



MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE
2012 Diocesan Exam
Grade 5

Time : 90 Minutes

Maximum Score : 100 Points

PLEASE WRITE ALL ANSWERS ON SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET
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Section 1 – Match the following. Write the appropriate alphabet of the matching word from Column B to Column A on the answer sheet provided.

(10 x 1pt each =10 pts Total)

Column A		Column B
1. Gideon	G(L16 Judges 6:32)	A. Jerusalem Council
2. Lot	H(L7 P30)	B. Prophetess
3. James	A (L10 P40)	C. Moriah -
4. Caiphas	J (L19 P65)	D. Son of Amon
5. Huldah	B (L22 P72)	E. Samuel's father
6. Josiah	D (L25 P82)	F. King of Persia
7. Cyrus	F (L4 P22)	G. Jerub-Baal
8. Zechariah	I (L6 P27)	H. Son of Haran
9. Abraham	C (L7 P31)	I. Abijah
10. Elkanah	E (L9 P37)	J. High Priest

Section 2 – Fill in the Blanks. Write the appropriate word(s) on the answer sheet provided (10 x 1pt each = 10 pts Total)

1. God provided the Israelites manna and meat for _____years.
40 (L5 P25)
2. The people of Judah started cult practices because they were under the rule of _____who did not worship God.
Assyrians (L22 P72)
3. The Council at Jerusalem sent Paul, Barnabas, Judas and Silas to _____ to read the Council's report.
Antioch (L10 P41)
4. Jesus said "No one can enter the _____unless they are born again."
Kingdom of God (L18 P64)
5. _____helped the poor widow to pay back her debt to her creditors.
Elisha (L17 P 61)
6. At only _____years of age, God called Jeremiah and appointed him as prophet.
20 (L25 P81)

7. The name Jeremiah means _____.
God establishes (L25 P81)
8. _____, son of Jonathan, was dropped by his nurse and as a result became crippled in both feet.
Mephibosheth (L21 P69)
9. Terah lived in _____ of the Chaldeans.
Ur (L7 P30)
10. According to Genesis 3:17, God cursed the Earth because of _____.
Man (L2 P15)

Section 3 – Multiple Choice. Select the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. Write the letter on the answer sheet provided (20 x 1pt= 20 pts Total)

1. Which chapter is the longest chapter in the Bible?
a. Psalms 121 b. Psalms 119 c. Psalms 130 d. Psalms 100
B (L20 P67)
2. How old was Abram when he left Haran for Canaan?
a. 70 years b. 200 years c. 100 years d. 75 years
D (L7 P30)
3. Jesus drove the demons out of Legion into a herd of _____.
a. goats b. sheep c. pigs d. wolves
C (L12 P47)
4. Gideon defeated the Midianites with an army of how many men?
a. 30 men b. 300 men c. 3000 men d. 30,000 men
B (L16 P59)
5. The _____ were a group of religious leaders whom Jesus and John the Baptist often criticized as hypocrites.
a. Pharisees b. Sadducees c. Temple Guards d. Cherubim
A (L18 P63)
6. Who said to whom? “The stone that you builders rejected has now become the Cornerstone.”
a. Paul to the Romans b. Peter to Annas and Caiphas
c. Barnabas to the Jews d. Jesus to the multitudes
B (L19 P66)
7. This king became instrumental in rebuilding the temple of Jerusalem.
a. Cyrus b. Balak c. Nebuchadnezzar d. Artaxerxes

A (L4, P22)

8. The Israelites were to gather twice the amount of manna on which day of the week?
a. seventh day b. fifth day c. sixth day d. first day

C (L5 P25)

9. What did Hilkiyah find in the temple during its renovation?
a. Ark of the Covenant b. The Book of the Law
c. Sacrificial utensils d. Dilapidated columns

B (L22 P72)

10. John the Baptist wore clothes made of _____ and a leather belt around his waist.
a. sheep's hair b. camel's hair c. snakeskin d. goat's hair

B (L8 P34)

11. Where did Jesus perform the miracle of raising the widow's son from death?
a. Gerasenes b. Nazareth c. Capernaum d. Nain

D (L11 P43)

12. What did God create on the 3rd day?
a. man b. vegetation c. sun and moon d. woman

B (L1 P10)

13. _____ was a Pharisee who came to learn from Jesus.
a. Peter b. Lazarus c. John Baptist d. Nicodemus

D(L 18 p 63)

14. The book of Lamentations was written by _____.
a. Isaiah b. Nehemiah c. Jeremiah d. Elijah

C (L25 P81)

15. To whom did the angel say, "Mighty hero, the Lord is with you".
a. Jacob b. Gideon c. Moses d. Joshua

B (L16 P58)

16. Who said, "He must increase but I must decrease."?
a. Moses b. Paul c. John Baptist d. Peter

C (L8 P35)

17. Who said to whom: "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give to you".
a. Abraham to Lot b. Jesus to Sadducees.
c. Lame man to High priest d. Peter to crippled man.

D (L19 P65)

18. Hannah brought Samuel to the house of the Lord at _____.

- a. Hebron b. Shechem c. Shiloh d. Bethel
C (L9 P38)

19. Saul and Jonathan were killed in the battle with the _____.
a. Amorites b. Jebusites c. Amelkites d. Philistines
D (L21 P69)

20. _____ says he loves the Word of God because when he meditates on it he becomes wiser.
a. Paul b. Samuel c. David d. Cyrus
C (L20 P67)

Section 4 – Short Answers. Answer any five (5) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (5 x 5pts = 25 pts Total)

1. What was the dispute among the believers at the Church in Antioch? What were the instructions given to the Gentiles to keep themselves pure? **(L10, Acts 15:1-35)**
In Antioch when Gentiles became Christians some Jews who had become Christians demanded that Gentiles also should be circumcised according to the law of Moses. Paul and Barnabas with some other believers were appointed to discuss the matter with apostles and elders in Jerusalem. (2 points)

The Council at Jerusalem reached an agreement that Gentiles do not need to be circumcised, but have to keep themselves pure by abstaining from

- 1. Food polluted by offering to Idols**
- 2. From sexual immorality**
- 3. From meat strangled from animals**
- 4. From blood (3 points)**

2. How did God use an animal to teach Balaam a lesson?
(L3 P18)

When the donkey Balaam was riding saw the angel, it shied off the road but Balaam forced it to ride back on the road. This happened 2 times with the donkey finally laying down. (2pts)

When Balaam was beating the donkey, God made the donkey ask Balaam why he was beating him. Balaam said he wanted to kill the donkey because it made a fool of him. (2 pt)

God opened the eyes of Balaam to see the angel of the Lord in his way with a drawn sword. The angel told Balaam that the donkey saved his life. (1pt)

3. Based on Abraham's response to God's call, explain what are the 5 characteristics of God's call?
(L7 P31)

- God calls different people in different ways-some through dreams, some through messengers and some through visions

- Through God's chosen people, he reveals His plans and wishes. These people are called to be God's messenger in this society.

