



MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE

Grade 5 - 2019 Diocesan Examination

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Time: 90 Minutes

Maximum Score: 100 Points

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

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

- 1) Lot chose for himself all the plain of the _____. (**Jordan, L1P1**)
- 2) Because of Abraham's special relationship with God, he is also known as "_____
_____." (**God's friend, L2P2**)
- 3) Jonah fled to _____ (Tarshish) instead of
_____ (**Nineveh**) as the Lord had asked. (L4P1)
- 4) To satisfy the Israelites hunger in the desert the Lord gave them _____ (**quail**) in
the evening and _____ (**mannna**) in the morning (L5P10)
- 5) Ahab sent to all the Israelites and assembled the prophets at Mount _____.
(**Carmel, L8 P.1**)
- 6) *Even though Samson was not right in the eyes of the Lord, the Lord still _____
him. (loved)*

OUT of syllabus (Please give 1 mark to all students)

- 7) *Jesus is the ultimate _____ of God because He is God. (revelation);
Happened to be from deleted Chapter*

OUT of syllabus (Please give 1 mark to all students)

- 8) *God's grace for us found in our sincere _____, not outward tradition.
(repentance) P2L*

Question could have multiple correct answers (Please give 1 mark to all students)

- 9) The Bible teaches us that we are like _____ and sometimes stray away from
God. (**sheep**) P3L18
- 10) *God's will require us to obey Him, trusting in His good _____ for us.
(purpose) P2*

Question could have multiple correct answers (Please give 1 mark to all students)

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)

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Column B</u>
1. David	I-P1L3	A. Major Center of Baal Worship
2. Elijah	H- L8P2	B. Ate Locusts & Honey
3. Dove	G-P1L16	C. Disowned Jesus (not mentioned in the chapter taught)
4. Isaiah	E-P2L14	D. Faithful
5. Saul	F-P2 L13	E. Salvation of the Lord
6. Peter	C-L22	F. First king of Israel
7. Caleb	DP3L7	G. Spirit of God
8. Mathew	J - L20 P3	H. Means "Lord is my God"
9. Carmel	A-P1L8	I. King of Israel
10. John the Baptist	C-P1L16	J. Tax Collector

Question 6: **Question issue** (Please give 1 mark to all students)

Section 3: Multiple Choices

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

1. Jonah boarded a ship to _____.
 - a. **Tarshish P1L14**
 - b. Israel
 - c. Canaan
 - d. Nineveh

2. Elijah challenges Ahab and the people of Israel to a contest to be held on _____.
 - a. Mount Horeb
 - b. Mount Pisgah
 - c. Mount Seir
 - d. **Mount Carmel P2L8**

3. Who was the servant at the house of Saul? **P1L13**
 - a. **Ziba**
 - b. Machir
 - c. Ammiel
 - d. Mica

4. The widow gave 2 _____ coins. **P1L19**
 - a. Bronze
 - b. Silver
 - c. Gold
 - d. **Copper**

5. Jesus was baptized in the river of _____. **P1L16**
 - a. **Jordan**
 - b. Paran
 - c. Hebron

- d. Shiloh
6. _____ tax collectors were usually prohibited from entering synagogue.
- Greek
 - Jewish P2 L20**
 - Latin
 - Roman
7. “When the _____ comes, he will explain everything to us. (John 4:25)
- Pharisee
 - Sadducees
 - Emperor
 - Messiah**
8. King _____ was a leader of the nation who constantly felt threatened by Jesus and his teaching amongst the people. **P2L21**
- Ahab
 - Herod**
 - Jehoshaphat
 - David
9. _____ wanted John the Baptist to be beheaded. **P3L21**
- Mary
 - Martha
 - Herodias**
 - Delilah
10. How many prophet’s did Baal have? **P1L8**
- 450**
 - 475
 - 500
 - 550
11. Lot made the decision based on his own _____. L1P2
- Ability
 - Judgment**
 - Opinion
 - Will
12. Desert of Sin’ is between Elim and _____. **P9L5**
- Canaan
 - Nineveh
 - Sinai**
 - Israel
13. The Bible teaches us that we are like _____ and sometimes stray away from God. **P3L18**
- sheep**
 - obedient
 - wolf
 - sinners

14. Hosanna means **P3L24**

- a. Praise
 - b. Save now**
 - c. Peace
 - d. Love
15. Who was the prophet that talked about the coming of Messiah and his death? P2L14
- a. Mark
 - b. Peter
 - c. Elijah
 - d. Isaiah**
16. David invited _____ to eat at his table like his other sons P1L13.
- a. Moses
 - b. Saul
 - c. Mephibosheth**
 - d. Ahab
17. How many Times Abraham pleaded with God to save the Sodom and Gomorrah? **L2, page 6**
- a. 02
 - b. 04
 - c. 06**
 - d. 08
18. How long did the Israelites roam in the wilderness before reaching their promised land of Canaan? **Chapter 5, page 18)**
- a. 20 years
 - b. 40 years**
 - c. 60 years
 - d. 80 years
19. Lot chose for himself all the plain of the _____. **L1P1**
- a. Jordan**
 - b. Paran
 - c. Hebron
 - d. Shiloh
20. How old was Jesus when he went to Jerusalem with his parents? P1L15
- a. 10
 - b. 14
 - c. 12**
 - d. 09

Section 4: Short Answers

Answer any four (4 out of 6) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (4 x 5 = 20 Points)

1. Why Jesus valued the gift from the widow more than other rich people? L19
She trusted in God to provide for her. She obeyed God's command, knowing that He would fulfill His promise to care for her in return. We must trust God the same Way. Jesus knew that the woman was not just a poor widow, she was truly needy. Those two coins were all she had, and when she put them in the box, there was nothing left. The widow's offering demonstrated her deep love for God. And it showed that she trusted that God would provide food, clothing and everything else that she needed. Her gift was a beautiful sacrifice.
2. What does "the parable of the talents" teach us? How can we use it in our everyday life? L23
"Despite What you may think, you are created by God with purpose. He loves you so much that he gave you talents and abilities to share with others. God has placed these gifts in you to nurture it and spread it to others to grow his kingdom. God created us with talents and abilities, do not be afraid to use them. In order to reveal these gifts and learn to use them we must remember to keep a close relationship with God."

3. Write the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6: 9-13) L 25

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial but rescue us from the evil one.

4. What does the parable of "the lost sheep" teach us? How can we use it in everyday life? L18

The Bible teaches us that we are like sheep and sometimes stray away from God. That makes God very sad, but he never gives up on us. He keeps searching for us and calling to us. He wants to draw us back into his arms. He even sent Jesus, his Son, to save those who are lost. God is seeking out the lost. He is not waiting for people to find their own ways home to Him, but He is searching them out and carrying them home. God doesn't give up on his lost sheep? So we should not give up on anyone who has drifted away from the Word of God. We should keep trying to reach out to them and help them get back to the right path.

5. When was Jesus tempted by Devil? Describe the ways devil tried to tempt Jesus. How can we use it in everyday life?

After Jesus was just baptized and received the anointing to do His ministry, He is confronted by the devil who tries to tempt Him into sin by trying to make Jesus doubt His identity as the Son of God and Savior of the world.

- a. **The devil tried to tempt Jesus with bread to feed his hunger, even though Jesus was still in his period of prayerful fasting. (This is a temptation of the "flesh" which means to please your bodily needs immediately, even if it is morally wrong.)**
- b. **The devil then tried to tempt Jesus into desiring worldly wealth. – (This is the temptation of the "eyes," which causes us to want people or things that we see without God's permission to have them. If we do not resist this temptation, we can become jealous, greedy, or envious.)**
- c. **The devil then tried to tempt Jesus by falsely promising Him power if He jumped from the temple. (This is the temptation involving pride; pride is an attitude that you don't need God and you don't need to respect others or yourself.**

We should use Jesus as an example when we are tempted. Jesus gives us all an example that we can overcome temptation by keeping God's Word in our heart. Christians cannot live by bread alone (just having our physical needs met), but must learn to live by every word of God. Note that every word of God is contained in the Bible. If we feed on His Word, we will be able to resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Satan often chooses to come to us when we are weak and vulnerable. We need to be especially careful during those times. Jesus used scriptures to win over Satan's temptation and so we need to study God's Word to always be prepared. Let us concentrate on praying and fellowshiping with God

6. What does the story of "Jonah and the Whale" teach us? How can we use it in everyday life?

Jonah willingly disobeyed God. He tried to ignore God's call and attempted to run away. But in the end, he learned a valuable lesson about God's mercy and forgiveness. God may use different means and ways to find the lost. Through the Bible portion, we learned that God is in control of all events in nature. He sent a wind to create a storm to destroy the ship and he commanded the fish to swallow and spit out Jonah. We may think that we can run or hide from God, but we are only fooling ourselves. We must learn to follow God's word and strive to do His will. God will save us if we call upon him. God commands everything in His creation from the weather to a whale, to carry out His plan. God is always in control.

