



**MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS**  
**DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE**  
**2021 Diocesan Exam**  
**Grade 7**

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. Gideon's name means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Yahweh
  - b. Powerful
  - c. Strong Soldier
  - d. Mighty Warrior    **D (L7 P35)**
  
2. Angel asked \_\_\_\_\_, a man from Caesarea, to go to Joppa and meet Peter.
  - a. Timothy
  - b. Caesar
  - c. Anthony
  - d. Cornelius**D (L24 P116)**
  
3. The criteria for the Israelites to be God's chosen people was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Love of God
  - b. Faithfulness to God
  - c. to be Holy
  - d. to be people with purpose**B (L5 P23)**
  
4. This spy sent by Moses to Canaan to evaluate conditions came back and suggested that they all proceed to occupy the land?
  - a. John
  - b. Caleb
  - c. Jeremiah
  - d. James**B (L6 P26)**
  
5. Even though Gideon only had an army of \_\_\_\_\_ men, the Israelites were able to defeat the Midianites
  - a. thirty
  - b. three hundred
  - c. one million
  - d. three**B (L7 P36)**

6. The Greek word "Paraklētōs" translates as
- a. Prophecy
  - b. Father
  - c. Parable
  - d. Holy Spirit

**D (L15 P80)**

7. "Yahweh is salvation" is the meaning of this word:
- a. Amos
  - b. Caleb
  - c. Isaiah
  - d. Hezekiah

**C (L8 P41)**

8. Jerubbaal means \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Mighty Warrior
  - b. The Sword of God
  - c. Let Baal contend against him
  - d. He who contends against Baal

**C (L7 P32)**

9. The Babylonian King \_\_\_\_\_ commanded his palace master Ashpenaz to train some Hebrew boys.
- a. Ahab
  - b. Nebuchadnezzar
  - c. Ahaz
  - d. none of these

**B (L11 P59)**

10. Isaiah became aware of this in the presence of God.
- a. his sins
  - b. his sins and that of his people
  - c. how he defiled God's request
  - d. none of these

**B (L8 P42)**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ means “putting things side by side”

- a. Confession
- b. Adoration
- c. Atonement
- d. Parable

**D (L14 P76)**

12. Jesus was angry at the \_\_\_\_\_ who made the temple a marketplace.

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

**A (17 P 89)**

13. Abram left \_\_\_\_\_ with his wife, nephew, servants and all his belongings.

- a. Canaan
- b. Jerusalem
- c. Haran
- d. Bethel

**C (L3 P13)**

14. Why was King Ahab resentful and sullen after talking to Naboth?

- a. He coveted Naboth's vineyard and refused to give it as the law of the Lord forbid to give away ancestral inheritance
- b. He was jealous of Jezebel

- c. He was jealous of Elijah
  - d. King Ahab was happy because he did not break any of the ten Commandments
- A (L12 P67)**

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

- a. Isaiah
  - b. Jeremiah
  - c. Caleb
  - d. Elijah
- B (L9 P44)**

16. \_\_\_\_\_ is a Hebrew word that means, "to be set apart for a special purpose"

- a. Ecclesia
  - b. Qadosh
  - c. To die
  - d. none of these
- B (L5 P23)**

17. The name Elisha means \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Yahweh is my God
  - b. God is Salvation
  - c. God is my judge
  - d. God is good
- B (L13 P73)**

18. Daniel comes from Hebrew meaning \_\_\_\_\_

- a. God is my savior
  - b. God is my judge
  - c. God is chosen
  - d. God is my Lord
- B (L11 P58)**

19. Elijah was a prophet whose name means \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Yahweh is my God
  - b. Yahweh is my savior
  - c. Yahweh is my everything
  - d. Yahweh is Love
- A (L13 P 73)**

20. Who built the altar at Oprah to the Lord, and called it "The Lord is Peace"

- a. Caleb
  - b. Gideon
  - c. Isaiah
  - d. David
- B (L7 P32)**

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

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

**C (L6 P28)**

22. Jeremiah was a contemporary of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**D (L9 P46)**

23. Gideon was from the clan of:

- a. Manhasset
- b. Manasseh
- c. Judah
- d. Levi

**B (L7 P31)**

24. Jeremiah was the son of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. David
- b. Josiah
- c. Hilkiyah
- d. Amon

**C (L9 P44)**

25. Omnipotent means \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. All powerful, almighty, supreme
- b. Weak
- c. Strong
- d. Mighty

**A (L1 P2)**

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

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

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

(L14 P75)

2. Write any Four that represent the **work of the Holy Spirit** in our lives? (L15 P81)

- 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 the witnesses for our Lord Jesus Christ

3. Why did King Ahab want Naboth's vineyard and how did he get it? (L12 P62)

**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.**

**4. What is Abraham known as? Why did God choose Abraham? State the different aspects of Abrahamic covenant? (L3 P13)**

- 1. Abraham is known as the father of Israel (1pt)**
- 2. God chose Abraham because of his unconditional or blind faith. (1pt)**
- 3. Three main promises:**
  - a. The Promise of Land**
  - b. The Promise of descendants**
  - c. The promise of blessings and redemption**

