



**MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE**

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)