



MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE
2013 Diocesan Exam
Grade 5

Time : 90 Minutes

Maximum Score : 100 Points

Section 1 – Match the following. Write the appropriate alphabet of the matching word from Column B that corresponds with the word from Column A. (10 x 1pt each =10 pts Total)

Column A		Column B
1. Job	H(L29 P92)	A. Son of Eli
2. Abraham	E(L26 P84)	B. Tribe of Levi
3. Nehemiah	K (L24 P78)	C. Son of Joash
4. Terah	I (L7 P30)	D. Crucified head down
5. Jeremiah	J (L25 P81)	E. God’s Friend
6. Gideon	C (L16 P58)	F. Pharisee
7. Nicodemus	F (L18 P63)	G. Grandson of Saul
8. Mephibosheth	G (L21 P69)	H. Uz
9. Zechariah	B (L6 P27)	I. Father of Abram
10. Peter	D (L13 P51)	J. Son of Hilkiah
		K. God Comforts

Section 2 – Fill in the Blanks. Write the appropriate word(s) in the blank space. (10 x 1pt each = 10 pts Total)

- In Isaiah’s vision, he saw _____ (flaming creatures) who were standing and calling out to each other “Holy, Holy, Holy the Lord Almighty is Holy.”
Seraphs (L27 P87)
- Jesus brought _____, brother of Mary and Martha, back to life.
Lazarus (L28 P90)
- A servant girl spoke to _____ and talked about God and the miraculous powers of the Prophet Elisha.
Naaman (L30 P95)
- James, who presided over the Council at Jerusalem, was the brother of _____.
Jesus (L10 P40)
- God used _____, a farmer boy, to defeat the Midianites with only 300 men.
Gideon (L16 P58)
- _____ said about Abraham, “God is with you in everything you do”.
Abimelech (L7 P32)
- _____ was known as “the voice crying in the wilderness”.
John the Baptist (L8 P34)
- Nehemiah was a _____ to the king in the citadel of Susa, the winter palace of the Persian Kings.
Cupbearer (L24 P78)
- Josiah sent for _____, the prophetess, to reveal what the Lord had commanded through the law.
Huldah(L22 P72)

13. Who said, "I do not have any silver or gold but I will give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ, get up and walk."?
 a. John b. Jesus c. Peter d. David
C (L19P65)
14. What was the name of the demon possessed man that Jesus encountered on his way to Gerasenes?
 a. Ishmael b. Simon c. Demon d. Legion
D (L12P47)
15. Who is known as the "Rising star of the New Testament"?
 a. David b. Thomas c. John the Baptist d. Lazarus
C (L8P35)
16. Samuel grew up with _____ in the house of the Lord.
 a. Elkanah b. Hannah c. Saul d. Eli
D (L9P38)
17. _____ was a ruler of the synagogue whose 12 year old daughter had fell ill.
 a. Jairus b. Cornelius c. Nicodemus d. Herod
A (L14P53)
18. According to _____, the Holy Spirit gives each person a particular gift of the Spirit.
 a. Peter b. Jesus c. Paul d. James
C (L15P56)
19. To whom did Jesus say "No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and spirit"?
 a. Zaccheus b. Peter c. Young rich man d. Nicodemus
D (L18P64)
20. The name 'Naaman' means _____.
 a. Jewels b. Leper c. Harmony d. Commander
C (L30P95)

Section 4 – Short Answers. Answer any four (4) of the following questions.

Answers should be brief and to the point. (4 x 5pts = 20 pts Total)

1. Identify 5 specific actions that King Josiah took to cleanse the temple of the Lord.
(L22P72) Any 5, 1 pt. each
- **Burned the vessel made for Baal**
 - **Deposed idolaters priest**
 - **Broke down the houses of male prostitutes**
 - **Destroyed the altar at Bethel**
 - **Removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun**
 - **Removed all the shrines kept at high places**
 - **Removed wizards and idols from the land of Judah and Jerusalem**
2. Explain how Nehemiah overcame all the opposition and won over the enemies with God's help.
(L24P79) 1pt each

- **Nehemiah was a leader who cared for his city. He was burdened in the spirit for his mission. We should have a burden in the spirit of our own mission.**
 - **Nehemiah was a great man of prayer. He prayed before starting any endeavor, big or small**
 - **Nehemiah worked with his men. He stayed in the city with the people and toiled with them.**
 - **He believed and depended on God. He took courage from God. With this strength, he encouraged and influenced the people**
 - **Nehemiah was a self-sacrificing leader. For the good of his people, he left all his luxuries and lived in Jerusalem. He brother and himself, for they did not accept any allowances from the king as the governor's due. He did God's work without expecting any reward.**
3. How did Elisha help the poor widow from seeing her sons sold into slavery?
(L17P61) 1 pt each, Max 5 pts
- **To Elisha's question she answered that she had only a small jar of olive oil at home.**
 - **Elisha wanted to help her and told 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 the oil into all the jars she has collected.**
 - **She could continue to pour oil until she had no more jars left to fill.**
 - **With just one jar of oil, she could fill several jars just because God had blessed her.**
 - **She could then sell the oil and pay back her debt.**
4. Who was Lazarus and what happened to him?
(L28P90)
1pt each for max 5 pts
- **Lazarus, was Jesus friend who he loved**
 - **He was ill**
 - **Lazarus sisters informed Jesus of the his illness but did not go to their house for 2 days**
 - **Lazarus died before Jesus came**
 - **Jesus came to Lazarus house, shared their grief and wept**
 - **Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus and asked them to remove the stone**
 - **He looked up and prayed and Lazrus came out of the tomb alive.**
 - **He became a living witness of resurrection and many people came to believe in Jesus**
5. In Genesis 12: 2-4, God makes 7 covenants with Abraham. Explain any 5 of covenants.
(L7P31) 1 pt each, Max 5 pts
- **I will give you many descendants and they will become a great nation**

- **I will bless you**
- **I will make your name famous**
- **You will be a blessing**
- **I will bless those who bless you**
- **I will curse those who curse you**
- **Through you, I will bless all nations**

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

1. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16
(L30 P97)
2. 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
(L27 P88)
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
(L24P80)
4. Then he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”
Luke 8:48
(L14P54)
5. Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12
(L19P66)
6. Whoever acknowledges me before others (men), I will also acknowledge (him) before my Father in heaven. Matthew 10:32
(L13P52)

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. Mar Thoma worship services started in North America in _____.
a. 1902 b. 1942 c. 1972 d. 2002
C (MTFV P114)
2. What does Aramana mean?
a. A language b. Bishop’s house c. Communion d. Denomination

B (MTFV P122)

3. The Diocese of North America and Europe was formed in _____.
a. 1908 b. 1988 c. 1998 d. 2008

B (MTFV P114)

4. A person becomes an official member of the church during which sacrament?
a. Holy Communion b. Confession c. Holy Baptism d. Marriage

C (MTFV P118)

5. Who organized the “Beggar Relief Committee” at the Maramon Convention?
a. Abraham Malpan
b. K.K. Kuruvilla
c. Juhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan
d. St. Thomas

C (MTFV P123)

6. In America, we have inter-communion with which of the following churches?
a. Pentecostal b. Jacobite c. Baptist d. Episcopal

D (MTFV P114)

7. The church responded to Juhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan’s challenge regarding social obligations by _____.
a. Starting the Mexico mission
b. Starting the Sisters of Charity
c. Building 75 homes for the homeless
d. None of the above

C (MTFV P123)

8. How many members does the Mar Thoma Church approximately have?
a. 1 thousand b. 10 thousand c. 100 thousand d. 1 million

D (MTFV P115)

9. In the Mar Thoma Church, we worship in a _____ posture because we believe the Lord is present in the service and it is an eastern mark of respect.
a. sitting b. kneeling c. standing d. bowing

C (MTFV P117)

10. “_____ is the highest activity of man whose ultimate aim is God’s glory.”
a. Worship b. Teaching c. Donating d. Preaching

A (MTFV P116)

Section 7 – Mar Thoma History Short Answer. Answer one of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (1 x 5pts = 5 pts Total)

1. Identify 5 basic elements of worship in the Mar Thoma Church.

(MTFV P117)

Any 5, 1 pt each

Word of God, Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Intercession and Offering

2. What is the term used to identify sacraments that were commanded by the Lord?

Identify the 2 sacraments that fall into this category.

(MTFV P118)

- **Dominical (1pt)**
- **Baptism (2pts)**
- **Holy Communion (2pts)**



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Section 1 – Match the following. Write the appropriate letter of the matching word from Column B that corresponds with the word from Column A. (10 x 1pt each =10 pts Total)

Column A		Column B
1. Paul	G(L29 P86)	A. Major Prophet
2. Jacob	J (L7 P24)	B. Prophetess
3. Messiah	K (L18 P55)	C. Father of Hezekiah
4. Bartimaeus	I (L12 P38)	D. Son of Nun
5. Deborah	B (L17 P51)	E. One who loves horses
6. Philip	E (L19 P57)	F. Golden calf
7. Jeremiah	A (L25 P74)	G. One who is small
8. Solomon	H (16 P48)	H. Peace
9. Aaron	F (L11 P36)	I. Blind
10. Joshua	D (L9 P30)	J. Mahanaim
		K. Christ

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

- The Old Testament includes a total of _____ prophetic books.
15 (L25 P74)
- According to Jewish culture, during meals the one who sits on the _____ side of the chief guest is considered the greatest.
Right (L10 P33)
- _____ was the first judge of Israel.
Othniel (L17P51)
- _____ was angry when she heard about what happened at Mount Carmel and sent a messenger to Elijah to inform him that he would meet the same end as that of the prophets of Baal the following day.
Jezebel (L8P27)
- Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at _____ and gave his final speech.
Shechem (L9P31)
- _____ encouraged Jacob to deceive his father Isaac to get the blessings that truly belonged to Esau.
Rebekah (L14 P42)
- The Jerusalem temple was dedicated by _____ along with a festival that lasted for fourteen days.
Solomon (L16P49)
- Jesus appeared for the third time after the resurrection at the home of _____ to ten of his disciples.
John Mark (L27P80)
- _____ is the smallest unit of society created by God.

