



MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS
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) **Beltshazzar**
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.