



MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS  
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

Grade 5 - 2018 Diocesan Examination

**Section 1: Fill in the Blanks**

Write the appropriate word(s) in the space provided (10 x 1 = 10 Points)

- 1) God told Moses he would “rain \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven.”  
**Bread L5p.18**
  
- 2) The Lord provided quail and manna for the Israelites for \_\_\_\_\_ years despite their constant grumbling.  
**40 (L5 P18)**
  
- 3) According to the \_\_\_\_\_ Law, the Jews were required to go to Jerusalem to celebrate festivals like Passover.  
**Old Testament (L16 P60)**
  
- 4) Isaac means "\_\_\_\_\_"  
**"he laughed" (L3 P11)**
  
- 5) Upon Jesus' baptism, the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God came down from heaven like a \_\_\_\_\_.  
**dove (L17 P63)**
  
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ was Abraham and Sarah's son.  
**Isaac (L3 P9)**
  
- 7) The three types of temptations that the devil presented before Jesus were temptations of the \_\_\_\_\_, the eyes and pride.  
**flesh (L18 P67)**
  
- 8) There will be more rejoicing in \_\_\_\_\_ over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not think they need to repent.  
**(Heaven L19 P 71)**
  
- 9) In a town called \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus came upon a man named Mathew, who was a tax collector.  
**(Capernaum L 22 P 82)**
  
- 10) From the Mount of \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus sent 2 disciples to get the donkey/colt  
**Olives (L29, P110)**

**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 1 = 10 Points)

Column A		Column B
1. Hosanna	<b>E (L29, P.1120)</b>	A. Wore clothing of Camel's hair
2. Sanhedrin	<b>I (L 25, P.95)</b>	B. Nephew of Abraham
3. Judas Iscariot	<b>G (I24, P 91)</b>	C. Paul's Ship wreck
4. John the Baptist	<b>A (L17. P63)</b>	D. Promised land
5. Herodias	<b>J (L 23. P.85)</b>	E. Save now
6. Lot	<b>B (L1 P.2)</b>	F. Put in two small copper coins
7. Malta	<b>C (L27, P 103)</b>	G. Betrayed Jesus
8. Widow	<b>F (L20 P74)</b>	H. Son of Terah
9. Canaan	<b>D (L 6. P22)</b>	I. Governing council of the Jews
10. Abraham	<b>H (L3 P10)</b>	J. Requested for John's head in platter

### Section 3: Multiple Choices

Circle the most appropriate response for the following questions. (20 x 1 = 20 Points)

1. King \_\_\_\_\_ was a leader of the nation who constantly felt threatened by Jesus and his teaching amongst the people.

- A. Ahab    **B. Herod (L23 P86)**    C. Jehoshaphat    D. David

2. Abraham pleaded with God \_\_\_\_\_ times to save the people of Sodom & Gomorrah because of his concern for his nephew Lot.

- A. three    B. four    C. five    **D. six (L2 P6)**

3. 12. Jesus was baptized in the river \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Jordan (L17P63)**    B. Paran    C. Hebron    D. Shiloh

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ woman approached the well where Jesus was resting alone.

- A. Jewish    **B. Samaritan (L21 P78)**    C. Greek    B. Roman

5. Isaac was born to Sarah when she was about \_\_\_\_\_ years old  
A. 80      B. 85      **C. 90 (L3 P11)**      D. 95
6. \_\_\_\_\_ was the brother of Mary.  
**A. Lazarus (L24 P92)**      B. Peter      C. John      D. Martha
7. \_\_\_\_\_ followed Jesus from a distance when He was led away to the high priest's house.  
A. David      B. Elijah      C. Mathew      **D. Peter (L25 P94)**
8. What happened while Jonah was on the ship to Tarshish?  
A. There was a fire      B. There was a feast      **C. There was a storm (L4P13)**      D. none of the above
9. Jesus told the tax collectors and sinners the parable of \_\_\_\_\_  
A. The prodigal son      **B. The lost sheep (L19 P70)**  
C. Parable of the Mustard Seed      D. Parable of the Faithful Servant
10. Jesus sat by \_\_\_\_\_'s Well, while his disciples went to the village of Sychar, about a half mile away, to buy food.  
A. Moses      B. Isaiah      C. Judea      **D. Jacob (L21 P78)**
11. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ years old when he said "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"  
A. 11      **B. 12(L16 P60)**      C.14      D.20
12. Jesus was tempted by Satan in the desert for \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. 5 days      B. 23 days      C. 10 days      **D. 40 days (L18P66)**
13. Mary, Lazarus, and Martha lived in \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Bethlehem      **B. Bethany (L24 p91)**      C. Nazareth      D. none of the above
14. Peter denied Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ times  
A. Five      **B. Three ( L25P96)**      C. Ten      D. once
15. \_\_\_\_\_ was celebrated to remember the days that Jews escaped from Egypt.

**A. (Passover L16 P 60)** B. Holy C. Easter D. Christmas

16. God send an agenl of the Lord to rescue \_\_\_\_\_ from prison.  
A. Paul B. Andrew **C. Peter ( L26, P99)** D. Jo hn
17. Who was caught in a shipwreck?  
A. Jacob B. Josiah **C. Paul (L27 P103)** D. Peter
18. Who anointed Jesus’s feet with a costly perfume?  
A. Martha **B. Mary (L24 P91)** C. Peter D. David
19. What did Jonah tell the sailors to do?  
A. “Leave me alone” B. “Get out the ship and swim”  
**C. “Pick me up and throw me into the sea” (L4 P13)** D. “Don’t Worry”
20. What was Abraham’s previous name?  
A. Aaron **B. Abram (L3 P10)** C. Amen D. Rueben

## Section 4: Short Answers

Answer any four (4) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (5 x 4 = 20 Points)

1. What is prayer? Describe the components of the Lord’s prayer. (L.30. P.116)
  - Prayer is a conversation with LORD- where we can pour out our hearts just like we would do it with our close friend /parents
  - Prayer is a relationship with the Lord
  - Lords prayer can be divided into 2 Parts
  - The first three components of the prayer deals with God’s Glory: “Hallowed be your name”, “your kingdom come” and “your will be done”
  - The second three components deals with human needs: “Give us this day our daily bread”, “Forgive us our debts”, and “Lead us not into temptation.”
2. Soon after Jesus was baptized, the devil tries to tempt him into sin. Why did the devil try to tempt Jesus? (2 pts) What are the three sins that Jesus faced? (3 pts @ 1 pt ea.) (L18 P 3&4)
  - **The devil tempted Jesus to make him doubt his identity as the Son of God. 2 pts**
  - **Temptation of the flesh - to please your bodily needs immediatly 1 pt**
  - **Temptation of the eyes - desiring worldly wealth 1 pt**
  - **Temptation of pride - the promise of power 1 pt**
3. How did people react to Mary’s anointing of Jesus and why? (2pt) What was 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)**
4. What were God's specific instructions on gathering the manna? (L5 P17)
- **Gather enough food for that day. No more no less.**
  - **Each day God would give them that day's food.**
  - **They were to trust him each day for the very food they ate.**
  - **On the sixth day, he would provide two days' worth of food they were supposed to rest on the next day due to the rules of the sabbath.**
  - **If they disobeyed and tried to stock up the food would melt or rot away.**
5. Why was Jesus unhappy with the way the rich people Gave their gifts to God? Who gave the gift that god liked the most and why? What is the moral of the story? (L20 P74-75)
- **Rich people only gave only a portion of what they have.**
  - **The widow gave the gift that God liked the most**
  - **The widow put everything she had, and it came from her heart**
  - **Widow trusted in God to provide for her**
  - **God cares about how we give than how much we give (Our intention)**
6. What did God asked Jonah to do? What did Jonah do and what happened to him? What do we learn from this story? (L4 P13-14)
- **God wanted Jonah to Go Nineveh to cry out against their wickedness**
  - **Jonah decided to flee away from God presence to Tarshish**
  - **On his way to Tarshish Lord hurled a storm and he was thrown to into the sea**
  - **Large fish swallowed him, and Jonah was in the belly of fish for 3 days**
  - **Jonah tried to ignore God's call and attempted to run away. God is control of all events in our life.**

## **Section 5: Memory Verse**

Complete **any five (5)** of the following in the sheet provided. (5 x 5 = 25 Points)

- 1) 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 (L18 P69)**
- 2) While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud. **Exodus 16:10 ( L5 P.20)**
- 3) First of all, then, I urge that supplications, Prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone. **1 Timothy 2:1 (L2p.8)**
- 4) Be strong and Bold: have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you." **Deuteronomy 31:6 (L23.p89)**
- 5) You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. **Deuteronomy 6:5 ( L24.P93)**



10. The very nature of the Church constitutes the need for \_\_\_\_\_ worship and the Church gives primacy to worship.  
A. Individual B. **Corporate (MTFV 116)** C. True D. Full

## **Section 7: MTC Foundation & Vision**

Answer **any one (1)** of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (5 x 1 = 5 Points)

1. What is worship? **1 pts.** What are the basic elements of the Mar Thoma Worship Order? **3 pts.**  
Why do we use the standing posture during worship? **1 pt (MTFV P 116-117)**

**Any 2 for 1 pt.**

- **Worship is the adoration of God**
- **Worship is the highest activity of man, whose goal is to achieve God's glory**
- **It is through worship that the life and witness of the church are maintained and the community is united and built up.**

**½ pt each (total 3 pts)**

- **Word of God for nurturing**
- **Adoration**
- **Confession**
- **Thanksgiving**
- **Intercession**
- **Offering**

**We worship in the standing posture because we believe the Lord is present in this service and as an eastern mark of respect. We adore him in standing. (1pt)**