Family (L28P83)

10. _____ was known as the “Apostle of the Gentiles”
Paul (L29P87)

Section 3 – Multiple Choice. Circle the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. (20 x 1pt= 20 pts Total)

1. Who cried aloud, “Lord, son of David, have mercy on me!”?
a. Peter b. Zacchaeus c. Canaanite Woman d. Paul
C (L22 P66)
2. The Israelites led by Joshua crossed the _____ and entered the Promised Land.
a. River Jordan b. Dead Sea c. Sea of Galilee d. Tigris River
A (L24 P71)
3. Who is known as the “weeping prophet”?
a. Jeremiah b. Moses c. Isaiah d. Deborah
C (L25 P75)
4. Jacob requested his sons to be buried in the family burial ground in _____.
a. Egypt b. Haran c. Canaan d. Bethel
C (L26 P77)
5. To whom did the Lord respond “I am Jesus, the one you persecute.”?
a. Peter b. Saul c. Judas d. Herod
B (L29 P86)
6. What day is considered the birthday of the Christian church?
a. Passover feast
b. Christmas day
c. Day of Pentecost
d. Thanksgiving day
C(L30 P89)
7. _____ is believed to have formed the church of Thyatira.
a. Paul b. Timothy c. Silas d. Lydia
D (L20 P61)
8. Love your God is the essence of:
a. Ten commandments
b. Paul’s teachings
c. Sermon on the Mount
d. New Testament
A(L6 P21)
9. Elijah heard God’s voice through _____.
a. Earthquake b. Soft whisper c. Thunder d. Strong wind
B (L8 P28)
10. Barak and Deborah defeated _____.
a. King Hezekiah b. the Philistines c. the Romans d. Sisera
D (L17 P52)
11. _____ closed the doors of the Temple in Jerusalem to stop people from worshipping.
a. King Ahaz b. King David c. King Hezekiah d. King Solomon
A (L21 P63)

12. After making peace with _____, Jacob decided to make arrangement to meet Esau.
 a. Joseph b. Isaac c. Laban d. Benjamin
C (L7 P24)
13. _____ attempted to kill David by pinning him to the wall with a spear.
 a. King Saul b. Ziba c. Solomon d. Goliath
A (L13 P40)
14. Joshua belonged to the tribe of _____.
 a. Levi b. Benjamin c. Ephraim d. Judah
C (L9 P30)
15. Paul had a vision in which he saw a man standing and begging him to come over to _____ to help them.
 a. Jerusalem b. Macedonia c. Rome d. Ephesus
B (L20 P60)
16. _____ coveted and stole a Babylonian garment, silver and gold and hid these in his tent. He was later caught and condemned to be stoned to death.
 a. Joshua b. Saul c. Achan d. Ananias
C (L24 P72)
17. _____ was the first missionary to go to Samaria to spread the Good News.
 a. Joshua b. Philip c. Paul d. Timothy
B (L19 P57)
18. Solomon was renamed Jedidiah meaning the “Beloved of God” by the prophet _____.
 a. David b. Samuel c. Joshua d. Nathan
D (L16 P48)
19. Which of the following is **NOT** a prison epistle?
 a. Ephesians b. Galatians c. Colossians d. Philemon
B (L29 P87)
20. Who renovated and sanctified the Temple in Jerusalem?
 a. Ahaz b. David c. Hezekiah d. Moses
C (L21 P64)

Section 4 – Short Answers. Answer any four (4) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (4 x 5pts = 20 pts Total)

1. After the resurrection, Jesus gave the apostles a great commission. Identify the 3 characteristics of the commission.
(L27 P81)
- **Jesus sends them with authority: Those who believe in Jesus work as missionaries and every Christian is a missionary. We are sent to preach the gospels. Jesus gives us the authority and strength to preach it. (2pts)**
 - **Jesus gave them the Holy Spirit: Jesus breathed on the disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” The disciples received the Holy Spirit and were strengthened. The Holy Spirit sometimes leads individuals to particular tasks. (2pts)**
 - **Jesus gave them the authority to preach redemption of sin: The apostles became tools in God’s hand to redeem sinners. (1pt)**

2. An angel of the Lord told Philip to go to a deserted road that went from Jerusalem to Gaza. Explain how God used Philip to convert the eunuch.

(L19 P57) 1pt each, maximum 5 pts.

- **An important official of the Queen of Ethiopia was on his way home from Jerusalem. This eunuch was in charge of the treasury and has come to Jerusalem to worship God in Jerusalem.**
- **While traveling, this eunuch was reading from the book of Isaiah.**
- **Philip went near the slow moving carriage and asked the eunuch if he understood what he was reading.**
- **The official from Ethiopia responded by saying, “How can I understand unless someone explains it to me.”**
- **He invited Philip to climb up, sit in the carriage next to him and explain his reading.**
- **Based on the word of God the eunuch was reading, Philip explained to him the good news of Jesus Christ.**
- **The eunuch received Jesus Christ as his savior and got baptized as a sign of his dedication and took the message of Christ to Africa.**

3. God accepted the runaway prophet Elijah, lifted him up, strengthened him and entrusted him with new responsibilities and a divine message. What are the four commands that God give him?

(L8 P28)

- **Return along the wilderness near Damascus and enter the city (2pts)**
- **Anoint Hazael, the King of Syria (1pt)**
- **Anoint Jehu, son of Nimshi as King of Israel (1pt)**
- **Anoint Elisha, to succeed Elijah as the prophet (1pt)**

4. “Teach a child how he should live, and he will remember it all his life.” Proverbs 22:6 Explain the 3 parts of this command.

(L28 P83)

- **Teaching: The Church and Parents are duty bound to teach the child in the ways of God. The word of God gives us wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ (2pts)**
- **Learning: The child must grow in relation to God and experience Him. (1pt)**
- **Subject of learning: The child must not choose the path he wishes to walk but the path he ought to walk according to God’s wishes. (1pt)**

5. Identify the four promises of God to Joshua

(L9 P31)

- **I will be with you; I will never abandon you or forsake you (1pt)**
- **Be determined and confident. You will be the leader of these people as they occupy this land which I promised their ancestors (1pt)**
- **Be strong and courageous. Be careful to obey all the laws that Moses gave you. Be sure that the Book of the Law is always read in your worship and**

make sure that you obey everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful (2pts)

- **Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.(1pt)**

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

1. **Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave. Matthew 20:26,27 (L10 P35)**
2. **And if you greet only your own people (your brothers), what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:47 &48 (L20 P62)**
3. **May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Galatians 6:14 (L29 P88)**
4. **“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— “(so) that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. Ephesians 6:2-3 (L28 P85)**
5. **Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:10 (L25 P76)**
6. **What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” Mark 10:51 (L12 P39)**

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

1. Emperor Constantine accepted Christianity and granted freedom of religion to Christians through the Edict of _____.
a. Nicea b. Ephesus c. Milan d. Rome
C(MTFV P131)
2. Prior to the reformation, the Malabar church required mandatory fees for which of the following:
a. Baptism
b. Marriage
c. Masses for the departed

d. All of the above
D(MTFV P139)

3. The early Christians in Kerala were called _____ by their neighbors.
a. Israelites b. Marthomites c. Nazarenes d. Malayalees
C(MTFV P134)

4. How many churches did St. Thomas establish on the Malabar coast?
a. 3 b. 5 c. 7 d. 10
C(MTFV P134)

5. Diocesan Council members are elected by the _____.
a. Diocesan Assembly b. Mandalam c. Synod d. Metropolitan
A(MTFV P149)

6. Up until the beginning of the 20th century, the Mar Thoma church was mostly confined to :
a. America b. Karnataka c. Kerala d. Calcutta
C(MTFV P145)

7. The term “Catholic” means:
a. Pope b. Holy c. Denomination d. Universal
D(MTFV P132)

8. In order to be elected Bishop, the candidate has to get _____ percent of the votes of both the clergy and laity counted separately.
a. 25 b. 50 c. 75 d. 95
C(MTFV P142)

9. What is the body that consists of all the bishops, including the Metropolitan called?
a. Sevika Sangham b. Mandalam c. Diocesan Council d. Episcopal Synod
D(MTFV P142)

10. In which North American city was the first regular Mar Thoma services held?
a. Los Angeles b. Houston c. New York d. Philadelphia
C(MTFV P147)

Section 7 – Mar Thoma History Short Answer. Answer one of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (1 x 5pts = 5 pts Total)

1. Identify 5 characteristics that are common to all churches.
(MTFV P131) 1pt each

- **The church is holy**
- **The church is catholic**
- **The church is Apostolic**
- **The church is a worshipping community**
- **The church is a pilgrim community**

2. Identify 5 things that were discarded as a result of the reformation in the Malankara Church.

(MTFV P139)

- **Mediation through the so-called saints. (1point)**
- **Prayer and adoration to Virgin Mary. (1point)**
- **Prayer and mass for the dead. (1point)**
- **Auricular confession (confession to the priest) (1point)**
- **False teachings and practices such as associating concessions with payment of money to priests, seeking forgiveness of sins through offering oil, incense, candles and bodily penance. (1point)**



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Section 1 – Multiple Choice. Circle the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. (30 x 1pt= 30 pts Total)

1. _____ is believed to be the first Gentile who was converted of Christianity.
a. Silas b. Paul c. Cornelius d. Peter
C (L24 P78)
2. _____ was in charge of the church in Ephesus after the death of Paul.
a. Peter b. Saul c. John d. Timothy
D (L6 P26)
3. In The Lord's Prayer, _____ means to ask God humbly for what you and others need.
a. Adoration b. Confession c. Thanksgiving d. Supplication
D (L26 P87)
4. God used _____ to save the male Hebrew children from Pharaoh's cruel plan to oppress them.
a. Puah b. Hannah c. Ruth d. Martha
A (L22 P73)
5. _____ used to sit under a palm tree between Ramah and Bethel and judge the people of Israel.
a. Samuel b. Deborah c. Samson d. Gideon
B (L16 P54)
6. _____ means not only the unity of all denominations but also the unity of all people everywhere.
a. Ecumenism b. Globalization c. Inter-communion d. Reformation
A (L8 P32)
7. _____ is considered Paul's first prison epistle.
a. James b. Philemon c. Colossians d. Ephesians
B (L20 P65)
8. Abram left _____ with his wife, nephew, servants and all his belongings.
a. Canaan b. Jerusalem c. Haran d. Bethel
C (L7 P27)
9. Which of the following is a symbol of the Holy Spirit?
a. Lamb b. Dove c. Lion d. Eagle
B (L18 P60)
10. The name _____ means "God is grateful"?
a. Isaiah b. Jeremiah c. Nehemiah d. John
D (L28 P91)
11. What does the name Abram means?
a. Faithful b. Exalted Father c. Father of the Nation d. Holy One
B (L14 P48)
12. Nehemiah was a cupbearer to King _____.

- a. Cyrus b. Nebuchadnezzar c. Artaxerxes d. Uzziah
C (L21 P69)
13. Who was the first martyr of the early church?
a. Stephen b. Barnabas c. Onesimus d. Timothy
A (L25 P83)
14. Until the conversion of Cornelius, the apostles believed that Salvation was only for:
a. Jews b. Gentiles c. Christians d. sinners
A (L24 P79)
15. One thing in common between Moses and David were :
a. They were both Levites
b. They are both identified in the lineage of Jesus Christ
c. They were both shepherds
d. They were both kings of Israel
C (L30 P97)
16. Which of the following is a major prophet?
a. Jonah b. Ezekiel c. Malachi d. Zechariah
B (L9 P33)
17. How long did it take Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem?
a. 5 days b. 50 days c. 5 years d. 50 years
B (L21 P70)
18. _____ was a run-away slave of Philemon
a. Timothy b. Barnabas c. Onesimus d. Saul
C (L20 P66)
19. John the Baptist's message was a call of _____.
a. Fear b. Repentance c. Sacrifice d. End of Jerusalem
B (L29 P95)
20. The name _____ means 'Yahoveh is Salvation'.
a. Isaiah b. Jeremiah c. Nehemiah d. John
A (L27 P88)
21. Which of the following women were **NOT** a co-worker of Paul?
a. Phoebe b. Priscilla c. Persis d. Deborah
D (L22 P73)
22. _____ and his team stirred up trouble when Nehemiah tried to rebuild Jerusalem.
a. Artaxerxes b. Sanballat c. Jeremiah d. Samson
B (L21 P70)
23. Who did Deborah call upon to help defeat Sisera's army at Mount Tabor?
a. Barak b. Jael c. Othniel d. David
A (L16 P55)
24. John 3:16 is known as the "Covenant of _____".
a. Salvation b. David c. Forgiveness d. Grace
D (L14 P49)
25. _____ had two wives named Rachel and Leah.
a. Isaac b. Abraham c. Jacob d. Joseph
C (L13 P46)
26. Upon the deliverance of the people of Israel from the Egyptian army, _____ sang the song "Sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea."?

- a. Aaron b. Miriam c. David d. Moses

B (L12 P44)

27. The leaders between the time of Joshua and the Kings were called _____.

- a. Prophets b. Rabbis c. Judges d. Rulers

C (L11 P39)

28. _____ had 3 sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth

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

D (L8 P31)

29. It is written in 2 Chronicles 26:4, about _____ that “He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father Amaziah had done.”

- a. King Uzziah b. Jehoshaphat c. Nehemiah d. Jeremiah

A (L6 P26)

30. Which of the following is false about Timothy?

- a. He was a native of Lystra
b. His mother was a Jew
c. He refused to be circumcised before starting out his missionary journey
d. He died a martyr

C (L6 P25)

Section 2 – Short Answers. Answer any four (4) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (4 x 5pts = 20 pts Total)

1. What was the mission of John the Baptist? Identify the 4 things he did towards fulfilling his mission.

(L29 P95)

1pt for either of the following

- **John’s whole mission in life was to glorify God**

OR

- **He did this by preparing the people for the coming Messiah.**

1pt for each of the following

- 1. John worked sincerely and courageously disregarding the consequences.**
- 2. He made the people aware of their imperfect life.**
- 3. He pointed out the hypocrisy of the religious leaders.**
- 4. He was bold enough to rebuke even the King.**

2. Describe Isaiah’s vision in the temple of God.

(L27 P88)

Any 5 for max 5 pts.

- **Isaiah was in the temple of God when he fell into a spiritual trance. (1pt)**
- **God was seated on a high throne, with His robe filling the whole temple. (1pt)**
- **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. (1pt)**
- **They were calling out to each other, “Holy, Holy, Holy! The Lord Almighty is Holy! His glory fills the world!” (1pt)**

- **When Isaiah lamented over his unclean lips, a seraph touched his lips with a live coal (1pt)**
 - **He heard God’s voice “Whom shall I send?”. And who will go for us? (1pt)**
 - **Isaiah responded to God’s mission and said “Here am I. Send me” (1pt)**
3. What were the three aspects of Jeremiah’s message? In addition, identify any 2 symbols that Jeremiah used to proclaim God’s message.
(L9 P34)
- **He warns about the punishment for backsliding. They had turned away from God. (1pt)**
 - **He predicted the coming of divine judgment in the form of overthrowing of Jerusalem and seventy years of subsequent captivity. (1pt)**
 - **He gave hope for the eventual restoration of the Jews that they will be brought back to their land from the place of their exile. (1pt)**
- Symbols (any 2 for 2 pts)
- a. **The fountain and broken cistern: The fountain-symbol of God, broken cistern of idols.**
 - b. **The clay and the potter: The clay symbolizes people and the potter- God.**
 - c. **The new covenant**
4. For reconciliation, God’s guidance and patience between the two parties is essential. Identify four examples in the bible where you learned about reconciliation of disputes.
(L13 P46)
- **The reconciliation between Joseph and his brothers in Egypt.(1pt)**
 - **In the parable of the lost son (prodigal son) we see father and son reconcile with each other. (1pt)**
 - **The reconciliation between Moses and the Israelites (1pt)**
 - **Jacob reconciles with Esau (2pts)**
5. Explain the 3 reasons why Peter’s speech at Cornelius’ house was very significant in the spread of Christianity in the history of the world.
(L24 P79)
- **The belief that salvation was only for the Jews was altered. Peter, one of the chief apostles, abandoned the exclusive attitude of his orthodox brothers. (2pts)**
 - **Peter learned that our food habits should not be a hindrance to our relationship with others. Jewish food habits were not ignored but it explained that they should not prevent relationships with others. (2pts)**
 - **This is a decisive precedent for the extension of Christianity to the Roman Empire and the conversion of many gentiles. (1pt)**

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

1. If anyone speaks, **they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power** for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:11
(L29 P96)
2. For it is **by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.** Ephesians 2:8, 9
(L23 P77)
3. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, **God’s special possession (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
(L17 P59)
4. But seek **first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you** as well. Matthew 6:33
(L15 P53)
5. Moses answered **the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.** Exodus 14:13
(L12 P44)
6. 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 possession.** Deuteronomy 7:6
(L7 P30)

Section 4 – Mar Thoma Church: Our Foundation and Vision. Circle the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. (10 x 1pt= 10 pts. Total)

1. Historians tell us that of the 318 Church Fathers who participated in the first Ecumenical Council of Nicea, only a dozen :
 - a. Did not have bodily wounds from the Great Persecution
 - b. Were from Rome
 - c. Were Gentiles
 - d. Accompanied Paul during his missionary trips**A (MTFV P166)**
2. The cross used in Mar Thoma churches is known as the _____.
 - a. Crucifix
 - b. Rugged cross
 - c. Easter cross
 - d. Holy cross**C (MTFV P159)**

3. The word 'liturgy' means :
 a. worship b. adoration c. offering d. service
D (MTFV P154)
4. _____ declared it illegal to persecute Christians in AD 313.
 a. Abraham Malpan
 b. Bishop Eusebius of Caesarea
 c. Archbishop John
 d. Emperor Constantine
D (MTFV P166)
5. _____ is the celebration of the relationship between the believer and the almighty.
 a. Eucharist b. Marriage c. Unction d. Confession
A (MTFV P154)
6. Early Christians met in _____ because of possible persecution.
 a. Churches b. Caves c. Schools d. Synagogues
B (MTFV P158)
7. The Church underwent reformation on scriptural principles as a result of its contacts with the _____ Church in the 19th century.
 a. Baptist b. Lutheran c. Anglican d. Presbyterian
C (MTFV P161)
8. The Feast of the Resurrection is also known as :
 a. Good Friday b. Christmas c. Easter d. Good Friday
C (MTFV P163)
9. The Day of Transfiguration commemorates Jesus' transfiguration before :
 a. Three Disciples b. Mary c. Paul d. Soldiers
A (MTFV P164)
10. The _____ commemorates the day the Holy Spirit poured onto the Church, marking the beginning of Christianity.
 a. Day of Ascension
 b. Day of Pentecost
 c. Annunciation Period
 d. None of the above
B (MTFV P166)

Section 5 – Mar Thoma History Short Answer. Answer one of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (1 x 5pts = 5 pts Total)

1. Name any 5 symbols used in Mar Thoma worship and describe them briefly.
(MTFV P158)

Any 5 of the following, 1 point each

- **Madbaha – an Aramaic word to represent an altar to celebrate the Qurbana.**
- **Thronos – table that serves as altar, symbol of divine presence of the Lord**
- **Tabaleetha – portable table, reminder for holiness and purity**
- **Candles – A reminder of the persecution of our forefathers for their faith and calling us to shine as light in a world of darkness**
- **Incense and censer – Censer is the vessel where the incense is burned. The smoke from the incense is a symbol of divine presence.**
- **Cross – The cross symbolizes eternal life through Christ’s sacrificial death.**
- **Kappa – The vestment worn by the priest during Qurbana.**

2. What is public worship? Name at least 8 parts of the service.

(MTFV P151)

1 pt.

- a. **Worship conducted without Holy Communion**
0.5 for each for a total of 4pts
- b. **Adoration, confession, thanksgiving scripture reading (first and second lessons), prayer for the Holy Spirit, intercession, Nicene Creed, offertory, sermon, prayer, benediction and Kiss of Peace, hymns**

Section 6 – Essay (10 points). Choose one of the following two topics to write an essay in approximately 150 words. Write your answer on the separate answer sheet provided.

1. Jesus Christ taught his disciples and the Jewish people through stories or parables.

- a. Introduction
 - What is a parable? Give 2 definitions. (2pts)
 - Where does the word Parable come from? (1pt)
- b. Retell the parable of the talents (7pts)
- c. Explain what the talents represent (2pts)
- d. What do we learn from this parable? (3pts)

(L15P52) (L10 P36)

Introduction

What is a parable? Give 2 definitions. (2pts)

- **In other words, saying things in a different way.**
- **A parable is also an “earthly story with a heavenly meaning”.**
- **Jesus spoke in parables to teach us the truth about the kingdom of heaven, about the love of our eternal father.**
- **It teaches us about eternal truths.**

Where does the word come from? (1pt)

- **The word Parable comes from the Greek word “Parabole” which means, “putting things side by side”.**

Explain the parable of the talents

- **A Master when preparing to go on a journey calls on his servants. (1pt)**
- **He gives them each certain responsibilities. To one servant he gave 5 talents of money. To another he gave 2 talents of money and finally to yet another servant he gave 1 talent of money. These talents were given according to each of their abilities. (1pt)**
- **Being faithful, the first two servants who received the 5 and 2 talents went out and invested the money and put it to work. These two men gained more from their investments. The man with 5 talents made 5 more and the man with 2 talents made 2 more. (2pts)**
- **The servant with 1 talent dug a hole and buried his master's money. (1pt)**
- **Years later the Master returns and settled accounts with his servants. The 1st two servants pleased the Master very much because they multiplied the master's accounts and so the master blessed them with many rewards. (1pt)**
- **The last servant displeased the Master because he was lazy and did not bring forth anything for the master and so he was condemned. (1pt)**

Explain what the talents represent

- **God gives us each a variety of responsibilities. He instills in us abilities and potentials that are to be used for his glory and honor. (1pt)**
- **These abilities vary from person to person and we are all accountable to God to carry through and make use of these talents. (1pt)**

What do we learn from this parable?

- **The Bible tells us that, "For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him." In other words, when you submit what abilities and gifts you have to glorify God, you only gain more and the rewards are so much greater. (2pts)**
- **Whereas when you do not submit your gifts and abilities, you gain nothing and what all you do have will also be taken away. (1pt)**

2. Gideon led the Israelites to victory against the Midianites.

- Who was Gideon? How did God call him? (2pts)**
- What was the sign given by God to show that Gideon was chosen? (2pts)**
- How did Gideon select people to fight against the Midianites? (4pts)**
- How did Gideon fight against the Midianites with a small army? (3pts)**
- What was the secret of Gideon's victory? (2pts)**
- Conclusion – What do we learn from the story of Gideon? (2pts)**

(L11 P39)

Who was Gideon? How did God call him? (2pts)

- **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.**

What was the sign given by God to show that Gideon was chosen? (2pts)

- **When Gideon went up to give his offering of meat and leavened bread, the angel of the Lord touched the offering with the end of the stick he was holding.**
- **Fire came out of the rock and burnt up the meat and the bread.**

How did Gideon select people to fight against the Midianites? (4pts)

- **The Israelites got ready for the battle, but the Lord wanted them to reduce their number, as He did not want them to feel that it was by their strength that they would win.**
- **Their strength was 32000, which they reduced to 300.**
- **First he allowed the people to leave if they wanted. A large number of them left.**
- **The remaining people were led to a river to drink water. Some people knelt down to drink while others lap the water with their tongues like a dog. Three hundred men lapped water with their hands to their mouths and they were selected.**

How did Gideon fight against the Midianites with a small army? (3pts)

- **Gideon then divided his army into three divisions and placed them in different directions each having a jar, a light, and a trumpet.**
- **On Gideon's instruction each division would blow their trumpet and break their jars.**
- **As a result of this noise the enemy began to fight against themselves.**

What was the secret of Gideon's victory? (2pts)

- **Gideon trusted in the Lord and not in a large army. Gideon believed that God alone could give him victory, rather than the strength of the army.**
- **God knew Gideon's potential and patiently brought Gideon to the point of courage. He encouraged him, directed him and transformed him.**

Conclusion – What do we learn from the story of Gideon? (2pts)

- **God sometimes calls ordinary people to do extra ordinary things**
- **If you are meek and humble and willing to listen and obey, God will give you victory over impossible situations**
- **Obedience to the commandments of God is better than sacrifice**



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Section 1 – Multiple Choice. Circle the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. (30 x 1pt= 30 pts Total)

1. Prophet Samuel was the son of _____.
a. Elkanah b. Eli c. Peninnah d. Samuel
A (L9 P35)

2. What happened to Adoniram, the mediator that King Rehoboam sent to the Israelites who were angry with the king’s arrogance?
a. They refused to listen to him and turned him away
b. They entered into a treaty with him
c. They accused him of conspiring against them
d. They stoned him to death
D (L16 P61)

3. The name “Immanuel” is prophesized in which Old Testament book?
a. Genesis b. Matthew c. Isaiah d. Daniel
C (L8 P32)

4. What did the Israelites complain about as they journeyed through the the desert of Shur?
a. food b. water c. light d. sleep
B (L11 P43)

5. What does the name “Jeremiah” mean?
a. God establishes b. Chosen one c. Salvation d. God is with us
A (L29 P98)

6. _____, the son of Buzi, was born in Tel-Abiz on the bank of the river Kebar.
a. Isaiah b. Jeremiah c. Ezekiel d. Rehoboam
C (L27 P92)

7. When faced with a crisis in his kingdom, Rehoboam took time to discuss his problems with the wise and mature old men who were once his father _____ advisors.
a. David’s b. Jeroboam’s c. Saul’s d. Solomon’s
D (L16 P61)

8. Which of the following statements are FALSE with regard to St. Augustine?
a. His father owned slaves
b. He was one of the early church fathers
c. He wrote about his conversion in the autobiography “Confessions”

d. He was Pope of the Roman Catholic Church
D (L25 P87-88)

9. In the Old Testament, the priest sanctified items by _____ to make it Holy.
- a. Sprinkling of animal's blood
 - b. Burning incense
 - c. Immersing in oil
 - d. Touching the Ark of the Covenant
- A (L22 P79)**

10. Which of the following is NOT a unique quality of Jesus as our high priest?
- a. His priesthood is forever because he is living eternally
 - b. He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by sacrificing his own blood
 - c. He appointed himself as our high priest
 - d. He is able to save us fully
- C (L18 P67)**

11. During Paul's 1st missionary journey, John Mark decided to leave Paul and Barnabas at _____.
- a. Cyprus
 - b. Iconium
 - c. Perga
 - d. Selucia
- C (L14 P54)**

12. _____ testified, "I can do all things through him who gives me strength".
- a. Peter
 - b. Paul
 - c. James
 - d. Philip
- B (L15 P58)**

13. According to James 3:17, the wisdom from above is:
- a. Pure
 - b. Sincere
 - c. Full of mercy
 - d. All of the above
- D (L20 P74)**

14. In 1 Peter 1:19, it says we are redeemed with the _____ of Christ, "a lamb without blemish or defect.
- a. Precious blood
 - b. Power
 - c. Deeds
 - d. Grace
- A (L18 P67)**

15. _____ was the servant of Solomon and son of Nubat.
- a. Jeroboam
 - b. Rehoboam
 - c. Shishak
 - d. Adoniram
- A (L16 P60)**

16. According to the genealogy of Christ in Mathew 1:5, the Moabite woman _____ was honored as the great grandmother of King David?
- a. Miriam
 - b. Naomi
 - c. Eunice
 - d. Ruth
- D (L13 P51)**

17. The awareness of Christ's presence gave _____ courage to face the hostile council of Jews in Jerusalem.
 a. Paul b. Judas c. David d. Peter
D (L15 P58)
18. When his wife "the delight of his eyes passed away, _____ was not allowed to weep.
 a. Ezekiel b. Daniel c. Hosea d. Amos
A (L27 P92)
19. Who established the "Missionaries of Charity"?
 a. Stanley Jones b. Alexander c. Mother Teresa d. St. Augustine
C (L30 P101)
20. Which disciple of Jesus Christ died a natural death?
 a. Peter b. Thomas c. Paul d. John
D (L20 P73)
21. Who was the king of the Philistines during the time of Abraham?
 a. Abimelech b. Goliath c. Saul d. David
A (L17 P64)
22. Who were known as "visionaries" in the book of Samuel?
 a. Kings b. Prophets c. Pharisees d. Judges
B (L7 P29)
23. Who was the youngest son of Jacob?
 a. Joseph b. Benjamin c. Jonathan d. Isaac
B (L6 P26)
24. Who envisions a day in the future where people of all nations, languages, creeds and cultures living together according to the will of God?
 a. Peter b. Samuel c. Isaiah d. Ezekiel
C (L7 P30)
25. The Lord gave a sign to King _____ that "a young woman who is pregnant will have a son and will name him 'Immanuel'".
 a. Ahab b. Ahaz c. David d. Saul
B (L8 P33)
26. Who is known as the "weeping prophet" for his heart-broken intercessory prayers and cries for his people?
 a. Jeremiah b. Nehemiah c. Ezekiel d. Isaiah
A (L29 P99)

27. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Moses and _____ appeared to Jesus in heavenly form as He prayed.
 a. David b. Solomon c. Isaiah d. Elijah
D (L26 P90)
28. Which festival marks the great deliverance of the Israelites from death as the Lord's angel of death struck the entire first born of Egypt?
 a. Feast of Tabernacles
 b. Passover
 c. Feast of the Harvest
 d. Day of Atonement
B (L12 P47)
29. The Philistines and Israelites continued to be enemies for centuries but the _____ later conquered and subdued them.
 a. Persians b. Syrians c. Greeks d. Romans
D (L17 P64)
30. What crisis did Rehoboam face when he became king?
 a. The southern tribes did not have enough water
 b. His son wanted to become king and dethrone him
 c. Northern tribes were protesting the high taxes imposed to support his lifestyle
 d. The Roman empire had just attacked Jerusalem
C (L16 P60)

Section 2 – Short Answers. Answer any four (4) of the following questions.

Answers should be brief and to the point. (4 x 5pts = 20 pts Total)

1. What are the 5 main points of Ezekiel's prophetic declarations to the Israelites who had no hope of a life from captivity?
(L27 P93)
1 pt each
- **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.**
 - **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.
2. Jesus taught several insights on prayer. Identify 5 of them.
(L26 P89)

1 pt each

- **We should continue to pray until we receive God’s blessings. The parable of midnight mediator**
- **God wants us to pray always. The parable of the widow and the judge.**
- **God hates self-glorification. Humility and forgiveness are basic for blessing. The parable of the tax collector and Pharisee.**
- **We receive forgiveness only when we forgive. The parable of the unforgiving servant**
- **Our prayers should be simple and direct.**
- **The prayers of the hypocrites will not be answered**
- **When we pray in faith, it will be answered**

3. Identify 5 festivals celebrated by Jewish families.

(L28 P96)

1 pt each, Max 5pts

- **Sabbath**
- **Feast of Passover**
- **Feast of Unleavened Bread**
- **Feast of the Harvest**
- **Feast of Trumpets**
- **Day of Atonement**
- **Feast of Tabernacles**

4. Why was Queen Vashti dethroned? Whose idea was it and what was the logic behind the decision? What moral value did Queen Vashti try to uphold?

(L21 P77)

- **The king who was in “high spirits from wine” summoned the queen and sent 5 eunuchs to escort her to the Palace wearing her royal crown to display her beauty to the people and nobles. Vashti simply refused to go. (2pts)**
- **It is painful to note that the decision to dethrone Queen Vashti was not Xerxes’ idea. It was an advice that came from Memucan. (1pts)**
- **The king and nobles just bought into it. Memucan’s logic was that husbands in the land would lose their control over their wives. (1pt)**
- **By refusing to become a public display in front of a drunken audience, queen Vashti took a stand against the inappropriate use of power and courageously faced the consequences of her decision (1pt)**

5. Identify 5 characteristics of a prophet.

(L7 P29)

1 pt each

- **A prophet speaks on behalf of God. A prophet is God’s chosen, appointed by God to speak on His behalf.**
- **They reveal God’s intentions and future plans.**

- **In olden days, prophets concentrated on bringing the people to the right path by raising their voice against injustice, violence, idol worship, and materialism.**
- **Prophets made changes in socio-political fields by revealing God’s purposes through thrilling messages.**
- **Moreover, they pointed out God’s redemptive acts and predicted the birth of Jesus Christ.**
- **The term prophet is seen used to describe elders, deacons, and even lay members of the Church both male and female**

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

1. **“The King will reply, ‘(Truly) I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers (and sisters) of mine, you did for me.’ Matthew 25:40
(L30 P103)**
2. **The word of the Lord came to me, saying, “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 1:4-5
(L29 P100)**
3. **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)**
4. **Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven (gone through the heavens), Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Hebrews 4:14
(L18 P68)**
5. **But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Ruth 1:16
(L13 P52)**
6. **“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 P41)**

Section 4 – Mar Thoma Church: Our Foundation and Vision. Circle the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. (10 x 1pt= 10 pts. Total)

1. _____ are the visible, outward rites conducted by the Church, using specific elements for inward and unseen blessings.

- a. Sacraments b. Prayers c. Blessings d. Hymns
A (MTFV P172)
2. Which of the following is a Dominical Sacrament?
a. Confirmation b. Baptism c. Marriage d. Ordination
B (MTFV P175)
3. Which of the following is matter that is used in Baptism?
a. Child b. Celebrant c. Worship Book d. Water
D (MTFV P174)
4. We believe in “One _____” as a second one is discouraged in the pages of the New Testament and similarly in the Nicene Creed.
a. Confirmation b. Baptism c. Marriage d. Ordination
B (MTFV P172)
5. What does the Aramaic word “Qurbana” mean?
a. Confession b. Confirmation c. Supper d. Offering
D (MTFV P179)
6. The three steps of the Calvary cross represent faith, hope and _____.
a. Prayer b. Forgiveness c. Love d. Salvation
C (MTFV P183)
7. Which of the following is an optional sacrament?
a. Holy Communion
b. Baptism
c. Marriage
d. All of the above are optional sacraments
C (MTFV P184)
8. What is Mooron?
a. Prayer b. Baptism c. Church d. Holy Oil
D (MTFV P188)
9. Confirmation is part of which sacrament?
a. Marriage b. Baptism c. Unction d. Ordination
B (MTFV P176)
10. Ordination service is always carried out in the middle of _____.
a. Holy Communion b. Baptism c. Unction d. Marriage
A (MTFV P188)

Section 5 – Mar Thoma History Short Answer. Answer one of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (1 x 5pts = 5 pts Total)

1. List the 5 essential elements of a Sacrament.

(MTFV P172)

Intention, Meaning, Words of Institution, Matter and Celebrant

2. Identify 10 parts of the St James liturgy used by the Mar Thoma Church.

(MTFV P180)

.5 pts each, Total 5 pts

Anticomunion, Sermon, Confessional Prayer, Kiss of Peace, First Blessing, Words of Institution, Prayer of Anamnesis, Prayer of Epiclesis, Intercession, Second Blessing, Breaking of Bread, Third Blessing, Participation and Final Blessing

Section 6 – Essay. Choose one of the following two topics to write an essay in 150 words. (Total 10 points)

1. Describe Jeremiah's call to prophethood and his gospel mission in the face of opposition.
- Who was Jeremiah? Provide 3 facts. (3 points)
 - Describe 6 of Jeremiah's response to the social conditions during his time? (6 points)
 - How does Jeremiah's response apply to us today? (1 point)

(L29 P98)

- a. Who was Jeremiah? (3 points)

Any 3, 1pt each

- He was born in a village called Anathoth
- Hilkiah, a priest, was his father
- Jeremiah means "God establishes."
- When God called Jeremiah for a prophetic ministry during the reign of King Josiah (B.C. 626), he was but a boy.
- God saw Jeremiah in the womb of his mother and set him apart for His ministry.
- He committed himself into God's hands and remained obedient and faithful. Jeremiah decided to obey God's call whole-heartedly.
- Because God touched his mouth, now he had the strength and skill to communicate to God's people. He knew
- God's presence was with Jeremiah.

- b. Describe 6 of Jeremiah's response to the social conditions during his time. (6 points)

Any 6, 1pt each

- The Israelites abandoned their first love and reference to God. They committed two sins. They had turned away from God, the spring of living; and had dug cisterns, cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all.
- Prophets and priests did evil things. The people liked it. The whole lot were greedy for money.
- Cursed is he who trusts in man and leaves God. Blessed is he who depends on God.

- **The house of Israel is in the hands of God just as the clay is in the hands of the potter. They will have to listen to the word of God and obey it knowing that God will do to them as He pleases.**
 - **God's punishment will be on Israel if they do not leave their wicked ways and improve their conduct and actions. They will have to serve their enemies.**
 - **King of Judah and the people will have to serve Babylon for seventy years. Depending on Egypt against Babylon will result in the ruin of the people and the land.**
 - **Finally Babylon will also fall by the judgment of God. Its great joy will disappear. All Their lands will be in eternal ruin. Though God may judge his people through other nations they also will have to face the judgment of God.**
- c. **How does Jeremiah's response apply to us today? (1 point)**
Life application (1pt)
2. Paul's 1st & 2nd Missionary Journeys
- a. How did Paul decide to go on his First Missionary Journey? Who went with him? (2 points)
 - b. What happened during the 1st trip that bothered Paul? (2pt)
 - c. As a result, explain the second missionary journey of Paul and his companions from the first missionary journey. (3 points)
 - d. Explain the long term relationship between Paul and his companions from the first missionary journey. (2pts)
 - e. What do we learn from Paul's experience?

(L14 P54)

- a. **Who went with Paul on his 1st Missionary Journey? (1 point)**
Saul, Barnabas and John Mark, Barnabas' nephew
- b. **What happened during the trip and why was Paul bothered? (2pts)**
As they continued their missionary work, Mark suddenly decided to go back and left them at Perga in Pamphyhia. Paul took Mark's departure very seriously. In his mind Mark deserted them perhaps when his help was needed most.
- c. **As a result, explain the second missionary journey of Paul and his companions from the first missionary journey. (3 points)**
While making plans for the second missionary journey, Barnabas thought of taking Mark with them as a companion. Paul rejected the idea right away. They disagreed with each other. There was a very strong argument between the two. Finally, they split. Paul took Silas and Barnabas took Mark to Cyprus to preach the gospel.
- d. **Explain the long term relationship between Paul and his companions from the first missionary journey. (3pts)**
Paul and Barnabas did not live with bitterness about each other. Paul shows great respect and sympathy for Barnabas. A warm relationship existed between them. In fact, the letter to Colossians proves that Paul was quickly reconciled to Barnabas. In Colossians, Paul's' instructs the Colossians to welcome Mark if he

stops by there in his journey. Not only did he have affection for Mark, Paul greatly desired for his service

- e. What do we learn from Paul's experience? (1pt)**
Any application for 1 pt.



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Section 1 – Multiple Choice. Circle the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. (25 x 1pt= 25 pts Total)

1. What does the name “Jonah” mean?
a. Whale b. Peace c. Dove d. Prophet
C (L26 P96)

2. The prophet _____ was from Moresheth, Judah. He was a contemporary of Isaiah and delivered messages to both Jerusalem and Samaria.
a. Amos b. Micah c. Jeremiah d. Samuel
B (L27 P101)

3. What is unique about Christians approach to suffering?
a. Views suffering for Christ as a means to experience the power of the living Christ
b. Suffering was limited to the early centuries
c. Believe that through suffering they will have eternal life
d. All of the above
A (L20 P77)

4. Amos was compelled by his visions to speak about:
a. Peace and truth
b. Love and joy
c. Affluence not being a sign of God’s blessing
d. The religious hypocrisy and moral laxity all around him
D (L27 P38)

5. The Greek word ‘Pneuma’ refers to _____.
a. God b. Sickness c. Spirit d. Salvation
C (L19 P73)

6. In 520 BC, _____ along with Prophet Zechariah convinced the Jews to resume rebuilding the temple.
a. Micah b. Amos c. Haggai d. Isaiah
C (L7 P32)

7. After the wall of Jericho fell, _____ pronounced a curse on anyone who would rebuild the city, which was later fulfilled during the days of Ahab.
a. Joshua b. Amos c. Jeremiah d. Isaiah
A (L11 P46)

8. Salvation can only be achieved by:
a. Personal sacrifice

- b. Good deeds
- c. Accepting the sacrifice that Jesus paid on the cross
- d. None of the above

C (L15 P61)

9. The Seven who were chosen to ensure that the distribution was fair to all were:
- a. Greek-speaking Jews
 - b. Latin-speaking Jews
 - c. Gentiles
 - d. None of the above

A (L22 P83)

10. In order to bring down the walls of Jericho, God instructed Joshua and the Israelites to do the following **EXCEPT**:
- a. March around the city once a day for six days
 - b. March around the city seven times on the seventh day
 - c. Soldiers were to blow the trumpets
 - d. People were to shout loudly

C (L11 P46)

11. In the Gospels, _____ is the spirit of truth and power of righteousness.
- a. Koinonia
 - b. Parakletos
 - c. Shema
 - d. Paul

B (L19 P74)

12. God commanded Jonah to go to the capital of the Assyrian empire, but he took a ship in an attempt to go to _____.
- a. Tarshish
 - b. Haran
 - c. Nineveh
 - d. Jerusalem

A (L26 P97)

13. Mary's Song of Praise in Luke 1 reveals Jesus as a gift from God for whom?
- a. Rich
 - b. Poor and oppressed
 - c. Jews
 - d. Gentiles

B (L17 P66)

14. The Epistle of 1 John is believed to have been written by Apostle John to :
- a. Speak about death and suffering
 - b. Set the record straight on issues concerning the identity of Jesus Christ
 - c. Explain the genealogy of Jesus
 - d. All of the above are correct

B (L8 P35)

15. When did Timothy get blessed with the Holy Spirit?
- a. On his 2nd missionary trip
 - b. On the day of Pentecost
 - c. When Paul laid his hands on him
 - d. When he was a child

C (L21 P80)

16. _____ was a Greek lady who worked tirelessly for the Kingdom of God along with her husband, Aquilla.
 a. Martha b. Priscilla c. Tryphena d. Euodia
B (L16 P63)
17. Which of the following is **FALSE** about Ezra?
 a. He held a remarkable position in King Artaxerxe's court
 b. He was a priest
 c. He was a scribe
 d. He was a descendent of King Cyrus
D (L7 P32)
18. Among the prophetic books, which is believed to be written first?
 a. Amos b. Daniel c. Isaiah d. Revelations
A (L9 P38)
19. Who said the following and to whom?
"Why do you call me good?" No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments, 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'
 a. Jesus to Zaccheus
 b. Jesus to the young Rich Man
 c. Paul to Timothy
 d. Jesus to Pontius Pilate
B (L10 P41)
20. God was pleased with Abel's offering because :
 a. God prefers animal offerings
 b. Abel was younger
 c. Abel expressed humility, sincerity and obedience and faith through his sacrifice
 d. None of the above
C (L13 P54)
21. Which of the following happened after Peter spoke to the gathering at Caesarea?
 a. They wanted to be circumcised
 b. They were filled with the Holy Spirit
 c. They spoke in different tongues
 d. All of the above are True
B (L14 P57)
22. Synagogue worship consists of all the following except :
 a. Shema b. Hymns c. Scripture reading d. Prayers
B (L18 P70)
23. Which of the following are true regarding Ananias & Sapphira?
 a. They sinned against the Holy Spirit
 b. They sold their field and brought the entire proceeds to the apostles

- c. They accompanied Paul on 3 missionary trips
- d. They were chosen by the apostles to look over the finances

A (L24 P91)

24. _____ wrote Proverbs 22:6 - "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it."
- a. David b. Saul c. Isaiah d. Solomon

D (L28 P105)

25. St. Paul was very concerned about the lack of _____ in the Philippians church.
- a. Finances b. Knowledge c. Unity d. Membership

C (L29 P109)

Section 2 – Short Answers. Answer any four (4) of the following questions.

Answers should be brief and to the point. (4 x 5pts = 20 pts Total)

1. Identify the 3 groups of people John the Baptist addressed and what he said with regard to the social evils during his time.

(L24, P94)

- **John the Baptist addressed the tax collectors, Roman soldiers, and Religious leaders. (.5 pts)**
- **He told the tax collectors not to collect more than they had been ordered to. Publicans purchased the right to collect taxes from Rome and they often increased their wages by unfairly taxing the Jews. (1.5pts)**
- **When the Roman soldiers heard John, they also repented. He told them not to accuse anyone falsely, not to take money from anyone by force, and to be content with their wages. (1.5pts)**
- **When the Pharisees and Sadducees came to hear John, he called them a "brood of vipers," and warned them to repent. (1.5pt)**

2. In Romans, Paul talks about the special features of God's righteousness. Identify 5 of them.

(L15, P60)

1 pt each, maximum 5

- **God's righteousness is revealed through Jesus Christ to all those who believe in Him(V. 21)**
- **It is given to everyone who believes**
- **The Laws of Moses and the Prophets are witnesses to it. (V.22)**
- **We are in need of this righteousness, since all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (V. 23)**
- **It is freely given (V.24)**
- **It is proclaimed by God (V.25)**
- **It sanctifies all those who believe in Jesus Christ (V.26)**

3. In Psalm 23, David describes the Good Shepherd. Describe the multiple uses of the shepherd's rod in this context.

(L6, P28)

- **The rod of the shepherd is used to protect. Usually the rod is provided with a pointed iron tip that can be used against enemies. (2pts)**
- **Also to punish the sheep. (1pts)**
- **But with the curved end of the staff he directs the sheep to the right places. When we wander away from the right path, the good shepherd can lead us back to the right path. When we are faced with a decision to choose the right path, the good shepherd can help us if we seek Him. (2pts)**

4. What does the name Phoebe mean? Who was she? What does Paul tell others to do with respect to Phoebe?

(L16, P63)

1 pt

- **“One who Shines” 1pt**

Any 2 of the following for 2 pts

- **‘Deaconess of the Church’ at Cenchreae that lies on the eastern side of Corinth**
- **This woman helped many in their needs including Paul.**
- **Phoebe worked hard for Jesus and endured a lot of sufferings and sacrifices.**
- **Paul acknowledges her role as very valid and hence calls her ‘helper’, which shows her commendable leadership and talents.**

2 pts.

- **Paul is recommending everyone to accept her whole-heartedly in the name of Jesus Christ, since she is worthy of honor 2pt**

5. Paul writes about the self-renunciation of Christ. Explain.

(L29, P110)

Any 5, 1 pt each

- **Self-renunciation and exaltation of Christ: The self-renunciation of Jesus Christ brought him the greater glory (*verses 9 -11*).**
- **Because of Christ's obedience to his father, it was made certain that, every living creature, in heaven, in earth and even in hell would bow, kneel and worship him.**
- **This worship comes out of love to the One who won the hearts of men, not by ruling over them with his mighty power, but by his divine love (*agape*) for mankind.**
- **When we worship Jesus Christ, we are falling at his feet by the power of his love. So, our worship is grounded in love, not in fear.**
- **As a result of his sacrificial love, God gave Jesus the name, which is above every name.**
- **A new name denotes a new beginning in a man's life. The new name for Jesus is the title "Lord". It means master and owner of all life. He is the king of kings, the lord of lords. Hence at the sight of the king of kings, every knee shall bend and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord.**
- **Jesus, the symbol of humility and self-renunciation is God's precious gift to mankind.**

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

1. When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. **Jonah 2:7**

(L26 P100)

2. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. **Mark 10:45**

(L30 P115)

3. All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their (his) own, but they shared everything they had. **Acts 4:32**

(L22 P86)

4. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you (counselor to be with) and be with you forever. **John 14:16**

(L19 P75)

5. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves (yourself), it is the gift of God. **Ephesians 2:8**

(L15 P61)

6. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. **Isaiah 40:11**

(L6 P29)

Section 4 – Mar Thoma Church: Our Foundation and Vision. Circle the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. (10 x 1pt= 10 pts. Total)

1. In “The Acts of the St. Thomas”, St. Thomas was assigned to build a palace for an Indo-Parthian King _____.

- a. John b. Gundaphar c. Abraham Malpan d. Jerome

B(MTFV P191)

2. A new age began in the history of the Indian church with the arrival of _____ in 1498.

- a. Gundaphar b. Vasco de Gamma c. Abraham Malpan d. Joseph Fenn

B(MTFV P192)

3. _____ started the celebration of Holy Qurbana in Malayalam.

- a. Mar Titus b. Bishop John c. Mar Thoma I d. Abraham Malpan

D(MTFV P194)

4. The Mar Thoma Church is among the family of churches called :

- a. Lesser Eastern Churches
b. Greater Eastern Churches
c. Oriental churches
d. Protestant churches

A(MTFV P195)

5. Eucharist is another term for _____.
- a. liturgy b. Holy Qurbana c. teacher d. altar
- B(MTFV P198)**
6. The Mar Thoma church recognizes _____ sacraments.
- a. Three b. Five c. Seven d. Nine
- C(MTFV P199)**
7. What does the term “primus inter pares” mean?
- a. Apostolic Succession
b. First among equals
c. Last shall be first
d. General Assembly
- B(MTFV P200)**
8. The concise statement of our faith is proclaimed in the _____.
- a. Kauma b. Holy Qurbana c. Nicene Creed d. Our Father
- C(MTFV P209)**
9. The term Thaksa refers to :
- a. Communion service book with all prayers
b. Altar
c. Teacher
d. General Assembly
- A(MTFV P210)**
10. As Mar Thomites, we believe the _____ to be the final authority of our faith.
- a. Metropolitan b. Bible c. Mandalam d. Synod
- B(MTFV P207)**

Section 5 – Mar Thoma History Short Answer. Answer one of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (1 x 5pts = 5 pts Total)

1. The worship service includes much symbolism. Explain the following symbols:
Altar (3pts)
Candles (1pt)
Incense (1pt)

(MTFV P199)

- **The altar faces to the east, the direction of the rising sun, a symbol of the risen Christ, the son of righteousness and His second coming (2pt)**
- **The altar represents the “Throne of God” or the “Table of Life” (1pt)**
- **Candles are lighted symbolizing the presence of God who is the source of light and reminding us that we too are called to be the light of the world. (1pt)**
- **Incense represents the sweet smelling sacrifice rising to God. It also symbolizes the offering of our prayers to God. (1pt)**

2. Identify the three forms of ordained ministry in the Mar Thoma church. (3pts)
Explain the role of the Metropolitan. (2pts)
- (MTFV P200)**

- **Deacon, Priest and Bishop (1pt each)**
- **The Metropolitan is the Methran (head) of the church. (1pt)**
- **He is not supreme to other Bishops but first among equals and represents the church in ecclesiastical matters. (1pt)**

Section 6 – Essay. Choose one of the following two topics to write an essay in 200 words. (Total 15 points)

1. **Worship**

- **What is worship and why is it important? (2pts)**
- **Describe the components of Synagogue worship. (4pts)**
- **Describe New Testament worship. (3pts)**
- **What are acceptable forms of worship? (3pts)**
- **Explain worship in the context of our church. (3pts)**

(L18P69)

1. What is worship and why is it important? Any 2 for max 2 pts.

- **Worship means service, adoration, reverence given to, homage paid to Glorify God.**
- **Worship is a tribute to God for who He is and for what He has done for us in Jesus Christ.**
- **It is acknowledging the worth of God and hence confessing the place of God in life.**
- **It is through worship that the life and witness of the Church is maintained and the community is united and built up.**
- **Importance of Worship: We are called to adore and pay reverence to God Almighty, and it is our obligation and privilege to do so**
- **Worship is our Gift to God: It is an expression of our response to God for what God has done in our life**

2. Describe the components of Synagogue worship. 1 pt each, 4pts max

- **The "Shema" - The Jewish confession of faith, which is recited every morning and evening by all Jewish men and is included among the passages inscribed in the Phylacteries (two small leather boxes worn during morning prayers by Orthodox and Conservative Jews after the age of 13 years. Each box contains strips of parchment inscribed with verses from the Scriptures.**
- **Prayers**
- **Scripture readings**
- **Exposition**

3. Describe New Testament worship. Any 3 for max 3pts.

- **The first followers of Jesus continued to worship in the Temple and in the synagogues.**
- **Gradually, these Jewish Christians separated from the Jewish institutions of worship into their own assemblies.**

- However, the writers of the New Testament used and adapted worship themes from the Hebrew Scriptures.
 - The content of early Christian worship focused on Jesus. The Christians gathered to celebrate his life, death, resurrection, ascension, and Second Coming on the day of the Lord.
 - The result of the worship was the formation of a new Community with a different culture, practice and life based on their faith in God
4. **What are acceptable forms of worship? Any 3 for max 3pts.**
- Jesus in his encounter with the Samaritan woman opens up a dialogue and gives a new insight to what true worship is all about.
 - He exposes the hollowness of worship that was totally dominant on the cultural practices and also cults and stresses on the fact that worship included a corporate dimension, since Jesus came to redeem the whole world.
 - Worshipping God "in spirit and truth" means filled with Holy Spirit or fully under the control of Holy Spirit and completely in the path of truth.
 - This worship is not mere a superficial expressions of emotions or some polished appearance.
 - True worship transforms life and renews people demanding a deeper or serious involvement from the participants.
 - Worship makes our life a living sacrifice.
5. **Explain worship in the context of our church. Any 3 ideas for 3 pts max.**
- Need for corporate worship - comment
 - Attending worship could become a ritual and a hideout from our personal situations thereby becoming a stumbling block for those who want to truly worship
 - Does the language of worship matter to a true worshipper?
 - The importance of using a traditional written liturgy
2. Mary surrendered herself to the will of God.
- Explain the circumstances surrounding the angel's visit to the Virgin Mary. (2 pt)
 - What were Mary's reactions to the angel's message? (6pt)
 - Why did the angel tell Mary about Elizabeth? (2pts)
 - How does this story help us understand God's Grace? (3pts)
 - What lesson do we learn from Mary's response to God's calling to take up the cross? (2pts)

(L12P50)

1. **Explain the circumstances surrounding the angel's visit to the Virgin Mary. Any 2 for max 2pts.**
- In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God
 - to a town in Galilee called Nazareth
 - to a virgin engaged to be married to a man called Joseph.

- The angel came to Mary and said that God has been gracious to her and that the Lord is going to bless her.
2. What was Mary's reaction to the angel's message?
- Scared, Doubtful and Obedient (1pt for each)
- Any 3 below for additional 3pts
- She was frightened and wondered at the Angel's message.
 - She could not understand why "God has greatly blessed her." She thought she was just another ordinary girl. It is then that the angel tells her about the good news of the Messiah becoming her son.
 - She asked the angel, "How can this be?"
 - Not only was she not married, but she may also have found it hard to believe that someone like herself could be chosen for such an important job.
 - So she argued with the angel to confirm what she had heard.
 - The angel not only clarifies her doubt, but also tells her about the good news of how Elizabeth a relative of hers is pregnant now and that she is an example to Mary, as to how God can do impossible things possible.
 - Despite her fears and doubts, she says, "Here am I the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."
3. Why did the angel tell Mary about Elizabeth? 1pt each for max 2
- God wanted Mary to know that she need not be afraid about what is going to happen to her because a miracle is going to happen to Elizabeth also.
 - Mary could draw some courage from Elizabeth because she could understand what Mary was experiencing.
4. How does Mary's story help us understand God's Grace? 1 pt each, max 3 pts.
- Grace means God's unmerited favor or blessing.
 - It was something really great to become the mother of Jesus.
 - But think of the price that she would have to pay for getting pregnant before being married. Society would look down on her for getting pregnant before being married.
 - According to the Jewish laws, the punishment given to such women is stoning to death.
 - She may have to even flee from Judea to avoid shame and agony. She might even lose Joseph.
 - Soon after the birth of Jesus she had to flee to Egypt to escape from the Herod's army.
 - Later she had to witness the death of her own son on the cross. Mary's life was full of tribulations and suffering.
 - We need to remember that God's Grace does not mean that we will always have worldly blessings.
 - God's grace is God's strength that is given to the child of God when he/she is weak, since God's strength is made perfect only in weakness.

5. What lesson do we learn from Mary's response to God's calling to take up the cross? 1 pt each, max 2pts

- **We should learn to confront our doubts and start trusting our God.**
- **Our Lord always gives answers to our rightful doubts and questions, but then he also expects his people to stand firm and also grow in faith in the living Lord.**
- **When the Angel conveyed God's plan to her, the way Mary responded should be a model to all Christians.**
- **She surrendered completely to God's will, even after realizing the heavy consequences that she may have to pay for it.**



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Section 1 – Multiple Choice. Circle the most appropriate response for the following questions/statements. (25 x 1pt= 25 pts Total)

1. Which of the following was true about Saul?

- a. He was a Gentile
- b. He was a Pharisee
- c. He was born in Jerusalem
- d. All of the above are true

B (L24 P111)

2. The term stoic refers to one who:

- a. Believed in many gods
- b. Controls his/her emotions
- c. Believes in pleasure as the primary focus of human beings
- d. None of the above

B (L27 P124)

3. Who did God chose as a successor to King Saul?

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

C (L21 P100)

4. Which of the following churches has full communion with the Mar Thoma Church since 1972?

- a. Pentecostal
- b. Jacobite
- c. Roman Catholic
- d. CSI

D (L22 P106)

5. Who sent word to David regarding Uriah's tragic death?

- a. Joab
- b. Solomon
- c. Absalom
- d. Saul

A (L17 P83)

6. The name _____ means "God empowers"?

- a. Jacob
- b. Ezekiel
- c. Noah
- d. David

B (L15 P75)

7. Samaria was the capital of _____, the Northern Kingdom.

- a. Judah
- b. Israel
- c. Babylon
- d. Assyria

B (L14 P70)

8. David was chosen by God and as per His wish, he was anointed by _____.

- a. Jonathan
- b. Samuel
- c. Absalom
- d. Saul

B (L17 P83)

9. When the Treasurer of Candace, the queen of Ethiopia, heard about the gospel of Christ, he requested to be baptized by _____.
- a. Peter b. Paul c. Philip d. Naaman
- C (L7 P40)**
10. After repenting for his sins and coming to faith, Jesus commends _____ as a son of Abraham.
- a. Isaac b. Isaiah c. Lazarus d. Zacchaeus
- D (L8 P45)**
11. Paul learned the Jewish laws from _____, an eminent doctor of the law in Jerusalem.
- a. Jesus b. Gamaliel c. Timothy d. John
- B (L24 P111)**
12. What does the name 'Jacob' mean?
- a. supplanter b. son of God c. blessed d. God empowers
- A (L11 P56)**
13. Where was Isaac bound like a lamb for offering?
- a. Nazareth b. Ur c. Gomorrah d. Mount Moriah
- D (L13 P66)**
14. Omri, King of Israel, founded which city?
- a. Jerusalem b. Bethlehem c. Galilee d. Samaria
- D (L14 P70)**
15. To whom did Jesus say, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."?
- a. Mathew b. Nicodemus c. Peter d. Isaac
- C (L9 P49)**
16. On his way to Haran, Jacob made an altar for God after waking up from a dream and called the place he slept:
- a. Bethel b. Haran c. Joppa d. Jerusalem
- A (L11 P57)**
17. _____, was King of Babylon during the time of Daniel.
- a. Cyrus b. Herod c. Nebuchadnezzar d. Caesar
- C (L12 P62)**
18. The relationship between the Church and Christ is often characterized as the relationship between:
- a. Toy and toy maker
- b. Master and servant
- c. Bride and bridegroom

d. Teacher and student
C (L29 P132)

19. Who said “But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord”?
a. Jesus b. Adam c. Abraham d. Joshua
D (L28 P128)

20. Of all the Gospels, _____ portrayal goes beyond historical facts and tells about Jesus who was the Word.
a. Matthew b. Mark c. Luke d. John
D (L20 P97)

21. God blessed the entire human race through _____, because of his unparalleled faith.
a. Abraham b. Jonah c. John d. Judas
A (L10 P52)

22. Though _____, a Roman Centurion, was not a Jew he was favored by all as an upright and religious individual.
a. Paul b. Cornelius c. Peter d. Matthew
B (L26 P120)

23. Eliphaz, Zophar and Bildad came to comfort and console _____ during his difficult time.
a. Abraham b. Jonah c. Job d. Jesus
C (L25 P116)

24. All of the following are true about the Holy Spirit **EXCEPT**:
a. Intercedes on behalf of believers
b. Seals God’s promise in our hearts
c. Shapes our lives to Christ
d. Does not have same salient features related to the personality of an individual
D (L19 P92)

25. _____ is used to denote the whole inhabited world.
a. Agape b. Ecumenism c. Exclusivism d. Ashram
B (L22 P104)

Section 2 – Short Answers. Answer any four (4) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (4 x 5pts = 20 pts Total)

1. In his letter to Timothy (2 Timothy 2), Paul explains how to share and accept the Christian faith. Receiving the Christian faith as well as sharing it with future generations is a privilege. Identify the three symbols used by Paul and explain one of them.
(L30 P136)

- **Soldier, Athlete, Farmer (3pts)**
2 pts for one of the following:
 - **Similar to a steadfast soldier, a Christian should be totally dedicated in his walk with the Lord. As a soldier does not indulge himself in day-to-day affairs, a Christian should also be extremely focused on his goal. A soldier's only aim should be to win battles. Obedience, trust-worthiness, and sacrifice should be his solid assets.**
 - **An athlete must be well disciplined to compete by the rules. He must exercise self-denial and observe the rules. Similarly, a Christian must also do exactly the same. A farmer is expected to diligently work in his field. He needs to persevere with tremendous patience and flexibility to work in accordance with the conditions of nature.**
 - **Though the toil of the farmer is hard and tedious, he receives pleasure and satisfaction when the yield is good. Just as a farmer shoulders all the troubles to ensure a good yield, a Christian should also be able to overcome the difficulties and disappointments in the field of Christian services.**
2. What were the 5 main points of Paul's address at Areopagus?
(L27 P124)
- 1 pt for each point
- **He started his address by referring to an altar on which was written, "to Unknown God". He then told them that he was going to proclaim about that unknown God.**
 - **This God is different from their gods whom they worshipped.**
 - **He is Omnipotent, the Maker and Master of the universe. This God, who is the creator does not confine Himself in temples made by man and limit Himself to space and time.**
 - **He is not served by human hands since he does not need anything. He gives life, breath, and everything else to all mankind.**
 - **He predetermines the exact times and places where they would live. He did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him**
 - **God is not far from anyone of us.**
3. What are three important aspects of Jesus' personality that are revealed in his encounter with the Samaritan Woman?
(L14 P71)
- **The human nature of Jesus is very evident. He sat at the well, tired and thirsty. He asked the Samaritan woman for some water to quench his thirst. (2pts)**
 - **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 ostracized. (2pts)**
 - **Jesus transcends all unjust barriers set by society through his conversation with the Samaritan woman. (1pt)**

