe the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman. (3 points)**
- c. What important aspects of Jesus’ personality are revealed in His encounter with the Samaritan woman? (3 points)**
- d. What are the remarkable aspects of this encounter? (3 points)**
- e. What was the response of Samaritan woman? (2 points)**
- f. Conclusion – Life application (2 points).**

(Chapter 14/Page 70 and 71)

- a. The Jews did not look kindly upon the Samaritans, whom they considered not pure Israelites, but a mixed race. The Samaritans built a temple in Gerisim where they worshipped, which strained the relationship further. The mutual hatred of Jews and Samaritans was intense.
- b. Jesus and disciples decided to pass through Samaria. When they reached Jacob’s well in the town of Sukhar, Jesus met the Samaritan woman. It was rather unusual for a woman to go to the well to fetch the water. Jesus requested her water to drink.
- c. We can see three aspects of Jesus’ personality:

- i. The humane nature of Jesus. He sat at the well, tired and thirsty. He asked the Samaritan woman for some water to quench his thirst.
- ii. To Jesus all are equal.- Jew or Samaritan. He is not only interested in the affairs of all people, but has a soft heart for the marginalized **and the ostracized.**
- iii. Jesus transcends all unjust barriers set by society through his conversation with the Samaritan woman.
- d. The encounter is remarkable in the following aspects:
 - i. Jesus courageously pulls down the traditions and barriers set by society to reach out to the soul in need of His redeeming touch.
 - ii. He listens to her attentively, corrects her ways, and offers her redemption.
 - iii. He reveals to her that He is the Messiah foretold by the prophets and whom she was expecting.
- e. Samaritan woman was able to see herself in the true light. She got **transformed** and started witnessing about Jesus in her town. “Come and see a man told me that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” She became the first evangelist in Samaria and many came to Jesus through her testimony.
- f. We, like the Samaritan woman, need to meet Jesus personally in our lives in order to be transformed. Then we will be able to spread the gospel of salvation to others.

SECTION II - Foundation and Vision

**F. Select the most appropriate response for the following questions.
Circle the letter of your choice.**

(1x10 = 10)

1. Which bishop laid a strong foundation for the Mar Thoma Church in North America? (**Lesson 2/Page 221**)
 - a. **Dr. Thomas Mar Athanasius**
 - b. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma
 - c. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma
 - d. Dr. Juhanon Mar Thoma
2. What is the other name of Diakonial ministry? (**Lesson 1/Page 217**)
 - a. Christian ministry
 - b. **Servant ministry**
 - c. Ecumenical ministry
 - d. Evangelical ministry
3. Which bishop encouraged the Dalit community belonging to the Marthoma Church? (**Lesson 2/Page 224**)
 - a. Dr. Juhanon Marthoma
 - b. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma
 - c. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma
 - d. **Dr Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan**

4. Where did Dr. Stanley Jones establish an ashram in India? **(Lesson 3/Page 229)**
- Sat Tal**
 - Calcutta
 - Delhi
 - Pune
5. Who founded the Nirmal Hriday destitute home? **(Lesson 3/Page 230)**
- William Carey
 - Stanley Jones
 - Mother Teresa**
 - Billy Graham
6. Which of the below is the first and oldest national missionary movement of Mar Thoma Church in India? **(Lesson 5/Page 240)**
- Sunday School Samajam
 - Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association**
 - Yuvajana Sakhyam
 - Suvishesha Sevika Sangham
7. The first Native American mission of our diocese was initiated in the state of _____ **(Lesson 5/Page 242)**
- Alabama
 - New Mexico
 - Oklahoma**
 - New York
8. Shanti Mandiram, Hoskote, Bangalore is an example of _____. **(Lesson 4/Page 237)**
- Guidance and Counseling Centre
 - Old Age Home
 - Medical Centre
 - Shelter for the destitute and homeless**
9. Asha Bhavan, Pathanapuram is _____.? **(Lesson 4/Page 235).**
- A rehabilitation center for the mentally challenged
 - A halfway home
 - A rehabilitation center for the physically challenged**
 - A shelter for the destitute
10. The Mar Thoma Church leprosy clinic is located at _____ **(Lesson 5/Page 242).**
- Shimla
 - Hoskote**
 - Palghat
 - Ankola