2. Describe the ways Holy Communion benefits the participants? (MTFV 119)

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

3. What does inter-communion mean? **1 pts.** Name the churches in India and America that have Inter-Communion with Marthoma Church **4 pts. (MTFV 114)**

**Inter-communion means allowing members of our church to receive Holy Communion from a church which has a special relationship with our church as agreed by the head of the churches (1 pt)**

- **We have inter-communion with the Episcopal Church in the United States and Anglican Church of Canada (2 pt)**
- **In India, we have inter-communion with the Church of South India (CSI) and Church of North India (CNI). (2 pts)**



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Time: 90 Minutes

Maximum Score: 100 Points

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1. God asked \_\_\_\_\_ to go and lay his hands on Saul so that Saul's sight may be restored.  
**Ananias (L.27, p.114)**
2. Abram settled in the land of Haran until his father \_\_\_\_\_ died.  
**Terah (L1, P2)**
3. \_\_\_\_\_ are wise men who studied the stars for a living.  
**Magi (L16 P67)**
4. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were the first two disciples of Jesus.  
**Simon and Andrew (L17, P69)**
5. Moses told the elders of Israel to apply the blood of the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on the doorpost of each Israelite home.  
**Passover Lamb (L5 P21)**
6. Joseph is sold to the Midianite traders, who came with the Ishmaelite caravan bound for,  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
**Egypt (L3, pg. 9)**
7. Jacob called the place that he wrestled with God \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Peniel (L2, pg. 5)**
8. Saul was on his way to \_\_\_\_\_ when a light from heaven flashed around him.  
**Damascus (L27 P112)**
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected.  
**Hellenists (L26 P108)**
10. Jesus told the church of \_\_\_\_\_ that they needed to "strengthen what remains and is about to Die".  
**Sardis (L.30, p.127)**



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1. James	<b>E (L17 P69)</b>	A. Blessings of the Spirit
2. Herod	<b>I (L16 P65)</b>	B. Tax collector
3. Wine	<b>J (L.24. p.99)</b>	C. Tenth Plague
4. Lazarus	<b>G. (L22 P89)</b>	D. One of Pharaoh's officials
5. Potiphar	<b>D (L3 P9)</b>	E. Son of Alphaeus
6. Nathanael	<b>H (L17 P70)</b>	F. Who was called the Twin
7. Peace and joy	<b>A (L.29, P122)</b>	G. Brother of Martha and Mary
8. Thomas	<b>F (L.25, P103)</b>	H. Son of Talmai
9. Zacchaeus	<b>B (L.20, P81 )</b>	I. King during the time of Jesus birth
10. Death of First Born	<b>C (L5 P21)</b>	J. Blood of Jesus

**Section 3: Multiple Choices**

Circle the most appropriate response for the following questions. (20 x 1 = 20 Points)

- All who were sitting in the council looked intently at Stephen, and they saw his face was like the.  
A. **Face of an Angel (L.26, p.110)** B. Face of Jesus C. Face of a Cherub  
D. Face of Priest
- \_\_\_\_\_ also known as Didymus, was the disciple who travelled to India.  
A. **Thomas (L17, p71)** B. Simon peter C. Andrew D. John
- Where was Abram when God asked him to go to the promised land:  
A. Ur B. Bethel C. Cannan D. **Haran (L1 P1)**
- God asked Abram to leave his father's land which was called \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Canaan B. **Ur (L1, P.2)** C. Shechem D. Haran
- Zacchaeus told the Lord he would pay back \_\_\_\_\_ times the amount to anybody he cheated?  
A. Three B. Ten C. **Four (L20 P81)** D. Seve
- God instructed John to write about his visions to how many churches in Asia?  
A. Ten B. Twelve C. **Seven (L30 P125)** D. Three



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7. Paul warns that the way to avoid the flesh is to live through the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. World B. **Spirit (L.29, p.122)** C. Body D. Soul
8. Who was referred to as "a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit"?
- A. Philip B. Timon C. **Stephen (L26 P108)** D. Ananias
9. Where was Joseph taken to after he was sold by his brothers?
- A. Shechem B. **Egypt (L3 P9)** C. Dothan D. Gilead
10. For where your treasure is, there your \_\_\_\_\_ will be also.
- A. Mind B. Body C. Soul D. **Heart (L18 P73)**
11. What was the first plague that happened in Egypt because Pharaoh would not listen?
- A. Frogs B. Livestock diseased C. **Water turned to blood (L5 P19)**  
D. Darkness
12. Parts of Psalms 119 describe how the Israelites felt about God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Love B. Judgement C. **Laws (L23 P95)** D. People
13. For the Passover preparations, Jesus asked his disciples to meet a man carrying \_\_\_\_\_ and follow him to the house he enters and speak to the owner of the house.
- A. Basket of bread B. 1year old lamb C. **Jar of water (L24 P98)** D. Bundle of corn
14. Of the twelve disciples, who was the first to become a martyr?
- A. Simon B. Andrew C. John D. **James the Elder (L17 P2)**
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the symbol of the New Covenant for all those who believe in Jesus.
- A. Body B. Food C. **Blood (L.24 P99)** D. Cup
16. Who wrote the Book of Revelation?
- A. Mark B. Peter C. Luke D. **John (L.30)**
17. Jesus stated "you are the light of the world" as part of his \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Lord's prayer B. Healing C. **Sermon on the Mount (L18 P73)** D. Fasting
18. In Jewish Concept ,the full meaning of Peace is \_\_\_\_\_?
- A. Confession B. **Completeness (L29 P121)** C. Joy D. Power
19. James, John, Simon Peter and Andrew were:
- A. **Fishermen (L17 P69)** B. Carpenters C. Shepherds D. Farmers



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20. In the old Testament book of Deuteronomy chapter 6, where did God ask the Israelites to write down his commandments?

- A. The bible   B. **Doorposts (L23 P94)**   C. Diaries   D. Walls

### Section 4: Short Answers

Answer any four (4) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (5 x 4 = 20 Points)

1. Explain how Saul went from persecuting Christians to becoming one of the most powerful leaders of the Christian faith? **(L.27) 1 pt. each (max 5)**

- Saul's next target was Damascus. He had letters from the High Priest so that if he found any people who belonged to the Way, they would be captured and brought to Jerusalem.
- As he approached Damascus light from heaven flashed around him and a voice called out to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me."
- When Saul asked, "Who are you Lord?" The response was "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting". Saul was blinded by this experience and had to be led by people into Damascus.
- God reached out to Ananias who was a Christian in a vision to go lay hands on Saul so that Saul could receive sight. Things like scales fell off his eyes and he could see again.
- Saul baptized and soon began preaching the Gospel.

2. Explain what happened in the Parable of good Samaritan? Why did Jesus tell this story? **(L.19) 1pt each (5 pts max)**

- A man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was attacked by robbers. They took all his money and left him half dead on the side of the road.
- Soon a priest came by and went to the other side of the road and did not help the man. Next a Levite (priest's assistant) came by, stopped, looked at the man and then walked by on the other side.
- A man from Samaria, called a Samaritan came by. Jews and Samaritans were sworn enemies at this time.
- The Samaritan stopped and helped the Jewish man, put medicine on his wounds and took him to a hotel, where he continued to look after him and paid the owner of the hotel some money and told to take care of the man.
- By telling the story Jesus teaches us that we need to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, strength and mind and we should love our neighbours as we love ourselves. Jesus also shows us that the Kingdom of God requires action – not just talk.



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3. Who was Stephen? What were the charges brought against him? How was Stephen able to be bold to speak the truth to his enemies? **(L 26) 1 pt. each (max 5)**
- Stephen was one of the seven men who were full of the spirit and wisdom in charge of the food distribution.
  - He was a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit.
  - He did great wonders and signs among the people.
  - He used the powers God had given him to help others.
  - These actions led other people to glorify God and accept Jesus as their saviour and some of the Jews to consider him as an enemy.
  - Stephen was charged for talking offensive against Moses and God and was brought before the council. Everyone in the council looked intently at him and could see face of an Angel on his face.  
Because of the grace of God, he had the wisdom and the Spirit to defend his faith in Jesus Christ
4. Who wrestled with Jacob and how did the fight end? What is his new name and what does it mean?  
**(L2) 1 pt. each**
- God wrestled with Jacob until daybreak.
  - Jacob wouldn't let go until he was blessed by Him.
  - God struck him on the hip socket and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.
  - Jacob called the place Peniel
  - Jacob's new name is Israel which means May God prevail
5. What is an altar? What were they made of during the time of Abram? Describe the purpose and significance of altars during the time of Abram. **(L1P3)**
- **Altar is an elevated, or high place that has a mound or platform where animals or grain were placed on and set fire to, as a sacrifice for God.**
  - **They were built using earth or stones.**
  - **Altars were a means of worshipping God**
  - **Altars were built in place where they could be easily identified.**
  - **Altars often acted as landmarks or milestones which marked sacred ground for other travelers.**
6. What symbols did Jesus use at the Last Supper and what is the meaning of these symbols? Explain the New Covenant? **(L24 P99)**
- The bread symbolizes Jesus body
  - The wine symbolizes His blood.
  - The bread is a symbol for us to remember the sacrifice of Jesus when he was crucified.



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- The wine is the blood poured out for us on the cross. A symbol of the New Covenant for those who believe in Jesus.
- The New Covenant is that Jesus was sent to die on the cross for our sins.