Section 5: Memory Verse

Complete **any five (5 out of 7)** of the following in the sheet provided. (5 x 5 = 25 Points)

1. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. Proverbs 3:5
2. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life John 3:16
3. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6
4. Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven. Luke 19: 38
5. Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Luke 15:7
6. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Philippians 2:3
7. First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone. 1 Timothy 2:1

Section 6: MTC Foundation & Vision Multiple Choices

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

1. In our Church youngsters above the age of _____ years are expected to receive the Holy Communion. (L3 P119)
 - A. 10
 - B. 17
 - C. 12**

D. 15

2. We should know the real meaning of the sacrament and participate in the liturgical act of _____ with enough preparation. (L3 P119)
 - A. Worship
 - B. Eucharist**
 - C. Ordination
 - D. Sunday School
3. The Mar Thoma Church is working closely with other churches in India, including _____ and _____. (L1 P114)
 - A. Church of North India (CNI) and Orthodox Church
 - B. Orthodox Church and Catholic Church
 - C. Church of North India (CNI) and Church of South India (CSI)**
 - D. Church of God and Pentecostal Church
4. God is spirit, we must worship him in (L2 P116)
 - A. love and care
 - B. Spirit and trust
 - C. Spirit and truth**
 - D. Truth and Love
5. What do we use in worship for nurturing?
 - A. Praise
 - B. Songs
 - C. Word of God**
 - D. Sermon
6. What are the 2 dominical Sacraments? (L3 P118)
 - A. Holy communion and Marriage
 - B. Marriage and Ordination
 - C. Marriage and Baptism
 - D. Holy communion and Baptism**
7. Why are the 2 sacraments called “Dominical”? (L3 P118)
 - A. Because it is commanded by the Bishop
 - B. Because it is commanded by the Bishop
 - C. Because it is commanded by the Church
 - D. Because it is commanded by the Lord**
8. What is the uniqueness of Marthoma Church? (L4P121)
 - A. It is a saved church
 - B. It is a reformed church**
 - C. It is a Malayalee church
 - D. It was formed by Achens
9. Juhanon Mar Thoma took the initiative to start the first _____ home in 1949 (L5 P123)
 - A. Beggars
 - B. Orphanage
 - C. Destitute**
 - D. Smart
10. _____ and _____ dedicated themselves to the cause of reform in the Malankara church. (L4 P120)
 - A. Palakunnathu Abraham Malpan and K.K. Kuruvilla
 - B. Kaithayil GeeVarghese Malpan and Juhanon Marthoma Metropolitan

C. Palakunnathu Abraham Malpan and Juhanon Marthoma Metropolitan

D. Kaithayil GeeVarghese Malpan and Palakunnathu Abraham Malpan

Section 7: MTC Foundation & Vision

Answer **any one** (1 out of 3) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (5 x 1 = 5 Points)

1. What are the basic elements of worship? (L2P117)

Word of God for nurturing, Adoration, Confession, Thanks giving, Intercession and Offering

2. What are the ways Holy communion benefitting the participants? (L3 P119)

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

3. What is worship? What do we accomplish through worship? (L2 P116)

Worship is the adoration of God. Worship is the highest activity of man whose ultimate aim is God's Glory. It was through worship Christianity sustained itself in the world against hostile surroundings. It is through worship that the life and witness of the church are maintained, the community is united and built up.



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Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

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

1. When Jesus was visiting the town of _____ He was welcomed into the home of Mary and Martha.

L18: **Bethany**

2. _____ is the member of the tribe of priests.

L16: **Levite**

3. You are the _____ of the world. A _____ build on a hill cannot be hid.

L15: **Light, City**

4. Jesus said the bread symbolizes his _____ and wine symbolizes _____.

L21 p.83 **body, blood**

5. _____ is the greatest Commandment. L20P82 **love**

Question issue (Please give 1 mark to all students)

6. The Israelites were trying to get past the thick walls of _____.

L5: **Jericho**

7. Joseph was sold to _____, one of the officials of Pharaoh and the captain of the Guard.

L3: **Potiphar**

8. Micah asked that the _____ and foundations of the Earth be witnesses.

L8 **mountains**

9. Stephen is a man full of _____ and the _____.

L 23 P93 **Faith, Holy Spirit**

10. _____ are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

L22P88 **Blessed**

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)

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Column B</u>
1. Micah	E-L8	A. Tax Collector
2. Ehud	J-L9	B. Jacob wrestled with God
3. King Darius	H-L11	C. Dreamer
4. Zacchaeus	A-L17	D. Living Bread
5. Jerusalem	I-L16P64	E. "Who is like Jehovah"
6. Peniel	B-L2P5	F. House of Bread
7. Joseph	C-L3P9	G. Assurance of things hoped for
8. Jesus	D- L21 P84	H. Threw Daniel into lion's den
9. Bethlehem	F- L21P84	I. Capital of Israel
10. Faith	G- L22 P.90	J. Judge before Deborah

Section 3: Multiple Choices

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

- Who was first disciple confessed and declared Jesus as the Son of the Living God? L14
 - Thomas
 - Peter**
 - John the Baptist
 - Andrew
- An agreement between two groups to do or not to do certain things is known as ____ p84
 - Sacrifice
 - Symbol
 - Sign
 - Covenant**
- To me living is _____ and dying is _____. L23 P93
 - Christ, gain**
 - Christ, peace
 - Gain, Christ
 - Christ, sacrifice
- Who was the disciple that did not believe until he saw mark of the nail in Jesus' hand?
 - Thomas**
 - Simon
 - Andrew
 - Judas
- King Solomon asked the Lord for _____. L10P37
 - Strength
 - Wisdom**
 - Happiness
 - Knowledge
- Of the twelve disciples Thomas was his Hebrew name, and _____ was his Greek name. L14P56
 - Didymus**

- b. Zealot
 - c. Cephas
 - d. Alpheus
7. Who is referred as the “Zealot” in the disciples? L14 P56
- a. John
 - b. Thomas
 - c. Simon**
 - d. Bartholomew
8. Jesus stated “you are the light of the world” as part of his _____. L 58
- a. Sermon on the mount**
 - b. Lord’s prayer
 - c. Fasting
 - d. Service
9. Who said to who, “I am the resurrection and the life”? L19P74
- a. Jesus, Mary
 - b. Jesus, Martha**
 - c. Mary, Jesus
 - d. Martha, Jesus
10. Jesus said, “Love your enemies and pray for those who _____ you.” L15P58
- a. listen
 - b. hate
 - c. 120
 - d. Persecute**
11. For where your treasure is, there your _____ will be also”
- a. Worth
 - b. Value
 - c. Heart**
 - d. Trust
12. Who was the first person to walk past the injured man on the road? L16 P62
- a. Levite
 - b. Samaritan
 - c. Jesus
 - d. Priest**
13. While on the Journey to the Promised land, Moses was summoned by God to _____? L4P15
- a. Mount Sinai**
 - b. Israel
 - c. Mount Carmel
 - d. Shechem
14. _____ led the Israelites to the “Promised land” after the death of Moses. L5P18
- a. David

- b. Joshua**
c. Jacob
d. Aaron
15. King Ahab and his wife set up altars and temples for _____ and _____. L7P26
a. Baal and God
b. Asherah and Israel
c. Him and His wife
d. Baal and Asherah
16. Elijah told King Ahab there would be a severe _____ for a long time. L7P25
a. Rain
b. Drought
c. Heat
d. None of the above
17. Solomon went to _____ to sacrifice to the Lord.L10P37
a. Israel
b. Jerusalem
c. Gibeon
d. Canaan
18. Jesus said to _____, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.” L17p66
a. Moses
b. Aaron
c. Zacchaeus
d. Peter
19. Saul was on his way to _____ when a light from heaven flashed around him. L24 P97
a. Bethany
b. Jerusalem
c. Damascus
d. Promised land
20. Who laid the hands on Saul for him to regain his sight. L24P97
a. Elijah
b. Ananias
c. Elisha
d. Aaron

Section 4: Short Answers

Answer any four (4 out of 6) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (4 x 5 = 20 Points)

1. List and explain any four teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.
 - **You are the light of the world: It is our job to be a shining example for those around us. We should feel inspired to live according to the God's commandment so that other may also come to see God through us.**
 - **Anger and Murder: It makes us hard to treat other people with kindness, if we allow the anger in our heart to influence our actions. By acting out of anger, we are killing the relationship between God's children. We should therefore be slow to anger and quick to forgive, just as God is toward us.**
 - **Loving your enemies: It is easy to treat others with kindness when they respond with kindness and love. However, Jesus shows us through his life and the cross, that praying for your enemies is the answer for any persecution we face from others.**
 - **Giving to Charity: Giving to the less fortunate and do not have enough resources is not only noble, but right. We should give with a cheerful heart, and not seek praise or recognition from the people around us. We will be rewarded by God for our good actions.**

2. Explain what happened in the Parable of good Samaritan? Why did Jesus tell this story?
 - **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.**

3. What are the 3 things Micah said to the nameless person when he asked, "what does the Lord expect from us"? Describe the 3 characteristics with example.
 - **Act Justly – always do the right thing, sometimes you may have to not listen to the rules to ensure the right thing is being done. The story of Jesus healing a**

man with withered hand on a Sabbath day. Jesus made it clear that doing “Good” was more important than any law

- **Love Kindness – helping a friend in need. Jesus touched by the faith and kindness of the friends who brought the paralyzed man to Jesus through the roof forgave the sins of the man healed him.**
 - **Walk Humbly –do good deeds, not to show off but to be blessed and merciful. Per Jesus the truly blessed person is the “poor in spirit,” “the meek,” “the merciful,” “peacemakers,” pure in heart,” and so on. Only humble-minded person could have these kinds of qualities.**
4. What are the three characteristics the Judge Deborah possessed? Explain how Deborah served God as a prophetess and judge using those characteristics.
- **Faith/Trust—Deborah is a great example of someone with strong faith. Barak was not quite so ready to trust in the word of God. When Barak hesitated to take the lead, it was Deborah who obeyed God and stepped up to become the army leader.**
 - **Obedience—Deborah obeyed God. Not only did she set a fine example of a woman of faith, but Deborah fulfilled the job that was given to her, and was willing to take up the leadership when others (Barak) panicked.**
 - **Honor—Due to the defeat of King Jabin and army leader Sisera, Deborah was able to restore integrity back into the Israelites’ lives.**
5. What were the instructions that God gave Joshua to enable the Israelites to be victorious over Jericho? What was the end result? **(1 pt. Ea.)**
- **March around the city, with all warriors circling the city once for six days with seven priests holding trumpets of rams' horns before the ark.**
 - **On the seventh day, Joshua was to march around the city seven times, this time with the priests blowing trumpets.**
 - **A long blast should be made with the ram's horn.**
 - **When the people hear the trumpet, they were to shout with a great voice and the wall of the city will fall down flat (and people shall charge straight in)**
 - **The Israelites were obedient to God's instructions and through following them were able to overtake the city of Jericho.**
6. Explain how Saul went from persecuting Christian to becoming one of the most powerful leaders of the Christian faith.