**5. When the angel appeared to Gideon and instructed him that he was to lead the Israelites to victory against their oppressors, Gideon was not convinced that he was the chosen one and needed more assurance. So he asked the angel to show him signs that the angel was truly sent by God. State and describe each sign. (L7 P35) 5 pts.**

**1. Sign of the Fire: (1 pt)**

**As Gideon prepared an offering of meat and bread for his guest, the angel touched the offering with the end of the stick he was holding, and fire came out of the rock and burnt the meat and bread. (2pts)**

**2. Sign of the wool fleece: (1pt)**

**Gideon laid a wool fleece on the threshing floor and asked God to make the fleece wet and the floor dry. The angel did Gideon asked. Then Gideon asked the angel to make the fleece dry and the floor wet and the angel did Gideon asked. (2pts)**

**6. 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? (L19 P96)**

**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.”**

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

- 1. But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the royal rations of food and wine: so he asked the palace master to allow him not to defile himself- Daniel 1:8 (L 11 P61)**
- 2. “ Then the Lord turned to him and said, “Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian; I hereby commission you.’ – (Judges 6:14) (L7 P38)**

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  
**(L5 P25)**
4. The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." – (Acts10:15)  
**(L24 P119)**
5. Do you not **know that you are God’s temple and that God’s spirit dwells** in you?  
1Corinthians 3:16 (L17 P91)
6. "When the Spirit of **truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come**" (John 16:13) **(L15 P83)**
7. Jesus said to him, "**No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.**"- (Luke 9:62)  
**(L13 P72)**

**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. Valia Nombu (Great Lent) is a total of how many days?

- a. 40      b. 28      **c. 50**      d. 100

**C (MTFV L4 P162)**

2. The Day of Ascension is observed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day after Easter.

- a. 3rd      b. 7<sup>th</sup>      c. 1<sup>st</sup>      **d. 40th**

**D (MTFV L4 P163)**

3. The Nicene Creed is the only creed that is truly \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- |                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| a. Liturgical and universal | b. Ecumenical and methodical |
| c. Ecumenical and universal | d. Liturgical and ecumenical |

**C (MTFV P166)**

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

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

**B (MTFV L4 P161)**

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

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

**B (MTFV L3 P159)**

6. Liturgy means ...

- a. the service that may be rendered to God and people.
- b. the history of the church and the celebration of the mystery of salvation
- c. the source and summit of the life of the church and the celebration of life.
- d. none of the above

**A (MTFV P154)**

7. What *Taksa* (liturgy) does the Mar Thoma Church use during Holy Communion?

- a. St. John liturgy
- b. St. James liturgy
- c. Nicene liturgy
- d. Syrian Orthodox liturgy

**B (MTFV P154)**

8. Who is believed to have represented Christians from India at the first Council of Nicea?

- a. Bishop Eusebius
- b. Emperor Constantine
- c. Archbishop John**
- d. Abraham Malpan

**C (MTFV P166)**

9. We believe in one, holy, catholic and \_\_\_\_\_ church

- b. Christian
- b. Apostolic**
- c. United
- d. Syrian

**B (MTFV L5 P168)**

10. Madhbaha means \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Stone
- b. Light
- c. Incense
- d. Altar (L3 P158)**

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

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

**(MTFV L5 P166/167)**

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

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

**(MTFV L1 P 151)**

3. Name **any five symbols** associated with the Mar Thoma Order of Worship. Briefly describe each symbol.

**Tableetha:** It is a small rectangular wooden tablet or board placed upon the thronos. Tableetha can be used as a portable altar. It is kept as a reminder for purity.

**Thronos:** The consecrated table that serves as the altar in the Madbaha is called 'Thronos'. The Thronos is made of stone and is a symbol of divine presence. This is the table, which is used for the consecration of the elements in the Holy Qurbana.

**Madbaha:** The word Madbaha is an Aramaic word meaning an altar to celebrate the Qurbana. Madbaha reminds us of the divine presence of God.

**Incense:** an offering. The smoke from the incense is a symbol of the divine presence. The cloud and incense stand for the invisible presence of the Lord.

**Censer:** Three chains on censer stand for the Holy Trinity. The bells attached to the chains symbolizes the teachings of the twelve Apostles.

**Cross:** symbolizes eternal life granted to humanity through Christ's sacrificial act. It symbolizes light, peace, and the new life received through Christ.

**Kappa:** vestment that the priest wears during Holy Qurbana and other sacraments. They are made "for glory and beauty".

**Light:** calls us to shine light the light in a world of darkness

**(L3 P158/159)**

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

1. State the following with respect to Jeremiah and God's calling for him.

*Be sure to include to below points in your essay*

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

**(L9 P46/47)**

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

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

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

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

**c. These visions mean,**

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

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

**3. The city, a pillar and a wall. God doesn't leave Jeremiah to do this ministry alone. 9**

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

Write about the following incidents that we learn from Acts 10? (L24 P116-118)

***Be sure to include to below points in your essay***

- a. Cornelius's vision (2pt)
- b. Peter's Vision (3)
- c. What did Peter do after the vision? (2)
- d. What was Peter's message to the Gentiles and happened there? (3)

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

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

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

**On Peter's arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshiped him. But Peter made him get up, saying, "Stand up; I am only a mortal." And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; and he said to them, "You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand**

**that God shows no partiality, but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.**