### Section 5: Memory Verse

Complete **any five (5)** of the following in the sheet provided. (5 x 5 = 25 Points)

1. Though I walk **in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.** *Psalm 138:7 (L.16, p65)*
2. I am the living **bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.**” *John 6:51 (L.24, P 98)*
3. When Pharaoh does not **listen to you, I will lay my hand upon Egypt and bring my people the Israelites, company by company, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgement.** *Exodus 7:4 (L5 P19)*
4. you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ **31 The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.**” *Mark 12:30-31 (L.23, P 94)*
5. 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, P.73)**
6. “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 (L29 P 120)*
7. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. **Gen 12:2 (L1, P1)**

### Section 6: MTC Foundation & Vision Multiple Choices



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Circle the most appropriate response for the following questions. (10 x 1 = 10 Points)

- The Gospels were translated into Malayalam in 1811 by \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. **Claudius Buchanan**                      C. Abraham Malpan  
B. Vasco de Gama                              D. Jacob Bardeaus  
A. (MTFV P.136)
- The term, in relation to the church, that refers to all people of faith in Jesus Christ or the whole body of Christians.  
A. The church is a pilgrim community      C. The church is a worshipping community  
B. The church is Apostolic                      D. **The church is catholic**  
D. (MTFV P.132)
- The word Malpan means \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. **Teacher**                      C. Priest  
B. Father                              D. Saint  
A. (MTFV P.139)
- In what city the disciples and other believers gathered for prayer on the day of Pentecost?  
A. Bethlehem                                      C. Nazareth  
B. **Jerusalem (MTFV P130)**                      D. Jericho
- What was the declaration of independence of the Malankara church from foreign control?  
A. Edict of Milan                                      C. Diamper Synod  
B. Nestorianism                                      D. **Coonen Cross Oath (MTFV P136)**
- What is the most visible characteristic of the church?  
A. Catholic                                      C. **Worshipping Community (L1/P132)**  
B. Pilgrim Community                              D. Holy
- The Nestorian Liturgy was in the \_\_\_\_\_ language, the language spoken by Jesus Christ.  
A. Greek    C. **Aramaic (L2, pg. 135)**  
B. Hebrew    D. English
- Who is the supreme authority of the Mar Thoma Church?  
A. **Metropolitan (L4, pg. 142)**                      C. Sabha Mandalam  
B. Clergy    D. Diocesan Council
- The Elected Executive Committee of the Diocesan Assembly is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. **Diocesan Council (L5, pg. 148)**                      C. Episcopal Synod  
B. Sabha Mandalam                                      D. Laity
- Who is the president of Parish Administration?



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- A. Vicar (L4, pg. 143)
- B. Bishop

- C. Laity
- D. Episcopa

**Section 7: MTC Foundation & Vision**

Answer **any one (1)** of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (5 x 1 = 5 Points)

1. What is “Coonen Cross Oath”? Explain the circumstances behind this oath and why it is so important. (MTFV P135-136) 1pt each (5 pts max)

- The “Coonen Cross Oath” was a pledge taken by a group of Christians in Kerala
- They declared, “We and our children shall never be under Rome.”
- In 1653, about 25,000 devoted Christians under the leadership of Archdeacon Thomas and 633 priests marched to Cochin fort.
- They were confronted by Portuguese soldiers.
- They withdrew to a church at Mattancherry, where there was a cross.
- They tied ropes to the cross and touching the ropes they took the above pledge.
- The cross was slightly leaning and so the oath is known as “Coonen Cross Oath.”

2. Who are the members of the Episcopal Synod? What is its responsibility? What is the Metropolitan’s role in the Episcopal Synod? (MTFV P142)

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

3. List the 5 prayers and practices that were discarded as a result of the reformation. (L3, p139-140)

- A. Mediation through the so-called saints
- B. Prayer and adoration to Virgin Mary
- C. Prayer and mass for the dead
- D. Confession to the priest
- E. False teachings and practices like paying money to priests for forgiveness of sins, etc.



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Time: 90 Minutes

Maximum Score: 100 Points

**Section 1 – Multiple Choice**

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

1. This concept is derived from the Latin word “imago dei’.  
**a. image of God**      b. glory of God      c. grace of God      d. light of God
2. The branch of the river that flows out of Eden and around the whole land of Havilah is \_\_\_\_\_  
**a. Pishon**      b. Gihon      c. Tigris      d. Euphrates
3. Who is the father-in-law of Moses?  
**a. Jethro**      b. Caleb      c. Joshua      d. Abram
- ~~4. The name of the mountain where God appeared to Moses in a burning bush is \_\_\_\_\_  
**a. Bethel**      **b. Canaan**      **c. Horeb**      **d. Sinai**~~
5. The (name) poor man laying at the gate of the Rich man in need of food and shelter is  
a. Luke      **b. Lazarus**      c. Neman      d. Job
6. Who will be sent by Jesus for your guidance and comfort  
a. Elijah      b. Elisha      **c. Holy Spirit**      d. Joshua
7. The Greek word used for the Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_  
**a. Parakletos**      b. Parable      c. Synonym      d. Pentateuch
8. Where was Jesus Brought up?  
a. Jerusalem      b. Bethlehem      **c. Nazareth**      d. Horeb
9. Where was the portion of scripture taken from that Jesus read in the synagogue and then said He is fulfilling this prophecy?  
a. Ezekiel      b. Micah      **c. Isaiah**      d. Daniel  
*PS: The spelling of Isaiah was misspelled as Isiah*
10. What did the foolish bride’s maids run out of while waiting with the others?  
**a. Oil**      b. money      c. time      d. water
11. At what festival gathering did Jesus wash the disciples’ feet?  
a. Purim      b. Hanukkah      **c. Passover**      d. Wedding at Cana
- ~~12. The meaning of the word Koinonia is \_\_\_\_\_~~

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~~a. Have in common~~ ~~b. fellowship~~ ~~c. harmony~~ ~~d. agreement~~

13. \_\_\_\_\_ did not experience death but was taken up to heaven.  
**a. Enoch**                      b. Noah                      c. Abraham                      d. Samuel
14. Peter went to \_\_\_\_\_ to the house of Cornelius  
a. Joppa                      **b. Caesarea**                      c. Jerusalem                      d. Judah
15. Where did the eleven disciples meet to receive the Holy Spirit?  
a. Bethlehem                      b. Judah                      **c. Galilee**                      d. Palestine
16. Moses was told to go back to \_\_\_\_\_ to free the Israelites  
a. Lebanon                      **b. Egypt**                      c. Jordan                      d. Iran
17. The name Abraham means \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Exalted father                      **b. Father of nations**                      c. Comfort                      d. Salvation is mine
18. The story of Jesus cleansing the temple is mentioned in which gospel?  
a. Matthew                      b. Mark                      c. John                      **d. all of these**
19. After Jesus' resurrection, He stayed ----- days on the earth before returning to heaven.  
**a. 40**                      b. 30                      c. 7                      d. 50
- ~~20. Who was appointed by God to anoint David as the King of Israel?~~  
~~a. Samuel~~ ~~b. Jeremiah~~ ~~c. Elijah~~ ~~d. Ananias~~
21. What did the Lord say to the five foolish Virgins?  
**a. I know you not.**                      b. Your faith is too weak  
c. You shall be beaten with lashes                      d. You shall leave the place
22. What was Cornelius' occupation?  
a. Carpenter                      **b. Centurion**                      c. Governor                      d. Treasurer
23. \_\_\_\_\_ was a German Catholic Priest and professor of theology that lived from 1483-1546, who was instrumental in starting the Protestant Reformation.  
a. Peter                      **b. Martin Luther**                      c. Abraham Malpan                      d. Deacon Athanasius
24. Adam and Eve were warned by God that they would die if they ate from the Tree of knowledge. What kind of death is referred to here?  
**a. spiritual**                      b. emotional                      c. physical                      d. hell
25. This parable teaches us that we need to think seriously about our eternal life when we are in this world:  
a. Two debtors                      b. Prodigal son                      c. vineyard                      **d. The rich man & Lazarus**

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### 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. Describe why God created woman, how He created, and relationship that God desired between man and woman.

Creation of Woman: (Genesis 2:18, 21, 22)

**“Then the LORD GOD said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone;**

**’The Bible says that Eve was created to be Adam’s, partner, helper or companion, to govern for God over the earth. So the LORD GOD caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then God took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD GOD had taken from the man He made into a woman and brought her to the man.”**

**This shows the close relationship between man and woman. In verse 2:24, we read, “Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.”**

2. What is Prayer? What are 4 types of Prayer taught in the lesson?

Types of prayer (lesson 16)

**This is what our relationship with God should be like, we should have the urge to call on him whenever we are in need, not just during set prayer times. Luke 21:36 says to be alert and praying at all times.**

**There are many different ways to pray and sometimes our prayers can become focused on worldly things, but we can use A.C.T.S. to help us have powerful prayers. A- Adoration; C- Confession; T- Thanksgiving; S- Supplication.**

**Adoration is the prayer of praise, confession is asking God for forgiveness, thanksgiving is appreciating the blessings you have received from Him, and Supplication is prayer for others who are undergoing difficulties in their lives.**

3. Describe the Abrahamic Covenant, and the 3 main promises to the Abrahamic Covenant.

**Abrahamic Covenant - The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**

- a. God made promises to Abraham because of his faithfulness
- b. Promise of Land
- c. Promise of descendants
- d. Promise of blessings and redemption

4. How did Jesus celebrate the Feast of the Passover?

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Jesus Spent his last supper with his disciples. He sat down for the meal with them; He knew it was time for Him to return to His Father. He got up from the table, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. He poured water into a basin and washed his disciples' feet and dried them. By doing so Jesus demonstrated the greatest example of humility. He pointed out to him disciples, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Jesus gave credit to His Father in all things.

5. Explain the steps in the humility of Christ, as traced by Paul.

Paul traces the steps in the humility of Christ:

- a. He emptied Himself, laying aside the independent use of His own attributes as God;
- b. He permanently became a human, in a sinless physical body;
- c. He used that body to be a servant;
- d. He took that body to the cross and willingly died.