L25 Please note the lesson does not provide an objective answer to “**Saul becoming one of the most powerful leaders of the Christian faith**” *So please only look for the “transformation of Saul”*

Saul was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Though Saul’s eyes were open, he could see nothing; For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. God then sent Ananias to lay his hands on Saul, and he regained sight and was filled with the

Holy Spirit. This encounter with Jesus led to the complete transformation of Saul's life.

Section 5: Memory Verse

Complete **any five (5 out of 7)** of the following in the sheet provided. (5 x 5 = 25 Points)

1. 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 neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.. (Mark 12: 30-31)
2. *By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. Galatians 5: 22-23) CHAPTER 25- OUT of syllabus (Please see below regarding bonus marks)*
3. For he is the living God, enduring forever.His kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion has no end. (Daniel 6-26) p.42
4. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.- (James 1:5) p.37
5. 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.earth. (Exodus 20: 4)
6. *If any of you REPEATED; SAME AS #4.....be given you. (James 1:5) Please see below regarding bonus marks*
7. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1Thessalonians 5:16-18

To accommodate the 2 above memory verses, please provide bonus marks as stated below:

5 points extra, if at least 1 memory verse is 75% correct.

10 points extra, if at least 3 memory verses are 75% correct.

Please note the maximum points should not exceed 25 points/marks

Section 6: MTC Foundation & Vision Multiple Choices

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

1. On the day of _____, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and the other believers
 - a. Passover
 - b. Pentecost**
 - c. Christmas
 - d. Easter
2. The meaning of the word "malpan" is _____.
 - a. Teacher**
 - b. Holy
 - c. Bishop
 - d. Achen
3. The _____ has supreme authority in the Mar Thoma Church.
 - a. Sabha Council
 - b. Episcopa Synod

- c. **Metropolitan**
 - d. Sabha Pradhinidhi Mandalam
4. Who is considered as the pioneer in the Malankara church reformation?
- a. Dr. Alexander Marthoma Metropolita
 - b. Apostle Thomas
 - c. **Abraham Malpan**
 - d. Marthoma 1
5. What is the most visible part of the church?
- a. Catholic
 - b. Holy
 - c. **Worshipping Community**
 - d. Pilgrim Community
6. The Episcopal Synod consists of all the _____ of the Mar Thoma Church and the _____ is the supreme authority.
- a. Bishops, Clergy
 - b. Laity, Episcopa
 - c. **Bishops, Metropolitan**
 - d. Dioceses, Abraham Malpan
7. The Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam are elected for a term of _____ years.
- a. Five
 - b. Ten
 - c. One
 - d. **Three**
8. Who is the first Bishop of the Mar Thoma Church?
- a. Apostle Thomas
 - b. **Archdeacon Thomas**
 - c. Abraham Malpan
 - d. Mar Dionysius
9. The Church is Catholic. What is the meaning of the word Catholic?
- a. **Universal**
 - b. United
 - c. Apostolic
 - d. Set apart for God
10. The Gospels were translated into Malayalam in 1811 by _____.P136
- a. Vasco De Gama
 - b. Abraham Malpan
 - c. Jacob Bardeaus
 - d. **Claudius Buchanan**

Section 7: MTC Foundation & Vision

Answer any one (1 out of 3) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the Point. (5 X 1=5)

1. What are the 5 characteristics common to all churches? Explain what they are?
The church is holy, which means that people are set apart for the rule of god. The church is Catholic, which means universal. The church is apostolic, which means one sent with a mission. The church is a worshipping community, a community that

acknowledges the holy trinity. The church is a pilgrim community, the church is always trying to offer the word of god to all people.

2. List 4 out of the 5 main results of reformation in the Malankara Church.
 - **Meditation through the so-called saints**
 - **Prayer and adoration to Virgin Mary**
 - **Prayer and mass for the dead**
 - **Auricular confession (to priests)**
 - **False tea False teachings and practices (paying priests, forgiveness of sins through oil, incense, etc**
3. What is the "Coonen Cross Oath"? Briefly explain the history and the results of this event.

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. The “Coonen Cross Oath” was a pledge taken by this group of Christians in Kerala. They declared, “We and our children shall never be under Rome.” 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.” It was declaration of independence from foreign control.



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DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA
2019 Diocesan Exam: Grade 7

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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. In the First lesson, The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a _____ as his partner.”
a) Cook b) **Helper** c) Maid d) Servant
2. Adam and Eve were warned that they would die if they ate from the
a) Tree of knowledge b) Good and evil c) Apple tree d) Tree of life
3. Which of these is NOT a promise made in the Abrahamic Covenant:
a) The promise of Land
b) The promise of descendants
c) The promise of blessings and redemption
d) **The promise of kingship**
4. The word Holy used in Deuteronomy 7:6 comes from the Hebrew word Qadosh that literally means _____
a) To be righteous
b) To be blameless
c) **To be set apart for a special purpose**
d) To be blessed
5. How old was Caleb when Moses sent him from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land;
a) **40** b) 45 c) 85 d) 25
6. Gideon was called Jerubbaal, that is to say, “_____,” because he pulled down his altar.
a) **Let Baal contend against him**
b) Mighty warrior
c) He killed Baal
d) Baal blessed him
7. Who built an altar at Ophrah to the Lord, and called it, The Lord is peace.
a) Caleb b) **Gideon** c) Isiah d) David
8. Isaiah prophesied during the reigns of these kings
a) Saul, David, and Solomon

- b) **Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah**
 c) Nebuchadnezzar and Darius
 d) Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, and Uzziah
9. Jeremiah was contemporary to these prophets
 a) **Habakkuk and Ezekiel**
 b) Isaiah and Ezekiel
 c) Daniel and Isaiah
 d) Elijah and Elisha
10. King Nebuchadnezzar's palace master renamed Daniel as _____
 a) Shadrach b) Meshach c) Abednego d) **Belteshazzar**
11. Naboth didn't want to sell the vineyard cause _____
 a) **God had forbidden selling inherited properties**
 b) Queen Jezebel wanted to kill him
 c) King Ahab would not pay him good money
 d) Naboth did not want King Ahab to plant vegetables
12. When Elijah went to meet Elisha, he was _____
 a) Praying on his knees
 b) **Plowing the field**
 c) Beating out wheat
 d) Preparing food
13. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your _____"
 a) Wisdom b) **Spirit** c) Powers d) Blessing
14. In the story of the Rich Man & Lazarus, Lazarus died and was carried away by the angels to be with _____.
 a) **Abraham** b) Moses c) Peter d) Isaiah
15. Jesus said "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the _____, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.
 a) Friend b) Helper c) **Advocate** d) Fire
16. Jesus was angry with the Pharisees and Sadducees who had made the temple a marketplace. He quoted from _____ 56:7, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"? But you have made it a den of robbers."
 a) Matthew b) **Isaiah** c) John d) Micah
17. In the lesson Jesus Walks on Water, who was the disciple who walked on water after Jesus commanded him to?
 a) John b) Saul c) Moses d) **Peter**

18. Jesus told about the Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids while he was teaching about _____
 a) His crucifixion b) His resurrection c) His Birth d) **His second coming**
19. Which disciple said, “You will never wash my feet.”?
 a) Andrew b) Judas c) **Peter** d) John
20. About whom was Jesus referring to when he said, “Not all of you are clean”?
 a) Peter b) **Judas** c) Thomas d) John
21. In the lesson of humility, Philippians 2:8 says that Jesus _____ himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.
 a) Sacrificed b) **Humbled** c) Loved d) Cleansed
22. Hebrews 11: 3 says "By _____ we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.
 a) **Faith** b) Love c) Wisdom d) Blessing
23. When Abraham was _____ years old, his wife Sarah bore him a son, Isaac.
 a) **100** b) 85 c) 75 d) 125
24. On Peter’s arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshiped him. But Peter made him get up, saying, “_____”
 a) May your house be blessed
 b) **Stand up; I am only a mortal**
 c) May the Lord be with you
 d) Stand up; God has heard your prayers
25. In the last lesson, The Commissioning of the Disciples, how many disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. This was related to the ascension of Jesus into heaven.
 a) **Eleven** b) Twelve c) Three d) Five

#25 OUT of syllabus (Please give 1 mark to all students)

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)

- Write **any 5 Work** of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
 - The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, righteousness, and of judgement
 - The Holy Spirit transforms us in the sight of God
 - The Holy Spirit helps us to understand and remember the word of God.
 - The Holy Spirit helps us to lead a godly life
 - The Holy Spirit is our guarantee of eternal life with God

- The Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses for our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Why did King Ahab want Naboth's vineyard and how did he get it.

Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of King Ahab of Samaria. King Ahab wanted the vineyard to make his vegetable garden, and because it was near to his house;

King Ahab was depressed and did not eat. His wife, Jezebel, after learning the reason for his being upset, asked mockingly, "Are you not the king?" She then said that she would obtain the vineyard for him. To do so, she sent a letter, under Ahab's name, to the elders and nobles of Naboth's city, instructing them to set Naboth up by proclaiming a feast, seating him in a prominent place and bringing two witnesses, referred to as "scoundrels" by Jezebel, forth to (falsely) accuse Naboth of cursing God and the king. After that, they would take him outside the city and stone him to death. As per Jezebel's plan, the two scoundrels came in and sat opposite him; and the scoundrels brought a charge against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." So, they took him outside the city, and stoned him to death.

3. How did Gideon select a small army and how did they fight against the Midianites?

When Gideon was selecting people to fight against the Midianites, the Lord wanted to ensure that the battle was not won by sheer strength of numbers. Originally, there was 32,000 men, but that was reduced to, 10,000 and then finally 300 people. He chose these individuals by a simple test of how they drank their water from a river. Those that lapped the water like a dog with their tongues were selected and those that knelt down to drink the water were sent home.

4. In the lesson 'Jesus Walks on Water' how did Peter display his faith in Jesus, what happened then, what did Jesus tell finally tell Peter, and what did the disciples tell among themselves?

Peter asked Jesus if it was truly he then to command Peter to come to you on the water. He said, "Come." So, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when Peter saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

The disciples in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

**5. What are the three main promises in the Abrahamic Covenant? 3 pts.
What were some of the key characteristics of Abraham's faith. 2 pts.**

The 3 promises in the Abrahamic Covenant are:

- The promise of Land - Canaan (Gen.12:1)
- The promise of descendants (Gen.12:2). I will make you a great nation.
- The promise of blessings and redemption (Gen.12:3). I will bless those who bless you, and curse those who curse you and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed

Characteristics:

- Abraham was faithful and obedient to God, was even ready to sacrifice his first-born son Isaac for God.
- Abraham is known for his blind faith in God.

6. What qualities did King Nebuchadnezzar find favorable in the young men? (2 pts)

How did Daniel respond (2 pts)

when he was offered worldly pleasures in the palace and why did he respond that way? (1 pt.)

The qualities that King Nebuchadnezzar wanted was; Israelites of the royal family and of the nobility, young men without physical defect and handsome, versed in every branch of wisdom, endowed with knowledge and insight, and competent to serve in the king's palace;

The king assigned them food and wine from the Royal table as part of their training program. But Daniel did not want to defile himself with food which was not prepared according to the Jewish religious practices. Instead Daniel requested the Palace master to test them with vegetable and water for 10 days and then compare their appearance to other young men.

Daniel practiced the strict Jewish laws regarding clean and unclean meat.

Section 3 - Memory Verses

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

1. "So, God created humankind in His image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them." Genesis 1:27

(Lesson 1)

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

(Lesson 3)

3. For you are a people holy to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession. || Deuteronomy 7:6

(Lesson 5)

4. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8

(Lesson 8)

5. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 1 Corinthians 3:16

(Lesson 17)

6. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Phil. 2:3-4

(Lesson 22)

7. 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 11:6

(Lesson 23)

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 Taksa does the Mar Thoma Church use during Holy Communion?
a) St. John's liturgy c) **St. James liturgy**
b) St. Paul's liturgy d) Syrian Orthodox liturgy
2. The word Liturgy means _____
a) Worship c) Adoration
b) Offering d) **Service**
3. The Mar Thoma Church belongs to the _____ as evinced by its liturgy, mode of worship, ceremonies, rituals and traditions.
a) Anglican
b) **Lesser Eastern churches**
c) World Catholic churches
d) Roman Catholic
4. Who is believed to have represented Christians from India at the first Council of Nicea?
a) Bishop Eusebius c) Mathews Mar Athanasius Metropolitan
b) **Archbishop John** d) Abraham Malpan
5. What day marks the beginning of Christianity?
a) Epiphany c) The Day of Ascension
b) Easter d) **The Day of Pentecost**
6. The Nicene Creed is the only creed that is _____ and _____.
a) Liturgical and universal c) **Ecumenical and universal**
b) Ecumenical and methodical d) Liturgical and ecumenical
7. Thronos is a symbol of _____
a) **Divine presence of God** c) Peace
b) Purity d) Holy Eucharist
8. The Cross that Mar Thoma Church uses is known as _____
a) Celtic Cross c) Crusader's Cross

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. The lent comes to an end with Easter celebrations.

Section 6 – Essay (10 points)

Answer only one (1) from the following two topics to write an essay in approximately 150-250 words. **Please circle the question** that would be answered.

1. How did Elijah anoint Elisha? (2pts)
 - How many times did Elijah ask his successor to leave him and go on his own? (1pts)
 - Name any 3 of the places mentioned on Elijah's last trip. (2pts)
 - What did Elisha ask Elijah for before Elijah was taken up? (2pts)
 - How did Elisha respond when Elijah was taken up? (2pts)
 - What miracle did Elisha perform? (1pt)

The Lord said to Elijah to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat as prophet in Elijah's place. So, Elijah set out and found Elisha, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle (cloak) over him. His mantle (which is a cloak) symbolizes Elijah's passing on his responsibilities to Elisha.

3 times.

Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho and the Jordan (any 3)

Elisha wanted to inherit double share of spirit (prophetic gift) that GOD had given to Elijah.

Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, Father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see Elijah, Elisha grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

Elisha took Elijah's mantle and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

OR

2. Summarize Jeremiah's conversation with the Lord as he was chosen. (4pts)
 - Name and explain the 3 visions that Jeremiah had. (2 x 3pts)

The Lord called Jeremiah and spoke to him saying “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then Jeremiah said the he did not know how to speak, and that he was only a boy. But the Lord said to Jeremiah, “Do not say, “I am only a boy”; and that he would go to all to whom the Lord send, and he would speak whatever the Lord commanded and not be afraid of them, for the Lord would be with him to deliver him.

1. The almond tree (v.11-12). The budding of the almond tree announced the coming of spring. Jeremiah would do ministry under some very difficult circumstances. It would not always look as though God is at work. Jeremiah needed to be reassured that God is at work to fulfill His word.
2. The boiling pot (v.13-16). The pot was coming out of the north (Babylon was a nation in what is now Iraq). God is saying to Jeremiah that He is going to judge and discipline His people for their sin. God is not going to continue to look the other way. The main sin that God accuses the people of is idolatry. They have forsaken Him and turned to idols that their hands made.
3. The city, a pillar and a wall (v.17-19) God doesn't leave Jeremiah to do this ministry alone. God strengthens Jeremiah, so that he can be faithful. God encourage and reassures him again of his protection and to stand against abuse and persecution.



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2019 Diocesan Exam

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 captive girl strongly recommended to Naaman's wife that Naaman should visit the Prophet _____ in _____. **L11 P49**
A. Elijah/Syria B. Elisha/Syria C. Elijah/Samaria **D. Elisha/Samaria**

2. The first four commandments focus on our relationship with _____. **L2P7**
A. Parents B. Others **C. God** D. Enemy

3. Abraham said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir" Who is that slave? **L3P11**
A. Ishmael **B. Eliezer** C. Ebenezer D. Sarai

4. To whom did God say, "I am your shield, your reward shall be very great." **L3P12**
A. Abraham B. Moses **C. Abram** D. Isaac

5. Who said "It was really God who sent me ahead to save the lives of People? **L4 P17**
A. Jesus Christ B. Samuel **C. Joseph** D. Moses

6. He was a judge, a prophet and a priest to the people of Israel. **L6 P27**
A. Samuel B. Moses C. Elisha D. Aaron

7. Samuel's mother Hannah's name means _____ **L6P26**
A. Faith **B. Grace** C. Mercy D. Laugh

8. Jonah was the son of _____ **L7P30**
A. Abraham B. Hezekiah C. Eli **D. Amittai**

9. Jonah set out to flee to _____ from the presence of the Lord. **L7 P31**

- A. Tarshish** B. Joppa C. Nineveh D. Ramah

10. The Israelites ate _____ for ____ years until they entered the promised land of _____. **L8 P35**

- A. Mannah, 41, Canaan **B. Mannah, 40, Canaan**
C. Quails, 40, Marah D. Quails, 41, Marah

11. The festival of deliverance is called? _____ **L10P43**

- A. Lent B. Easter C. Good Friday **D. Passover**

12. What river did the Syrian army captain, have to bathe in to be cured of his condition? **L11 P48**

- A. Jordan** B. Abana C. Damascus D. Pharpar

13 The _____ highlights the importance of preaching the Gospel to every nation where you will face all types of soils. **L14 P68.**

- A. Great Commission** B. Great Goodness C. Great Deed D. Great Act

14. Which soil represents a person, who has a shallow understanding of God's Word; he/she quickly receives the word, but when trouble comes, would quickly wither away. **L14 P67**

- A. Soil by way side **B. Stony soil** C. Thorny soil D. Good Soil

15. After the Last Supper, Jesus and his disciples went out to the _____. **L10P44**

- A. Mount Carmel B. Mount Horeb
C. Mount of Olives D. Mount Sinai

16. "Follow me and I will make you fish for people" Who said to whom? **L16 P 75**

- A. Jesus said to Simon Peter & Andrew** B. Jesus said to James & John
C. Jesus said to John & Andrew D. Jesus said to Thomas & Mathew

17. _____ was the only disciple who was not martyred while _____ was crucified on an X shaped cross. **L16P77**

A. John, James B. Andrew, Peter, C. Judas, John D. John, Peter

Question issue (Please give 1 mark to all students)

18. _____ was the Apostle who had a chronic ailment **L17P82**

A. Peter B. Thomas **C. Paul** D. Andrew

19. Where did Andrew start his ministry? L20P93 **(please check this one)**

A. Church B. Galilee **C. At Home** D. Capernaum

20. Who said to whom? "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness"

A. Jesus to John Baptist B. John Baptist to Jesus.
C. Peter to Jesus D. Jesus to Peter L19 P88

21. *In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus sat on a hill that rose above the city of _____ and compared our function on earth to that of _____ L21 p96*