4. There are three main views held by Christians in the church when it comes to discussing the relationship between Christianity and other religions. Identify them and explain one view.
(L16 P79)
- **Exclusivism, Inclusivism, Pluralism (3pts)**
Any 1 below, 2pts
 - **Exclusivism has been the traditional response of the church to other religions advocating the belief that people need to hear about and respond to Christ's message in order to be saved. Jesus' final words to the disciples underline this: 'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you' (Matthew 28:19-20).**
 - **Inclusivists see a wideness in God's mercy based on God's love and believe that the grace of God, which is required for salvation, is already present within us as a 'Divine gift' ('He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance' 2 Peter 3:9).**
 - **Pluralists recognize that people hold to the truth of their religion primarily because they presuppose their belief is true (and this is often decided by the country they were born in or family which they were born into (E.g. If born in India or in a Hindu family, one will most likely believe Hinduism is the true religion)). On the basis of this concept, Pluralists believe people in different religions are simply experiencing one God in a number of different ways through their individual religions.**
5. Identify 5 ideals of Ashram life.
(L30 P137)
- Any 5, 1 pt each
- **Christian Fellowship**
 - **Simple Life Style**
 - **Adjusting economic needs according to the ideals of a dedicated life**
 - **Importance to discipline and sacrifice**
 - **Prime place of prayer, worship and meditation**
 - **Glorifying God through Bible study, testimony and service**
 - **Giving importance for physical work in daily life**

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

1. Then Peter began to speak: **“I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts (men) from every nation the one who fears him and does (do) what is right. Acts 10:34-35**
(L26 P122)
2. **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20**

(L27P126)

3. The Word **became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only (Son), who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.** John 1:14
(L20 P99)
4. Hide your **face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit** within me. Psalms 51:9-10
(L17 P85)
5. But seek **first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble** of its own. Matthew 6:33-34
(L10 P55)
6. For I was **hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.** Matthew 25:35-36
(L8 P47)

Section 4 – Mar Thoma Church: Our Foundation and Vision. Circle the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. (10 x 1pt= 10 pts. Total)

1. What is “diakonial ministry”?
a. Ashram ministry
b. Teaching ministry
c. Servant ministry
d. Sunday School ministry
C(MTFV P217)
2. What is the official Church bulletin called?
a. The Voice b. The Times c. Sabha Tharaka d. Lighted to Lighten
C (MTFV P224)
3. Who adopted a style of Indianizing and de-Westernizing the gospel message in his understanding of evangelism?
a. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan
b. Dr. E. Stanley Jones
c. Mahatma Gandhi
d. Dr. Yuhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan
B(MTFV P228)

4. Which organization stresses the importance of witnessing to the members and non-members within the borders of each parish?
- Sunday School
 - Yuvajana Sahkyam
 - National Council of Churches
 - Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists Association
- D(MTFV P240)**
5. Which pioneer leader started the Sevika Sangham?
- Mother Teresa
 - Kandamma Varughese
 - Dr Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan
 - Sadhu Kochukunj
- B(MTFV P221)**
6. Who urged every member of the Mar Thoma church to be a missionary?
- Dr. E. Stanley Jones
 - Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan
 - Dr Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan
 - Abraham Malpan
- C(MTFV P222)**
7. Which church leader fought against the use the liquor (that bankrupts family life)?
- Mother Teresa
 - Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan
 - Dr Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan
 - Mahatma Gandhi
- B(MTFV P224)**
8. Which Western Christian missionary was awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize in 1964?
- Mother Teresa
 - Dr. E. Stanley Jones
 - Dr Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan
 - Billy Graham
- B(MTFV P227)**
9. Who received the Nobel Peace Prize for their work with the poor and needy in India?
- Mother Teresa
 - Kandamma Varughese
 - Dr Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan
 - Mahatma Gandhi
- A(MTFV P230)**
10. The Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam was established in _____ to nurture the spiritual growth of the children.
- AD 52

- b. 1905
- c. 1950
- d. 1988

B(MTFV P240)

Section 5 – Mar Thoma History Short Answer. Answer one of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (1 x 5pts = 5 pts Total)

1. The Mar Thoma Church has established institutions and centers to meet the growing needs of the “less fortunate ones” in society. Identify 5 such categories of these institutions/centers.

(MTFV P235-237)

Any 5, 1 pt each

- a. Rehabilitation and Development for the Mentally Challenged**
- b. Rehabilitation centers for Physically challenged**
- c. Guidance and Counseling Centers**
- d. Homes for Boys and Girls**
- e. Shelter for the destitute and homeless**
- f. Old Age (Nursing) homes and Hospice Center**
- g. Medical Centers**

2. Explain Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan’s concern for the poor.

(MTFV P224)

Any 2, 2.5 pts each

- a. He was not pleased with the material progress of the Church that left behind the economically weaker segments of the church**
- b. He urged the Church to be inclusive and to take appropriate measures to uplift the life of the less fortunate regardless of creed, religion or caste.**
- c. He showed special interest for the total development of the Dalit community**
- d. Recognition was granted to the congregations of the Mar Thoma Dalits as independent parishes with representation in the Mandalam**

Section 6 – Essay. Choose one of the following two topics to write an essay in 200 words. (Total 15 points)

1. What can the church do today to mirror what happened in the Early Church?
 - a. Introduction-What is the church?(2pt)
 - b. Explain the four characteristics of the Early Church.
 - i. Foundation of the Church (3pts)
 - ii. Church that grew in mutual relationship (3pts)
 - iii. Church that memorialized Christ (3pts)
 - iv. Praying Church (2pts)
 - c. Conclusion – What can the church do today to mirror what happened in the Early Church?(2pt)

(L29 P132)

- a. **Introduction-What is the church and how was it a growing church?(2pt)**
Any 2, 1pt each
- **Church is an assembly of believers representing the body of Christ and the bride of Christ,**
 - **The believers of Church representing the branches of the vine**
 - **Christian lifestyle has always been modeled after the self-emptying art of loving relationship as characterized between the bride (body of believers – Church and the bridegroom (Christ)**
- b. **Explain the four characteristics of the Early Church.**
- i. **Foundation of the Church (3pts)**
 - **The Church was built on the foundations of the apostles and prophets with Jesus Christ as its cornerstone.**
 - **In the early days, the apostles were the advisers of the Church.**
 - **They preached about Christ. The Apostles were eyewitnesses of Christ, who heard and experienced the effects of the Word from the beginning.**
 - **The believers learned from the Apostles and accepted their teachings.**
 - ii. **Church that grew in mutual relationship (3pts)**
 - **The Early Church was a Church which enjoyed fellowship by helping and encouraging one another.**
 - **“All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need”**
 - **Believers were always of the same spirit and were the members of the same body.**
 - **Those who were lonely found friendship in that fellowship, and sinners experienced redemption.**
 - **Those who had different views were brought to unity.**
 - iii. **Church that memorialized Christ (3pts)**
 - **The assembling to Break Bread is a means to take part in the Holy Communion.**
 - **Through this partaking, we become part of the body of Christ.**
 - **Though we are all different, yet all of us are partakers of the same bread.**
 - **The bread that Christ shared at the “Last Supper” was representative of His body that was to be sacrificed.**
 - **It is through Christ's action of submitting Himself to be broken that salvation became a reality for mankind. This observance helped the unity and spiritual growth of the early Church.**
 - iv. **Praying Church (2pts)**
 - **The believers in the early Church had the Spirit of prayer.**

- **As Jesus, the Head of the Church gave primacy to prayer in His life, so did the believers of the Early Church.**
- **Prayer helps to reform ourselves and to be under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**

c. Conclusion (2pt)

Application of above to current church (2pts)

2. Faith is of utmost importance in every aspect of Christian life.

- Introduction (1pt)
- Explain faith in the context of any 2 the following Bible personalities. (6pts)
Noah, Abraham, Rahab, Zacchaues
- Christ was a model of faith as his words were aligned with his actions.
 - How did Christ demonstrate greatness to His disciples? (3pts)
 - How did Christ demonstrate this through forgiveness? (3pts)
- Conclusion – How can we apply the lessons we learn from the lives of these faithful? (2pts)

(L8P44-45)

- Introduction (1pt)
- Explain faith in the context of any 2 the following Bible personalities.
 - Noah (3pts)
 - **Noah believed God’s warning of destruction by rain and obeyed God.**
 - **He was not detracted from constructing the ark despite the taunts of the people.**
 - **“Noah did everything just as God commanded him”**
 - **His actions were based on faith.**
 - **"Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God"**
 - Abraham (3pts)
 - **Abraham is known as the "Father of Believers".**
 - **Obeying God's command, he decided to offer his only son as a sacrifice, trusting that God could raise Isaac from the dead.**
 - **Abraham demonstrated the integrity of his faith through his action.**
 - **“Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness, and he was called God’s friend”**
 - Rahab (3pt)
 - **James presents Rahab, the Canaanite temple prostitute as a foreigner to Jewish religion.**
 - **She demonstrated faith in the purposes intended by the God of the Israelites.**
 - **Her faith prompted her to welcome the spies sent by Joshua and helped them to escape through a different route.**
 - **As a result, she and her family were saved during the destruction of Jericho.**

- **Her timely action proved that she was on God's side, and hence she became an ancestor of Christ.**
- iv. Zacchaues (3pt)
- **Zacchaues, the tax collector, repented of his sins and came to faith in the Lord.**
 - **This faith is reflected in his repentant response, "I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount" This declaration by Zacchaues is a notable example of faith in action.**
 - **Jesus commended him as a son of Abraham.**
- c. Christ was a model of faith as his words were aligned with his actions.
- i. How did Christ demonstrate greatness to His disciples? (3pts)
- **The disciples of Jesus were arguing as to who was the greatest among them.**
 - **"He took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet".**
 - **The example that Jesus set by washing his disciples feet demonstrated that greatness is not achieved by seeking, but through service.**
- ii. How did Christ demonstrate this through forgiveness? (3pts)
- **He who subjected to the painful crucifixion was ready to forgive the crucifiers.**
 - **"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing"**
 - **His words were translated into action by granting forgiveness.**
- iii. Conclusion – How can we apply the lessons we learn from the lives of these faithful? (2pts)
Any 2 applications, 2pts