6. Explain 4 truths that can be explained by the Kingdom of God?

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

### SECTION 3

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

1. "Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world;" (1 John 2:15)

2. "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (Genesis 12:2-3)

3. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. (Luke 11: 9)

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4. "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)

5. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27)

6. "Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5: 15-16)

7. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— 9 not the result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

### 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)

- The St. James Liturgy is largely based on the gospel of \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Mathew                      b. Luke                      c. Mark                      **d. John**
- Kappa and other vestments that our Achens wear are similar in design to those made for \_\_\_\_\_  
a. **Aaron**                      b. Samuel                      c. David                      d. Elijah
- The table that serves as an altar is known as \_\_\_\_\_ -  
a. Tableetha                      **b. Thronos**                      c. Kappa                      d. Madhbaha
- The visitation of the wise men is known as \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Ariyippu                      **b. Epiphany**                      c. Lent                      d. Easter
- ~~5. The church calendar that gives us information about church events and readings is known as \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Dictionary                      b. Our daily bread                      c. Lectionary                      d. Bibliography~~
- The Cross that Mar Thoma Church uses is known as \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Eastern Cross                      **b. Easter Cross**                      c. Crucifix                      d. American Cross
- The proclamation of our ~~creed~~/faith is known as \_\_\_\_\_  
a. **Nicene creed**                      b. Confession                      c. Qurabana                      d. Lord's prayer
- The Great Lent lasts for \_\_\_\_\_ days.  
a. 60 days                      **b. 50 days**                      c. 25 days                      d. 3 days
- ~~9. Who prepared the first draft of Nicene Creed?  
a. Pope                      b. Deacon Athanasius                      c. Church of England                      d. Mar Thoma church~~

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10. The ----- is the season of waiting for the birth of Christ.

**a. Advent**

b. Christmas

c. Easter

d. Lent

### Section 5 Mar Thoma Church: Our Foundation and Vision

**Choose any two (2) from the following** to write a short essay in approximately 5 or more sentences. *Please circle the question that would be answered (2 x 5pts = 10 pts Total)*

1. What are the basic factors upheld in the creed?

- We believe in one true God, the father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible
- We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life
- We believe in one, Holy, Catholic and apostolic church
- We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins and look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the new life of the world to come

2. Explain the following terms: Tableetha, Thronos, Madbaha, Dhoopakutty (Censer)

- **Tableetha:** It is a small rectangular wooden tablet or board placed upon the Thronos. Tableetha can be used as a portable altar. It is a reminder for purity.
- **Thronos:** The consecrated table that serves as the altar in the Madbaha is called 'Thronos'. The Thronos is made of stone and is a symbol of divine presence. This is the table, which is used for the consecration of the elements in the Holy Qurbana.
- **Madbaha:** The word Madbaha is an Aramaic word meaning an altar to celebrate the Qurbana. Madbaha reminds us of the divine presence of God.
- **Dhoopakutty (Incense and Censer):** an offering. The smoke from the incense is a symbol of the divine presence. The cloud and incense stand for the invisible presence of the Lord. Three chains on censer stand for the Holy Trinity. The bells attached to the chains symbolizes the teachings of the twelve Apostles.

3. Describe at least 4 days observed Valia noimbu (Great lent) in detail.

- **40th Friday** - Friday previous to Palm Sunday. It commemorates Jesus victory over Satan at the end of 40 days of fasting in the wilderness.
- **Palm Sunday (Hosanna):** Palm Sunday on the Sunday before Easter, celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Jesus rode a donkey to Jerusalem, a large crowd of people spread out palm branches on the ground before him as a sign of his kingship.
- **Maundy Thursday:** It is the remembrance of the Passover meal. In the New Testament it denotes the last meal of Jesus Christ with his disciples. The Holy Qurbana was instituted on this day by our Lord.
- **Good Friday:** Good Friday is the day of the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. Jesus died for our sins.
- **Easter Sunday:** On Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

### Section 6 – Essay (10 points)

**Choose one (1) from the following two topics** to write an essay in approximately 150 words.

**Please circle the question** that would be answered.

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1. Write about the following incidents that we learn from Acts 10?
  - a. Cornelius's vision (2pt)
  - b. Peter's Vision (3)
  - c. What did Peter do after the vision? (2)
  - d. What was Peter's message to the Gentiles and happened there? (3)

One afternoon Cornelius had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside."

Peter went up on the roof to pray, he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

Peter met the three men sent by Cornelius, he invited them in and gave them lodging. The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believers from Joppa accompanied him to Caesarea.

On Peter's arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshiped him. But Peter made him get up, saying, "Stand up; I am only a mortal." And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; and he said to them, "You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

2. What is the Meaning of Faith? (2) Write about the faith of the following people mentioned in Hebrews 11:  
Abel (1pt), Enoch (2pts), Noah (2pts), Abraham (3pts)

The author of Hebrews defines **faith** as "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. We understand that having faith does not mean we know all the answers or know what's going to happen before we put our trust in God.

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By faith **Abel** offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks.

By faith **Enoch** was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God."

By faith **Noah**, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

In the case of **Abraham**, God promised to make Abraham into great nation and bless him. Abraham along with his wife and nephew left Haran and set out to Canaan. Abraham did not know all the details of what God had in store for him but he obeyed immediately. He did not question God or doubt him. He simply obeyed because he believed God had his best intentions at heart. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.<sup>12</sup> By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac.



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**Grade 8**

Time: 90 Minutes

Maximum Score: 100 Points

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

1. The word 'Genesis' comes from the Greek word meaning \_\_\_\_\_  
a. beginning                      b. movement                      c. word of God                      d. power  
**A L1P2**
  
2. The man named his wife Eve, because she was \_\_\_\_\_?  
a. the mother of Cain and Abel                      b. his wife  
c. the mother of all living                      d. the first woman  
**C L2 P6**
  
3. In response to a question from God, \_\_\_\_\_ responded with, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"  
a. Abel                      b. Cain                      c. Jonah                      d. Ruben  
**B L3 P11**
  
4. Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a \_\_\_\_\_ vengeance.  
a. sevenfold                      b. seventyfold  
c. Sixfold                      d. Sixtyfold  
**A L3 P11**
  
5. Exodus20:17 says You shall not \_\_\_\_\_ your neighbour's house.  
a. covet                      b. steal from                      c. burn down                      d. destroy  
**A L4 P16**
  
6. To whom did God say, I am your Shield; your reward shall be very great.  
a. Isaiah                      b. Abram                      c. Samuel                      d. Elijah  
**B L5 P21**
  
7. In the parable of the prodigal son, the older brother symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Jesus                      b. Pharisees                      c. Priest                      d. good friend  
**B L16 P77**

8. The parable of the lost son is the last one in the trio of parables in the book of Luke chapter 15, celebrating the finding of a lost item. Which was the first parable of the three?

- a. The Parable of The Lost Sheep
- b. The Parable of The Sower
- c. The Parable of The Lost Coin
- d. The Parable of The Grain of Mustard Seed

**A L16 P74**

9. "Pontifex maximus" means \_\_\_\_\_

- a. High priest
- b. Emperor
- c. Augustus
- d. Tiberius Caesar

**A L17 P82**

10. \_\_\_\_\_ is a comparison of heavenly truths with earthly illustration.

- a. fables
- b. story
- c. Parable
- d. symbolisation

**C L18 P86**

11. Name the disciple of Jesus who was crucified upside down

- a. Stephen
- b. Simon Peter
- c. Philip
- d. Thomas

**B L20 P96**

12. \_\_\_\_\_ was the first disciple to be martyred for the cause of Jesus.

- a. Simon Peter
- b. Andrew
- c. John
- d. James

**D L20 P96**

13. The book of revelation was written in Exile by John in the Island of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Cyprus
- b. Patmos
- c. crete
- d. Kios

**B L20 P97**

14. Apostle \_\_\_\_\_ discovered the reason he had a physical ailment was to keep him from 'being puffed up'. He found total satisfaction when the lord spoke to him and said, "My grace is sufficient for me; my power is strongest when you are weak." Name the apostle who had the physical ailment.

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

**D L21 P101**

15. \_\_\_\_\_ advised King Ahaz not to be afraid of King of Syria and King of Israel and that Judah Would win over the enemies

- a. Moses
- b. Elisha
- c. Isaiah
- d. Micah

**C L22 P105**

16. Where was Jesus baptized?

- a. Galilee
- b. Tigris
- c. Jordan
- d. Siloam

**C L23 P108**

17. Which disciple went to his brother and said that he had found the messiah

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

**C L24 P113**

18. When Jesus asked the disciples to feed the multitude, \_\_\_\_\_ said, "it is not possible to feed all those people in that remote village." Who said this?

- a. Philip                      b. Peter                      c. Andrew                      d. John

**A L24 P114**

19. Jesus sat on a hill that rose above the city of \_\_\_\_\_ and began to teach the disciples and the people which from then is known as the Sermon on the Mount.

- a. Bethlehem    b. Joppa    c. Capernaum    d. Bethany

**C L25 P117**

20. Zacchaeus was the chief of the tax collectors at \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Capernaum    b. Jerusalem    c. Jericho    d. Bethsaida

**C L26 P120-121**

21. God helped the Jewish people escape slavery by bringing ten plagues on Egypt. The last of these plagues was the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. plague of locusts                      b. plague of darkness  
c. plague of livestock                      d. death of the first born

**D L27 P125**

22. The Six stone water Jars at the Wedding in Cana was for the Jewish Rites of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Purification                      b. Cleansing                      c. Wine making                      d. Drinking

**A L28 P127**

23. Sea of Tiberius is also known as \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Red Sea                      b. Sea of Galilee                      c. Sea of Cana                      d. Euphrates

**B L29 P131**

24. \_\_\_\_\_ Sister of Lazarus came to Jesus and said to him, "Lord if you had been here, my brother would have not have died.