A. Damascus, Water B. Capernaum, Light C. Judea, Salt D. **Capernaum, Salt**

Question issue (Please give 1 mark to all students)

22. *What was the main source of income for tax collectors? L 22P101*

A. Salary B. **Extortion** C. Commission D. Share

Question issue (Please give 1 mark to all students)

23. What was the first miracle performed by Jesus? L23 P105

A. Turning water into wine B. Healing the blind man
C. Healing the paralyzed man D. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

24. Jesus was in the town of _____ when he received the message that his friend _____ had died.

A. Bethany, Lazarus B. Bethlehem, Mary
C. Bethany, Mary **D. Jerusalem, Lazarus L25113**

25. Who said this to whom - "Where will we buy bread so these people can eat?" L24 P112 **(please check this one)**

A. Jesus to Andrew B. Disciples to Jesus C. Andrew to Jesus **D. Jesus to Philip**

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. How many times did Lord call Samuel? Who gave wise counsel to Samuel? What did he tell him? L6 P27

- Lord called Samuel by name three times (.5)
- Eli gave wise counsel to Samuel and told him (.5)
- Make himself available for God to speak (Go, lie down) (1)
- Not be presumptuous about God speaking (if He calls you) (1)
- Respond to the word of God (Speak, LORD) (1)
- Humble himself before God and His word (Your servant hears) answer question (1)

2. What were the specific instructions for “Manna” given to the Israelites? L8 P35

- Each family should gather as much as needed using the measure of an Omer for each person in the household.
- Food gathered must be eaten the same day
- No food should be left over until next day morning
- On the 6th day, they should gather twice as much food, 2 Omer’s per person.
- This was so, since on the 7th day ~ the Sabbath ~
- There would be no food on the ground as on the 6th day, God will provide food for 2 days
- On the Sabbath, the people were to remain in their places and not wander out looking for food

3. What do Israelites celebrate at Passover? What are the 3 components of the ordinance of Passover God gave through Moses? L 10 45

At Passover, the Israelites celebrate their deliverance (liberty) from slavery to the Egyptians and God sparing the 1st born sons of the Israelites from the Angel of Death.

The 3 components of ordinance of Passover are:

The killing and eating of the Passover lamb
The sprinkling of the blood upon the door frame
The feast of unleavened bread for 7 days

4. In the Parable of the Sower and the seed, what are the four kinds of soil? What does each soil represent? L 14 P 67

(a) Soil on the 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

(b) The 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.

(c) 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.

(d) 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.

5. The parable of the Prodigal Son or the Lost Son is told in five Major steps. (Mention the 5 steps in five points). L 12

1. Request for inheritance
2. Realization of his state while being away from home.
3. Remorse and repentance on his action.
4. Returning home.
5. Re-joining and Rejoicing with his father at home

6. Zacchaeus had an earnest desire to see Jesus. What are the challenges that could have inhibited him from seeing Jesus? (2) And how did he overcome those challenges? (2) What is his public pledge? (1) L22 P101

- As a tax collector Zacchaeus was an outcast in the community, but that didn't stop him from attempting to see Jesus (1)
- Zacchaeus was short in stature, so he climbed up on a tree to see Jesus (1)
- When Jesus called him by his name, without any hesitation he came down to see him personally. (1)
- Jesus invited himself to Zacchaeus' house for dinner and he accepted it regardless of the criticism from the crowd. (1)
- Once Zacchaeus got to know Jesus he repented for his sins. He made a public resolution and announced that half of his wealth would be given to the poor and would pay off in fourfold to anyone from he collected by false accusation. (1)

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

1. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean, But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner. **L11P 22 – Luke 17:17-18**
2. I called to the Lord out of my distress and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. **L7 P33 Jonah 2:2**
3. Then God spoke these words, I am the lord your god, who brought you out of the land of Egypt out of the house of slavery you shall have no other gods before me **L2 P8 Exodus 20: 1-3**
4. While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying," Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. **L10 P47 Mathew 26:26-28**
5. And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus **L24 P 112 – Philippians 4:19**
6. In the same way, Let your light shine before others, So that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. **L 17 P83 Mathew 5:16**
7. Now the Lord come and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel! And Samuel said "Speak, for your servant is listening. **L 6 P29 I Samuel 3:10**

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. Do this in remembrance of me." These are the Words of Institution for the Sacrament of: P174
 A. Baptism B. Confirmation **C. Holy Communion** D. Confession
2. The blessing of the rings is also known as Service of _____ P185
A. Betrothal B. Thali C. Marriage D. Unction
3. The prayer to the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine is called Prayer of _____ P181
 A. Confession **B. Epiclesis** C. Anamnesis D. Intercession
4. _____ is the sacrament of anointing of the sick with Holy Oil (Mooron) P 188
 A. Ordination B. Confession C. Communion **D. Unction**
5. The Aramaic word 'Mamodesa' means _____. P 176

A. Forgiveness B. Ordination **C. immersion** D. Marriage

6. . _____ means the commissioning of one's identification with the death and resurrection Jesus. P 172

A. Offertory **B. Baptism** C. Communion D. Ordination

Question issue (Please give 1 mark to all students)

7. The Mar Thoma church uses the _____ liturgy. P 180

A. St. James B. St. Paul's C. St. Thomas D. St. Luke

8. _____ are visible signs to receive God's un-seen blessings P 189

A. Liturgy **B. Sacraments** C. Tabaleetha D. Taksa

9. The latter part of the Baptismal service is called _____ P178

A. Confession B. Communion **C. Confirmation** D. Kiss of Peace

10. What is the "matter" used in Holy Communion? P 174

A. Oil B. Water C. Morron **D. Bread & Wine**

Section 5 – Mar Thoma History Short Answer. Answer any Two of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (2 x 5pts = 10 pts Total)

**1. Define 'sacrament' (1). What are the significances of sacraments to the believers? (2.5)
Name the Optional sacraments of the Mar Thoma Church? (1.5) P 171**

Sacrament is derived from the Latin word Sacramentum which means an oath or surety (1).

Each sacrament administrated as a means of God's grace. Every believer needs God's grace to experience salvation. Sacraments are special encounters with the Christ that help believers to grow in grace and lead a holy life. Participating in sacraments is believers liturgical act. (2.5)

Optional Sacraments- Ordination, Marriage & Unction. (1.5)

2. Explain Confirmation as one of the sacraments (1). How does the priest administer this ritual? (2). Name the Dominical Sacraments of the Mar Thoma church? (2) P 176

The latter part of the Baptismal service is called confirmation. The celebrant anoints the candidate with Holy Oil. (Mooron)(1)

The Holy Oil symbolizes the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It signifies the candidate's ordination to the priest hood. Consecrated with Holy Oil - the experience of receiving the Holy Spirit is to be an ongoing in the life of a Christian. (2)

Dominical Sacraments (2)

Baptism, Confirmation, Confession and Holy Communion.

3. What are the "5" essential elements of a Sacrament, briefly describe each element? P172

The five essential elements of sacraments are:

1. **Intention** : - it is the purpose of the sacrament: confession is to receive forgiveness of sins
2. **Meaning** : - the significance of the sacrament: baptism is to identify with the death and resurrection of Jesus
3. **Words of institution** :-special phrases and references used in sacraments: in communion the celebrant uses terms like took bread in his hands
4. **Matter** : - physical objects used in sacraments; water is the matter in baptism
5. **Celebrant** - The person (ordained minister) who conducts the sacrament.

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

1. **Joseph said to his brothers, "Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good in order to preserve a numerous people." Explain how did God turn the harm his brothers intended him to good? L 4**

Introduction (1 pt.). Describe the circumstances of Joseph's arrival in Egypt (3 pts.).

Joseph's reaction to seeing his brothers in Egypt. (3 pts.). Explain God's purpose for Joseph's life. (2 pts.)

Conclusion – Importance of forgiveness and reconciliation (1 pt.)

The story of Joseph and his brothers is of forgiveness and reconciliation. It also teaches that God has a purpose in our lives. We need to recognize God's purpose in order for us to have a fruitful life. (Students may write their own introduction related to Joseph's story)

- Joseph was the second youngest son of Jacob. Jacob loved Joseph more than his other sons and that made them jealous of Joseph. His brothers sold Joseph as a slave to Ishmaelite's. They brought to him to Egypt and sold him to Potiphar. Joseph was wrongly accused and sent to prison. God was with Joseph and gave him the ability to interpret dreams. This helped Joseph to become the prime minister of Egypt.

- There was a great famine in the land of Canaan. Jacob heard that there is food available in Egypt. He sent his sons to Egypt to buy food. Joseph was in charge of the distribution of food. His brothers came stood in front of him without knowing that it was their brother Joseph. But Joseph recognized his brothers. Even though his brother intended to do harm him, he was happy to see them. He revealed to them that he is their brother Joseph. He assured them that they don't have to be afraid of him. He is not seeking any vengeance. He has forgiven them. Joseph said to his brothers, "Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people." He asked his brothers to go back bring their father Jacob and rest of their families to Egypt and he promised to take care of them.
- Joseph's brother intended harm too him when they sold him as a slave. Joseph trusted God and God revealed his plan through the dream Joseph had as a boy. God used the harmful act of his brothers for good of Joseph and his family. Joseph's exaltation from slavery to the position as second in command of Egypt did not make him proud. He gave full glory to God.
- Joseph could have paid his brother back for their evil action towards him. But he chose to forgive them and reconcile with them. He was very happy to see them. Forgiveness is very important in a Christian's life. As God forgives our sins, we should forgive those who wrong us.
- As Joseph helped his brothers in their time of need, we should be willing help others, even those who hurt us, in their needs.