- When He calls, God demands complete obedience.

His call includes joy as well as sorrow.

- People obedient to God's call enjoy His blessings and guidance. You may have to wait patiently but God fulfills His covenant.

4. How did Mephibosheth get back his estates from Ziba?

(L21 P70) –

Mephibosheth met King David in dirty clothing to show empathy for David's suffering and complained to David about Ziba's treachery. (2pts)

David realized his mistake and divided the land between Ziba and Mephibosheth with the property rights with Mephibosheth and Ziba tilling the land to pay rent to Mephibosheth. (3pts)

5. Identify 3 obstacles that Nehemiah had to face when rebuilding the City Wall.

(L24 P79)

1.5 pts each with 5 pts for all 3

- Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem and the enemies led by those men mocked and scorned the Jews
- The enemies created trouble among the people. This turned the people against the leader.
- The enemy tried to kill Nehemiah.

6. What does inter-communion mean and identify 3 churches with which the Mar Thoma Church has inter-communion?

(MTFV P114)

CSI, CNI, Episcopal, Anglican (Any 3 for 3pts)

Inter-communion means (2pts)

- allowing members of our church to receive Holy Communion from the church which has a special relationship with our church as agreed by the head of the churches.

- Achaens (ordained ministers) are allowed to celebrate communion in the other church

Section 5 – Memory Verses. Complete any of five (5) of the following on the answer sheet provided (5 x 5pts = 25 pts. Total)

1. "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. Genesis 12:2

(L7 P 33)

2. "It is written," he said to them, "My house will be a house of prayer"; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'" Luke 19:46

(L22 P74)

3. Finally, be strong **in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.** Ephesians 6:10-11
(L24 P79)

4. "Before I formed **you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.**" Jeremiah 1:5
(L25 P83)

5. The **LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."** 1 Samuel 3:10
(L9 P39)

6. For it is **by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.** Ephesians 2:8-9
(L10 P42)

Section 6 – Mar Thoma Church: Our Foundation and Vision. Select the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. Write the corresponding letter on the answer sheet provided (10 x 1pt= 10 pts. Total)

1. The Diocese of North America and Europe was formed in _____.
a. 1972 b. 1988 c. 1982 d. 1978

B(MTFV P114)

2. One of the following is NOT an element of worship of the Mar Thoma Church.
a. Confession b. Adoration c. Communion d. Intercessory Prayer

C(MTFV P117)

3. During Worship, kneeling is widely practiced in what church?
a. Mar Thoma b. Pentecostal c. Roman Catholic d. Baptist

C (MTFV P117)

4. The Holy Communion benefits the participants for all of the following EXCEPT:

- a. It is a time of celebrating the joy of salvation
- b. It is a time of dedication to share their resources
- c. It is a time of thanksgiving
- d. It is a time of independence

D (MTFV P119)

5. Which Western missionary society played a part in the reformation of the Malankara Church?

- a. Church Missionary Society
- b. Church of South India
- c. Pentecostal Church
- d. Sisters of Charity

A (MTFV P120)

6. In the Mar Thoma church, children who have reached ___years of age can receive Holy Communion.

- a. 13 years b.12 years c. 16 years d.21 years

B (MTFV P119)

7. The parishes of North America and Europe were brought together to form a Diocese in which year?

- a. 1888 b. 1908 c. 1988 d. 2008

C (MTFV P114)

8. The Mar Thoma Church is a member of which of the following organizations?

- a. Reformed Churches
b. National Council of Churches
c. Anglican Churches
d. United Churches of Christ

B (MTFV P114)

9. Who opposed the politics of an Indian Prime Minister when the government became undemocratic?

- a. Mother Theresa
b. Juhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan
c. K.K. Kuruvilla
d. Abraham Malpan

B (MTFV P124)

10. _____ is the adoration of God.

- a. humility
b. faith
c. worship
d. qurbana

C (MTFV P116)



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Section 1 – Match the following. Write the appropriate alphabet of the matching word from Column B to Column A on the answer sheet provided.

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Column A		Column B
1. Solomon	G(L16 P48)	A. Valley of Achor
2. Deborah	H(L17 P51)	B. Israel
3. Achan	A (L24 P72)	C. 1 st Judge
4. Carmel	J (L5 P19)	D. Father of Joshua
5. Jacob	B (L7 P25)	E. Took Christianity to Africa
6. Nun	D (L9 P30)	F. Purple cloth
7. Lydia	F (L20 P60)	G. Peace
8. Amalekites	I (L9 P30)	H. Lappidoth
9. Othniel	C (L17 P51)	I. Rephidim
10. Eunuch	E (L19 P58)	J. Test of Fire

Section 2 – Fill in the Blanks. Write the appropriate word(s) on the answer sheet provided (10 x 1pt each = 10 pts Total)

1. The name Hezekiah means _____.
God strengthens (L21 P64)
2. After the death of Moses, _____ was commissioned by God to cross the river Jordan and to conquer the promised land.
Joshua (L9 P31)
3. The name Jeremiah means _____.
Jehovah exalts(L25 P74)
4. At the Passover supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, _____ said “Wash not only my feet, but wash my hands and head as well”.
Peter (L10 P34)
5. God told Elijah to anoint _____, to succeed him as the prophet of Israel.
Elisha (L8 P28)
6. King _____ sanctified the Jerusalem temple after his father Ahaz had defiled it.
Hezekiah (L21 P64)

7. Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem on _____, a place where the Lord appeared to David.

Mount Moria (L16 P49)

8. God used Philip to form a church in _____.

Samaria (L19 P57)

9. In the middle of the Garden of Eden there were two trees: the tree of _____ and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Life (L2 Genesis 2:9)

10. Mary offered a pair of _____ for sacrifice when Jesus was brought to the Temple to be presented to the Lord.

Doves (L3 P16)

Section 3 – Multiple Choice. Select the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. Write the letter on the answer sheet provided.

(20 x 1pt= 20 pts Total)

1. _____ was the first ordained king of Israel chosen by God.

- a. Eliab b. Saul c. David d. Jonathan

B (L4 P17)

2. When Jesus called for _____, he threw his cloak aside, jumped to his feet and came to Him.

- a. Bartholomew b. Nicodemus c. Bartimaeus d. Mark

C (L12 P38)

3. _____ was with Moses when he went up the Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments.

- a. Aaron b. Miriam c. Shechem d. Joshua

D (L9 P30)

4. Who was nicknamed Jedidiah?

- a. Samuel b. Saul c. Solomon d. David

C (L16 P48)

5. _____ sat under a broom tree and prayed that he might die.