- a. Martha                      b. Mary                      c. Bethany                      d. Miriam

**B L30 P137**

25. \_\_\_\_\_ is the relationship that unites disciples to Christ as branches are united to vine.

- a. Joy                      b. Love                      c. Peace                      d. Obedience

**B L19 P93**

**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. List the First Five Commandments in order.  
**(L4, 16) (1Pt Each)**

- You shall have no other Gods Before me.
- You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.
- You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the lord.
- Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.
- Honor your father and mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the lord your god is giving you.

2. In the parable of the lost son, what did the lost son do to get the acceptance of his father?

**L16 P74-76**

- Realisation of his error: After the younger son had wasted everything he inherited from his father and he was left poor and hungry, he realised the consequences of his actions. He knew he had brought shame to his father and his family by his selfish action.
- Remorse: The son realised he was no longer worthy to be called the son of the household He realised his mistake and felt remorseful about what he had done
- Decision to return home to ask forgiveness: The son then decided to return home and ask forgiveness of his father.
- He did not expect to be welcomed back or treated with the respect due to a son, yet he went back home and apologized to his father which shows his sincere repentance.
- His father seeing him return welcomed him joyfully and treated him with love and honour

3. God created human beings as the crown of his creation.

What three things did God tell humankind to do? (3 pts.)

What is man's responsibility towards God's creation? (2pts)

**L1 P1-2**

God said:

1. Be fruitful and multiply,
2. fill the earth and subdue it; and
3. have dominion over the "fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth"

God gave man the responsibility to take care of his creation. Ruling over and subduing the earth does not mean we can exploit it or destroy it. We are responsible for nurturing it with creativity and care

4. What does the word Immanuel mean? (1pt)

List the four characteristics of a man who lives with God (4pt)

**L22 P104, 106**

- Immanuel means God is with us.
- A man who lives with God will not go to places which He does not like;
- He/We will not hear what he is/we are not allowed to hear
- He/We will not think what he is/we are prohibited to think and
- He/We will not do what he/we should not do, he/we will do only what He likes.

5. Explain in detail the healing ministry of Jesus in the Town of Capernaum?

**(L21, P100, 101) (1 Pt each)**

- Jesus was visiting a house in Capernaum. Four friends carried a paralyzed man to Jesus.
- When Jesus saw the faith of his friends, who lowered the paralyzed man through the roof Jesus was moved.
- Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “My son your sins are forgiven.
- Jesus recognized the bold faith of paralyzed man and his friends. Jesus showed compassion to the paralyzed man and healed him by his words.
- Jesus saw four men who did not give up and their perseverance. Jesus saw their efforts and their time and the cost they paid to bring a paralysed man for healing. Jesus saw the faith, determination and concern for others in the actions and those four men were instruments in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

6. Jesus while delivering his sermon on the mount of Sinai called the people, ‘the Salt of the earth’ and ‘the Light of the world’.

Explain the function of the salt and Light? 2 pts

Why did Jesus compare the people to Salt and Light? 3 pts.

**L25 P117-118**

Salt’s function is to give flavour and restrain corruption

Light dispels darkness

We are compared to Salt so that we as Christians will give the flavour of Christ to the people around us. We are also called to lead a pure life and to hinder the world’s corruption.

Jesus as the light of the world transferred his light to his disciples and they in turn helped to rescue

the people out of their dark lives/ the darkness of the sin in their lives. By believing in Jesus and living a pure life, we are called to set an example/ shine our light on the people around us and to

lead them out of the darkness into the light of the Almighty Lord.

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

1. Jesus Said to her, **“I am the resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.** Do you believe this? (John 11:25 -26) (L30, P141)

2. Now faith is the assurance **of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. And without faith it is impossible to please god, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards** those who seek him. (Hebrews 11:1,6) (L3, P14)

3. I, I am he **who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember** your sins. (Isaiah 43:25) (L16, P79)

4. Then pay **attention to how you listen; for to those who have, more will be given; and from those who do not have, even what they seem to have** will be taken away. (Luke 8:18) (L18, P89)
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) (L19, 94)
6. Listen! I am standing **at the door, Knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, i will come in to you and eat with you**, and you with me. (Rev 3:20) (L 26, P123)
7. By faith Abraham, **when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up** his only son. Hebrews 11:17 (L5 P25)

**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 the “matter” used in Confirmation?
  - a. Oil
  - b. wine
  - c. Basin
  - d. Mooron

**D MTFV P174**
2. In the St. James Liturgy, Prayer of Epiclesis is:
  - a. Communication of blessings in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit
  - b. A recall on Jesus’ act of salvation through earthly life, death and resurrection
  - c. Remembrance of ordained clergies, evangelist, believers, the forefathers etc.
  - d. The prayer to the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine.

**D MTFV P181**
3. Confession is part of which Sacrament?
  - a. Communion
  - b. Confirmation
  - c. Baptism
  - d. Ordination

**A MTFV P174**
4. What indicates ‘good grace’ bestowed upon the participants?
  - a. Qurbana
  - b. Eucharist
  - c. Holy Communion
  - d. Lord’s Supper

**B MTFV P179**
5. Who is the celebrant in a sacrament?
  - a. Parent
  - b. Priest
  - c. Participant
  - d. God



2. Write any of the 10 parts of the St. James liturgy used by the Mar Thoma Church?  
**(MTVF, P180) (0.5 Pt Each)**

- 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

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

**MTFV P176-177**

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

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

1. In the parable of the Sower, explain the spiritual context of the story.

Introduction: who is the farmer and what is the seed?? (2pts)

who or what is being compared to soil in the parable? (1pt)

Explain the spiritual context of the four different soil types described in the story. (1.25 x 4 = 5pts)

Conclusion: what do you understand from the parable (2pt)

L18 P86-88. The answer must contain the following points:

- The farmer is Jesus Christ or our God and the Seed is the Word of God

- Soils are the ways in which we/people respond to the word of God. It shows the condition of our/ their hearts.
- Explanation of the four soil types: ideally each soil type must be listed and a brief explanation of the same:

**Soil of a path:** the hard ground represents someone who is hardened by sin; he hears but does not understand the Word, and Satan plucks the message away, keeping the heart dull and preventing the Word from making an impression.

**Rocky Soil:** The stony ground represents a man who accepts the word of God; however, his heart is not changed, and when trouble arises, his so-called faith quickly disappears as it is not rooted in the Word of God.

**Thorny Soil:** The thorny ground represents one who seems to receive the Word, but whose heart is full of thoughts of riches, pleasures, and lusts; the things of this world take his time and attention away from the Word, and he ends up having no time for it.

**Good soil:** The good ground portrays the one who hears, understands, and receives the Word—and then allows the Word to accomplish its result in his life.

**Conclusion** The man represented by the “good ground” is the only one of the four who is truly saved, because salvation’s proof is fruit

**OR**

- 2 a. Whose Disciple was Andrew before he was called by Jesus? (1 Point) L24P113

**Ans:** Andrew was John’s disciple before being called by Jesus.

- a. What was the other name of Peter? (1 Point) L24P113

**Ans:** Cephas

- c. What was Andrew’s Profession? (1 Point) L24P114

**Ans:** Andrew was a Fisherman by trade.

- d. Explain the Nature and Quality of Andrew’s Ministry? (7 Points) L24P114

1. **Andrew Begins his ministry at home:** Andrew went back to home and told his brother that he has found the messiah, brought his brother peter and introduced him to Jesus.

2. **Spiritual desire and thirst of Andrew:** We can see a spiritual thirst and desire in Andrew and begins the ministry immediately at home. The Mission field is first at home and the ministry begins in his life. Here Andrew teaches that the need of mission is urgent. Andrew had the spiritual thirst and he could generate a spiritual thirst in the life of his brother peter.

3. **Immediate response and availability of Andrew:** Jesus is looking for the availability of people for his ministry, not the ability. Andrew was ready to change his course of life in to the mission of Jesus as per his calling. He realised the urgency of the call and responded immediately to that call.

4. **Faith of Andrew:** Andrew has a great faith in Jesus and was willing to leave everything behind and follow him. His faith was remarkable to follow a new leader, Jesus blindly without seeing anything tangible in the future. Bible says ‘without faith it is impossible to please God’. There was no earthly reason for Andrew to leave everything and follow Jesus except his blind faith in Jesus and as him as the messiah.

**5. Friendliness of Andrew:** Andrew has another great quality in his life that his friendliness with the people even with little children. We can see that Andrew was the one who introduced the little boy with five loaves and two fish to Jesus. Andrew brought him to Jesus which helped to feed the multitude of five thousand.

**6. Solution oriented attitude of Andrew:** When Jesus asked the Disciples to feed the multitude, Philip said "it is not possible to feed all those people in that remote village. But Andrew saw a great possibility in the food package of this little boy.

**7. Global Vision outlook of Andrew:** Andrew had a global outlook of the ministry of Jesus. When most of the other disciples believed that Jesus came to establish a Jewish Kingdom and only for the Jewish people. Andrew believed that Jesus came for the whole world, so he introduced a foreigner to Jesus.



**MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS**  
**DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE**  
**2018 Diocesan Exam: Grade 9**

Time: 90 Minutes

Maximum Score: 100 Points

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

1. In the original Hebrew text, what does “dominion” mean?  
a. To exploit      b. To control      c. To be responsible for      d. To steward  
**C, L1PG3**
2. Samuel was dedicated to God from birth by his parents and He grew up under the leadership of \_\_\_\_\_, the High Priest.  
a. Elkanah      b. Eli      c. Hannah      d. Saul  
**B, L2 PG7**
3. In Genesis 1,1, the original Hebrew translation uses the word “Bara” meaning: \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Dark      b. Create out of nothing      c. God      d. light  
**B, L1 PG2**
4. The book of Psalms are divided into \_\_\_\_\_ sections.  
a. 7      b. 3      c. 10      d. 5  
**D, L3 PG11**
5. Who is believed to have written Psalm 42? \_\_\_\_\_  
a. King David      b. Asaph      c. Cush      d. Jeduthun  
**A, L3 PG 11**
6. The Ten Commandments is also known as the \_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_ covenant.  
a. Sinai; Lord’s      b. Torah; Mosaic      c. Sinai; Mosaic      d. Torah; Lord’s  
**C, L4 P15**
7. God appointed man as \_\_\_\_\_ over his creation; or in other words, to be responsible for the creation  
a. servants      b. slaves      c. stewards      d. a sacrifice  
**C, L1 PG3**
8. What are the three specific offerings described within the first three chapters of Leviticus?  
a. Burnt offering, cereal offering, fellowship offering

- b. Worship offering, burnt offering, grain offering
- c. Burnt offering, grain offering, fellowship offering
- d. Fellowship offering, burnt offering, cereal offering

**C, L5 P19**

9. Paul is known as the 'apostle of the \_\_\_\_\_,' for he was instrumental in making the good news assessable to \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Gentiles; non-Jews
- b. Jews; non-Gentiles
- c. All of the above
- d. None of the above

**A, L16P69**

10. Who helped Joseph of Arimathea bury the body of Jesus?

- a. Mary, mother of Jesus
- b. Mary Magdalene
- c. Mary, source unknown
- d. Nicodemus

**D, L17P74**

11. 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

**B, L17P72**

12. The early Christians never felt what they had was their own and was willing to share their possessions with the needy. Who was the man from Cyprus who sold all his property and gave it to the Apostles?

- a. Barnabas
- b. Sapphira
- c. Ananias
- d. James

**A, L18 PG 77**

13. Salvation is a gift and does not \_\_\_\_\_ on good deeds, but it \_\_\_\_\_ in good deeds.

- a. Depend; results
- b. Result; depends
- c. None of the above
- d. All of the above

**A, L19 P81**

14. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, what was the quality of the Levite by designation?

- a. Religious, pious, and should be the representative of God
- b. Religious person, and should show the nature of God
- c. Religious, pious, and should show the nature of God
- d. Religious person, and should be the representative of God

**B, L21P90**

15. On the way to the crucifixion, Jesus passed a man from Cyrene named, \_\_\_\_\_, who was compelled to carry Jesus' cross.

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

**B, L22P93**

16. The three crosses at the site of crucifixion, symbolize:

- a. Rebellion, redemption, and repentance

- b. Repentance, renewal, and rebellion
- c. Readmission, renewal, and redemption
- d. Repentance, rebellion, and renewal

**A, L22P94**

17. The first apostle to ever address Jesus as God was:

- c. Simon Peter
- b. Saul
- c. James
- d. Thomas

**D, L23P98**

18. The book of Acts was written by Luke and begins with him addressing \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Babylonians
- b. Romans
- c. Egyptians
- d. Theophilus

**D, L24 PG 100**

19. What is the Hebrew name of the council that comprises of an assembly of leaders appointed to serve as judges?

- a. Torah
- b. Saducees
- c. Pharisees
- d. Sanhedrin

**D, L25 PG 104**

20. On his final trip to Rome, \_\_\_\_\_ and some prisoners got on a ship with centurion named Julius.

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

**B, L26 PG108**

21. When Paul and Barnabas spoke about the word of God to the governor, \_\_\_\_\_ was trying to deter the governor from faith and became temporarily blind.

- a. Lucius
- b. Manaen
- c. Elymas
- d. Sergius

**C, L27 PG 113**

22. The Book of Revelation is considered as a \_\_\_\_\_ literature.

- a. Prophetic
- b. Torah
- c. Ketuvim
- d. Apocalyptic

**D, L30 PG124**

23. James, the brother of \_\_\_\_\_, became the bishop of the church in Jerusalem.

- d. John
- b. Mark
- c. Jesus
- d. Andrew

**C, L28 P117**

24. When Jesus first appeared to the disciples in the locked room early Easter Sunday, \_\_\_\_\_ was not there.

- a. Thomas
- b. Mary
- c. Peter
- d. Andrew

**A, L23 P 96**

25. Jesus told the disciple after His resurrection that once they receive the power through the Holy Spirit, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and to the ends of the earth."

- a. Judea and Rome
- c. Rome and Corinth
- b. Samaria and Corinth
- d. Judea and Samaria

**D. L24P99**

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

1. What is the Mosaic covenant? What did it describe? What was promised in Jeremiah 31:31-34 and who was it fulfilled through? **L4P16**

The Mosaic covenant (Ten commandments) provide guidelines on how the Jews were to worship God and treat others. They explicit on what was not to be done, as eight of the commandments began with, “you shall not.” This describes the type of relationship that the people had with the God that delivered them from Egypt.

Jeremiah 31: 31-34 the new covenant that the Lord said He would provide and create an everlasting covenant with the house of Israel and the house Judah which was fulfilled through Christ. Christ died to reestablish the relationship between God and man that was lost in the Garden of Eden.

2. Who was Gamaliel? What reasoning did he provide to change the mind of the council? **L25P105**

Gamaliel was a Pharisee, elder with that reputation of being a great teacher. He was also Apostle Paul’s teacher. Gamaliel asked the council to carefully consider the fate of the apostles and gave them two examples: Theudas and Judas the Galilean. He reasoned that if their movement as of a human source, the apostles would end up like Theudas and Judas the Galilean. But if it was from God, the Sanhedrin would not be able to stop them and possibly by working against God if they were harmed.

3. Identify 5 leaders of the church of Antioch. Include names and backgrounds. **L27 P112**

- Barnabas, a Jew from Cyprus
- Lucius, from Cyrene in North Africa
- Simeon, called Niger, possibly Simon from Cyrene who carried Jesus’ cross
- Manaen, a man with aristocratic connections
- Paul, a Jew from Tarsus

4. In the story of Jesus and the Rich Man, there are many descriptions for the rich man.

How many versions of this story exists? (1 pt)

How did the gospel of Luke describe this man? (1 pt)

What prevents us from inheriting eternal life? (3 pts) **L20 P85-86**

- Three versions of this story exists (in the gospel Mathew, Mark and Luke)
- The gospel of Luke identifies this man as a rich young man and “certain ruler”
- There are 3 obstacles preventing us from inheriting eternal life:
  - Disobedience to God and his commandments. We are saved by his grace, through faith in Christ, but once saved; we must live out that faith by obeying the commandments to maintain our salvation.
  - Temptation of idolizing material wealth and all other values. God must be our chief object of our devotion
  - Not giving God the honor (pre-eminence) that is reserved for Him alone.

5. Write any 5 visible signs or results of a man who has attained true salvation? (1 point for any 5)

**L19 P 80**

- Faith
- Goodness
- Knowledge
- Self- Control
- Perseverance
- Godliness
- Brotherly Kindness
- Love

6. Name the 5 major methods of interpretation about the Book of Revelation. (1 point for each)

**L30 PG 124**

- Preterits (past) interpretation
- Historical interpretation
- Futurist Interpretation
- Cyclic Interpretation
- Idealist Interpretation

**Section 3 - Memory verses. Complete any 5 of the following memory verses as recorded in NRSV**

**Version. 5 x 5 points total 25 points**

1. **God blessed them, and God** said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” **Genesis 1:28. L1 P5**
2. **You have seen what** I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagle’s wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. **Indeed, the whole earth is mine. Exodus 19: 4-5 L5 P22**
3. **And the one who was seated on the throne said,** “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, write this, for these words are trustworthy and true. The he said to me, it is done! I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty, **I will give water as a gift from the r spring of the water of life. Rev.21: 5-6 L30 P126**
4. **Moreover as for me, far** be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you and I will instruct you in the **good and the right way. 1 Samuel 12:23 L2P9**
5. **He answered you shall love the Lord** your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your strength and with all your mind and **your neighbour as yourself. Luke 10:27 L21 PG 91**

6. **For I am convinced that neither death** nor life nor angels nor rulers nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from **the love of God in Christ Jesus our lord. Roman 8:38,39 L26 P109**
7. **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 in heaven. Mathew 7:21 L16P71**

**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. All decisions affecting the church are made by Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam, consisting of \_\_\_% elected lay members from the parishes and \_\_\_% clergy including the bishops?
  - a. 35; 65
  - b. 65; 35
  - c. 56; 53
  - d. 50; 50

**B MTFV P201**

2. When a bishop is consecrated, a new name is given to him, of a known church father. Before the new name, “Mar” is used as an \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Form of prestige
  - b. Form of honor
  - c. Form of leadership
  - d. Form of authority

**B MTFV P200**

3. How many crosses does the Masnapsa contain?
  - a. 14
  - b. 12
  - c. 40
  - d. 7

**B MTFV P200**

4. The term Laity is derived from the Greek word, “\_\_\_\_,” meaning \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Laus; people
  - b. Laos; people
  - c. Laois; people
  - d. Laois; people

**B MTFV P204**

5. What were the two forms of Ancient Christianity?
  - a. Eastern and Western
  - b. Southern and Northern
  - c. Southern and Western
  - d. Northern and Eastern

**A MTFV P197**

6. The Mar Thoma church is an independent, autonomous, and \_\_\_\_\_ church.
  - a. Indigenous
  - b. Indignant
  - c. Indigestible
  - d. None of the above

**A MTFV P201**

7. The \_\_\_\_\_ represents the “Throne of God” or “Table of Life”.
  - a. Pulpit
  - b. Vestments
  - c. Candles
  - d. Altar

**D MTFV P199**

8. Candles lighted during Holy Communion symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. fight against darkness
  - b. presence of God
  - c. expression of Power
  - d. none of these

**B MTFV P200**

9. In 1889, the Jacobite Church opted to continue under the Patriarch of \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Alexandria                      b. Antioch                      c. Persia                      d. Portugal

**B MTFV P195**

10. The Sabha Council is elected by the Sabha Mandalam for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years  
a. two                      b. four                      c. seven                      d. three

**D MTFV P202**

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

**[Comments] Please note: This should have been “Answer any two (2) of ... “ (2 x 5 pts =10 pts total)**

**[Resolution] : Either we have to make the score of this one question as 10 OR keep the score as 5 and give every child 5 marks to avoid the total from becoming 95.**

1. a. What are the seven sacraments recognized by the church? (7x .6pts). **MTFV P199**  
b. What do these features identify? (.8pts) **MTFV P199**

- Baptism
- Confirmation
- Confession
- Holy Qurbana
- Marriage
- Ordination
- Extreme unction

b. These features identify the Eastern orientation of the MTC.