OR

2. Name any four fruits we are expected to bear as stated in Galatians? (2) How can one remain in Christ's Love and explain the purpose of true discipleship? (8) L15

The fruits of the Holy Spirit are Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. **(0.5 Pt x 4 = 2 Pts)**

One can remain in his love by obeying his commandments. **(1 pt)**

Jesus made it very clear to his disciples that they must learn to love one another and others. **(1Pt)**

His words are external and does not change. **(1pt)**

The love and obedience relationship is so important that John explained it decades after Jesus went back to heaven. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. (John 3:16) .Jesus dies on the cross in obedience to the father's will. **(1pt)**

Love is the relationship that unites the disciples to Christ as branches are united to a vine .This relationship results in obedience and that leads to joy. It is obeying him that we become fruitful .bearing fruit always brings joy .Jesus intends that his disciples live a happy life rather than a life of hardship and sorrow. **(1pt)**

Our obedience to Christ leads to friendship .Jesus does not see the disciples as mere tools but makes us partners in his mission .He had revealed to the disciples everything the father had given him. **(1pt)**

In Summary, every believer is a branch. Everyone has to remain in the True Vine, Jesus. He requires obedience and love for him, and love for each other. It is accomplished by remaining in him. It takes earnest prayers as well as obedience to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We will be able to bear fruits as he expects. The fruits will attract others to Christ and thus glorify God. Bringing people to Christ is the mission of God. That is the purpose of true discipleship. **(2pt)**

(Any variation of a valid conclusion to the student's essay should be honoured)



MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE
2019 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)

- Samuel grew up in the house of the Lord, under the leadership of: (L- 2)
A. Elkanah **B. Eli, the High Priest** C. Hophni D. Phinehas
- The Israelites asked for a king to reign over them when they saw king _____ came against them. (L- 2)
A. King Jabin of Hazor B. King of Moab
C. **King Nahash of the Ammonites** D. King of the Philistines
- Born slave in Abram's house: (L 4)
A. Hagar B. Ishmael **C. Eliezer of Damascus** D. Keturah
- The angel of the Lord found Hagar by a spring on the way to _____ L5-19
A. Kadesh **B. Shur** C. Bered D. Canaan
- What did David do after his sin was exposed by the prophet? L6 26
A. He blamed Bathsheba B. He denied it
C. He got angry **D. He said, "I have sinned against the Lord."**
- The dialogue between _____ and _____ consists of two divine encounters pertaining to Promised Seed and Promised Land: L7 P29
A. **God and Abram** B. Abraham and Sarah C. Abram and Isaac D. Abram and Hagar
- Jesus called these two the 'sons of thunder.' L8 P36

17. When Jesus first appeared to the disciples in the locked room early Easter Sunday, _____ was not there. L 19 79
- A. Thomas** B. Peter C. Andrew D. James
18. The book of Acts is written by _____, and begins with an address to _____. L20
- A. Luke; Paul B. Paul, Luke C. Paul, Theophilus, **D. Luke, Theophilus**
19. 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 L22 P91
20. 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. L 23 P 93
- A. Lucius B. Manaen **C. Elymas** D. Sergius
21. _____ was a leader of the church in Antioch: L23 P95
- A. Barnabas B. Lucius & Manaen C. Simeon called Niger **D. All of the above**
22. The night before Peter was to be brought out to be tried by Herod, he was bound to _____ guards. L24 P 99
- A. 7 B. 2 C. 1 D. 5**

Question issue (Please give 1 mark to all students)

23. The Book of Revelation is considered as a _____ literature. L25 103
- A. Prophetic B. Torah C. Ketuvim **D. Apocalyptic**
24. James, the brother of _____, became the bishop of the church in Jerusalem. L 24
- A. John B. Mark **C. Jesus** D. Thomas
25. The first apostle to ever address Jesus as God was: L 19 P 80
- A. Thomas** B. Simon Peter C. John D. Andrew

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

- 1. Describe the story of Ananias and Sapphira. What was the sin Ananias and Sapphira**

made? What lesson can we learn from this story? L 15 P 64

Ananias and Sapphira sold one piece of property and brought the money to the apostles. However, they kept a portion of the money to themselves. The sin they committed was not greed or selfishness but lying to the Holy Spirit that they gave the whole amount of money when they actually kept part of it for themselves. The lesson that we learn is the importance of unity in the church and sharing possessions. As well as the importance of fully submitting to the Lord.

2. What are the three main features of God's covenant to Abraham? Explain each? What was Abraham's reaction to the thought that a ninety year – old woman (Sarai) would bear a child? L 7 P29, P32

The promise of land- Abraham left all that he had and was faithful and obedient to the Lord
The promise of descendants- I will make you a great nation and make your name great.
The promise of blessing and redemption- I will bless those who bless you, and the one curse you I will curse: and in you all the families of earth shall be blessed

Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself "Can a child be born to a man who is 100 years old."

3. Explain the redemptive actions of the cross. What do the three crosses represent? What happened during Jesus' crucifixion? L18 P77

God paid the ultimate price with the sacrifice of his only son who suffered and died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sin.

The cross of rebellion – Thief on one side, who mocked at Jesus.
The cross of repentance – The thief who asked for the forgiveness
The cross of redemption - The cross of Jesus

There was darkness from noon to three o'clock. The curtain in the temple was torn in two. There was an earthquake. Tombs were opened and saints who had died came to life.

4. What are some characteristics of New Jerusalem? Why is the new earth and new heaven no longer separated? How does Christ make us new currently and how will he make us new when He comes?. L25 P 104

There is no sorrow, no darkness and no sin. This holy city New Jerusalem is perfect, sinless, pure and a community of righteousness. It is also a perfect community of the people of God.

God has always desired to live in close fellowship with us and so He will be when He lives among us.

If we welcome Christ as our savior, we are made in to a new creation currently. When He comes again he will make us spiritual, morally, physically and bodily new and our relationship with Him will be new and glorious.

5. Explain the spiritual transformation that took place in Saul's life? L13 P56

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.

God had a plan to use Saul to serve the kingdom of God

6. What are the three obstacles that can prevent us from inheriting eternal life that we learned about the story of Jesus and the Rich Man? What did Jesus tell the Richman to do? And why did this make him sad? L17 P 71 & 72

Disobedience to God and his commandments

Temptation of idolizing material wealth and all the values associated with that

Not giving God the pre-eminence that is reserved for Him and Him alone in your heart

Jesus told the rich man to sell what you own and give the money to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven then come follow me.

The Richman had many possessions.

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. After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great. **Genesis 15:1. L4 P 18**
2. But Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. **Isaiah 40:31 L10 P 45**

3. Jesus looking at him, loved him and said, “you lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me. **Mark 10:21 L17 P74**
4. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witness in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. **Acts 1:8 L20 P 85**
5. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying ‘I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring Salvation to the ends of the earth’. **Acts 13:47 L23 P97**
6. Go and learn what this means, I desire, mercy, not sacrifice, For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners. **Mathew 9:13 L8 P37**
7. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. **Genesis 17:7 L7 P33**

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. Eucharist is another term for _____ **C MTFV P198**
 A. Liturgy B. Alter **C. Holy Qurbana** D. Baptism
2. The concise statement of our faith is proclaimed in the
 A. Liturgy **B. Nicene Creed** C. Sermon d. Taksa
B MTFV P209
3. All the decisions affecting the Mar Thoma Church are made by the P200
 A. Sabha Council B. Diocesan Episcopa
C. Sabha Pradhinithi Mandalam D. Diocesan Council
4. The term laity is derived from the Greek word “Laos” meaning: P204
A. People B. Vicar C. Bishop D. Deacon
5. How many sacraments does the Mar Thoma church recognize? P199
 A. 5 B.3 C.8 **D.7**
6. The _____ symbolizes the offering of our prayers to God. P199
 A. Candle B. Pulpit C. Alter **D. Incense**
7. What were the two forms of Ancient Christianity? 197

A. Eastern and Western

B. Southern and Northern

C. Southern and Western

D. Northern and Eastern

8. The Bishops wear Masnapsa on their head as a sign of _____ P200
A. Position B. Power **C. Total Submission** D. Episcopacy

9. As Marthomites, we believe the _____ to be the final authority of our faith
A. Bible B. Nicene Creed C. Altar D. Synod

10. Who has the power to send back the decisions of the Mandalam for reconsideration?
A. Episcopal Synod B. Sabha Council C Bishop **D. Metropolitan**

Section 5 – Mar Thoma History Short Answer. Answer any two of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (2 x 5pts = 10 pts Total)

1. List any five reformations Abraham Malpan made in the Malankara church. (5 marks) P211

- Started celebration of Holy Qurbana in Malayalam (until then liturgy was in Syriac)
- Removed sections from Thaksa (Communion service book) that were not based on the Word of God
- Decided to serve bread and wine separately
- Made the liturgy as a book available for the use of common people to deepen their understanding and participation in worship
- Stopped the practice of private confession with the priest and receiving absolution before communion.
- Holy Communion is for participation and not for worship
- Removed prayers for the dead.

2. Mar Thoma Church is a unique church, but we are not an exclusive church. Explain the uniqueness of Mar Thoma church? P195

The Mar Thoma church forms part of the ancient church of Malabar. It has been recognized as a reformed church. It has a blending of two tracts, namely the Eastern church features and reformation ideals. These features of the church points to its uniqueness when compared to other churches. Church also maintain relations with other Christian denominations. The church affirms self as an essential part of the one holy, catholic and apostolic church. Reform, revival and spirit of ecumenism joined together in molding the church as a unique church.