- a. Elijah b. Job c. Jeremiah d. Bartimaeus

A (L8 1 Kings 19:4)

6. _____ propagated the worship of Baal and caused the death of a few of God's prophets.

- a. Nebuchadnezzar b. Saul
c. Jezebel d. Herod

C (L8 P27)

7. Jacob bowed to the ground 7 times in the presence of _____ a sign of total submission.

- a. Laban b. Joseph c. Isaac d. Esau

D (L14 P43)

8. One of the items Joshua made the Israelites swear that they not destroy when conquering Jericho was:

- a. garments b. silver c. lambs d. doves

B (L24 P72)

9. Of the Old Testament books, which of the following is a Major Prophet?

- a. Moses b. Ezekiel c. Joshua d. Nehemiah

B (L25 74)

10. Which of the following parables described in Luke 15 is known as the “Gospel in the Gospel”?

- a. Lost Son b. Good Samaritan c. Sower & seed d. Talents

A (L23 P69)

11. When Paul, Silas and Luke preached the word of God in Philippi, the Lord opened the mind of _____ to receive Christ as her savior.

- a. Rahab b. Onesimus
c. Lydia d. Deborah

C (L20 P60)

12. Messiah is the Hebrew word for _____.

- a. Jesus b. Heaven c. Christ d. Sacrifice

C (L18 P55)

13. _____ hid Sisera behind a curtain but later killed him in his sleep.

- a. Deborah b. Jabin c. Heber d. Jael

D (L17 P52)

14. After defeating the Philistines, where did King David place the Covenant Box in Jerusalem?

- a. Temple b. Mount Sinai c. Tent d. Palace

C (L16 P48)

15. _____ was sentenced to death for “prophesying against the city”.

- a. Elijah b. Nehemiah c. Paul d. Jeremiah

D (L25 P75)

16. What is the Hebrew word for Christ?

- a. Rabbi b. Teacher c. Messiah d. Jesus

C(L18 P55)

3. Which disciple did Jesus entrust the keys for the Kingdom of Heaven? What is the symbolic meaning of “keys” and the “Kingdom of Heaven”? What was the special name and promise that Jesus gave to this disciple?

(L18 P55)

- **Jesus told Peter that he will give him the keys of the kingdom of heaven (1pt)**
- **Key is the symbol of power and authority (1pt)**
- **Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven means the church on Earth (1pt)**
- **Jesus called Peter the rock and also declared to build His church on this rock. (2pts)**

4. Who makes up the Episcopal Synod? What is its responsibility? What is the Metropolitan’s role in the Episcopal Synod?

(MTFV 142)

- **Episcopal Synod consists of all the Bishops of the Mar Thoma Church (1pt)**
- **It has to approve all decisions of the Sabha Mandalam before they are implemented (2pt)**
- **The Metropolitan is the supreme authority and has special power to send back the decisions for reconsideration by the Mandalam (2pt)**

5. What is confession? Describe the importance of confession.

(L23 P69-70)

1 pt for each of the following

- **It is one of the seven sacraments of the Mar Thoma Church**
- **Allows us to get closer to God and heal our inner self**
- **Proclamation of our faith**
- **Confession involves repenting one’s sins and seeking forgiveness from God**
- **It offers a sweet feeling to a person’s life**
- **Confession is also a reflection of humility and contrition**
- **Confession lets us move forward in optimism with hope and faith to overcome our problems**
- **Results in blessings from God**
- **God honors our tears of confession**
- **God’s children have to confess to get their land healed.**

6. Who were Jacob and Esau? Describe how Esau sold his birthright? How did Jacob get Isaac’s blessing? What happened to Jacob and Esau’s relationship as a result?

(L14 P42)

- **Jacob and Esau were twin brothers and sons of Isaac and Rebekah. (1pt)**
- **Esau was hungry and wanted his brother Jacob to give him some of his stew. Jacob struck a deal with Esau to give his birthright in exchange for some bread and lentil stew (2pts)**
- **Rebekah encouraged Jacob to deceive his Father Isaac. (1pt)**
- **Esau planned to kill Jacob (1pt)**

Section 5 – Memory Verses. Complete any of five (5) of the following on the answer sheet provided (5 x 5pts = 25 pts. Total)

1. You are **worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.**

Revelation 4:11

(L1 P 12)

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!’** Matthew 25:21

(L15 P47)

3. Charm is **deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.** Proverbs 31:30

(L17 P53)

4. If we **confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all** unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

(L23 P70)

5. The Lord is **near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.** Psalms

145:18,19

(L8 P29)

6. Have I **not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid (terrified); do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.**” Joshua 1:9

(L9 P32)

Section 6 – Mar Thoma Church: Our Foundation and Vision. Select the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. Write the letter on the answer sheet provided (10 x 1pt= 10 pts. Total)

1. _____ means one who is sent out with a mission.

- a. catholic b. apostolic c. holy d. pilgrim

B(MTFV P132)

2. _____ was instrumental in bringing Roman Catholicism to India.

- a. Archdeacon Geevarghese
b. St. Thomas
c. Vasco de Gama
d. Mar Dionysius

C(MTFV P135)

3. _____ was the first Anglican missionary arrived in Malabar in 1816.

- a. Joseph Fenn b. Vaco de Gama c. Thomas Norton d. Benjamin Bailey

C (MTFV P136)

4. Malpan means _____.
- a. missionary b. priest c. teacher d. bishop

C (MTFV P139)

5. _____ is the present Diocesan Bishop of North America and Europe.
- a. Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius
b. Rt. Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom
c. Rt. Rev. Dr Thomas Mar Athansius
d. Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos

A (MTFV P147)

6. Who is the representative of the Metropolitan in the local congregation?
- a. Mandalam Representative
b. Diocesan Assembly Member
c. Vicar
d. Diocesan Bishop

C (MTFV P143)

7. St. Thomas arrived in India in which year?
- a. AD 1852 b. AD 52 c. AD 1599 d. AD 1653

B (MTFV P133)

8. What is the most visible characteristic of the church?
- a. Catholic
b. Worshipping Community
c. Pilgrim Community
d. Holy

B (MTFV P132)

9. The persecution of the early church lasted for about how many years?
- a. 30 years
b. 300 years
c. 3000 years
d. 3 years

B (MTFV P131)

10. _____ translated the Syrian liturgy into the Malayalam.
- a. Abraham Malpan
b. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma
c. St. Thomas
d. Archdeacon Geevarghese

A (MTFV P139).