2. What does the Mar Thoma church accept as the final authority of the church and which verses are used to support that clause (write out verses)? **MTFV P207**

The Holy Bible is the final authority and the verses used to support that clause are 2 Peter 1:20-21 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17. (1 Point)

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

•All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

3. Explain the 3 forms of ordained ministry in the Mar Thoma Church. (MTFV P 200)

Deacon – First ordained position (1 pt)

Priest – ordained to cater to the spiritual needs of members of the church, sacraments of the church, and administrative responsibilities of the parish. (2 pts)

Bishop – elected position that needs 75% of the votes and is given a new name “Mar”.

The Metropolitan in the Mar Thoma Church is the head of the church and represents the church in ecclesial matters. (2 pts)

**SECTION 6** *Essay—choose one of the following two topics to write an essay not exceeding 100*

*words. (1x10 pts=10 pts).*

1. Explain the spiritual transformation that took place in Saul’s life. Your essay should include:

a. Describe the stoning of Stephen and the rise of Saul (5 pts)

b. Explain God’s plan for Saul (5 pts)

c. Explain the difference between being religious versus knowing God (5 pts)

**L16 P67 -70**

a. Saul was a zealous Pharisee. He was a strong follower of Judaism and believed initially that the gospel of Jesus was a major deception. Therefore, he went around persecuting the Christians and throwing men and women into prison. Stephen was a follower of Christ. He gave his testimony but Stephen was stoned for his faith. Saul was there giving approval to his death. When Stephen was stoned, a great persecution has begun between all the believers except the Apostles throughout Judea and Samaria. Saul was determined to persecute all Christians. Saul was proud of his Jewish heritage. He was blind to any other faith other than Judaism. Saul obtained permission from the high priest to visit Damascus to find Christians to be taken as prisoners. Raised among Greek culture. Well educated. A powerful Roman citizen.

b. However, God had a plan to use Saul to serve the kingdom of God. Saul was on his way to Damascus when he saw a bright light and he was blinded. A voice spoke out and said “Saul, Saul why are you persecuting me.” Saul realized at that the moment he was persecuting the very same God that he was zealously concerned about. Saul spent three days in prayer. It was a very important moment in Saul’s life. It shows how much God is willing to use people for his glory even if they are the same people that are bringing so much pain to his people. God knew that Saul was misdirected and was truly searching and trying to protect what Saul was the truth. God knew this zeal would be tremendously beneficial for the growth of the kingdom of God.

c. The difference between being religious and knowing God is that being religious means that someone is more concerned about following the rules prescribed by that religion. Being religious doesn’t require any effort to know about God. Knowing God means that one is focused on learning about what God wants for their life and doing what it takes to

continue to know God more. God took Saul from being just religious to someone who made it the sole purpose in life to know Jesus Christ more and more each day.

2.
  - a. Who was Samuel and what was his relationship with God?
  - b. Can you briefly explain God's desire to lead the Israelites and the desire of the Israelite's people?
  - c. Compare God's reaction of the request to that of the Prodigal Son's Father
  - d. Discuss the natural rebellion of man and God's answer to redeem us.
  - e. How God has interceded for us?

### **L2 P 7-9**

- a.
  - Samuel was dedicated to God from birth by his parents.
  - He grew up in the house of the Lord under the leadership of the High Priest, Eli.
  - God called Samuel when he was a child and began to speak to him.
  - Samuel stayed close to the voice of the Lord and allowed the Lord to make him a blessing to Israel.
  - He spoke as a prophet to turn the hearts of the people to the Lord.
- b.
  - The Lord led Israel and protected Israel against their enemies.
  - God wanted them to be separate and unique from everyone else, but they wanted to conform to the world around them.
  - The Lord wanted to continually guide Israel and be their Saviour and Redeemer.
  - Sadly, the people of Israel decided that they preferred to have a king reign over them like the nations around them.
- c.
  - The request of Israel to Samuel was similar to the request of the Prodigal Son to his father.
  - The request grieved God just as it grieved the father.
  - Israel rejected God as the son rejected the father.
  - Neither the father nor God forced their will. They had free will.
  - God gives into their request for a king.
- d.
  - Just as the Israelites, we continually choose to turn away from God.
  - This is the nature of man.
  - This is why we need to the Holy Spirit to change our lives.
  - Romans 5:8 show how God demonstrates His love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- e.
  - If we recognize God's love for us like Samuel, we will truly find our hearts overflowing with love for Him.
  - The beauty of Christianity is that God loves us and rather than demanding that we do more, he declares that everything has been done already.

- His Son's death on the cross has redeemed us.

2. In the lesson 26 (Acts 27), Paul and the shipwreck, as Paul was being taken as a prisoner on the ship.

- a. Why was Paul being taken as a prisoner and what was the intend of the voyage? (2 pts)
- b. Who all (name a few) who were on board? (1 pts)
- c. Describe the events that happened on board? (5 pts)
- d. Conclusion. (2)

Paul was held a prisoner in Caesarea for 2 years. Paul, as a Roman citizen, requested Governor Festus his case be heard by Caesar in Rome, rather than Jerusalem.

Paul, Centurion Julius, Aristarchus, prisoners, and solders.

Within hours of leaving Fair Havens, a violent storm with close to hurricane force winds takes control of the boat, leaving the captain and crew powerless to control its direction. During the storm, they lost most of their cargo, the lifeboat, the ship's tackle, and their food. The storm would last approximately two weeks, But, God again spoke to Paul, reassuring him that he would, indeed, make it to Rome, and that every single person on the ship would be saved from the storm. Eventually, their boat ran aground on a sandbar off the coast of the island of Malta, and was battered to pieces by the pounding waves. They jumped overboard to swim for the shore, and they all made it!

Paul's focus was spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and his words and actions reflected that. With faith in Christ, we realize that this world is temporary. Our focus needs to be on Jesus Christ. We may face minor difficulties but we must realize that we need to put our trust in the one true God. We need to let him steer our ship, rather than us trying to.



**MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS**  
**DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE**  
**2018 Diocesan Exam**  
**Grade 10**

**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. Through the process of creation, God brought \_\_\_\_\_ to a chaotic situation?  
a. Creation                      b. Order                      c. Man                      d. Happiness

**B (L1 P3)**

2. What was the name of the Ravine the Lord commanded Elijah to go too?  
a. Askorok                      b. Kerith                      c. Anon                      d. Gilead

**B (L2 P8)**

3. ~~St. Augustine became the Bishop of \_\_\_\_\_~~  
~~a. Hippo \_\_\_\_\_ b. Carthage \_\_\_\_\_ c. Rome \_\_\_\_\_ d. Demaseus \_\_\_\_\_~~

~~**A (L3 P14)**~~

4. ~~Who wrote the song Blessed Assurance?~~  
~~a. Frances J. Crosby \_\_\_\_\_ b. John Newton \_\_\_\_\_ c. Wallace Willis \_\_\_\_\_ d. Charles Tindley \_\_\_\_\_~~

~~**A (L4 P20)**~~

5. Who was the Jewish historian (AD 37-100) that wrote of Jesus?  
a. Josephus                      b. Tacitus                      c. Pliny                      d. Lucian

**A (L5 P29)**

6. There are \_\_\_\_\_ subheadings of “blessedness” ascribed by Jesus in the “Sermon of the Mount”  
a. 3                      b. 6                      c. 12                      d. 9

**D (L16 P86)**

7. To what did Jesus compare “born of Spirit” in the conversation with Nicodemus?  
a. Prayer                      b. Wind                      c. Fire                      d. Serpent

**B (L17 P21)**

8. John the Baptist rebuked which King, without fear, for his immoral activities?  
a. Herod                      b. Ahab                      c. Saul                      d. David

**A (L18 P96)**

9. Which one of the choices is not part of the “Armor of God” that Paul describes?  
a. Belt of Truth   b. Helmet of Wisdom   c. Shield of Faith   d. Breastplate of Righteousness  
**B (L19 P102)**

~~10. Who once said “If god be your partner, make your plans large.”  
a. Jim Elliott   b. Martin Luther   c. D.L. Moody   d. Bishop of Hippo  
**C (L20 P106)**~~

11. What was the name of the chief tax collector, who voluntarily gave half of his wealth away, and said he would pay back four times of what he cheated the people of?  
a. Nathanael   b. Nicodemus   c. Zacchaeus   d. Matthew

**C (L21 P113)**

~~12. Who was regarded as the foremost interpreter of the theory of Logos?  
a. Justin Martyr   b. Nicodemus   c. Paul   d. Jim Elliott  
**A (L22 P118)**~~

13. Gnostic preaching, one of the most dangerous heresies of the first two centuries of the Church, tried to rationalize salvation not in faith, but by?  
a. Humanity   b. History   c. Morality   d. Special Knowledge

**D (L23 P124)**

14. Who tells the crowd, “there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12 NRSV)”  
a. Paul   b. Peter   c. John   d. Thomas

**B (L24 P131)**

~~15. Who said “Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.”  
a. C.S. Lewis   b. Justin Martyr   c. D.L. Moody   d. Jim Elliott  
**A (L25 P134)**~~

16. Who sentenced Jesus to be scourged and finally crucified?  
a. Caesar   b. King Herod   c. Pontius Pilate   d. Pharisees

**C (L26 P141)**

17. The Acts of the Apostles was written by?  
a. Philip   b. Luke   c. Simon   d. Peter

**B (L27 P146)**

18. Which of the following is NOT an offering mentioned in Leviticus?  
a. Burnt Offerings   b. Grain Offerings   c Offerings of Well Beings   d. Offerings of Self Denial

**D (L27 P149)**



2. What are the characteristics of an Eternal Being?

**(L5, P28)**

- **Eternal**
- **He is the cause or creator of all we see and do not see**
- **Infinitely knowledgeable – Omniscient**
- **Possesses infinite power- Omnipotent**
- **Exists everywhere – Omnipresent**
- **Unchanging Nature**

3. Briefly describe Pluralism, Exclusivism, and Inclusivism.

**(L28 P155)**

Pluralism – is the belief that all the world religions are correct in their assertions about the truth of God. It is a belief that all religions lead to God and heaven.