3. The worship service includes symbolism, vestments and gestures. What does each of them represent? P199 Symbolism (3)

Altar represents the Throne of God or Table of Life
Candles represent the presence of God (the source of light)
Incense represents the sweet-smelling sacrifice rising to God

Vestments (1)

Vestments represents the fight against the power of darkness

Gestures (1)

Gestures represents external expressions of the inner experience of penitence, submission and respect

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

words. (1x10 pts=10 pts).

1. Describe David's diabolical act? (2 marks) **Lesson 6**

Who did God send to warn David? Describe the story of the rich man and poor man and relate it to David's situation (5 marks)

What was David's response? How did he repent? (2 marks)

What lesson did you learn from this story? (1 marks)

David fell in love with a married woman named Bathsheba. She was the wife of Uriah, a loyal soldier. David devised a secret plan to have him killed in battle against the Ammonites. When the plan was completed, David took Bathsheba as his wife. This was David's moment of weakness and he fell into sin.

God sent Nathan, the prophet, to warn David. He told David about the parable of a rich man stealing a lamb from a poor man. The rich man had many flocks of lambs, the poor man had one lamb. One day a visitor came to visit the rich man. The rich man took the lamb from the poor man and prepared that for his guest instead of taking a lamb from his flock.

Nathan told David he was like the rich man. God had anointed him over all of Israel; given him rule over Saul and his house and his wives. Yet he defiled God by killing Uriah and taking his wife as David's own. David was remorseful. David spent the next seven days repenting, fasting and praying for his son to be spared by God.

There are many temptations in this world. We may think that our minor actions may not amount up to much but God sees all. Our little actions today may have great consequences in the future either for us or our families. Salvation is available through true repentance.

OR

2. Explain why Peter was arrested by King Herod and state his miraculous escape from prison
Lesson 24

King Herod wanted to break the church and gain the favor of the Jewish people. When he killed James, the brother of John, the Jews were pleased. Herod thought if he also killed

Peter, he would gain even more favor among the Jews. So he had Peter arrested. Peter was one of the early leaders of the church after Jesus' death. He was put in prison, bound to 2 chains between 2 guards, with 2 more guards outside his cell. Herod didn't want him to escape under any circumstances. God's people prayed fervently for Peter's safe return. One night, an angel of the Lord appeared and woke Peter up by shining a light into the cell. Immediately, his chains fell off and the angel guided him out of prison. Peter thought he was dreaming at first, but he knew that the Lord had sent the angel to rescue him from Herod and the Jewish people.

Peter went to the house of Mary where lots of people were praying for him. Everyone was amazed to see him. Peter explained how God rescued him.

In the story of Peter's prison break, Peter escaped against all odds. Herod tried to break the church and gain favor of the Jewish people. But God had different plans for Peter. Peter had the support of God's people who powerfully prayed for him in his time of need. God's rescue of Peter is also the result of answered prayers.



MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS

DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

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Section 1: Multiple Choice

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

1. How many jars of water did Elijah ask the men to pour on the offering and wood, and how many times?

- a) 3 jars each, 3 times c) 5 jars each, 2 times
b) 4 jars each, 4 times d) **4 jars each, 3 times**

2. The Palestinian covenant is also called the:

- a) **Land covenant** c) New covenant
b) Abrahamic covenant d) Noahic covenant

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3. The Ark of Covenant had the 10 commandments, Aaron's rod, a jar of manna and the _____

- a) Moses stick c) 12 stones of Israel
b) **First Torah scroll** d) Gold Calf

4. Isaiah saw the vision of the Lord in the year of the death of King _____

- a) **Uzziah** c) Rehoboam
b) Ahab d) Hezekiah

5. Who told Job "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die."

- a) Friends c) **Wife**
b) Father d) Satan

6. In Hebrews 5:7, _____ offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears.

- a) Paul c) Elihu
b) Job d) **Jesus**

7. Who said to Whom: "He must manage his own household well, keeping his children submissive and respectful in every way-for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church?"

- a) Timothy to Paul c) Paul to Peter
b) Paul to John d) **Paul to Timothy**

8. What does the name "Jacob" mean?

- a) **Supplanter** c) Younger
b) Liar d) Deceiver

9. Regarding salvation, Paul believes that:

- a) Faith and reverence can save c) Faith and fasting can save
b) Faith with works can save d) **Faith alone can save**

10. The God said to Ezekiel, “ _____ to these bones and say to them, O dry bones, hear the Word of God!”
 a) Command **c) Prophecy**
 b) Talk d) None of the Above
11. _____ was the High Priest among the exiles who returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple
 a) **Joshua** c) Haggai
 b) Shealtiel d) Nehemiah
12. How many beatitudes are in the Sermon on the Mount
 a) 7 b) 8 **c) 9** d) 10
13. _____ was the governor of Judea and _____ was the ruler of Galilee in the days of John the Baptist.
 a) Herod, Philip b) Philip, Pontius Pilate **c) Pontius Pilate, Herod** d) Tiberius, Pontius Pilate
14. The final petition in Jesus’ priestly prayer is for
a) Union of his own people with himself
 b) His disciples to be strong during the upcoming trials
 c) His mother Mary and brother John to be safe from harm
 d) The truth of the gospel
15. In the High Priestly prayer Jesus prayed, “Father Glorify me in your presence with the _____ that I had in your presence before the _____ existed”
 a) Power, universe c) Truth, world
 b) **Glory, world** d) Love, Holy spirit
16. Jesus encourages all believers to grow in relationship, commitment and _____ to Him.
 a) **Obedience** b) Dedication c) Discipline d) Love
17. _____ voluntarily agreed to give away half of his wealth and pay back 4 times of what he cheated.
 a) Chief Priest **b) Zacchaeus** c) Nicodemus d) The rich young man
18. Gnostic preachers tried to rationalize salvation not by faith in Christ, but by “special _____”
 a) Learning b) Deeds **c) Knowledge** d) Ritual
19. In Numbers 12: 8, “with him I speak face to face- clearly, not in riddle; and he beholds the form of the Lord”. Who is the Lord referring to here?
 a) **Moses** b) Jacob c) Abraham d) Issac
20. From the beginning of the Gospel of _____, we see the emphasis that Jesus is God.
 a) Matthew b) Mark **c) John** d) Acts
21. Peter tells the crowd in Acts 4: 12, “There is _____ in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved”
 a) Fulfilment b) **Salvation** c) Forgiveness d) Peace

22. In Numbers 12, God describes _____ as very humble, more so than anyone else on the face of the earth.
- a) David b) Abraham c) Joshua d) **Moses**
23. Jesus told _____, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live..."
- a) **Martha** b) Mary c) Mary Magdalene d) Salome
24. The _____ enabled those who were in hiding due to fear after the crucifixion of Jesus to go out into the word and courageously proclaim the Gospel.
- a) Holy Spirit b) **Resurrection** c) Heavenly voice d) Crusaders
25. 'Revelation' is from a Greek word "apocalypse" which means a _____
- a) The end b) **Disclosure** c) Blessings d) Final account

Section 2: Short Answers

Answer **any four (4 out of 6)** of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (4 x 5pts = 20 Points)

1. What was the core of John the Baptist's message? (2pts)

Who were the 3 (**2 is enough**) individuals/groups John the Baptist had a specific message for, and what was his advice to them? (3pts)

He told the **crowds**: "repent for the kingdom of heaven is near" and/or "whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise"

He told the **tax collectors** "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you"

He told the **soldiers** "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusations and be satisfied by your wages"

He condemned the wealthy people for their luxurious lifestyle

He rebuked King Herod for his immoral activity

2. What did Ezekiel see in the opening of the vision about the bones and how is it related to the spiritual state of the people of Israel?

The vision opens with Ezekiel being placed in a valley of dry bones. This vision is about the eventual restoration of Israel. However, the scene that was presented to Ezekiel was not one of hope but one of death and desolation. This represented the spiritual state of the people of Israel. They had no place of worship or spiritual fellowship in Babylon. The valley represents their physical exile and spiritual inertia. In all these things, it would seem there was no hope.

- 3. List any five pieces of "Armor of God" and a one line on what it means (1 pt each)**

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a. Belt of Truth:

- In accordance with the facts, in other words, with the Word of God
- Truth or sincerity in action is the foundation of our character

b. Breastplate of Righteousness

- Breastplate ensures that the soldier could withstand attacks from the enemy

- Righteousness is the quality of being morally right or justifiable before God.

c. Shield of Faith

- A soldier uses his shield at the proper time to defend against attack
- Faith represents our complete trust or confidence in God

d. Helmet of Salvation

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

e. Sword of Spirit

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

4. Which of Job's friends visited him? (1.5 points) How did they respond seeing his suffering?(3.5 points)

Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them set out from his home—**Eliphaz** (the Temanite), **Bildad** (the Shuhite), and **Zophar** (the Naamathite).

They met together to go and console and comfort him. When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

5. What did Jesus pray for before He was arrested? His specific petitions?

Jesus prayed for His work, the disciples, unity, and Himself.

Petition for glorification based on the completion of his work and humility.

Petitions for his disciples and stewardship. Jesus prayed for the disciples he would soon be leaving behind.

Petition for the preservation and sanctification of "his own" in the world.

Petition for unity of "his own". He prays that "that they may be one, as we are one...". He says that just as He and the Father are inherently one, without any separation in nature

Petition for the union of "his own" with himself. Jesus prays that "his own" may one day be with Him and share in His glory.

6. Write 5 or more sentences about Haggai: What was the word of the LORD to Haggai? What was Haggai's message to the Israelites and how did they respond and what did they accomplish?

Then the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your panelled houses, while this house lies in ruins?

Prophet Haggai came to deliver God's message urging them to rebuild the Temple. His message stands out for one key reason: the people listened and obeyed. His message was passionate, inspiring and straightforward. He addressed the key issue with a question, "Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your panelled houses, while this house lies in ruins?". Haggai urged them to continue working and not to be discouraged. He assured them that God was with them and that the future glory of this modest temple would be greater than the former one.

The people feared and obeyed the voice of the Lord through prophet Haggai. The Lord inspired everyone to work on the temple. As a result of Haggai's messages, they resumed their work and continued until its completion in 515 B.C.

Section 3: Memory Verse

Complete **any five (5 out of 7)** of the following in the sheet provided. (5 x 5pts = 25 Points)

- 1) I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live.” Deuteronomy 30:19 – (Lesson: 3)
- 2) “I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” Romans 12:1 – (Lesson:4)
- 3) I hereby command you, ‘Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.’ Joshua 1:9 (Lesson:6)
- 4) Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’ Genesis 28:15 (Lesson:7)
- 5) Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God’s wrath. John 3:36 (Lesson:13)
- 6) But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteous-ness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33 (Lesson:17)
- 7) “The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.”- 1 John 4:21 (Lesson:19)

Section 4: MTC Foundation & Vision Multiple Choices

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

1. “The message of the Kingdom of God calls upon us to serve others in all their needs- physical, mental and spiritual”- Whose words were these?
 - a) Abraham Malpan
 - b) Dr. Yuhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan
 - c) Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Metropolitan**
 - d) Pope John Paul
2. When was the Sunday School Samajam established?
 - a) 1888
 - b) 1905
 - c) 1924
 - d) 1884**
3. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan showed special interest for the total development of the _____ Mar Thoma community.
 - a) **Dalit**
 - b) Hindu
 - c) American
 - d) Tribal
4. What did Dr. E. Stanley call Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan?
 - a) God's Servant

- b) Great Indian Missionary**
- c) The Pioneer Missionary
d) God's Disciple
5. What is the name of the book that Dr. Stanley Jones wrote?
a) **The Christ of the Indian Roads** c) How to be like Jesus
b) Missionary: God's Calling d) Heaven is for Real
6. Who was awarded the Pope John XXIII Peace Prize in 1971 and Nobel Peace Prize in 1979
a) Stephen Neil
b) Mother Teresa
c) Mabel Lossing
d) C.F. Andrews
7. The Mar Thoma Church developed indigenous missionary movement in India by establishing _____ that sent Indians as missionaries to rest of India.
a) Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists Association
b) Sabha Tharaka
c) Navajeevan Kendram
d) Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association
8. Which of the following was a contribution of Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan?
a) Believed that Mar Thoma Church has a special role in evangelizing India; sent missionaries to all parts of India
b) He exhorted every member of the Mar Thoma Church to be an Evangelist and established the Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists' Association
c) His entire life as a priest, bishop, and Metropolitan was dedicated to making the Mar Thoma Church as a pioneer evangelistic church.
d) All of the above
9. The _____ dynamic of the ministry is reaching out and bringing in people into the fellowship of the church.
a) Centripetal **b) Centrifugal** c) Gravitational d) Peripheral
10. Servant ministry is also known as _____.
a) **Diakonial ministry** c) Centripetal ministry
b) Ministry of the church d) Koinonia ministry

Section 5: MTC Foundation & Vision

Answer **any two (2 out of 3)** of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the Point. (2 x 5pts =10)

1. What is mission and ministry, and how do you differentiate?

Mission of the church is centrifugal – reaching out and bringing people into the fellowship of the church

Ministry is centripetal – taking care of the people's total needs. Diaconal mission of Christ to serve the total needs of the people. Involvement of both priests and laity. Church follows the "Feed my Lamb commission taking care of social, economic, and spiritual needs of the Christian community.

2. Write 5 sentences or more about Most Rev. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Metropolitan, and his mission activities.

Any 1 or 2 from the below answers

N. M. Abraham was born in Central Kerala. He attended Madras Christian college and received his B. A. degree. He was ordained deacon in 1911 and became the first college graduate to enter ordained ministry of the Mar Thoma Church. He was consecrated Bishop in 1917 and in 1944 he became the Metropolitan.

Any 2 or 3 from the below answers

Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan firmly believed that Mar Thoma Church has a special role in evangelizing the rest of India.

- He dedicated his life in molding the Mar Thoma Church as a pioneer evangelistic church among all the churches in India.
 - He was pioneer in sending the missionaries from Kerala to various corners of India to preach the gospel
 - He exhorted every member of the Mar Thoma Church to be a missionary
 - He established Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists Association
3. Give two reasons why Mother Theresa is a supreme example of love, humility and Christ-likeness. (L3 P230)

- Mother Theresa 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

Answer **any one (1 out of 2)** to write an essay in 150 words or more. (10 pts. Total) Circle the question.

1. Write **any of the 5 "blessedness"** ascribed by Jesus to the crowd, provide an explanation for **each of the five**.

The below answers are a guideline and does not have to be word for word. As long as the Beatitude is mentioned and a brief explanation is given.

Beatitude 1- **"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven"**- the fundamental attitude of believers. (v3) The "poor" have been a prominent audience in Biblical times for prophets of the Old Testament as well as the New Testament. Although "poor" may be attributed to monetary wealth, the Beatitude refers to those who are spiritually poor. This "spiritually poor" further describes those who have humbled themselves before the Lord, acknowledging their sinful condition and their need of a Saviour.

Beatitude 2- **"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted"**- an everlasting hope for believers. (v4) Mourning comes with the loss of something significant in our lives, whether it be a loved one, broken relationship, etc. Out of mourning comes a hope that everything will return to normal - ultimately that things will get better.

Beatitude 3- **"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth"**- a spirit of gentleness and self-control possessed by believers (v5) "Meek" people possess a spirit of gentleness and self-control;

they don't oppress others and are free from malice. "Meekness" for believers is also seen as fruit of the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells the crowd that those who are meek will inherit the earth, but what does "the earth" refer to?

Beatitude 4- **"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."**- the yearning nature of the believer for the Lord's vision (v6) Jesus clearly states that those who have that constant thirst, or desire, to seek uprightness and are in search of God's way, they will be filled. This Beatitude also recurs in the same chapter when Jesus says, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

Beatitude 5- **"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."**- the forgiving nature of the believer (v7) Along with the other characteristics of a believer seen in the other Beatitudes, we notice an outward expression of dependence and need of help from the Lord. Having a merciful heart acknowledges the flaws of oneself and how one falls short many times and enables one to forgive others and show mercy.

Beatitude 6- **"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."** – the vision and seeking of God by believers (v8) The "pure in heart" refers to the actions of a believer that are aligned with God's vision and are intended to be good in God's eyes. Those who are "pure in heart" will be able to see God in every situation or circumstance in life, allowing them to fully give praise and honour to God amidst struggles as well as joy.

Beatitude 7- **"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."**- the advancement of the Kingdom of God by believers (v9) Jesus doesn't refer to the ceasing of hostilities and war within the world when He mentions "peace". He refers to a drastic change of nature that the world has not yet seen for peace to persist. Jesus characterizes peacemakers as being those who focus on harmonious communities, but ultimately those who are promoting the Kingdom of God on earth.

Beatitude 8- **"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."**- the perseverance of believers (v10) Although it may seem only logical that a life of "righteousness" is one that should be sought for, the world is broken and far removed from the way of the Lord. Those who are searching for righteousness will be persecuted on account of their pursuit after God's heart.

Beatitude 9- **"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."** – the great reward for believers. (v11)

OR

2. Name any 5 of the covenants identified in lesson 3, and explain in detail the Palestinian covenant.

OUT of syllabus - If the student has answered more than 50% of fill in the blanks, memory verses, and short answers then please give 10 marks for this question.

If the student has attempted the #1 essay, please give 5 marks (max 10 marks for essay) for this question.

1. Noahic covenant (Genesis 9: 8-17)
2. Abrahamic covenant: Genesis chapters 12-16 in junior classes.
3. Mosaic Covenants (Genesis, chapters 17, Exodus chapters 19-24, 34:28 and Deut.5:6-22)
4. Palestinian covenant (Deut: chapters 29 and 30)
5. Davidic covenant (2 Samuel 7: 12-13)
6. New Covenant (Jeremiah 31: 1-34)

Palestinian covenant –The Palestinian covenant is considered to be part of the Mosaic covenants and is also known as the “Land covenant” because God gave these commandments through Moses to the Israelites just before the Israelites were to get possession of the Promised Land of Canaan. These covenants are described in Deuteronomy chapters 29 and 30. God made this covenant with Israel while they were in Moab waiting to go into the Promised Land. This covenant would serve the new generation of Israelites as a reminder of their special covenantal relationship with God. Deuteronomy chapter 30:1-20 can be taken as a summary of the Palestinian covenant. Moses reminds the Israelites of the following: You can choose Life or Death (blessings or curses - Deut. 30:1,15) These commandments are not too hard for you, nor is it far off, but the word is near you; it is in your heart, so that you can do it (Deut: 30: 11-14) You can obey His commandments by loving the Lord your God (Deut. 30:2,16) You will perish and will not live long if your heart turns away from the Lord and His commandments (Deut. 30:17-18) The Palestinian Covenant presupposes that Israel will fail to keep the Mosaic Covenant. In the event of such a failure, God promises to do the following if they sincerely turn their hearts back to Him:

- Have compassion on Israel
- Free Israel from enslavement
- Re-gather Israel, from all parts of the earth, into their own land
- Circumcise Israel's heart, such that their love and obedience of God will be perfect