

DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE

Diocesan Exam

Grade 5

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 = 10pts Total)

Column A		Column B
1. Mephibosheth	E L14 P52	A. Major prophet of the Old Testament
2. Ahab	H L8 P30	B. Became sin offering for us
3. Elijah	C L8 P30	C. The Lord is my God
4. Isaiah	A L15 P56	D. Tax Collector
5. Samson	G L10 P38	E. Grandson of Saul
6. David	K L11 P 42	F. Gave two small copper coins
7. Elisha	I L12 P46	G. Judge over Israel
8. Jesus	B L15 P57	H. Evil king of Israel
9. Widow	F L20 P74	I. My God is Salvation
10. Mary	J L25 P92	J. Washed Jesus’s feet with perfume
		K. Author of Psalm 19

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

- There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one _____ who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not think they need to repent. (**sinner L19 P 71**)
- In a town called _____ Jesus came upon a man named Mathew, who was a tax collector. (**Capernaum L 22 P 82**)
- Herod and _____ were in a relationship in order to preserve power. (**Herodias L23 P 88**)
- The men came to give the report to Moses and Aaron in the wilderness of _____ at Kadesh. (**L 7 P26 Paran**)
- _____ means Yahweh is Salvation. (**L 7 P 26 Joshua**)
- Elijah said to fill _____ jars with water and pour on the burnt offering and on the wood. (**four L8 P29**)
- King Jehoshaphat and the people rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of _____. (**Tekoa L9 P33**)
- Moses married a _____ woman. (**Cushite L13 P48**)
- Samson had fought and destroyed many of the _____, enemies of the Israelites. (**Philistines L10 P38**)

10. _____ was celebrated to remember the days that Jews escaped from Egypt. (**Passover L16 P 60**)

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

1. Bible says that there were about _____ men of 20 years of age and older in this journey. (L6 P22)
 - a. Five hundred thousand
 - b. Six hundred thousand**
 - c. Seven hundred thousand
 - d. Eight hundred thousand
2. Moses selected _____ men and gave them specific instructions on how to spy the land. (L7 P26)
 - a. 10
 - b. 11
 - c. 12**
 - d. 13
3. Elijah challenges Ahab and the people of Israel to a contest to be held on _____ . (L8 P30)
 - a. Mount Carmel**
 - b. Mount Horeb
 - c. Mount Pisgah
 - d. Mount Seir
4. Apostles delegated the responsibility of taking care of the needs of the Church by selecting _____ men who were filled with Holy Spirit and wisdom. (L6 P22)
 - a. 5
 - b. 6
 - c. 7**
 - d. 8
5. First, Elisha refused to leave Elijah at _____. (L12 P46)
 - a. Jericho
 - b. Bethel**
 - c. Hazeroth
 - d. Jordan
6. Who was the servant at the house of Saul? (L14 P51)
 - a. Ziba**
 - b. Machir
 - c. Ammiel
 - d. Mica
7. Saul's fourth son, _____, was killed after he tried to become king of Israel. (L14 P52)
 - a. Ishbosheth**
 - b. Mephibosheth
 - c. Jonathan
 - d. Ammiel
8. His tomb was with the rich, referring to the tomb which he was laid belonging to Joseph of _____. (L15 P57).
 - a. Judea
 - b. Israel
 - c. Arimathea**
 - d. Paran
9. After Miriam was brought in, the Israelites set out from Hazeroth, and camped in the wilderness of _____. (L13 P 48)
 - a. Shur
 - b. Paran**
 - c. Hebron

- c. Jews
 - d. Greek
18. _____ followed Jesus from a distance when He was led away to the high priest's house. (L25 P95)
- a. David
 - b. Elijah
 - c. Mathew
 - d. Peter**
19. Jesus sat by _____ Well, while his disciples went to the village of Sychar, about a half mile away, to buy food. (L21 P78)
- a. Moses
 - b. Isaiah
 - c. Judea
 - d. Jacob**
20. Mephibosheth sought safety in _____ (L14 P52)
- a. Jerusalem
 - b. Wilderness**
 - c. Israel
 - d. Paran

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

1. What was the plan that Jethro advised to Moses? (2pt) What were the qualities of the men that Moses should select? (3pt) (L6P22-23)

Jethro observed Moses problem and suggested that he should share responsibility and have a system in place to resolve problems. (2pt) The qualities of the men that Moses should select are:

- a. Men who fear God (1pt)**
 - b. Men who are trustworthy (1pt)**
 - c. Men who hate dishonest gain (1pt)**
2. How did God plan to end Elijah's time on earth in a unique way (2pt)? Name the 3 places that Elijah and Elisha traveled to before Elijah's time on earth ended. (3pt) (L12 P45-48)
- a. The Lord planned to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind (1pt) when Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal (2pt)**
 - b. They then traveled to Bethel, Jericho, and Jordan (3pt)**

3. What were the three ways the devil tried to tempt Jesus? (3pt) How did Jesus overcome the temptation? (2pt)

L 18 (P66-68)

- **There are three types of temptation that the devil used to tempt Jesus**
 - **Temptation of the eyes (1pt)**
 - **Temptation of the flesh (1pt)**
 - **Temptation involving pride (1pt)**
- **Jesus knew that he was the true Messiah and the Son of God. He was completely rooted in the truth of the Word. Jesus used scriptural truth to refute the devil (2pt)**

4. Who is Matthew and how did society view him? How was Jesus' point of view about sinners different from that of the Pharisees? (L22 P82)

Mathew was a tax collector (1pt)

Society viewed tax collectors as evil because they collaborated with imperial Rome. (1pt)

Jesus's true mission was among lost people, not those who had already received the good news. (1pt)

Jesus Christ reached out to the sinners and displayed his ultimate love and mercy. (2pt)

5. How did people react to Mary's anointing of Jesus and why? (2pt) What Jesus' reaction to Mary? (3pt) (L24 P90)

People were angry that Mary had wasted such expensive perfume just to anoint Jesus. (1pt) They thought she could have used the money to help other people. (1pt) Mary's action showed that she was completely devoted to Jesus. (1pt) Jesus was pleased and stated that wherever the gospel is spread, what she did will be remembered. (2pt)

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

1. Whatever your task **put yourself into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters.**
Colossians 3:23 (L6 P24)
2. Call to me **and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.** Jeremiah 33:3 (L8 P31)
3. Let the words **of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock** and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14 (L11 P44)
4. No testing has **overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able** to endure it. 1Corinthians 10:13 (L18P69)
5. Then Peter began **to speak to them: “O truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.** Acts 10: 34-35 (L21 P80)
6. For where there **is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.** James 3: 16, 17 (L13 P50)

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

1. We have membership with several world bodies, especially the _____.
(MTFV P114)
 - a. **World Council of Churches (WCC)**
 - b. Episcopal Church of the United States
 - c. Anglican Church of Canada

- d. Church of North India
2. We celebrated the Silver Jubilee of our growth in _____. (MTFV P115)
- 1995
 - 1996
 - 1997**
 - 1998
3. Parishes of North America and Europe were brought together in ____ to form a Diocese. (MTFV P115)
- 1985
 - 1986
 - 1987
 - 1988**
4. The very nature of the Church constitutes the need for _____ worship and the Church gives primacy to worship. (MTFV 116)
- Individual
 - Corporate**
 - True
 - Full
5. Kneeling is widely practiced in the _____ Church. (MTFV 117)
- Roman Catholic**
 - Mar Thoma
 - Orthodox
 - Episcopal
6. _____ is one of the Dominical Sacraments. (MTFV 118)
- Confirmation
 - Ordination
 - Holy Communion**
 - Marriage
7. In our Church youngsters above the age of _____ years are expected to receive the Holy Communion. (MTFV 119)
- 10
 - 11
 - 12**
 - 13
8. _____ and _____ dedicated themselves to the cause of reform in the Malankara church. (MTFV 120)
- Palakunnathu Abraham Malpan and K.K. Kuruvilla
 - Kaithayil GeeVarghese Malpan and Sadhu Mathaichen
 - Palakunnathu Abraham Malpan and Sadhy Kuruvilla
 - Kaithayil GeeVarghese Malpan and Palakunnathu Abraham Malpan**
9. Among church leaders we selected _____ as our Metropolitan and bishop from 1947-1976 (MTFV 123)
- Juhanon Mar Thoma**
 - Abraham Mar Thoma
 - Timeteos Mar Thoma
 - Issac Mar Thoma
10. Juhanon Mar Thoma took the initiative to start the first destitute home in _____.

(MTFV 124)

a. 1939

b. 1949

c. 1959

d. 1969

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

1. Who is eligible to receive Holy Communion? (1pt) In what way, Holy Communion benefits the participants? (4pt) (MTFV 118)

Anyone who believes in Jesus Christ as their Savior and truly confesses his or her sin can receive Holy Communion (1pt)

Holy Communion benefits the participants by:

- **They feel a sense of unity, because everyone eats and drinks of the same cup (1pt)**
- **It is a time of celebrating the joy of salvation. Everyone witnesses the same Lord who offers salvation to all (1pt)**
- **It is a time of thanksgiving because everyone is indebted to thank God for sending his only Son (1pt)**
- **It is a time of dedication to share their resources because Jesus became their model by offering himself completely for the sake of sinners (1pt)**

2. Who translated the liturgy translated to Malayalam and why (4pt)? Who helped these people to reform the liturgy? (1pt) (MTFV 120)

- **Abraham Malpan and Kaithayil Geevarghese Malpan translated the liturgy. (2pt)**
- **They had help from Western missionary society especially Church missionary society (1pt)**
- **They translated the liturgy into Malayalam, to bring about meaningful participation and give emphasis to the personal study of the word of God (2pt)**



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

- 1) Moses walked down with Ten Commandments in his hand from _____ after spending forty days with God.
Mount Sinai (L6 P25)
- 2) _____ is the grandfather of King David.
Obed (L8 P33)
- 3) Jesus said to Him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.” Jesus is talking to _____.
Zacchaeus (L20 P81)
- 4) “Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of _____
Jacob (L9, P35)
- 5) Jesus says that the bread symbolizes His _____.
Body (Lesson 24 P99)
- 6) An agreement between two groups to do or not to do certain things is known as a _____.
Covenant (Lesson 24 P99)
- 7) Deliverance from evil is known as _____.
Salvation (Lesson 20 P83)
- 8) _____ is believing without seeing proof
Faith (Lesson 17, P 71)
- 9) At _____ the lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.”
Gibeon (L13 P 52)
- 10) _____ was brought and thrown into the den of lions
Daniel (Lesson 14, P57)

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Section 2 – 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 =10pts total)

Column A	ANSWER	Column B
1. King David	D (L13 P53)	A. female judge
2. tribe of the priests	G (L19P79)	B. Prophet of the Exile
3. Micah	I (L10 P41)	C. Prophesied to Ahab
4. Mordecai	H (L15 P62)	D. father of Solomon.
5. Martha	J (L21 P86)	E. Wise men who studied stars
6. Deborah	A (L11 P44)	F. The Lord Saves
7. Elijah	C (L9 P36)	G. Levite
8. Ezekiel	B (L14 P58)	H. A Jew loved and obeyed God
9. Magi	E (L16 P67)	I. Foretold the birthplace of Jesus
10. Joshua	F (L7 P28)	J. Worried and distracted

Section 3 – MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. (20 x 1pt= 20 pts total)

1. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?
 - A. Moses’s prayer
 - B. David’s prayer
 - C. Deborah’s prayer
 - D. Solomon’s prayer (L13 P52)**

2. The walls of Jericho came down on the _____ day.
 - A. 1st
 - B. 3rd
 - C. 5th
 - D. 7th (L7 P27)**

3. Of the twelve disciples Thomas was his Hebrew name, and _____ was his Greek name.
 - A. Cephas
 - B. Didymus (L17 P71)**

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- C. Alpheus
 - D. Zealot
4. Moses who was angry at the Israelites for worshiping a false God forced them to:
- A. Drink water mixed with bread crumbs
 - B. Drink water mixed with dirt
 - C. Drink water mixed with gold dust (L6 P24)**
 - D. Drink water mixed with calf blood
5. In marrying Ruth, Boaz was honoring the Kinsman-Redeemer role of protecting his _____.
- A. Land
 - B. Money
 - C. Family (L8 P33)**
 - D. Inheritance
6. Who hid the spies sent in by Joshua to Jericho?
- A. Esther
 - B. Rahab (L7 P28)**
 - C. Ruth
 - D. Naomi
7. According to Micah, which of the following is **NOT** required by the Lord?
- A. Walk humbly with your God
 - B. Always read the Bible (L10 P 39)**
 - C. Do Justice
 - D. Love Kindness
8. Who is referred as the “Zealot” in the disciples?
- A. John
 - B. Simon (L17 P71)**
 - C. Mathew
 - D. Bartholomew
9. How many stones David had in his sheath?
- A. Five (L12 P48)**

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- B. Four
- C. One
- D. Three

10. Who asked King Ahasuerus to make a law to kill all the Jews?

- A. Mordecai
- B. Queen Vashti
- C. Haman (L 15P 62)**
- D. Esther

11. Who was the first disciples to become a martyr?

- A. Andrew
- B. John
- C. James the elder (L17 P70)**
- D. James

12. What did Jesus say to give in secret, and your Father who sees this secret will reward you?

- A. Prayers
- B. Alms (L18 P73)**
- C. Ashes
- D. Judgement

13. Who was the first to pass by the man that was left half dead?

- A. Israelites
- B. Samaritan
- C. Levites
- D. Priests (L 19 P77)**

14. Despite the busy and demanding schedule of Jesus, Jesus took time to

- A. Be with our family
- B. Pray (L21 P86)**
- C. Go to church
- D. Read the bible

15. How many days was Lazarus dead before Jesus rose him?

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- A. Five
- B. Four (L22 P89)**
- C. Three
- D. Ten

16. All of God's laws can be summed up in which of these statements

- A. Love the lord with all your heart (L 23 P95)**
- B. Forgive your enemies
- C. Do Not worship false gods
- D. Live your life in service

17. During what Jewish Holiday Jesus told His disciples about his sacrifice?

- A. Shabbat
- B. Yom Kippur
- C. Pass Over (L24 P99)**
- D. Hanukkah

18. The purpose of the prayer is to:

- A. Glorify God
- B. Deepen our relationship God
- C. To submit ourselves to God
- D. Eliminate anxiety
- E. All of the Above (L21 P86)**

19. David was from the town of _____.

- A. Jerusalem
- B. Judah
- C. Philistia
- D. Bethlehem (L12 P47)**

20. What does it mean by our God is Omnipotent?

- A. Distracted
- B. Loving
- C. Powerful (L9 P 37)**
- D. Unable

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

1. Why did Aaron create the golden calf? What did Moses do with the Golden calf? (Lesson 6 P24-25)
 - **Moses was late to come back from the mount Sinai, so Israelites thought something may have happened to Moses and his God. So they wanted to make God, who shall go before them to the promised land.**
 - **Moses burned it with fire, ground it to powder, scattered it on the water, and made the Israelites drink it.**

2. What are the three characteristics that God requires us to do and give examples? (L10 P41)
 - **Act Justly – always do the right thing, sometimes you may have to not listen to the rules to ensure the right thing is being done. The story of Jesus healing a man with withered hand on a Sabbath day. Jesus made it clear that doing “Good” was more important than any law**

 - **Love Kindness – helping a friend in need. Jesus touched by the faith and kindness of the friends who brought the paralyzed man to Jesus through the roof forgave the sins of the man healed him.**

 - **Walk Humbly –do good deeds, not to show off but to be blessed and merciful. Per Jesus the truly blessed person is the “poor in spirit,” “the meek,” “the merciful,” “peacemakers,” pure in heart,” and so on. Only humble-minded person could have these kinds of qualities.**

3. Who were “Magi?” Why did they come to Jerusalem? How did they save Jesus’ life from King Herod? (Lesson 16 P 65-66)
 - **Magi were the wise men who studied the stars. 1 point**
 - **They came to Jerusalem because they saw the star denoting/indicating the birth of King of Jews and came to worship him. 1 point**
 - **King Herod told them to report back to him once they have found the baby so that he can also go and worship him. But King Herod was afraid that when Jesus became older Jesus would overtake his throne so his intention was to kill Jesus. But they were warned through a dream about Herod’s evil plan so they returned to their country by another route. Even though Herod had ordered them to return to him, they chose to obey God. They stood up for their faith against a powerful king. (3 points)**

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4. Who was Zacchaeus? Why did he climb the sycamore-fig tree? What happened to him after that? (L 20 P81-82)

- **Zacchaeus was tax collector. 1 point**
- **He climbed on the tree because he wanted to see Jesus. (1 point) He was short and could not see over the crowd (may accept this also for 1 Point)**
- **Jesus told Zacchaeus “come down immediately, I must stay at your house today.” Zacchaeus came down and Jesus stayed at his house. Zacchaeus promised to Jesus that he will give half of his possessions to the poor and if he has cheated anybody, he will pay back four times the amount. Zacchaeus became a changed man. He decided to share his wealth to the poor and give back more than that what he collected in tax. Salvation came to his house. 3 points**

5. Describe the story of the Good Samaritan. Who was the real ‘neighbor’ in this story and explain why? Give one example, of how you will show God’s love to the your “neighbors?” (1pt) (L19 P77-78)

- **In the story of the Good Samaritan, there was a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho where a group of robbers attacked him. They took all his money and left him half dead on the side of the road. Soon a priest came by, but when he saw the man walked over to the other side of the road and did not help the man. Next a Levite came by, he stopped and looked at the man but, just like the priest, Levite also went over to the other side of the road and walked away. Then came a Samaritan, even though Jews and Samaritans were enemies at that time he stopped and helped the Jewish man. Samaritan treated the man’s wounds and took him to a hotel and looked after him for that day. The next day when he was leaving the hotel, he paid the hotel guys to look after the man and said he would pay more, if needed to when he got back. (3 points)**
- **The Samaritan was the real ‘neighbor’ because even though he did not know the wounded traveler, he chose to show him mercy and help him. (1 point)**
- **[Last question: responses will vary] (1 point)**

Section 5 – Memory Verses. Complete any of five (5) of the following. (5x5pts =25 pts. Total)

1. But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.” Ruth 1:16 (L8 P31)
2. But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of Armies of Israel, whom you have defied.” 1 Samuel 17:45 (L12P47)

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3. Now faith **is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things** not seen. - Hebrews 11:1 (**L25 P103**)
4. Rejoice always, **pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ** Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 (**L18 P73**)
5. Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die,** they will live.” – John 11:25 (**L22 P89**)
6. If any of you is lacking **in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will** be given you. James 1:5 (**L13 P52**)

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. On the day of _____, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and other believers.
 - a. Christmas
 - b. **Pentecost**
 - c. Easter
 - d. Passover

B (MTFV P130)

2. The Roman Emperor _____ accepted Christianity and granted freedom of religion to Christians through the Edict of Milan
 - a. **Constantine**
 - b. Nero
 - c. Claudius
 - d. Augustus

A (MTFV P131)

3. The Sabha Council is elected by the _____.
 - a. Diocesan Assembly
 - b. **Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam**
 - c. Synod
 - d. Metropolitan

B (MTFV P143)

4. _____ is the language spoken by Jesus.
 - a. Syriac
 - b. Hebrew
 - c. **Aramaic**
 - d. Latin

C (MTVF P135)

5. In 1980, the Mar Thoma Church entered into a “sister-church” relationship with whom?
 - a. **The Episcopal Church of North America**
 - b. The Eastern Orthodox Church
 - c. The Methodist Church of North America

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2. What were the prayers and practices discarded by the Reformation led by Abraham Malpan in the Malankara Church? (MTFV 139)

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



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

1. In the letter to _____, Paul encourages the people to “have the same mindset as Christ Jesus”.

- a. Timothy b. Hebrews c. John d. Philippians
D (L25 P121)

2. The criteria for the Israelites to be God's chosen people was _____.

- a. Love of God b. Faithfulness to God
c. to be Holy d. to be people with purpose
B (L6 P26)

3. This spy sent by Moses to Canaan to evaluate conditions came back and suggested that they all proceed to occupy the land?