Exclusivism – the only path toward salvation is through faith in Jesus Christ. Therefore, the teachings and practices of other religions cannot bring about salvation. Bible is the ultimate truth and revelation of all things past, present, and future.

Inclusivism – Based on two points: the first is that salvation is through Christ alone, the second is that God wills the whole world to be saved. Consequently, God saves people through Christ alone; however, he makes this possible through ways that extend to all humanity.

4. Elijah prepared a challenge for the Prophets of Baal and Asherah, describe the challenge and why the people turned to God after witnessing and participating in the event?

**(L2 P9)**

The challenge was whichever God answered by setting fire to the offering placed on the altar would be deemed the true God.

The prophets of Baal and Asherah were first to make their altar. They cut up pieces of wood and placed a bull as an offering to Baal and proclaimed praises, pled, and slashed themselves to allow their blood to flow from morning to evening. Elijah knew their God would not answer.

Elijah repaired the altar of God, that had been thrown down, by setting up twelve stones (representative of the 12 tribes of Israel), then arranged wood for the altar, laid the bull on the wood. He then built a trench and asked the people to pour four large jars of water three times over the altar which was enough to fill the trench. Then Elijah prayed to God and a great fire burned the offering and even licked up the water in the trench.

Elijah did nothing to persuade the people, he allowed the people to be involved and did everything in a manner that proved to the people that God was the controller of the physical world. Water cannot ignite on its own, and so this miracle the people witnessed goes beyond Science and human comprehension. The people turned to God by witnessing the whole incident and by participating in the event.

5. What does the following Beatitude mean: “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’s sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.” In what way Dietrich Bonhoeffer best exemplify this Beatitude?

**(L16, P85-86)**

Those who are searching for righteousness will be persecuted on the account of their pursuit after God’s heart. Jesus reassures those who may be distraught and worn from persecution that the reward is great, for “theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Dietrich was a devote follower of Christ and was an active leader in the Christian community. During the Nazi regime, Dietrich went against the German Christians who were promulgating the Nazi ideology and were seeking the elimination of Jews. Dietrich not only house Jews but also plotted with conspirators for a political resistance against Hitler. Dietrich sacrificed everything, including his life. He was hung with fellow conspirators at the Buchenwald concentration camp after being captured by Hitler. Through Bonhoeffer, we see a life lived for the glorification of God’s kingdom by not indulging in the society’s boundaries and unethical standards.

6. What are 5 ways of living a Christ centered life?

**(L21. P112)**

- Christ has to be your lord and Savior first
- Reading the Bible/Prayer
- Obedience
- Doing/Serving
- Repent and continue to seek Christ

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

1. “Answer me, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ back again.” (1 Kings 18:37)

**(L2,P12) "Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." (1 Kings 18:37)**

2. "But in your hearts \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ that is in you;" (1 Peter 3:15)

**"But in your hearts, sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;" 1 Peter 3:15.**

**(L5 P32)**

3. "I have fought \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ crown of righteousness (2 Timothy 4:7-8a)

**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness. (L19 P104)**

4. And the Word became \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and truth. (John 1:14)

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father only son, full of grace and truth.**

**(L22 P120)**

5. But strive first \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)

**But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

**(L21 P115)**

6. Remember Jesus Christ, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is my gospel," 2 Timothy 2:8

(L26/144)

7. "Then he said to me, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ the water of life." (Revelations 21:6)



8. Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association was established in  
a. 1924                      b. 1888                      c. 1919                      d. 1908

**B (L5 P240)**

9. Which one of the choices below was **NOT** the part of the three early Ashrams

- a. Christudas a Ashram                      b. Christa Panthi Ashram  
c. Christu Mitra Ashram                      d. Christu Naga Ashram **D (L5 P242)**

10. In what year was Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan elevated to Valiya Thirumeni?

- a. a. 1924                      b. 1899                      c. 1999                      d. 1968 **C (L2 P223)**

**SECTION 5: Short Answer on Mar Thoma Church History - Answer any two (2 out of 3) of the following questions. Answer shall be brief and to the point. (2 x 5 pts. = 10 pts. Total)**

1. List some of the major contributions of the late Rev. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan.

**(L2 P222)**

- A great passion and zeal for the Mission of the Church was the supreme guiding principle in his life. He strengthened existing mission fields, and gave deep insight on mission and the urgent need for evangelization was reelected in the monthly letters he published.
- His prophetic vision. He fulfilled the prophetic role of the priest and continuously challenged the social evils that weakened the spiritual life of our Church members and in the community.
- His concern for the poor. He was not pleased with the material progress of the Church that left behind the economically weaker segments of the members of the Church. He exhorted the Church to be inclusive and to take appropriate measures to uplift the life of the less fortunate.

2. Discuss two major contributions of Dr. E. Stanley Jones that gave him success as a missionary in India.

**(L1 P216)**

- Dr. Jones adopted a style of Indianizing the gospel message in his understanding of evangelism. Christ must be seen from an Indian context and in an Indian setting. This allowed for the people to India to relate better to Christ, and was more effective than using Westernized perspective.
- Dr. Jones started Christian Ashrams in India. Modern Indian Ashrams are an attempt to reclaim an ancient Indian social institution for contemporary social, political, or religious purposes. Dr. Jones, having spent considerable time inside the Gandhian Ashram, realized it would be a truly beneficial to the local community to establish an Ashram that would make an attempt to study the Gospel and the implications, its relationship to India's heritage, and to India's religions.

3. Give two reasons why Mother Theresa is a supreme example of love, humility and Christ-likeness.

**(L3 P230)**

- She challenged society and her sermons were thought provoking.
- She sacrificed her time and life to the betterment of the neglected, the abused, the marginal and destitute of society.
- Her actions and her lifestyle were all representative of God's love and Christ-likeness.
- With very little she was able to have such profound impacts, including the large number of organizations and groups that exist today because of her work
- She lived a simple life, one that was the epitome of simple faith and humble living.

**SECTION 6: Essay - Choose one of the following two topics to write an essay in 150 words. (10 pts. Total)**

- 1) 1 John Chapter 4 introduces the idea of sacrificial love and transformational love. Explain how we can personify the love of God in our lives. Include the following:
  - a. Introduction (2)
  - b. Message of sacrificial love (2)
  - c. Message of transforming love (2)
  - d. Personifying God's love in our lives (2)
  - e. Conclusion (2)
  
- a) **The apostle John wrote the Epistle of John around AD 85-90. In this epistle, he spoke of the true love both transformational and sacrificial.**
- b) **John writes about the sacrificial love that God has for us. A love that requires sacrifice is a love that worth following, living for, and even dying for. For we had no merit in our own work to give value to the "love" we bear, but by the divine, just and perfect nature of God.**
- c) **John writes on a love that not only sacrifices all for others but a love that transforms its bearer. God is love and God dwelling in us changes our actions to reflect our faith in God and when you have faith in Christ Jesus, you reflect his Love.**
- d) **As a result, we need to personify our love. Loving others through the mission work provided by church and loving others who are in need. Giving our time and talents to help those who are in need.**
- e) **The love our Father has given us is the greatest gift, seen when his only Son died on the cross. For us to be true followers of Christ, it is our duty to show this love to others.**  
**(L23 P124)**

1. Write an essay describing humility through the use of following statement: "He must increase and I must decrease." (L25/P133-136)

Include:

1. Explain John's statement (2 pts)
2. What are some biblical examples of humility referenced on lesson 25? (3 pts)

3. How can we show humility? (3 pts)
4. Conclusion (2 pts)

- In the introduction, student should introduce where the quote “He must increase, I must decrease” is from (said by John the Baptist in reference to Jesus and himself), define humility (fully dependent on God and not relying on yourself; letting go of ego and pride) and introduce the concepts that they will talk about in their essay.
- Student should have 1-2 biblical examples of humility and how they depicted humility in the bible. (1 point for biblical character; 2 pts for how they showed humility) Examples from lesson 25 include:
  - Moses (he does not defend himself against Aaron and Miriam when they question his authority but waits for God to speak to them.)
  - Paul (saw himself as the foremost sinner and least of the apostles; the grace of God made him a powerful instrument in building the kingdom of heaven)
  - Jesus (Though he was in the form of God, he took on the form of a slave and humbled himself even to the point of death on the cross)
- Student should give examples of how we can use the examples in the bible to show humility in our own lives. Examples include giving God glory for our successes, making sacrifices for the Kingdom of God, and recognizing the sinful nature of ourselves
- Students should summarize what they presented in the essay and tie concepts back to the quote: “He must increase, I must decrease”. Students should explain “all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted”