



MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE
2016 Diocesan Examination
Grade 6

Time : 90 Minutes

Maximum Score : 100 Points

Section 1 – Match the following. Write the appropriate letter of the matching word from Column B that corresponds with the word from Column A.

(10 x 1pt each =10pts Total)

Column A		Column B
1. Joshua	F (L7 P28)	A. Gibeon
2. Frogs	H (L5 P19)	B. Ezekiel
3. Naomi	J (L8 P33)	C. Ahab
4. King Jabin	I (L11 P43)	D. Haran
5. David	K (L12 P47)	E. East
6. Solomon	A (L13 P52)	F. The Lord Saves
7. Elijah	C (L9 P36)	G. West
8. Prophet of the Exile	B (L14 P58)	H. Second Plague
9. Magi	E (L16 P65)	I. Sisera
10. Abraham	D (L1 P2)	J. Elimelech
		K. Jesse

Section 2 – Fill in the Blanks. Write the appropriate word(s) in the space provided.

(10 x 1pt each = 10 pts Total)

1. _____ were the first two disciples of Jesus.
Simon and Andrew (L17 P69)
2. Deborah, wife of _____ was a prophetess and judge.
Lappidoth (L11 P43)
3. _____ asked the Lord to give him an understanding mind to discern between good and evil in order to best govern his people.
Solomon (L13 P52)
4. _____'s name was noted in the King's records because he foiled the plot to kill the king by telling Esther.
Mordecai (L15 P62)
5. Abram settled in the land of _____ until his father Terah died.
Haran (L1 P2)
6. _____ appointed Daniel as one of the three presidents over all 120 satraps in the Kingdom.
King Darius or Darius (L14 P58)
7. _____, a native of the land Moreshath, was a poet and a prophet.
Micah (L10 P40)

8. Moses went up _____ to receive the Ten Commandments.
Mount Sinai (L6 P25)

9. _____ is the great-grandfather of King David.
Boaz (L8 P33)

10. For the _____ came to seek and to save the lost.
Son of Man (L19 P81)

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

1. _____ followed the advice of the prophet Elijah when he summoned the people of Israel and the prophets of Baal for the test of fire at Mount Carmel.

- a. King Ahab
- b. King Hezekiah
- c. King Saul
- d. King Solomon

A (L9 P36)

2. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?

- a. Moses' prayer
- b. David's prayer
- c. Deborah's prayer
- d. Solomon's Prayer

D (L13 P52)

3. _____ led the Israelites to the 'Promised Land' after the death of Moses.

- a. Aaron
- b. Joshua
- c. David
- d. Caleb

B (L7 P27)

4. A golden calf was molded for the Israelites to worship by this man:

- a. Joshua
- b. Caleb
- c. Moses
- d. Aaron

D (L6 P24)

5. An army led by Deborah and Barak defeated this Canaanite king:

- a. Ahaz
- b. Jabin
- c. Saul
- d. Sisera

B (L11 P43)

6. Who said: "Thus, says the Lord: About midnight I will go out through Egypt. Every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die." to whom?

- a. Aaron to Pharaoh
- b. Moses to Pharaoh
- c. Moses to Aaron
- d. Pharaoh to Moses

B (L5 P21)

7. Who does not take part in Micah's "courtroom scene?"

- a. God
- b. Israel
- c. King
- d. Micah

C (L10 P39)

8. David was from the town of _____.

- a. Jerusalem
- b. Judah
- c. Philistia
- d. Bethlehem

D (L12 P47)

9. King Solomon asked the Lord for _____.
- a. understanding mind
 - b. loving heart
 - c. great strength
 - d. clever speech
- A (L13 P52)**
10. The windows of Daniel's house opened towards _____.
- a. East
 - b. South
 - c. Jerusalem
 - d. Nazareth
- C (L14 P57)**
11. _____ went out to Mordecai in the square.
- a. Haman
 - b. Hathach
 - c. Esther
 - d. King Ahasuerus
- C (L15 P61)**
12. The _____ were experts in the study of the stars.
- a. Scribes
 - b. Chief Priests
 - c. Wise men
 - d. Magi
- D(L16 P66)**
13. These brothers left their father in the boat with hired men.
- a. Simon & Andrew
 - b. James & John
 - c. Philip & Bartholomew
 - d. Thomas & Mathew
- B (L17 P71)**
14. Thomas, also called Didymus, traveled to _____, Persia, and India.
- a. Parthia
 - b. Romania
 - c. Greece
 - d. Scythia
- A (L17 P71)**
15. Jesus said, Love your enemies and pray for those who _____.
- a. hate
 - b. love
 - c. persecute
 - d. curse
- C (L18 P73)**
16. "Today's salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham." To which man is this verse referring to?
- a. Bartholomew
 - b. Peter
 - c. Zacchaeus
 - d. Mathew
- C (L20 P81)**
17. Abram was _____ years old when he departed from Haran.
- a. 75
 - b. 85
 - c. 95
 - d. 100
- A (L1 P1)**
18. "Then the man said, you shall no longer be called _____, but Israel, for you have striven with God."
- a. David
 - b. Jacob
 - c. Abraham
 - d. Joseph
- B (L2 P5)**

19. The _____ sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials.

- a. Canaanites b. Israelites c. Midianites d. Kushites

C (L3 P9)

20. Who asked Jesus this question: "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

- a. a Samaritan b. a tax collector c. a lawyer d. a Pharisee

C (L19 P77)

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

1. What were the instructions that God gave Joshua to enable the Israelites to be victorious over Jericho? What was the end result?

(L7 P27) 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.**

2. What does the term 'kinsman redeemer' mean?

Describe the circumstances that led up to Boaz becoming a kinsman-redeemer?

(L8 P32) 1 pt. ea.

- **A kinsman-redeemer is a relative who helped a poor person get back on their feet. In certain circumstances, where there were no children, a near relative could act as a kinsman-redeemer by marrying the relative's widow.**
- **Ruth and Naomi were both widows that settled in Moab. When the time came for the closest kin to claim the property belonging to the family of Ruth and Naomi, a relative came to acquire the land.**
- **Boaz told the relative that if he wanted to have the land, he would have to marry Ruth as well.**
- **Since the relative declined that offer, Boaz stepped forward as the kinsman redeemer and married Ruth.**
- **Boaz did not marry Ruth for her land, but out of a sense of duty, kindness and respect. In marrying Ruth, Boaz honored his role of protecting the family and would be able to take care of Naomi and Ruth.**

3. List and explain any four teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.

(L18 P74) 1.25 pts. ea.

- **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.

4. What was the secret to Deborah's success?

(L11 P 44) 1.25 pts. ea.

- **Faith/Trust.** Deborah was person of strong faith and trusted in the word of God. Deborah summoned Barak to take ten thousand soldiers from the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun and fight Jabin's army.
- Although Barak was not ready to trust the word of God. However, he was willing to follow Deborah if she went with him.
- **Obedience:** Deborah obeyed God and was a woman of faith. She fulfilled the job given to her and was willing to take up the leadership when Barack panicked.
- **Honor:** Through the defeat of King Jabin and army leader Sisera, Deborah was able to restore integrity into the Israelites lives.

5. Explain how the story of Joseph and his brothers shows us how certain choices have negative consequences.

(L3 P11-12) 1 pt. ea.

- Joseph was one of the youngest of Jacob's sons and was Jacob's favorite son and even made Joseph a robe with many colors.
- Joseph had dreams which implied one day his brothers would bow down to him.
- Joseph's brothers were jealous of him and one time when he was going to his brothers in Dothan, his brothers stripped him of his clothes and sold him into slavery.
- The brothers dipped Joseph's robe in blood and gave it to his father, Jacob who grieved for Joseph greatly.
- Meanwhile, Joseph ended up in Egypt as a slave to a man named Potiphar.

Section 7 – Mar Thoma History Short Answer. Answer one of the following questions. (1 x 5pts = 5 pts Total)

1. What is the "Coonen Cross Oath"? Briefly explain the history and the results of this event.

(MTFV 135-36)

- **The “Coonen Cross Oath” is a pledge taken by a group of Christians. The pledge was “ We and our children shall never be under Rome.” (2pts)**
- **In 1653, about 25000 devoted Christians under the leadership of Archdeacon Thomas and 633 priests marched to Cochin fort. They were confronted by Portuguese soldiers. They withdrew to a church at Mattancherry, where there was a cross. They tied ropes to the cross and touching the ropes they took the above pledge. The cross was slightly leaning and so the oath is known as “Coonen Cross Oath.” (3pts)**

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

(MTFV 142)

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