- a. Joshua b. Caleb c. Jeremiah d. James
B (L7 P31)

4. The Greek word "Paraklētōs" translates as

- a. Prophecy b. Father c. Parable d. Holy Spirit
D (L18 P92)

5. Jerubbaal means _____.

- a. Mighty Warrior b. The Sword of God
c. Let Baal contend against him d. He who contends against Baal
C (L8 P38)

6. The Babylonian King _____ commanded his palace master Ashenaz to train some Hebrew boys.

- a. Ahab b. Nebuchadnezzar
c. Ahaz d. none of these
B (L12 P62)

7. "Yahweh is salvation" is the meaning of this word:

- a. Amoz b. Caleb c. Isaiah d. Hezekiah
C (L9 P44)

8. Isaiah became aware of this in the presence of God.

- a. his sins
- b. his sins and that of his people
- c. how he defiled God's request
- d. none of these

B (L9 P45)

9. How old was Caleb when Moses sent him to spy on the land?

- a. 38
- b. 25
- c. 40
- d. 80

C (L7 P31)

10. Jeremiah was a contemporary of _____ and _____.

- a. Habakkuk and Elijah
- b. Ezekial and Isaiah
- c. Hezekiah and Ezekiel
- d. Habakkuk and Ezekiel

D (L10 P49)

11. Jeremiah was timid due to his young age and inexperience, but he was _____.

- a. dedicated to God
- b. True patriot
- c. Fearless and faithful
- d. all of the above

D (L10 P49)

12. Who was the King that Esther married after winning the beauty pagent?

- a. Ahab
- b. Josiah
- c. Ahasuerus
- d. Abigail

C (L11 P56)

13. The Jews celebrated _____ to remember their deliverance from the persecution planned by Haran and foiled by Esther.

- a. Purim
- b. Yom Kippur
- c. Pentecost
- d. Hanukkah

A (L11 P57)

14. Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego stood out among the chosen Hebrew boys to be trained in the Kings court because of

- a. their courage and willingness to profess their faith when faced with adversity
- b. courage and willingness to accept their assignment
- c. willingness to cooperate with the king's court and courage to face adversity
- c. none of these

A (L12 P62)

15. While at the synagogue in Nazareth Jesus read from the scroll of the prophet _____.

- a. Daniel
- b. Genesis
- c. Isaiah
- d. John

C (L21 P104)

16. _____ did not give King Ahab his vineyard.

- a. Thesboth
- b. Horeb
- c. Naboth
- d. TeteH

C (L13 P65)

17. _____ and _____ (in order) were the two commandments that King Ahab disobeyed.

- a. Thou shall not covet thy neighbors goods b. Thou shall not steal
 Thou shall not kill Thou shall not kill
- c. Thou shall not steal d. Thou shall not steal
 Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's goods Thou shall obey the Lord thy God

A (L13 P65)

18. The book of Proverbs is a compilation of _____ written by _____.

- a. Collection of Proverbs; David b. Collection of Proverbs; Solomon
- c. Collection of advice; David d. Collection of advice; Solomon

D (L14 P75)

19. Solomon was blessed with the gift of _____.

- a. knowledge and insight b. wisdom and insight
- c. wisdom and knowledge d. advice and insight

B (L14 P75)

20. Elisha's commitment to Elijah can be compared with _____ loyalty to _____.

- a. Ruth's; Naomi b. Mary's; Jesus
- c. Naomi's; Ruth d. Sarah's; Abraham

A (L15 P79)

21. The basic guide to a meaningful and powerful prayer is:

- a. atonement, confession, thanksgiving and supplication
- b. adoration, confession, transgression and supplication
- c. atonement, confession, transgression, and supplication
- d. adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication

D (L16 P84)

22. Jesus was angry at the _____ who made the temple a marketplace.

- a. Pharisees and Sadducees b. Thieves and robbers c. Priests and Bishops d. Money changers and Merchants

A (20 101)

23. Herod the great took _____ years to rebuild the temple.

- a. 23 b. 4 c. 12 d. 46

D (L20 P101)

24. Who said " I see a branch of an almond tree "?

- a. Isaiah b. Jeremiah c. Caleb d. Elijah

B (L10 P47)

25. _____ is a Hebrew word that means, "to be set apart for a special purpose"

- a. Ecclesia b. Qadosh c. Dei d. none of these

B (L6 P26)

26. Who did the Lord send to King Ahab?

- a. Elijah b. Elisha c. Mordicai d. Gideon

A (L13 P70)

27. Esther belonged to the tribe of _____.

- a. Jews b. Benjamin c. Judah d. Egypt

B (L 11, P56)

28. Daniel comes from Hebrew meaning _____

- a. God is my savior b. God is my judge c. God is chosen d. God is my Lord

B (L12 P61)

29. Elijah was a prophet whose name means _____

- a. Yahweh is my God b. Yahweh is my savior c. Yahweh is my everything
d. Yahweh is Love

A (L15 P 81)

30. Which disciple said "Lord you will never wash my feet".

- a. Paul b. Judas c. John d. Peter

D (L24 P 117)

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. Write any Four that represent the **work of the Holy Spirit** in our lives?

- **The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, righteousness, and of judgement**
- **The Holy Spirit transforms us in the sight of God**
- **The Holy Spirit helps us to understand and remember the word of God.**
- **The Holy Spirit helps us to lead a godly life**

- **The Holy Spirit is our guarantee of eternal life with God**
- **The Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses for our Lord Jesus Christ.**

(L18 P93)

2. In the Parable of the rich man and Lazarus, what were the two requests that the rich man made and what was Abraham's response?

- **He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'**
- **Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.'**
- **He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'**
- **Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'**

(L17 P87)

3. When the angel appeared to Gideon and instructed him that he was to lead the Israelites to victory against their oppressors, Gideon was not convinced that he was the chosen one and needed more assurance. So he asked the angel to show him signs that the angel was truly sent by God. State and describe each sign. **5 pts.**

(L8 P38) 5 pts.

- **As Gideon prepared an offering of meat and bread for his guest, the angel touched the offering with the end of the stick he was holding and fire came out of the rock and burnt the meat and bread. (2pts)**
- **Gideon laid a wool fleece on the threshing floor and asked God to make the fleece wet and the floor dry. The angel did Gideon asked. (2pts)**
- **Then Gideon asked the angel make the fleece dry and the floor wet and the angel did Gideon asked.(1 pt)**

4. State the five characteristics that Esther possesses. **1 pt. ea.**

(L11 P58) 1 pt. ea.

1. Esther was obedient and submissive

4. Esther was courageous

2. Esther was sincere with a grateful heart 5. Esther was patient.
 3. Esther was humble and believed in the
Divine power

5. When Jesus walked on the sea, how did the disciples react, and mention what happened to Peter that Jesus questioned Peter's faith? (1 pt each)

- **When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus assured them that it was he.**
- **Peter asked Jesus if it was truly he then to command Peter to come to you on the water.**
- **He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.**
- **But when Peter saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"**

(L22 P108)

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

1. But Daniel resolved **that he would not defile himself with the royal rations of food and wine: so he asked the palace master to allow him not to defile himself-** Daniel 1:8
(L 12 P64)
2. "Then the Lord **turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian; I hereby commission you."** – (Judges 6:14)
(L8 P41)
3. "For you are a people **holy to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession.**" - Deuteronomy 7:6
(L6 P28)
4. The fear of **the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.**
– (Proverbs 1:7)
(L14 P77)
5. But strive **first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.** - Matthew 6:33
(L19 P99)
6. Jesus said to him, " **No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.**"- (Luke 9:62)
(L15 P82)

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. Liturgy is defined as ...
- a. the source and summit of the life of the church and the celebration of the mystery of salvation
 - b. the history of the church and the celebration of the mystery of salvation
 - c. the source and summit of the life of the church and the celebration of life.
 - d. none of the above

A (MTFV P154)

2. What *Taksa* does the Mar Thoma Church use during Holy Communion?
- a. St. John liturgy
 - b. St. James liturgy
 - c. Nicene liturgy
 - d. Syrian Orthodox liturgy

A (MTFV P154)

3. Who is believed to have represented Christians from India at the first Council of Nicea?
- a. Bishop Eusebius
 - b. Emperor Constantine
 - c. **Archbishop John**
 - d. Abraham Malpan

C (MTFV P166)

4. We believe in one, holy, catholic and _____ church
- b. Christian
 - b. **Apostolic**
 - c. United
 - d. Syrian

B (MTFV L5 P168)

5. Madbaha means _____
- a. Stone
 - b. Light
 - c. Incense
 - d. **Altar**

D (MTFV L3 P158)

6. Valia Nombu (Great Lent) is a total of how many days?
- a. 40
 - b. 28
 - c. **50**
 - d. 100

C (MTFV L4 P162)

7. The Day of Ascension is observed on the _____ day after Easter.
- a. 3rd
 - b. 7th
 - c. 1st
 - d. **40th**

D (MTFV L4 P163)

8. The Nicene Creed is the only creed that is truly _____ and _____.
- a. Liturgical and universal
 - b. Ecumenical and methodical
 - c. Ecumenical and universal
 - d. Liturgical and ecumenical

C (MTFV P166)

9. The Mar Thoma Church belongs to the _____ as evinced by its liturgy, mode of worship, ceremonies, rituals and traditions.

a. Anglican **b. Lesser Eastern churches** c. World Catholic churches d. Roman Catholic

B (MTFV L4 P161)

10. What does the three chains of the Censer represent?

a. Celebration **b. Holy Trinity** c. Dedication d. Cross

B (MTFV L3 P159)

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. What is the Nicene Creed? Who are the other churches that join the Marthoma church in the belief of the Nicene Creed?

