



MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE

Grade 6 - 2023 Diocesan Examination

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. Micah was a native of the land of Moreshat. **L8P30**
2. A Kinsman- redeemer was a relative who could redeem a poor person's inheritance. **L6P23**
3. The Lord appeared to Solomon in the place called Gibeon. **L10P37**
4. Belshazzar was King Nebuchadnezzar's successor. **L11P43**
5. Joseph is sold to the Midianite Traders, who came with the Ishmaelite caravan bound for Egypt. **L3P9**
6. Jacob called the place that he wrestled with God Peniel. **L2P5**
7. Saul was on his way to Damascus when a light from heaven flashed around him. **L24P97**
8. Daniel became a prophet of the Exile. **L11P43**
9. Levite is the member of the tribe of priests. **L16P64**
10. The home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus was located in Bethany **L18P2**

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)

| Column A | | Column B |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Jacob | J (L2) | A. Tax collector |
| 2. Joseph | C (L3) | B. Living Bread |
| 3. Zacchaeus | A (L17) | C. Dreamer |
| 4. Jesus | B (L21) | D. Female Judge |
| 5. Deborah | D (L9) | E. Wise men who studied the stars |
| 6. Joshua | I (L5) | F. My Lord and my God |



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| 7. Magi | E | (L13) | G. Son of Boaz and Ruth |
| 8. Thomas | F | (L22) | H. Helped to restore Saul's eyesight |
| 9. Obed | G | (L6) | I. The Lord Saves |
| 10. Ananias | H | (L24) | J. Israel |

Section 3: Multiple Choices

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

1. An agreement between two groups to do or not to do certain things is known as _____. **L21P84**
A. Sacrifice B. Symbol C. Sign **D. Covenant**
2. Who was the first disciple that confessed and declared Jesus as the Son of the Living God? **L14P56**
A. Thomas **B. Peter** C. Andrew D. John
3. King Solomon asked the Lord for _____. **L10P37**
A. Strength B. Happiness C. Wealth **D. Wisdom**
4. Who was the disciple that did not believe until he saw the mark of the nail in Jesus' hand? **L22P88**
A. Thomas B. Simon C. Judas D. Andrew
5. Who is referred to as the "Zealot" in the disciples? **L14P56**
A. John **B. Simon** C. Bartholomew D. Andrew
6. Jesus stated "you are the light of the world" as part of his _____. **L15P58**
A. Sermon on the mount B. Lord's Prayer C. Fasting D. Service
7. Who said to whom, "I am the resurrection and the life"? **L19P74**
A. Jesus, Mary **B. Jesus, Martha** C. Mary, Jesus D. Martha, Jesus
8. Jesus said, "Love your enemies and pray for those who _____ you" **L15P58**
A. Listen B. Hate C. Love **D. Persecute**
9. For where your treasure is, there your _____ will be also **L15 P60**
A. Mind B. Body C. Soul **D. Heart**



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10. What gift did Joseph's father give to him? **L3P9**
A. Sling B. Harp **C. A long robe with sleeves** D. A pen
11. Writer of 13 books of the New Testament **L24P99**
A. Paul B. James C. Peter D. John
12. Which disciple was killed by arrows in Ararat. **L14P58**
A. Peter B. Philip **C. Jude** D. Judas Iscariot
13. Of the twelve disciples, who was the first to become a martyr? **L14 P57**
A. Simon B. Andrew C. John **D. James the Elder**
14. The walls of Jericho came down on the _____ day. **L5P21**
A. 1st B. 3rd C. 40th **D. 7th**
15. _____ led the Israelites to the promised land after the death of Moses. **L5P18**
A. Aaron B. Isaiah **C. Joshua** D. Samuel
16. _____ was a tax collector who wrote the Gospel that bears his name **L14P58**
A. John B. Mark C. Zacchaeus **D. Matthew**
17. Where was Joseph taken to after he was sold by his brothers? **L3P13**
A. Shechem **B. Egypt** C. Dothan D. Gilead
18. Who was the second person to walk past the injured man on the road? **L16P62**
A. Levite B. Samaritan C. Priest D. Jesus
19. Where did King Herod send the Three Wise men to search for the child? **L13P50**
A. Samaria B. Rome **C. Bethlehem** D. Nazareth
20. In Jewish Concept, the full meaning of Peace is _____? **L25P102**
A. Confession **B. Completeness** C. Joy D. Power