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Section 1 – Multiple Choice. Select the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. Write the corresponding letter on the answer sheet provided (30 x 1pt= 30 pts Total)

1. _____ destroyed Jerusalem and took Israelites into exile in Babylon.
a. Nebuchadnezzar b. Nehemiah c. Cyrus d. Artaxerxes
A (L21 P69)

2. Stephen is appointed to look after the distribution of funds by the early church due to the complaints of Greek speaking Jews called _____.
a. Gentiles b. Hellenists c. Pharisees d. Athenians
B (L25 P81)

3. Who said to whom: “Formerly, he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and me.”
a. Paul to Onesimus
b. Paul to Philemon
c. Philemon to Paul
d. Peter to Paul
B (L20 P66)

4. The Book of Lamentations describes whose grief over the destruction of Jerusalem?
a. Elijah
b. Jeremiah
c. Daniel
d. The Lion of Judah
B (L9 P33)

5. Which of the following is NOT a Fruit of the Spirit?
a. Self-control b. Kindness
c. Honesty d. Gentleness
C (L18 P61)

6. The word _____ comes from a Greek word meaning “putting things side by side”?
a. identical b. metaphor c. ecumenism d. parable
D (L10 P36)

7. Who was nicknamed Jerubbaal?
a. Laban b. Gideon c. Jacob d. David
B (L11 P40)

8. Saul, the first king of Israel, belonged to the tribe of _____.
 a. Benjamin b. Judah c. Levi d. Simeon
A (L17 P57)
9. The cities of Nineveh and Assure are situated on the banks of this river.
 a. Euphrates
 b. Gihon
 c. Hiddekel
 d. Nile
C (L2 P13)
10. Jesus is often referred to as the _____.
 a. Tiger of Judah b. Dove of God
 c. Lamb of God d. Ram of Judah
C (L3 P16)
11. The earth was created on the _____ day.
 a. first b. second c. third d. fourth
C (L4 P19)
12. The name Hezekiah means _____.
 a. Lion of Judah
 b. Raised up by the Lord
 c. God is with us
 d. Jehovah is Strength
D (L5 P22)
14. Cornelius belonged to a class of families known as ‘God fearer’ because of their _____.
 a. attachment to Jewish religious practices
 b. they feared Christians
 c. they were pagans
 d. they feared a higher being
A (L24 P78)
15. At what age did Jesus leave his family and go out into the world to do God’s work?
 a. 20 b. 30 c. 33 d. 10
B (L19 P63)
16. Who did Samuel anoint with oil as the 1st king of Israel?
 a. Jesus b. Jonathan c. Saul d. Solomon
C(L17 P58)
17. At the age of 175, Abraham died and was buried in _____.
 a. Egypt b. Machpelah cave c. Sinai d. Jerusalem

B (L14 P48)

18. It is written in 2 Chronicles that “The Lord was with _____ because in his early years he walked in the ways his father David had followed”.

- a. Jonathan b. Solomon c. Jehoshaphat d. Absalom

C (L6 P26)

19. The Lord appeared to Gideon and said “I will be with you and you will strike down all the _____, leaving none alive.”

- a. Amalekites b. Midianites c. Philistines d. Romans

B (L11 Judges 6:16)

20. After fleeing from home, Jacob stayed with his uncle Laban in Syria for _____.

- a. 10 years b. 20 years c. 30 years d. 40 years

B (L13 P46)

21. _____ had 12 sons who formed the 12 tribes of Israel.

- a. Abraham b. Moses c. Jacob d. Isaac

C (L7 P27)

22. “Ecumenism” comes from the Greek word “Oikomene” which means:

- a. Multiculturalism
b. Unity of all denominations
c. Inhabited world
d. Worship together

C (L8 P32)

23. Prophet Sameul and Elijah’s work and mission is recorded in the book of _____.

- a. Daniel b. Lamentations c. Malachi d. Kings

D (L9 P33)

24. _____ was known as the “weeping prophet of Judah”.

- a. Isaiah b. Nathan c. Jeremiah d. Habakkuk

C (L9 P33)

25. _____ holds a prominent position in history as the father of the people of Israel.

- a. Moses b. Jacob c. Noah d. Abraham

D (L14 P49)

26. Which of the following was a major judge of Israel?

- a. Samson b. Nehemiah c. David d. Nathan

A (L16 P54)

27. After the ascension of Jesus to heaven, the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of _____.

- a. Passover b. Easter c. Pentecost d. Epiphany
C (L18 P60)

28. _____ is considered the 1st prison epistle of St. Paul.
 a. 1 Timothy b. Titus c. Philemon d. 2 Timothy
C (L20 P65)

29. God used _____ and Mordecai to save his people from Haman’s cruel plan to kill the Israelites.
 a. Ruth b. Deborah c. Rahab d. Esther
D (L22 P73)

30. What means “deliverance from the guilt and the power or penalty of sin”?
 a. Faith b. Ecumenism c. Salvation d. Anointed
C (L23 P75)

Section 2 – Short Answers. Answer any five (5) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (5 x 5pts = 25 pts Total)

1. Jesus taught his disciples many truths about the Kingdom of God. Identify 5 important truths.
(L15, P52)

- 1. It is a great treasure. It is very difficult for the rich to inherit the Kingdom of God as they love their wealth more than God**
- 2. The Kingdom of God belongs to the children. If you are not born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.**
- 3. Everybody is welcome to the Kingdom of God. If the chosen people do not turn up, God in his mercy takes in even the least deserving among the people.**
- 4. It is a just society where God rewards everyone according to his mercy.**
- 5. It is like yeast or a small seed. A small quantity of yeast ferments the whole flour. The small seed grows into a big tree giving shade and shelter to many.**
- 6. It is of the past, present and future. Jesus wants to make it clear that the Kingdom of God is open to all irrespective of wealth, creed, race or gender. The only requirement is that you accept His call.**

(Any 5, 1 pt for each)

2. Name the fruits of the Spirit. What does the Holy Spirit do today?
(L18 P61)

- **The fruits of the spirit are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (3pts)**
- **The Holy Spirit reveals Jesus to us. The Holy Spirit shows each willing person his/her sin and allows them to accept Jesus Christ as their savior. (1 pt)**
- **Once a person accepted Jesus, the Holy Spirit continues to live inside each believer. It is the Holy Spirit that makes you a Christian and live as a Christian. (1pt)**

3. What is the last week of lent called? Name the 4 special days that are observed during that week.

(MTFV P163)

- **Great Week/Holy Week/Passion Week (any of the 3 is acceptable for 1 pt)**
- **Palm (Hosanna) Sunday - (1pt)**
- **Passover (Maundy) Thursday (1 pt)**
- **Good (Sad) Friday – (1 pt)**
- **Easter (Feast of Resurrection) – (1 pt)**

4. Many women played a key role in making history in the Old Testament. Name 5 such men and women teams and briefly describe their role.