(MTFV L5 P165/166)

- 1. The Nicene Creed is the most universally accepted and recognized statement of the Christian belief. (2pt)**
- 2. It affirms the belief in the Trinity and divinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the second coming of Christ. (2pt)**
- 3. The Marthoma church joins the Eastern Orthodox, Anglicans, Lutherans, Calvinists, Roman Catholics and other Christian churches in the belief of the Nicene Creed.(1pt)**

2. List the structure of our Marthoma worship order (1/2 pt each)

Adoration, confession, thanksgiving, scripture reading, prayer, intercession, Nicene Creed, offertory, sermon, prayer, benediction, kiss of peace.

(MTFV L1 P 151)

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

1. Jeremiah and God's calling for him.

Be sure to include to below points in your essay

- a. Who was Jeremiah? (2pt)
- b. Name the three promises God gave Jeremiah through a vision? (3pt)
- c. What do these visions mean, according to the Lord? (5pt)

(L10 P49)

a. Jeremiah was a prophet who ministered during the reign of a good king, King Josiah. His ministry lasted some 40 years. Jeremiah was timid due to young age and inexperience, but he was:

- **Very dedicated to God**
- **True Patriot**
- **Fearless and**
- **Faithful**

b. God gives him three promises to introduce a prophetic vision to Jeremiah.

- 1. The almond tree**
- 2. The boiling Pot**
- 3. The city, pillar and a wall**

c. These visions mean,

1. The almond tree. The budding of the almond tree announced the coming of spring. Jeremiah would do ministry under some very difficult circumstances. It would not always look as though God is at work. Jeremiah needed to be reassured that God is at work to fulfill His word.

2. The boiling pot. The pot was coming out of the north (Babylon was a nation in what is now Iraq). God is saying to Jeremiah that He is going to judge and discipline His people for their sin. God is not going to continue to look the other way. The main sin that God accuses the people of is idolatry. They have forsaken Him and turned to idols that their hands made. God has unbelievable patience and longsuffering, but a day of judgment comes. God is Holy. He can't allow disobedience to go on indefinitely.

3. The city, a pillar and a wall. God doesn't leave Jeremiah to do this ministry alone.

God strengthens Jeremiah, so that he can be faithful. God assures him again of his protection and to stand against abuse and persecution.

2. God gave Elijah the responsibility of finding his own replacement/successor.

Be sure to include to below points in your essay

- a. Who succeeded Elijah as the prophet of the Lord? **1 pt.**
- b. What symbolic action did Elijah do to the successor as a sign that he was chosen, and what did it mean? **2pt.**
- c. How many times did Elijah ask his successor to leave him and go on his own? **1 pt.**
- d. Which Old Testament story has similar characteristics to this type of faithfulness? **1 pt.**
- e. When Elijah was taken to heaven, his successor did 2 things. What were they what did they mean? **5 pts.**

(L15 P79)

- a. **Elisha succeeded Elijah as the prophet of the Lord**
- b. **Elijah put his mantle onto Elisha's shoulder which symbolized Elijah's passing on his responsibilities to Elisha.**
- c. **Elijah asked Elisha to leave him 3 times**
- d. **This faithfulness can be related to the story of Ruth and how she never left Naomi's side**
- e. **First he requested to Elijah that he inherit a double share of the Elijah's spirit which was given to him. Elisha was asking for double the blessings Elijah received in his time.**
Secondly, as Elijah was taken up to heaven, Elisha cried and tore his clothes which meant one or all of three things:
 1. **Elisha was expressing his grief over losing Elijah**
 2. **Elisha was showing his overwhelming emotion as he receives his double portion**
 3. **Elisha is showing his acceptance of Elijah's position by throwing away his old self**



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

1. He was a judge, a prophet and a priest to the people of Israel.
a. Aaron b. Joshua c. Moses d. Samuel
D. (L9 P42)

2. _____ advised King Ahaz not to be afraid of King of Syria and King of Israel and that Judah would win over the enemies.
a. Elijah b. Elisha c. Isaiah d. Micah
C. (L22 P105)

3. Four friends carried a paralyzed man to a house in this town to see Jesus?
a. Canaan b. Capernaum c. Jerusalem d. Samaria
B. (L21 P100)

4. The first call of discipleship was extended at the shores of _____ by Jesus to two fisherman, _____ and _____ who were casting their nets.
a. Sea of Damascus/James/Andrew b. Sea of Damascus/James/Simon
c. Sea of Galilee/Simon/Andrew d. Sea of Galilee/Andrew/John
C.(L20 96)

5. How many prophets of Baal were assembled at Mount Carmel?
a. 150 b. 250 c. 350 d. 450
D. (L8 P36)

6. After the Last Supper, Jesus and his disciples went out to the _____.
a. Mount Carmel b. Mount Horeb
c. Mount of Olives d. Mount Sinai
C. (L14 P64)

7. Solomon built the Temple on the summit of _____.
- a. Mount Caramel b. Mount Mariah
c. Mount Sinai d. Mount Tabor
- B. (L12 P55)**
8. The captive girl strongly recommended to Naaman's wife that Naaman should visit the Prophet _____ in _____.
- a. Elijah/Syria b. Elisha/Syria
c. Elijah/Samaria d. Elisha/Samaria
- D. (L15 P70)**
9. Jonah went down to _____ and found a ship going to Tarshish. Instead of going to _____ as the Lord asked.
- a. Nineveh/Judea b. Joppa/Nineveh c. Judea/Joppa d. Samaria/Nineveh
- B. (L10 P45)**
10. _____ was the "voice crying in the wilderness" prophesied by _____, calling people to repentance in preparation for their Messiah.
- a. John/Isaiah b. Jesus/Isaiah c. John/Elijah d. Jesus/Elijah
- A. (L23 P109)**
11. Which disciple of Jesus was also called as "Cephas"?
- a. Andrew b. John c. Simon d. Thomas
- C. (L24 P113)**
12. Joseph's brothers met Joseph in Egypt during the time when the famine had been in the land for _____ years; and there were _____ more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.
- a. 1,6 b. 2,5 c. 3,4 d. 4,3
- B (L6 P27)**
13. Isaiah lived about _____ years before the birth of Jesus Christ. His main prophesy was pointing towards _____.
- a. 200/sins of all creation b. 700/coming of the Messiah
c. 900/owing tithes to God d. 400/repenting before the Second coming.
- B (L7 P33)**

14. The word tithe comes from Hebrew word that means _____.
- a. Offering b. Portion c. One tenth d. Sacrifice
C (L13 P59)
15. The Israelites went three days in the wilderness and found no water. When they came to _____, they could not drink the water because it was bitter.
- a. Elim b. Wilderness of Sin c. Sea of Galilee d. Marah
D. (L11 P49)
16. What is the meaning of “*Pontifex Maximus*”?
- a. Supreme Leader b. High Priest c. King d. Metropolitan
B. (L 17 P82)
17. Which soil represents a person, who has a shallow understanding of God’s Word; he/she quickly receives the seed, but when trouble comes, would quickly wither away?
- a. Soil of a path b. Rocky Soil c. Thorny Soil d. Good Soil
B (L18 P88)
18. Who said this, “he dug up and cleared of stones and planted the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out of a winepress as well.”
- a. Isaiah b. Elijah c. Elisha d. Nathan
A. (L19 P91)
19. How many parables in Luke 15 talk about “lost items”?
- a. 2 b. 3 c. 5 d. 7
B (L16 P74)
20. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus sat on a hill that rose above the city of _____ and taught his disciples.
- a. Capernaum b. Judea c. Elim d. Damascus
A. (L25 P117)
21. Which disciple of Jesus was crucified on a ‘X’ shaped cross after saying he could not preach the cross without having the chance to put to death on one like Jesus had ?
- a. Andrew b. James c. John d. Peter
A. (L20 P96)

22. _____ discovered the reason for his own physical ailment. He said it was to keep him from being puffed up. “ I was given a physical ailment.”
- a. Mark b. John c. Peter d. Paul
- D. (L21 P101)**
23. What was the sign the Lord gave to King Ahaz that Judah would overcome enemies?
- a. A star at Bethlehem
b. Dew will be seen on the ground
c. A young woman will have a son and will name him Immanuel
d. All of the above
- C. (L22 P105)**
24. _____ is a process of incorporating an individual into the body of Christ and a new world comes into being in the life of an individual.
- a. Marriage b. Holy Communion c. Baptism d. Confession
- C. (L23 P110)**
25. Who introduced Jesus to Andrew?
- a. James b. Simon c. Philip d. John
- D. (L24 P114)**
26. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is comparing our function on earth to that of _____.
- a. Sun b. Salt c. Water d. Sand
- B. (L25 P118)**
27. The epistle Of John was written by ----- when he was in exile on the island of _____.
- a. Luke/Cyprus b. Peter/Samos c. John/ Patmos d. Paul/Kios
- C. (L20 P97)**
28. The servant told Naaman: “Go to the River _____ and immerse yourself _____ times.”
- a. Damascus/7 b. Abana/5 c. Pharpar/5 d. Jordan/7
- D. (L15 P68)**
29. When Samuel was old enough, Hannah took Samuel to the temple and presented him to _____ the priest.
- a. Amos b. Eli c. Elisha d. Malachi

B. (L9 P42)

30. _____ was the one who introduced the little child, who had 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, to Jesus.

- a. Andrew b. Simon c. John d. Thomas

A. (L24 P114)

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

1. Write a short paragraph on the prayer that Solomon made at the time of the dedication of the temple that he made for God.

(Lesson 12/page 55 , Ref : 2 Chronicles 6: 14-20 also 1 King 8: 22-) (1 pt each MAX: 5 pts)

- **Solomon opens his prayer affirming that He alone is God. (1 pt)**
- **Solomon remembers what God has done in the past such as making covenant with His people. (1 pt)**
- **Solomon makes a number of pleads and requests. (1 pt)**
- **Solomon declares that Lord knows every heart. And that no one is without sin. (1 pt)**
- **He pleaded for mercy and forgiveness of sin (1 pt)**

2. Name any five qualities that Andrew had in his successful ministry of Jesus.

(Lesson 24/page 114) (Any five. 1 pt. each)

- **Andrew began his ministry first at Home by telling his brother that he saw the Messiah.**
- **Immediate Response and Availability**
- **Andrew had a great faith in Jesus and was willing to leave everything behind and follow Him.**
- **Spiritual desire and thirst: Andrew had the spiritual desire and thirst and he could generate a spiritual thirst in the life of his brother Peter.**
- **Friendliness of Andrew: He was very friendly with all people, even with little children. He was the one who introduced the little child who had five loaves of bread and two fish to Jesus.**
- **Solution oriented attitude: When Jesus asked to feed the multitude, Philip said “it is not possible” in that remote village. But Andrew saw a great possibility in the food package of the boy.**
- **Global vision outlook: Andrew believed that Jesus came for the whole world.**

3. Who Baptized Jesus ? (1). What happened when Jesus got baptized ? (2) Give any two theological implications of baptism (2)

(Lesson 8 P 108,110)

John the baptist baptized Jesus.

As soon as Jesus was baptized heavens were opened to him and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove upon him. A voice from heaven said “ This is my son,the Beloved,with whom I am well pleased.”

Implications.

- 1.Baptism is a process of incorporating an individual into the body of Christ and a new world comes into being in the life of an individual.**
- 2.The candidate is committed to the grace of God through his/her participation in the life of Christ.Through dying and rising with Christ as symbolised in baptism,the believer is reminded to lead a new holy life.**
- 3.The candidate is ordained to the priestly and kingly ministry of Christ in the world.**
4. What is tithe? How did the people rob God as per Malachi? What are the three tithes mentioned in the Old Testament by Malachi?

(Lesson 13 P59)

The word tithe comes from a Hebrew word that means one tenth. (1 pt)

The prophet is trying to get the attention of the people about their giving habit.

God’s people were failing to bring the required offering into the House of the Lord.

(1 pt)

1. The tithe Malachi referred was for the priest. (1 pt)

2. The tithe that helped celebrate the annual sacred feast. (1 pt)

3. The tithe that the people would give an additional ten percent to help the poor.

(1pt)

5. Differentiate between the Sermon on the Mount and the delivery of Law on Mount Sinai.

(Lesson 25 P117)

1. Sermon on the Mount began with Christ’s disciples as target audience. Jesus sat on the hill and taught the disciples. There is a sharp contrast of delivery between the Sermon on the Mount and the Law on Mount Sinai. While the unseen presence in the clouds filled with pillars of smoke and destroying fire. (2 pts)

2. There was thunder and lightning when the Law on Mount Sinai was delivered. In contrast the Sermon on the Mount was delivered with words of peace from Jesus. (2 pts)

3. The voice on Sinai began with “Thou Shalt and Thou Shall Not”. The Sermon on the Mount began with Blessedness. (1 pt)

Section 3 – Memory Verses. Complete any of five (5) of the following Bible Verses.

(5 x 5 pts = 25 Total Points)

1. Then Jesus asked -----

----- foreigner,
. (Luke 17:17-18)) (Lesson 7 P 72)

Then Jesus asked”Were not ten made clean.?But the other nine where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except the foreigner.

2. “I called to **the Lord out of my distress and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.**” (Jonah 2:2) (Lesson 10 P48)

I called to the Lord-----

-----my voice.

3. While they were eating, **Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.** (Matthew 26:26-28) (Lesson 14 P67)

While they were eating-----

-----forgiveness of sins.

4. I, I am **He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.** (Isaiah 43:25) (Lesson 16 P79)

I ,I am He who-----

-----sins.

5. By contrast, the **fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.** (Galatians 5:22,23) **(Lesson 19 P94)**

By contrast-----

----- **such things.**

6. Just as he **chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.** (Ephesians 1:4) **(Lesson 22 P107)**

Just as he -----

-----**in love .**

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

1. “Do this in remembrance of me.” These are the Words of Institution for the Sacrament of:

- a. Baptism b. Confirmation c. Holy Communion d. Confession
C (L1 P174)

2. Which of the following is **NOT** an essential element of a sacrament?

- a. Intention b. Meaning c. Matter d. Situation
D (L1 P172-173)

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

- a. infant baptism is practiced b. adult baptism is practiced
c. insists on rebaptism if baptized in another church d. is a Dominical Sacrament
C (L2 P176)

4. The Aramaic word ‘Qurbana’ means _____.

- a. Forgiveness b. Lord’s Supper c. Offering d. Peace
C (L3 P179)

5. In the Mar Thoma liturgy, during the _____ we recall on Jesus’ act of salvation through

earthly life, death and resurrection.

- a. Prayer of Anamnesis
- b. Prayer of Epiclesis
- c. Intercession
- d. Anticomunion

A (L3 P181)

6. The _____ cross has three steps beneath it that stand for faith, hope and love.

- a. Latin
- b. Calvary
- c. Celtic
- d. Maltese

B (L3 P183)

7. In Christian Marriage, what symbolize the couple's mutual sealing for each other and their mutual responsibility to live together.

- a. Thali
- b. Reading of the Gospel
- c. Rings
- d. Manthrakodi

C (L4 P185)

8. The word "sacrament" is derived from the latin word *sacramentum* which usually means an

----- or -----

- a. Confirmation/ baptism
- b. Ordination/mamodisa
- c. Unction/oil

d. Oath/Surety

D (L1 P171)

9. Which of the following in the Mar Thoma Liturgy is not a part of Anticomunion?

- a. Nicene Creed
- b. Sermon
- c. Offertory
- d. Epistle Reading

B (L3 P180)

10. In the latter part of Baptismal service the celebrant anoints the candidate with _____.

- a. Water
- b. Thali
- c. Oikosformula
- d. Mooron

D (L2 P176)

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 Total Points)

1. Define 'sacrament'. What are the significances of sacraments to the believers? Name the Dominical and Optional sacraments of the Mar Thoma Church.

(Foundation & Vision Page 172) (Points 1+2+2=5)

Sacraments: Sacraments are special encounters with Christ that help the believers to grow in grace and lead a holy life. (1 point)

Sacraments assures God's blessings when the participants receive it in faith. Each

sacrament is administered as means of God's grace which a believer needs to experience salvation.

(2 points)

Dominical Sacraments: Holy Baptism and Confirmation

Confession & Holy Communion

Optional Sacraments: Christian Marriage, Ordination and Unction (2 points)

2. Explain Confirmation as one of the sacraments. How does the priest administer this ritual?

(Lesson 2 P176)

Confirmation is the latter part of the Baptismal Service (1 pt)

The Celebrant anoints the candidate with Mooron (consecrated oil – Holy Oil) (1pt)

The consecrated oil symbolizes the anointing of the Holy Spirit. (1 pt)

In this sacramental moment the church prays for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. (1pt)

The experience of receiving the Holy Spirit is to be an ongoing experience in the life of a Christian. Baptismal anointing is to signify the candidate's ordination to the priesthood of believers. The candidate thus becomes God's anointed. (1pt)

Section 6 – Essay. Choose one of the following two topics to write an essay in 150 words.

(Total 10 points)

1. Introduction: Explain how anyone can witness for God in any situation based on Naaman.
Who is Naaman?
Discuss the faith and witness of the captive girl
How did King of Israel react to Naaman and why?
What instruction did the Prophet give to Naaman and what was his reaction?
Explain how Naaman was healed
Conclusion: Explain how God will empower us with the Holy Spirit to live out our life in faith

(Lesson 15)

Introduction: Naaman was a commander of the Syrian army of the King of Aram. He was a brave man and in high favor with his Master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. Naaman suffered from an incurable skin disease –Leprosy. Anyone can be a witness for God. In the story of Naaman we see both the captive girl as well as his servant act as witnesses for God. (2 points)

Discuss the faith and witness of the captive girl: She was a captive from Israel. She realized the real need for her master. She was bold enough to speak to her mistress about the disease of Naaman and share her faith in the Lord. As a person living without any freedom she could spend her days in utter bitterness and hatred instead of accepting her condition and trusting in God. Her faith helped her not to get angry at her master rather she talked to her mistress and strongly recommended a visit to Prophet Elisha in Samaria. (2 points)

How did King of Israel react to Naaman and why: The king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? He took it as an excuse from Aram to open up a new war with

Israel. (1 point)

What instruction did the Prophet give to Naaman and what was his reaction?:

Go to the river Jordan and immerse yourself 7 times. Your skin will be healed. Naaman lost his temper and commented the rivers of Damascus were cleaner than Jordan. He turned and went away in a rage. (2 points)

Explain how Naaman was healed: Naaman's servants approached and said to him, "Father, If the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? Naaman went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of a man of God; his flesh was restored like a flesh of a young boy and he was clean. (2 points)

Conclusion: any variation of how the Holy Spirit will empower in student's point of view should be honored. (1 point)

2. Introduction: We live in an era we have freedom to choose any religion or worship any god or not worship. Explain how Elijah confronted the King? Where did Elijah go during the time of drought?
How did God provide for Elijah during the drought?
Explain how Elijah confronted to prove the True Living God.
How did Elijah prepare the altar?
Conclusion: How can we relate to Elijah in the world and society we live today?

(Lesson 8)

- **Introduction: (2 points)**
 - **Elijah was sent to confront Ahab and the rulers of Israel.**
 - **Elijah's words reflected God's sure judgement. → prove that the Lord God was powerful than their false god, 'Baal'**
 - **After the confrontation God told Elijah to go and hide near the brook of Cherish, east of Jordan.**
- **How did God provide for Elijah during the drought? (2 points)**
 - **God had commanded the ravens to bring bread and meat in the morning and in the evening from King's palace.**
 - **Elijah had to drink the water from Cherish brook.**
- **Explain how Elijah confronted to prove the True Living God: (2 points)**
 - **2 groups**
 - **Two separate alters and two bulls for burned offerings**
 - **450 prophets of Baal will sacrifice a bull and pray to Baal to prove he is god.**
- **How did Elijah prepare the altar? (3 points)**
 - **Elijah had repaired the damaged altar of God by using 12 stones. Those 12 stones representing the 12 tribes of Jacob. → shows reinstatement of the broken relationship with God and fellow worshippers.**
 - **Elijah made a trench around the altar, deep enough to contain 2 measures of seed.**
 - **Arranged the bull properly, and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood.**
 - **Then he asked volunteers to fill four jars with water. → they poured water on the burnt offering and wood also three times according to he wanted it**

done.

- **Elijah prayed and God answered Elijah's prayers.**
- **God's fire came down and consumed the burnt offerings, the wood, the stones, the dirt, and dried up the water in the trench.**
- **Conclusion: How can we relate to Elijah in the world and society we live today? (1 point)**
 - **Any variation in student's point of view should be honored**

MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS

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Grade 9

TIME 90 MINUTES

MAXIMUM POINTS 100

Section 1. Multiple choice- Circle the most appropriate response for the following questions/statements (25 x 1 pt. =25 points)

1. Abram was ----- years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael

a.90 b. 85 c. 86 9. 100

Ans C L7(p27)

2. Why did Abraham and his children have to get circumcised?

a. It was done for medical reasons

b. It was done as a sign as a covenant between God and Abraham and his descendants

c. Sarah wanted Abraham to have his descendants circumcised.

d. Abraham knew that God had written in the Law as a commandment to be followed.

Ans C. L9 p27

3. The angel of the lord met Hagar as she was running away from Sarai by a spring on the way to -----

a. Sidon b. Shur c.Bered d.Egypt

Ans B L7p27

4. Who was the prophet God sent to David to warn him of the dire consequences of his sins of adultery and murder?

a. Nathan b.Nathaniel c. Amos d.Jeremiah

Ans A L8p32

5. In the spring of the year the time when kings go out to battle David sent ----- with his officers and all Israel with him.

A. Abishek b. Jonathan c. Joab d. Uriah

Ans C. L 8 P32

6. David became the king at the age of ----- and ruled for ----- years.

A.20 and 50 years B.20 and 40 years C.25 and 40 years D.30 and 40 years.

Ans D L8 P34

7. The Persian King Ahasuerus was displeased with the behavior of queen -----

a. Abigail b .Esther c.Vasthi d.Bathsheba

Ans C L14 p 60

8. ----- was a musician in David's house

a.Jonah b.Ethan c .Ahab d .Samuel

Ans b. L12 P52.

9. The Jewish name of ----- was Hadassah which means myrtle

a. Esther B .Mordechai c .Naomi d .Ruth

Ans a. L14 P60

10. Which of the following classes of the Mosaic law represents the part of the Law that deals with righteous living both with God and one's fellow neighbor/being and community?

A. Moral Law B. Religious Life C. Civil Life D. Work Life

11. As Joshua had commanded the people the ----- priests carrying the ----- trumpets of ram's horns before the Lord went forward blowing the trumpets.

A.seven and nine B seven and six C. Five and seven D. Seven and seven

Ans D.L13 P55

12. The word Isaiah means

A .The Lord is salvation b. God is with us c. The peace maker d . Weeping prophet

Ans a.L15 P63

13. There are ----- chapters in the book of Isaiah and ----- books in the Bible

a. 39 and 66 b. 66 and 66 c .66 and 39 d. 27 and 66

Ans b.L15 P 63

14. Who is known as the apostle to the Gentiles?

a. Stephen b. Timothy c. Paul d. Barnabas

Ans C. L16 p69

15. -----was very proud of his rich heritage. He was circumcised on the eighth day, a Hebrew and belonged to the tribe of -----

a. David, Benjamin

b. Stephen, David

c. Saul, Benjamin

D. Saul, David

Ans C L16 p67

16. Jesus told Nicodemus, "The _____ blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the _____."

A. Spirit, Fire

B. Wind, Spirit

C. Spirit, God

D. Fire, Spirit

Ans d.L17 P74

17. Who wrote the book of Acts of the Apostles?

a. Luke

b. James

c. John

d. Paul

Ans A L24 P 100

18. In the parable of the Good Samaritan we learn that he gave the most valuable of his resources to take care of the man in need, which was his

a. money

B. oil and wine

C. time

d. clothes

Ans C Time L21 P 89

19. In Mathew 5:17 Jesus says that he has come not to abolish the law but to ----- it

- a.Follow
- b.Fulfil
- C Change
- d .transform

Ans B L20 P85.

20. In Acts Chapter 5, we learn about a couple who sell a piece of property with the intention of giving the proceeds to the Church. The woman was Saphira whose name means

- A. Beautiful
- B. Princess
- C Faithful
- D. Kind

Ans A.L18 P 78

21. The first apostle, indeed the first person ever to address Jesus as God was-----

- a. Simon Peter
- B .Saul
- c. James
- d. Thomas

Ans D L23 P 97

22. On the way to his crucifixion, Jesus passed a man from Cyrene named ----- who was compelled to carry Jesus's cross

- a.Joseph
- b.Simon
- c.Rufus
- d.John

Ans D L22 p93

23. The council or Sanhedrin s it was known in Hebrew was an assembly of leaders appointed to serve as

- a. Policemen
- B. teachers of law
- c. Judges
- d .peacemakers

Ans C.L25 P104

24. Jesus told the disciples after His resurrection that once they receive the power through Holy Spirit

“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all ----- and ----- and to the ends of the earth

- A .Judea and Rome
- b. Rome and Corinth
- c. Samaria and Nazareth
- d. Judea and Samaria

Ans D. L24 P 99

25. Why did Jesus tell his followers to wait in Jerusalem before going to the ends of the earth to share his message?

- A. Jesus was afraid that the disciples might go the wrong way before getting instructions
- B. Jesus wanted his disciples to wait for the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit
- C. Jesus was going to come back in the flesh in a few days to help them travel to share the good news.
- D. Jesus knew Peter would betray him again if the disciples went out immediately

ANS B. L 24 P. 99

Section 2. Short answers. Answer any 4 of the following questions. Answers shall be brief in 3-4 sentences and to the point. Points 20 (4x 5) 5 points each.

1. Who was Haman? (1) What made him furious with Mordecai (2) and what did he plan as a result? (2)

Ans. L14 p 60

Haman was a prince under king Ahasuerus who enjoyed some special privileges including one, where people would have to bow down as he passed by. Mordecai being a Jew would not bow to anyone except God and thus did not bow down to Haman as he passed by. This infuriated Haman who took it not only as a personal insult but also as a crime against the entire Persian Kingdom.

Haman conspired with his wife and devised a plan and forced the king to issue an edict to kill all the Jews on a single day 11 months later.

2. Who wrote Psalms 89? (1)

What is the meaning of the word maskil? (1)

What were the promises God made to David? (3)

Ans L12 p53

Ethan wrote Psalms 89. Maskel means a psalm that teaches us something.

God's promises. (3)

1. He would have a place of greatness 2.His offspring would succeed him 3.His kingdom will be established forever.

3. What does it mean to be born again and why was so important to be born again according to Jesus? (2) What examples show that Nicodemus respected Jesus (2?) Which Old Testament reference did Jesus use to explain the eventual death and resurrection? (1)

Ans L17 P77

- a. Born of the spirit. One will look the same but will be a changed person, new in Christ. Without being born again, one can't enter the kingdom of God.
- b. Addresses Jesus as Rabbi 2 States that Jesus is from God 3.Addressed Jesus with respect and humility
- c. Numbers 21:9. Just as Moses lifted up the serpent, Jesus the son of man would also have to be lifted up.

4.

- a. Who were the 12 disciples of Jesus? (3)
- b. List the professions of any 3 (1)
- c. Which disciples did Jesus refer to the "sons of Thunder?"(1)

Ans L10 p 44

Peter, Andrew, James and John, Philip, Nathaniel and Mathew. Thomas, James son of Alpheus, Judas (Thaddeus), Simon and Judas Iscariot.

Andrew- Fisherman

Mathew – Tax collector

Peter- Fisherman.

John and James.- sons of Thunder

5. To whom did Jesus tell the parable of the Good Samaritan and why? (2 points) Briefly explain how the story of the Good Samaritan explains how we should love our neighbor? (3 points)

One day a lawyer asked Jesus how to obtain eternal life. Jesus asked him what was written in the law and the lawyer said that the greatest commandments were to love God and love one's neighbor. But the lawyer wanted to justify himself and asked Jesus who his neighbor was. Jesus told him the Good Samaritan accordingly. The story of the Good Samaritan describes the story of a man who was left for dead after being attacked by robbers. After a priest and Levite who represented leaders in the Jewish community passed him by, a Samaritan had compassion on the man on the road. Jews did not like Samaritans but yet this man had compassion on the victim. The story of the Good Samaritan teaches us that we ought to be a neighbor to anyone around us regardless of their past.

Lesson 21 p. 89-90

Section 3. Memory verses . Complete any 5 of the following memory verses as recorded in NRSV Version. 5 x 5 points total 25 points

Ans.

1.L13 p57

But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

2 L21 P91

He answered, "You shall love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself" "Luke 10:27.

3. L8 P36

David said to Nathan "I have sinned against the Lord. Nathan said to David "Now the Lord has put away your sin. You shall not die."

4. L25 P 106)

As they left the council they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name .and every day in the temple and at home they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.

5.L6 p26

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision." Do not be afraid Abram. I am your shield. Your reward shall be very great. "

6. L16 p.71

Not everyone who says to me “Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven.”

Section 4 Mar Thoma church: Our foundation and vision. Circle the most appropriate answer for the following question/statement. (10 x 1 point = total 10 points)

1. By taking the crooked (Coonan) cross oath, the Malabar church
- a. Accepted the responsibility to lead every crooked person to Christ
 - b. Asserted its freedom and regained its autonomous nature
 - c. Decided to remain with the Catholic Church
 - d. Accepted the basic Roman practices and doctrine.

Ans B P 192.

2. The Royal court’s decision of 1889 resulted in
- a. Crooked Cross oath
 - b. Separation of Indian Church from Catholic Church
 - c. Formation of Jacobite Church under the patriarch of Antioch and Mar Thoma Church
 - d. Joining with the Anglican Church

Ans C p 195

3. After how many months does the Church accounts have to be presented to the church Executive committee?

A .4 b 6 c 3 d 12

Ans C 3 months P 202

4. Which of the following is NOT one of the reforms of Abraham Malpan?
- a. He translated the liturgy into local language
 - b. He preached that salvation is through the grace of God
 - c. He canonized all the holy martyrs of India as saints of the church
 - d. All of the above are reforms made by Abraham Malpan

Ans C p 219.

5. The laity members make up ----- percent of the Sabha prathinidhi mandalam

A 35 b 45 c 55 d 65

Ans D P 201

6. What does the priest's vestment represent?

- a. Throne of God
- b. Fight against the power of darkness
- c. Light of the world
- d. priestly order

Ans B P 199

7. The St. Thomas Christian's of Kerala kept close association with the eastern churches and conduct worship in ----- language.

- a. Aramaic b. Italian c. Syrian D Greek

Ans C P 210

8. The function of the Thaksa Committee was to

- a. Oversee the worship patterns in Churches
- b. Revise the communion service book
- c. Litigate judicial matters of the church
- d. Publish Christian books

Ans B. P 211

9. *All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16*

²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. 2 Peter 1:20-21.

What is the significance of these two verses with respect to the Bible?

- a. These two verses indicate that human will is responsible for the prophecies of scripture
- b. These two verses imply that the Bible or scripture is an authoritative piece of literature since it is inspired by God.

- c. All scripture and prophecies are limited to human interpretation since we use scripture for teaching and training.
- d. None of the above

Ans C. Page 207

10. Which of these three individuals was not part of the Kottayam Trio?

- A. Winston Churchill
- B. Benjamin Bailey
- C. Henry Baker
- D. Joseph Fenn

Ans A Winston Churchill, p. 193

Section 5. Mar Thoma Church history Short answer. Answer one of the following questions. Answer shall be brief and to the point (5 Points)

1. Describe the functional set up of the Mar Thoma Church's dioceses and parishes, mentioning the roles of the Diocesan Bishop, the vicars and elected members of the parish laity.

Ans P 192-193

1. For efficient functioning the church is divided into dioceses, which are divided into regions, centers and parishes.
2. Each diocese is under a diocesan Bishop
3. The Diocesan assembly and the diocesan council take decisions and implement them as and when needed for the diocese.
4. The diocesan assembly is composed of all clergies in the diocese as well as elected representatives from each church. The diocesan council is elected from the assembly.
5. Each parish is managed by a vicar.
6. For administrative purpose there is a general body and an executive committee in each church and the vicar is the president of both bodies.
7. Accounts are handled by trustees and audited by auditors elected by the general body
8. All decisions of the general body get implemented only after the approval of the diocesan Bishop.

2. Mar Thoma Church is an Eastern reformed Church with an eastern orthodox orientation. Briefly explain how and list any five of the eastern characteristics.

Ans Lesson 2 p 197.

Ancient Christianity has two forms namely eastern and western. Eastern Christianity found its identity in an oriental culture influenced by Judaic traditions. The Mar Thoma Church was developed in this oriental culture and hence retained eastern orthodoxy. It is oriental in worship.

When blended with western Christianity and many of its relevant aspects our church became an eastern reformed church

Characteristics

1. Worship 2. Liturgy 3. Symbols 4. Vestments 5. Altar 6. Candles 7. Incense 8. Symbolism 9. Gestures.

Section 6. Essay. Choose one of the following two topics to write an essay not exceeding 200 words. Essay shall have an introduction, body and conclusion. (Total 15 points)

1. Encountering Jesus personally can truly be a life-changing experience. Explain how encountering Jesus radically transformed Saul's life. In your response, start by describing Saul's past and his background and then explain what happened. What were the changes in his life? Do you think knowing Jesus personally is important? Why or why not?

Ans. L16 p.67-69

Saul was an extremely devout Jew from Tarsus who was a Pharisee from the tribe of Benjamin. He was a Roman citizen as well. He was a very knowledgeable person and had been trained under a man named Gamaliel. He was a strict follower of Judaism and hated Christians because he believed that they were leading people astray from the commandments of God and the Law of Moses. Saul could not believe Jesus' statement that Jesus was the way, the truth, and the life.

As a result, Saul began to persecute Christians left and right. He was present at the stoning of Stephen and imprisoned many Christians.

One day on his way to Damascus, there was a blinding light and the Lord Jesus appeared to Saul and asked him-Saul, Saul why do you persecute me? Saul was struck with Blindness and was told that God would instruct him on what he was to do. A prophet Ananias prayed over Saul shortly after and Saul was baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit. Saul then began to talk about Jesus was the Messiah and shared his faith with others. God called Saul his chosen vessel to bring the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles across the world.

Students can comment on what they feel about knowing Jesus at this point.

2. We often claim that we love God above everything else but it's only when we look within ourselves or have our hearts truly searched that we understand that maybe we are not selfless as we thought. Explain how Jesus proves this to be true in his encounter with the rich young man? What was the rich man searching for and how did Jesus approach him? What happened ultimately as a result? How do you think this applies to everyday life?

Ans Lesson 20 p. 85-86

One day a rich young ruler approached Jesus and asked Jesus what he would need to do eternal life. The rich young man appeared to have everything together since he appeared to ask a very sincere question and appeared to be very humble in approaching Jesus on his knees.

Jesus asked him in return if he kept the commandments such as “Do not steal, kill or commit adultery.” The young man replied he had kept these commandments since childhood. The young man felt that since he kept all the commandments everything was set for him to receive eternal life.

Jesus truly loved the young man and looking at him asked him to sell his possessions and give the money to the poor and then go and follow Jesus. The rich man was extremely grieved. He was willing to follow the 10 commandments as long as he did not need to sacrifice his wealth. His wealth was true source of happiness and through Jesus’ commandment the rich young man saw where his priorities lay. He had become extremely attached to his wealth and could not let it go.

God is not against us having wealth but he does not want anything else in our life to take his place. (Students can list things and pleasures that might take the place of God in their life.)

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Time: 90 Minutes

Maximum Score: 100 Points

SECTION 1: Multiple Choice - Circle the most appropriate response for the following question(s) / statement(s). (25 x 1 pt. = 25 pts. Total)

1. What does the word Mammon mean?

- a. Devil b. Money c. Hindrance d. Friends

B (L21 P113)

2. Who said to whom: "This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night"?

- a. God to Moses b. God to Joshua c. Moses to Joshua d. Joshua to the People

B (L7 P38)

3. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were captives from

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

A (L9 P50)

4. What does the name "Jacob" mean?

- a. Successor b. Deceiver c. Supplanter d. Liar

C (L8 P45)

5. Who asked Jesus: "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

- a. Thomas b. John c. Simon d. Andrew

A (L24 P127)

6. "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in _____ regard others as better than yourselves."

- a. Grace b. Kindness c. Love d. Humility

D (L25 P133)

7. Name the first prophet to use the term "The Day of the Lord"

- a. Joel **b. Amos** c. Haggai d. Obadiah

B (L14 P76)

8. According to Paul, one can attain "Justification" through

- a. Faith in God b. Faith with Works c. Grace of Christ d. Faith that bears Fruit

C (L10 P55)

9. Ruth is from the tribe of :

- a. Israel b. Moab c. Canaan d. Bethel

B (L8 P45)

10. The King who issued a decree authorizing the Jews to return to Jerusalem
a. Nebuchadnezzar b. Darius c. Cyrus d. Zerubbabel
C (L15 P81)

11. Which of the following is not attributed to the prophet Obadiah?
a. Hid one hundred of God's prophets
b. A contemporary of Jeremiah
c. Defended the Edomites
d. An official in charge of Ahab's palace
C (L13 P71)

12. Descendants of Easu
a. Edomites b. Ephraimites c. Jebusites d. Canaanites
A (L13 P71)

13. Which of the following is not a petition made by Jesus during His high priestly prayer?
a. Unity b. Sanctification c. Salvation d. Judgement
D (L20 P107)

14. Name the high priest among the exiles who returned to Jerusalem.
a. Zerubbabel b. Joshua c. Haggai d. Zechariah
B (L15 P81)

15. God used this prophet to bring dry bones to life
a. Ezekiel b. Joel c. Obadiah d. Amos
A (L11 P60)

16. To whom prophet Haggai prophesied that the Lord will make him a "signet ring", a symbol of honor, authority and power.
a. Cyrus b. Darius c. Zerubbabel d. Joshua
C (L15 P81)

17. Name the disciple of John the Baptist who followed Jesus
a. Philip b. Andrew c. Simon d. Paul
B (L22 P117)

18. Jesus's high priestly prayer is found only in the gospel of
a. Mathew b. Mark c. Luke d. John
D (L20 P107)

19. In which battle were more enemies killed by the hailstorm sent by God than the sword of the Israelites?
a. Gibeon b. Egypt c. Judah d. Syria
A (L7 P40)

20. Epistle of John is believed to have written around
a. 1 AD b. 32 AD c. 70 AD d. 85 AD
D (L23 P124)

21. John 17:3 states: “And this is eternal life that they may...”
a. have faith b. have wisdom c. know Jesus, the one true God d. love each other
C (L24 P129)

22. In the imagery of “Armor of God”, how would you quench the flaming arrows of the evil one?
a. Put on the breast plate of righteousness b. Take the shield of faith
c. Put on the helmet of salvation d. Fasten the belt of truth
B (L19 P99)

23. Paul refers to himself as the following when delivering the gospel:
a. A messenger to the lost b. A bulwark of truth
c. An ambassador in chains d. A guiding light
C (L19 P99)

24. By exhorting Philippians to be an obedient servant of God, Paul asks:
a. To be of the same mind
b. In humility regard others as better than yourselves
c. To be in full accord and one mind
d. All of the above
D (L25 P133)

25. Who asked to sell and give away his possessions?
a. The rich young man b. Zacchaeus c. Nicodemus d. All rich people
A (L21 P113)

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

1. List **any four** pieces of “Armor of God” (1 pt) Describe **any two** of them (2pts each)
(L19 P102)
- a. Belt of Truth
 - b. Breastplate of Righteousness
 - c. Shield of Faith
 - d. Helmet of Salvation
 - e. Sword of Spirit
- a. Belt of Truth:
- In accordance with the facts, in other words, with the Word of God
 - Truth or sincerity in action is the foundation of our character
- b. Breastplate of Righteousness
- Breastplate ensures that the soldier could withstand attacks from the enemy
 - Righteousness is the quality of being morally right or justifiable before God.
- c. Shield of Faith
- A soldier uses his shield at the proper time to defend against attack
 - Faith represents our complete trust or confidence in God
- d. Helmet of Salvation

- Salvation is defined as deliverance from sin and its consequences
- Salvation is the basis of our victory against enemy

e. Sword of Spirit

- Like a sword, the Word of God pierces through the arguments of the devil
- Like Jesus used the Word of God against the Satan, the sword of the spirit is so crucial to Christian life.

2. What was the context in which Jesus spoke to the crowd on the Sermon on the Mount? (2pts)
Explain Beatitudes in 2 or 3 sentences. (3 pts)

(L16, P86)

After overcoming Satan's temptation in the desert Jesus went down to Galilee and started His earthly ministry through finding his disciples and healing people. Then he went up to the mountain and started teaching the crowd, which is known as the "Sermon on the Mount".

Beatitudes are parts of the Sermon on the Mount and they are statement of blessedness that follow a formulaic expression. All Beatitudes are pointing towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The focus of Beatitudes is reward based on the level of spiritual experience and relationship with God rather than material recompense.

3. Describe what the apostle Paul meant when he spoke of fighting the "good fight" and finishing the race.

(L19 P101)

The life and journey of a Christian is fraught with uncertainty and temptations. The devil attempts to distract us from our heavenly goals. Our response to temptations should be to fight the 'good fight' as resilient soldiers for Christ.

Drawing parallels to an athlete, Paul says, "I have finished my race..." Athletic tasks require endurance. Similarly our work for the Kingdom of God requires us to endure despite how long and hard the journey is. Like Paul, we should lead a life that is founded on faith in God as this quality drives us to persevere and endure.

4. How does pride lead to downfall in the story of the Edomites?

(L13 P69)

Edomites were the descendants of Easu and were depicted as having rejoiced in the conquest of Jerusalem by the Babylonians. They had forgotten their ancestral kinship to Israel and They had pillaged Jerusalem and had prevented the fleeing survivors from escaping the Babylonians. They had abandoned the God of their forefathers and engaged in every kind of sin.

As the Lord declared through Obadiah's prophecy, all the wise of Edom and understanding out of mount Easu had been destroyed. We read in Obadiah, "For the slaughter and violence done to your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you and you shall be cut off forever."

5. Write about Paul's view on salvation vs. James view on Salvation? (3pts)

How are they in agreement with their teaching? (2pts)

(L10 P55)

- Paul emphasizes the justification of salvation as being through faith and not by the actions that we do. His view proclaims that we receive salvation through Grace, which is defined as the ‘unmerited favor’ by God. Grace is freely given to us by faith and we are justified by grace alone.
- James view asserts that faith without work or good deed is dead
- Paul’s view is supported by what Jesus has told the thief on the cross and James view is supported using Abraham who had a feeble faith but shown his faith through his deeds
- Though James view appears to contradict with that of Paul’s, James is affirming that good deeds along with faith is required for a believer to uphold the salvation. James distinguishes between the false and genuine faith through his description of the man with faith but no works.

**SECTION 3: Memory Verses - Complete any of five (5) of the following.
(5 x 5 pts. Ea. = 25 pts. Total)**

1. I hearby command you, _____

 _____ you go. (Joshua 1:9)

**I hearby command you, ‘Be srong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed,
 for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.’
 (L7 P42)**

2. But if not, be it known _____

 _____ you have set up” (Daniel 3:18)

**But if not, be it known to you, O King that we will not serve your gods and will not
 worship the golden statue that you have set up.
 (L9 P52)**

3. Whoever believes in _____

 _____ God’s wrath. (John 3:36)

**Whoever believes in the son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the son will not see life;
 but must endure God’s wrath.
 (L17 P92)**

4. “I have fought _____

4. Who laid the foundation for the Mar Thoma Church in North America?
a. Rt. Rev. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma b. Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma
c. Rt. Rev. Dr. Juhanon Mar Thoma d. Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Athanasius
D (L2 P221)

5. First and oldest of the National Missionary movement in India.
a. The Yuvajana Sakhyam b. Missionaries of Charity
c. Ashram movement d. The Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association
B(L5 P240)

6. Who said, "Yesterday is gone, tomorrow has not come; we have only today and let us begin"
a. Rt. Rev. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma b. Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma
c. Dr. E. Stanley Jones d. Mother Theresa
D (L3 P231)

7. Which of the following institutions run by the Mar Thoma Church caters to the needs of the physically challenged?
a. Nava Jeevan Kendram b. Sneha Theeram
c. Asha Bhavan d. Mochana
C (L4 P235)

8. Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam was established in
a. 1924 b. 1905 c. 1919 d. 1908
B (L5 P240)

9. First among our bishops to receive and earned Ph. D and also the first to hold the title of Senior metropolitan (valiya Thirumani)
a. Rt. Rev. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma b. Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma
c. Rt. Rev. Dr. Juhanon Mar Thoma c. Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius
A (L2 P223)

10. Name the official church bulletin
a. The Mar Thoma Messenger b. The Mar Thoma Christian
c. The Sabha Tharaka d. The way of the cross
C (L2 P224)

SECTION 5: Short Answer on Mar Thoma Church History - Answer one of the following questions. Answer shall be brief and to the point. (1 x 5 pts. = 5 pts. Total)

1. List some of the major contributions of the late Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan.
(L2 P221)

- Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan firmly believed that Mar Thoma Church has a special role in evangelizing the rest of India
- He was pioneer in sending the missionaries from Kerala to various corners of India to preach the gospel
- He exhorted every member of the Mar Thoma Church to be a missionary
- He established Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists Association

- He dedicated his life in molding the Mar Thoma Church as a pioneer evangelistic church among all the churches in India.
2. “The mission of the Church is the mission of God”, establish based on the teachings of the Holy Bible.
(L1 P216)
- God in Christ has established the Church in this world to fulfill the mission of reconciliation of the entire creation with God.
 - Holy Spirit is the moving force behind the mission.
 - The goal of mission is to bring back the creation, man and his ecosystem, to be the perfect harmony with God
 - God’s mission is revealed in the life and work of Jesus Christ in the fullness of time.
 - Jesus Christ extends the invitation to all humankind through Church to return to the full fellowship with God

SECTION 6: Essay - Choose one of the following two topics to write an essay in 200 words. (15 pts. Total)

1. As youngsters in this world you would come across different temptations and trials that will test your faith. Answer the following questions in relating to the experiences of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in a foreign land. (L9 P48-51)

a. Introduction (2pts)

b. Explain how by faith they reacted to the challenges (9 pts)

c. Describe how you can remain faithful to God in worldly challenges (2 pts)

d. Conclusion (2pts)

- a. During the reign of Jehoiakim, king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon besieged Jerusalem and took captive many of Israel’s finest citizens. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were three God fearing youths who were among the captives who were taken forcefully to Babylon.
- b. As the young men were knowledgeable and wiser than king’s men they interpreted king’s dream. King found them better than his counselors and promoted them to higher positions. Babylonians became jealous of the youths and they convinced king to give a decree for all people, including the captive Israelites, to fall down and worship a golden statue. Anyone who disobeyed king to be thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. The finest declaration of these young men’s faith was revealed in Dan. 30:17-18, “If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have setup”.
- c. On a daily basis we face challenges in life. Instead of succumbing to the weight of it all, we should find hope in the story of these young men and remember how they overcame the challenge through faith in God.
- d. Faith is one of the single most elements of Christianity. Without faith it is impossible to please God. When we have unwavering faith in Jesus, every challenge becomes an opportunity to demonstrate His power, wisdom and love.

OR

2. In light of Amos's prophesying, write an essay on Christian response to social injustice and corruption. **(L14 P74-76)**

a. Introduction **(3Pts)**

b. Amos's message **(9Pts)**

c. Biblical call of addressing social injustice **(3pts)**

- a. Prophet Amos prophesied during the reigns of king Uzziah in Judah and king Jeroboam in Israel. He was a farmer and shepherd who looked after sycamore fig trees. Both kingdoms were enjoying great prosperity and had reached new political and military heights. It was also a time of idolatry, indulgence in luxurious living, immorality, corruption of judicial procedures and oppression of the poor. Israel at that time was politically secure and spiritually lukewarm.
- b. Amos raised his voice for the cry of the poor, impoverished, oppressed and the marginalized. Through Amos, God urged His rebellious children to change their ways and live a life pleasing to God. Amos was vigorous spokesman for God's justice and righteousness. The most important words of Amos are recorded in Amos 5:24, "But let justice roll down like the waters, and the righteousness like an ever flowing stream". He cautioned Israelites that because of their sins, God would uproot His chosen people by the hands of pagan nation.
- c. Like in Amos's days, there are numerous examples of social injustices in our society, racism, prejudice, poverty, civil rights violation, environment exploitation, denying access to education, just to name a few. Biblical perspective for every Christian, especially those in leadership, gives a God-given moral duty to protect fellow human beings and the earth that we live in. Pursuing social justice is one of the highest moral responsibilities of the church.