(L22 P73)

1pt each for total 5 points

- 1. Miriam, Aaron and Moses –worked to liberate the people of Israel from Egypt**
- 2. Shiprah and Puah were used by God to save the male Hebrew children from the cruel plot of Pharaoh**
- 3. Rahab who hid the two Spies sent by Joshua to spy Jericho**
- 4. Deborah, one of the Judges was used by God in his ministry**
- 5. Ruth and Boaz who were involved in the ministry of Salvation**
- 6. Esther & Mordecai were used by God to save his people from Haman’s cruel plot to kill the Israelites**

5. What 3 things did Samuel remind Saul after he was anointed king?

(L17 P58)

- **He reminds him of the nature of the great position to which he is called, the anointed ruler of the people.(1pt) Kingship means great power and honor and his decisions affect a whole nation. (1pts)**
- **He reminds him that the origin of his kingship is that the Lord has anointed him and whatever he does must be for glory of the Lord. (1pt)**
- **Samuel reminds him of the end of Kingship. (1pt) He should be careful of this authority. He must take care of it, protect it and manage it as it is God given. Even though he is King, he needs to submit to a higher authority and be accountable to Him. (1 pt)**

6. What is spiritual death? Victory over spiritual death is achieved by doing what 3 things?

(L19 P64-65)

- **Spiritual death is what happens when you do not accept Christ in your life. It is caused by the presence of sin without the cleansing blood of Jesus to cover it. (2pts)**
- **Victory over spiritual death comes from:**
 - 1. Acknowledging that you are a sinner and accepting that nothing you can do will ever be good enough to earn a spot in heaven. (1pt)**

A(MTFV P158)

3. The smoke that comes from out of the incense is a symbol of _____.
a. light in the world b. eternal life c. divine presence d. sacrifice

C (MTFV P158)

4. The St. James Liturgy used by the Mar Thoma church is largely connected to the Gospel of _____.
a. St. Matthew b. St. Mark c. St. Luke d. St. John

D (MTFV P154)

5. The _____ is a vessel for burning incense.
a. censer b. Madbaha c. Haikala d. Kappa

A (MTFV P159)

6. It is believed that Archbishop John of Persia and Great India participated and represented Christians from India at the first Ecumenical Council of _____.

- a. Constantine
- b. Constantinople
- c. Nicea
- d. Jerusalem

C (MTFV P166)

7. The Mar Thoma Church joins with the _____ church all over the world in affirming the Nicene Creed.

- a. Eastern Orthodox
- b. Roman Catholic
- c. Anglican & Lutheran
- d. All of the above

D (MTFV P166)

8. _____ wrote the draft of the Nicene Creed that was adopted by the church fathers.

- a. Abraham Malpan
- b. Bishop Eusebius of Caesarea
- c. Archbishop John
- d. Constantine

B (MTFV P167)

9. The Madbaha is:
a. a portable table
b. the vestment that the priest wears during Holy Qurbana
c. the sap of a tree
d. altar to celebrate the Holy Qurbana

D (MTFV P158)

L24

- a. Peter's Vision in Joppa – Peter saw in his vision a vessel descending from heaven, a great sheet, knit at four corners containing all sorts of four-footed beasts of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and fowl of the air. In the vision, a voice tells Peter to eat these animals. When Peter refuses to eat because these creatures are unclean, a voice says, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." This happened three times. (3pts)**
- b. Message contained in Peter's vision: This vision denotes the different types of people on earth – different races, religions, and backgrounds. All of these people are equal in the sight of God, and we have to treat all people the same, with love and respect as our fellow human beings. (2pts)**
- c. After this vision, Peter, at Cornelius' house, declared that all people are fit to enter the Church and share in God's promises. God does not judge people by their outward appearances. Jews believed that Gentiles were not acceptable to God. But Peter declared that what matters is not who you are but what you do – our religious life is all that matters. The Church was opened to the gentiles through Peter. With this, the common belief that salvation was only for Jews was shown to be incorrect. (3pts)**
- d. As a result, the people gathered in the house of Cornelius received the Holy Spirit even before baptism. People who came with Peter from Joppa were surprised to see people speaking in different languages and praising God. The Gentiles were immediately baptized and the Church was opened to Gentiles through Peter. (2pts)**



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Section 1 – Multiple Choice. Select the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. Write the corresponding letter on the answer sheet provided (30 x 1pt= 30 pts Total)

1. “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” The Lord gave this sign to King _____ through the prophet Isaiah.

a. Artaxeres b. Ahaz c. Cyrus d. David

B (L8 P33)

2. After crossing the Red Sea, the Israelites journeyed through the desert for _____ days without water.

a. 3 b. 7 c. 10 d. 40

A (L11 P43)

3. How many brothers and sisters did Joseph have?

a. 12 brothers and 1 sister
b. 11 brothers and 1 sister
c. 11 brothers and no sisters
d. None of the above

B (L6 P26)

4. The Lord’s Prayer is recorded in which Gospels?

a. Matthew and John
b. John and Luke
c. Matthew and Luke
d. Mark and Luke

C (L5 P22)

4. At the age of 12, Jesus’ parents took him to Jerusalem for the _____ festival

a. Feast of Tabernacle b. Passover c. Harvest Festival d. The census

B (L9 P46)

5. What was the relationship between Orpah and Ruth?

a. sisters
b. mother and daughter
c. sister-in-laws
d. None of the above

C (L13 P49)

25. What is known as the “City of David”?
 a. Jerusalem b. Bethlehem c. Galilee d. Nazareth
A (L16 P60)
26. Who held the southern tribes of Israel in slavery for centuries?
 a. Ephesians b. Corinthians c. Philistines d. Samaritans
C (L17 P64)
27. Which of the following is not one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit?
 a. working of miracles b. prophecy c. healing d. patience
D (L19 P69)
28. _____ was dethroned by King Xerxes for refusing to display her beauty to his invited guests and nobles.
 a. Queen of Sheba b. Ruth c. Queen Vashti d. Herodias
C (L21 P77)
29. What happened at the precise moment that Jesus died on the cross?
 a. Jerusalem flooded
 b. curtain in the temple was torn in two
 c. Judas hanged himself
 d. all the male first born children died
B (L22 P79)
30. Who wrote one of the most influential books in Christianity, City of God?
 a. Sadhu Sunder Singh b. Augustine c. Mark d. Paul
B (L25 P88)

Section 2 – Short Answers. Answer any five (5) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (5 x 5pts = 25 pts Total)

1. Explain how God used Moses to deliver his people from slavery.
(L11, P43)

God sent Moses to demand the deliverance of his people from Pharaoh. He told Pharaoh to let his people go to worship their God in the wilderness. Pharaoh refused and said he did not know the God of Moses. It took ten major disasters to change Pharaoh’s mind. As all the first born lay dead, Pharaoh said they could leave Egypt.

2. Identify the five major choices that Ruth made through her response when Naomi told her to go back home.

(L13 P50)

- 1. She would accompany Naomi to Bethlehem**
- 2. She would stay with her**
- 3. She would sacrifice her interests**
- 4. She would accept Naomi’s faith**
- 5. She would die where Naomi died**

6. She would get buried along with Naomi
(Any 5 for 5 points)

3. Identify the five aspects of spiritual life that Paul instructed the Colossians to focus on.
(L20 P73-74)

- 1. Live a life worthy of the disciples of Christ**
 - 2. Be filled with the wisdom of God's will**
 - 3. Bear the fruit in all good works**
 - 4. Be strengthened to possess rare qualities like patience and endurance**
 - 5. Offer praise to the Heavenly Father from our hearts with overflowing joy**
- (1pt each for Total 5 pts)**

4. Describe Paul's First Missionary Journey. Identify the circumstances leading up to it as well.
(L14 P54)

- Saul, Barnabas and other prophets and teachers were fasting and praying in the church of Antioch. The Holy Spirit told them to separate Saul and Barnabas for God's missionary works.**
 - The Christians in Antioch, were formerly Gentiles, had a burden to reach out to others who did not have a chance to hear the message of salvation through Jesus. They obeyed and sent Saul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey around AD 46.**
 - The Gentile name Paul for the Hebrew name Saul will be used from now on. Paul worked mostly among the Gentiles.**
 - Barnabas took John Mark, his nephew with him and Paul.**
 - The three travelled preaching the Gospel and starting churches in Salucia, Cyprus, Selamis, Paphos, Perga in Pamphylia, Antioch of Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra and Derbe**
- (1 pt each, Total 5pts)**

5. Identify the different words of advice that King Rehoboam received from wise and mature men who advised his father.
(L16 P61)

- Any five for 1 pt each**
- Make people understand that the king is the servant of the people**
 - He should lessen their burdens by looking at their problems leniently**
 - The King should not be a taskmaster**
 - It was necessary to become everything to everybody**
 - The people needed to hear words of comfort that they would always be with the house of God**
 - Identify with the people and be sensitive to their needs**

6. Describe Confirmation as it relates to Baptism?
(MTFV P177)

- 1 pt each**
- Latter part of the Baptismal service**

- **Celebrant anoints candidate with Mooron (Consecrated Oil/Holy Oil)**
- **This oil symbolizes anointing of Holy Spirit**
- **Church prays for the gift of the Holy Spirit**
- **Baptismal anointing is to signify the candidate's ordination to the priesthood of believers, thus the candidate becomes God's anointed.**

Section 3 – Memory Verses. Complete any of five (5) of the following on the answer sheet provided (5 x 5pts = 25 pts. Total)

1. Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Matthew 7:21

(L10 P 41)

2. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 6:6

(L5 P25)

3. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18

(L14 P56)

4. Therefore, since we are surrounded by 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. Hebrews 12:1

(L20 P75)

5. In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:10

(L25 P88)

6. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Isaiah 2:4

(L7 P31)

Section 4 – Mar Thoma Church: Our Foundation and Vision. Select the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. Write the corresponding letter on the answer sheet provided (10 x 1pt= 10 pts. Total)

1. What is the prayer of Anamnesis?
 - a. prayer to the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine
 - b. prayer of remembrance
 - c. prayer of intercession
 - d. prayer for saints

B(MTFV P181)

2. The act of “laying on of hands” is a sign of :
- a. bestowing the gift of the Holy Spirit
 - b. forgiveness
 - c. humility
 - d. None of the above

A(MTFV P188)

3. Which of the following is true about the ordination service?
- a. is the sacrament of anointing the sick
 - b. second part is service of consecration
 - c. is conducted in the middle of the Holy Communion service
 - d. None of the above are true

C (MTFV P188)

4. The Aramaic word ‘Mamodisa’ means _____.
- a. sacrament
 - b. special dress
 - c. immersion
 - d. bishop

C (MTFV P175)

5. ‘Mooron’ is used in which of the following sacraments?
- a. Confirmation
 - b. Marriage
 - c. A & B
 - d. None of the above

A (MTFV P176)

6. The small cross tied around the neck of the Bride during the marriage ceremony is called:
- a. Charis
 - b. Amalugia
 - c. Thali
 - d. Manthrakodi

C (MTFV P185)

7. The blessing of the rings is also known as :
- a. Unction
 - b. Ordination
 - c. service of betrothal
 - d. consecration

C (MTFV P185)

8. The prayer to the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine is known as :
- a. prayer of Epiclesis
 - b. prayer of intercession
 - c. prayer of unity

d. Kiss of Peace

A (MTFV P181)

9. Which of the following is not an essential element of a Sacrament?

- a. intention b. meaning c. matter d. situation

D (MTFV P173)

10. Which of the following is not true of Baptism in the Mar Thoma Church?

- a. infant baptism is practiced
b. adult baptism is practiced
c. insists on rebaptism if baptized in another church
d. is a Dominical Sacrament

C (MTFV P176)

Section 5 – Essay. Choose one of the following two topics to write an essay in 150 words. (Total 10 points) .

1. Jesus is our high priest.

1. Explain how Jesus became our high priest and why. (3pts)
2. State the 5 reasons that the Letter to the Hebrews described Jesus' position as High Priest is unique. (5pts)
3. We are a royal priesthood. Explain. (2pts)

(L18 P66-67)

Though Jesus was the Son of God, Jesus did not take the office of high priest by himself. God Himself appointed him. God chose him for this eternal priesthood for he is there eternally. (3pts)

Hebrews tells the following regarding Christ's uniqueness as High Priest: (1pt each- Total 5 pts)

- a. **Jesus entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood**
- b. **He had been tempted in every way so he is able to sympathize with us**
- c. **His priesthood is forever because he is living eternally**
- d. **He is able to save us fully**
- e. **He is the high priest of all good things that are already here**

Any two of the following: (2pts)

- **We are a chosen people, holy nation, people belonging to God**
- **Our responsibility to be kind to the weak and helpless**
- **We are co-workers of God**
- **God has certain expectations about the member of his royal priesthood.**
- **We need to spend time in prayers interceding for others**

2. Samuel was God's prophet.

- a. Explain how God called Samuel. (2pts)
- b. Explain the first revelation God gave Samuel. (2pts)

c. Give 2 reasons why God chose Samuel? (6pts)

(L9 P 36-37)

He did not recognize the voice of the Lord at first but with Eli's help, Samuel responded properly. The Lord came and stood there, calling as other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" but this time Samuel answered, "Speak for your servant is listening". (2pts)

The first revelation God gave Samuel was about the punishment He was going to send on Eli's family. God told Samuel that Eli did not discipline his sons even though he knew they were doing evil things. (2pts)

God chose Samuel because

- **Samuel was very faithful in serving Eli and carried out his duties in the temple of the Lord with a sincere and humble heart. He understood the purpose of his life from his mother's instructions. He demonstrated this by keeping his distance from the sons of Eli. (3pts)**
- **God did not have prophets those days. He would send godly persons with messages to the people. Other than that, there was no prophet for interpreting the scriptures, seeking the will of God and receiving the counsel of God. Perhaps God chose Samuel to bridge that gap and lead his people in a better light. The leadership of judges was not adequate. (3pts)**



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Section 1 – Multiple Choice. Select the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. Write the corresponding letter on the answer sheet provided (25 x 1pt= 25 pts Total)

1. _____ is known as the Apostle of the Gentiles.
a. Peter b. Thomas c. Timothy d. Paul
D (L16 P79)

2. The Samaritans worshipped God in the temple at _____.
a. Jerusalem b. Bethlehem c. Gerisim d. Damascus
C (L14 P71)

3. The group of people who opposed Antiochus Eppipanus attempt to destroy Judaism in order to spread Greek customs were called :
a. Sadducees b. Hellenists c. Pharisees d. Rabbinic
C (L24 P111)

4. In the book of _____, the prophet uses a literary style different from many of the other prophetic books such as Isaiah.
a. Jeremiah b. Ezekiel c. Genesis d. Amos
B (L15 P75)

5. Why did Nebuchadnezzar choose Daniel and his 3 friends to serve in the King's palace?
a. To punish them
b. To adopt them as his own children
c. To indoctrinate them with Chaldean culture
d. To learn from them
C (L12 P62)

6. In Ezekiel's vision, the dry bones represent:
a. The valley
b. The whole house of Israel
c. The great army of Israel
d. None of the above
B (L15 P75)

7. _____ was completely healed of leprosy when he followed Prophet Elisha's instructions to wash himself in the river Jordan seven times.
a. Nathan b. Jonah c. Jeremiah d. Naaman
D (L7 P40)

17. The Greek word 'Oikos' means _____.
a. salvation b. denomination c. house d. beginning
C (L22 P104)

18. Who answered "Master we have worked hard all night and have not caught anything. But because you say, I will let down the nets".
a. Sons of Zebedee b. Simon c. John d. Andrew
B (L9 P49)

19. Saul belonged to the tribe of _____.
a. Benjamin b. Levi c. Moses d. Aaron
A (L24 P111)

20. Stephen's murder was approved by whom?
a. Pontius Pilate b. John c. Saul d. Thomas
C (L24 P111)

21. _____, held in Edinburgh Scotland in 1910 was the beginning of the ecumenical movement.
a. International Missionary Council
b. World Council of Churches
c. National Council of Churches in Christ of USA
d. All World Missionary Conference
D (L22 P105)

22. _____ refers to God becoming flesh.
a. Ecumenism b. Koinonia c. Incarnation d. Oikos
C (L20, P97)

23. The Holy Spirit descended on the disciples, on _____.
a. Passover b. Pentecost c. Advent d. Epiphany
B (L19, P93)

24. David was enamored by the beauty of _____, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.
a. Priscilla b. Persis c. Mary d. Bathsheba
D (L17, P83)

25. Paul gave a sermon at Arepagus in the ancient city of _____, a court where prominent and educated citizens heard cases and discussed important issues of the day.
a. Jerusalem b. Rome c. Athens d. Damascus
C (L16 P79)

Section 2 – Short Answers. Answer any five (5) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (5 x 5pts = 25 pts Total)

1. God established an everlasting covenant between Noah and all living creatures on earth. Identify the unique features of this covenant.

(L3, P20)

- **The clauses in the covenant are completely God's wishes and there are no terms and conditions. (2pts)**
- **God's mercy and kindness is toward are living creatures irrespective of their species or usefulness to society. (1pt)**
- **The punishments declared in the covenant may seem harsh; but if we are faithful and obedient, we are assured of God's love and protection. (2pts)**

2. What was Job's response when all his worldly wealth was lost?

(L25, P116)

- Job is so upset by these disasters that he tears his robe, shaves his head and prays (1pt)**
- "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave the Lord has taken away; May the name of the Lord be praised" (2pts) *Exacting wording not necessary***
- Job does not curse God even though Job's wife mocks and asks him to curse God and die. (1pt)**
- Job remains faithful and refrains from complaining against God. (1pt)**

3. Identify four of Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan's contributions to the Mar Thoma Church.

(MTFV P222)

- He firmly believed that the Mar Thoma Church has a special role in evangelizing to the rest of India. (1pt)**
- He was a pioneer in sending missionaries from Kerala to various corners of India to preach the gospel. (1pt)**
- He exhorted every member to be a Missionary (Evangelist) and established the Mar Thoma voluntary Evangelists' Association. (2pts)**
- His entire life, as a priest, bishop and Metropolitan, was dedicated to molding of the Mar Thoma Church as pioneer evangelistic church among all the churches in India. (1pt)**
- He held continuing education courses for the clergy of the church to prepare them for gospel work (L10 P52) (1pt)**

a. Who were the Samaritans and why did the Jews look down upon them?

(L14 P70-71)

Any 3 of the following (1pt each for Total 3pts)

- **Samaria was the capital of Israel, the northern kingdom**
- **Palestine was divided in three (Galilee in the North, Judea in the south and Samaria in the middle)**
- **Assyria invaded Israel, taking the Israelites captives and settling the land with other people. The Israelites who were left behind intermarried with these groups**

- **Over the years, they lost their distinct identity and began to worship pagan gods.**

Why did the Jews look down upon the Samaritans? (2pts Total)

- **They considered them not pure Israelites, a mixed race. (1pt)**
- **The Samaritans had also built a temple in Gerisim where they worshipped, which further strained the relationship (1pt)**

5. Explain what Ecumenism meant in the Old Testament, New Testament and how the word is currently used. Identify 4 current Ecumenical organizations that the Mar Thoma church is a member of.

(L22 P104-107)

- **In the Greek translation of the Old Testament, ‘Ecumenism’ is used to denote the whole inhabited world and the geographical extension of the Roman Empire (1pt)**
- **In the New Testament, it is used to denote the “whole world” (1pt)**
- **Ecumenism is currently used to denote the unity and relationships among various Christian Churches and their denominations. (1pt)**

Ecumenical Organizations (1/2 for each for a Total of 2pts)

- **World Council of Churches**
- **Christian Conference of Asia**
- **National Council of Churches in India**
- **Kerala Christian Council**
- **CSI-CNI-Mar Thoma Joint Council**
- **National Council of Churches in Christ of USA (NCCC-USA)**

6. Identify the reasons why Absalom was a source of sorrow to his father. What did his father eventually do?

(L13 P65)

1 pt each.

- **He had to flee Israel because he killed his half-brother Amnon**
- **Absalom had promised to the people of Israel that he would bestow a better administration based on the principle of justice**
- **He proclaimed himself as the new ruler at Hebron**
- **David could not tolerate this any longer declared war on him**
- **Joab, David’s servant, took 3 darts and pushed them into Absalom’s heart when he was hanging from a tree.**

Section 3 – Memory Verses. Complete any of five (5) of the following on the answer sheet provided (5 x 5pts = 25 pts. Total)

1. **Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them(him) will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them(him) a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:13-14**

(L14 P 73)

2. **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.**” **Genesis 28:15**

(L11 P59)

3. **The earth** is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on(upon) the seas and established it on **the waters.** **Psalm 24:1,2**

(L2 P18)

4. **I answered** them by saying, “The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic **right to it.**” **Nehemiah 2:20**

(L5 P33)

5. **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!**” **Isaiah 6:8**

(L21 P103)

6. **“Who are** you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you **must do.**” **Acts 9:5-6**

(L24 P114)

Section 4 – Mar Thoma Church: Our Foundation and Vision. Select the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. Write the corresponding letter on the answer sheet provided (10 x 1pt= 10 pts. Total)

1. Dr. Stanley E. Jones, a pioneer missionary of the Methodist church, called _____ the “Great Indian Missonary”.

- a. Sadhu Kochukunu Upadeshi
- b. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan
- c. Mr. M.M. Thomas
- d. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan

B(MTFV P221-222)

2. Sharing the gospel through preaching, teaching and community services became the threefold emphasis of the _____.

- a. Ashram movement
- b. Adult literacy movement
- c. Edvaka Mission
- d. Sunday School

A(MTFV P242)

3. _____ was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for his/her work with the needy.

- a. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan
- b. Dr. E. Stanley Jones

- c. Mother Teresa
- d. Abraham Malpan

C(MTFV P230)

4. _____ was a missionary, evangelist, trusted friend of Mahatma Gandhi and friend of the Mar Thoma church.

- a. Mother Teresa
- b. William Carey
- c. Dr. E. Stanley Jones
- d. Sadhu Sunder Singh

C (MTFV P229)

5. _____ is the Greek word for communion and fellowship.

- a. Episcopa
- b. Koinonia
- c. Oikos
- d. Masnapsa

B (MTFV P217)

6. Who said “I do convert. I convert you to be a better Hindu, a better Catholic, a better Muslim, or Jain or Buddhist. When you have found Him, it is u-p to you to do what He wants from you.”

- a. Pope John Paul II
- b. Dr. Stanley E. Jones
- c. Mother Teresa
- d. William Carey

C (MTFV P231-232)

7. _____ is the official Mission wing of the Mar Thoma Church.

- a. The Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association
- b. The Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists Association
- c. Suvishesha Sevika Sangham
- d. Edvaka Mission

A (MTFV P240)

8. _____ was the first to hold the title Senior Metropolitan the history of the Mar Thoma Church.

- a. Abraham Malpan
- b. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan
- c. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan
- d. Dr. Stanley E. Jones

B (MTFV P223)

9. Sneha Bhavan is an example of a _____.

- a. Guidance Center
- b. Shelter for the destitute and homeless
- c. Medical Center
- d. Old Age Home

D (MTFV P237)

10. The Most Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma and the Most Rev. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma were pioneers who guided the Church in
- Building ashrams across India
 - Developing an eastern system of church worship
 - Developing missionary movement and sending missionaries all over India
 - All of the above
- C(MTFV P222-223)**

Section 5 – Essay. Choose one of the following two topics to write an essay in 200 words. (Total 15 points)

- Man is the crown of creation.
 - Introduction (1pt)
 - How is man the crown of creation?(6pts)
 - How is Man created in the Image of God? (4pts)
 - Explain Equality through the story of Lazarus. (2pts)
 - Conclusion. Explain the concept of a New Heaven and New Earth. (2pts)

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- Introduction (1pt)**
- How is man the crown of creation? (6pts)**
 - Human beings are distinguished from the other creatures since they are created in God’s own image. (2pts)**
 - God formed man from dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. (2pts)**
 - God blessed them and said “Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground. (2pts)**

OR

 - Man has been entrusted with the responsibility of stewardship to look after the welfare of the animal and plant species. (2pts)**
- How is Man created in the Image of God? (4pts)**

Any 2 for 2points each

 - In contrast to other animal species, God has empowered man with imagination, reasoning, creativity and inventive capabilities.**
 - Man is a social being, depending on others for his social existence.**
 - The relationship of man with society is similar to the Trinitarian relationship which binds Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**
 - Man is a spiritual being filled with divine power.**
- Explain Equality through the story of Lazarus. (2pts)**
 - Lazarus represents all the down trodden of the earth.**
 - Yet God looked upon both the rich man and Lazarus as equals.**
- Conclusion. Explain the concept of a New Heaven and New Earth. (2pts)**

A New Heaven and New Earth exist where God lives along with man. The creation and the creator come together. Thus the equal status envisaged in God's intention is re-established.

2. God revealed himself to Jacob.
 - a. Introduction (1pt)
 - b. Who was Jacob? (3pts)
 - c. Why did Jacob flee to Haran? (4pts)
 - d. What happened to Jacob on his way to Haran? (3pts)
 - e. Explain what he saw. (3pts)
 - f. What did Jacob do after his divine experience? (1pt)

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- a. **Introduction (1pt)**
- b. **Who was Jacob? (3pts)**
 - Any 3 of the following, 1pt each**
 - **Jacob was the son of Isaac and Rebecca.**
 - **Name means "supplanter"**
 - **At birth, he grasped his twin brother's heel with his hand**
 - **He grew up to become shepherd**
- c. **Why did Jacob flee to Haran? (4pts)**
 - **Back from hunting one day, Esau was extremely hungry and asked his brother Jacob for some red soup he had prepared**
 - **Esau got the soup only in exchange for his birthright**
 - **Esau hated his brother Jacob who had wronged him with his mother's support**
 - **Esau thought of killing Jacob so he fled to Haran to stay with his uncle.**
- d. **What happened to Jacob on his way to Haran? (3pts)**
 - **He rested for the night, using one of the stones as a pillar**
 - **In his sleep "he saw a beautiful dream with a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God ascending and descending on it."**
 - **At the other end of the ladder, Jacob saw the Lord who said "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac."**
- e. **Explain what he saw. (3pts)**
 - **The stairway depicts the divine plan of God. The stairway connects and relates man to God.**
 - **The angels that climb up and down are the messengers of God.**
 - **When God blessed Jacob, he blessed his entire lineage.**
- f. **What did Jacob do after his divine experience? (1pt)**
 - **After he woke up, he took the stone he had placed under his head and set up a pillar and poured oil on top of it and called the place Bethel**