Section 4: Short Answers

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

1. Explain how Saul went from persecuting Christians to becoming one of the most powerful leaders of the Christian faith? **1 pt. each (max 5) L 24P97**
- **Saul's next target was Damascus. He had letters from the High Priest so that if he found any people who belonged to the Way, they would be captured and brought to Jerusalem.**



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- As he approached Damascus, light from heaven flashed around him and a voice called out to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me.”
 - When Saul asked, “Who are you Lord?” The response was “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting”. Saul was blinded by this experience and had to be led by people into Damascus.
 - God reached out to Ananias who was a Christian in a vision to go lay hands on Saul so that Saul could receive sight. Things like scales fell off his eyes and he could see again.
 - Saul baptized and soon began preaching the Gospel.
2. Explain what happened in the Parable of good Samaritan? Why did Jesus tell this story?
1pt each (5 pts max) L16 P63
- 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. List and explain any four teachings of the Sermon on the Mount? 1 pt. each (max 5) L 15 P59
- **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 God's commandment so that others may also come to see God through us.
 - **Anger and Murder:** It makes it 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.



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- **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. Who wrestled with Jacob and how did the fight end? What is his new name and what does it mean? **1 pt. each L2 P5**
- **God wrestled with Jacob until daybreak.**
 - **Jacob wouldn't let go until he was blessed by Him.**
 - **God struck him on the hip socket and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.**
 - **Jacob called the place Peniel**
 - **Jacob's new name is Israel which means May God prevail**
5. What are the three things Micah said to the nameless person when he asked, "what does the Lord expect from us"? Describe the 3 characteristics with examples. **L8P31**
- **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 a 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 and 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 a humble-minded person could have these kinds of qualities.**
6. What symbols did Jesus use at the Last Supper and what is the meaning of these symbols? Explain the New Covenant? **L21P84**
- **The bread symbolizes Jesus body**
 - **The wine symbolizes His blood.**
 - **The bread is a symbol for us to remember the sacrifice of Jesus when he was crucified.**
 - **The wine is the blood poured out for us on the cross. A symbol of the New Covenant for those who believe in Jesus.**
 - **The New Covenant is that Jesus was sent to die on the cross for our sins.**



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Section 5: Memory Verse

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

1. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand and your right hand delivers me. **Psalm 138:7 L 13**
- 2 If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you. **James 1:5 L10**
3. Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and the humans, and have prevailed." **Genesis 32:28 L2**
4. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, they will live". **John 11:25 L 19**
5. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 L 15**
6. For he is the living God, enduring forever. His Kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion has no end. **Daniel 6:26 L 11**
7. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh. **John 6:51 L21**

Section 6: MTC Foundation & Vision Multiple Choices

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

1. The Gospels were translated into Malayalam in 1811 by _____. (MTFV P 136)

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| A. Claudius Buchanan | C. Abraham Malpan |
| B. Vasco de Gama | D. Jacob Bardeaus |
2. The Diocese of North America and Europe of The Mar Thoma Church was established in _____. (MTFV P 147)

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| A. 1947 | C. 1988 |
| B. 1972 | D. 1999 |
3. The word Malpan means _____. (MTFV P.139)

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| A. Teacher | C. Priest |
| B. Father | D. Saint |



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4. On the day of _____, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and the other believers, (MTFV P 130)
- A. Passover
B. Christmas
C. **Pentecost**
D. Easter
5. What was the declaration of independence of the Malankara church from foreign control?
- A. Edict of Milan
B. Nestorianism
C. Diamper Synod
D. **Coonen Cross Oath (MTFV P136)**
6. What is the most visible characteristic of the church? (L1 P132)
- A. Catholic
B. Pilgrim Community
C. **Worshipping Community**
D. Holy
7. The Nestorian Liturgy was in the _____ language, the language spoken by Jesus Christ. (MTFV P 135)
- A. Greek
B. Hebrew
C. **Aramaic**
D. English
8. Who is the supreme authority of the Mar Thoma Church? (MTFV P 142)
- A. **Metropolitan**
B. Sabha Mandalam
C. Clergy
D. Diocesan Council
9. The Elected Executive Committee of the Diocesan Assembly is called _____ (L5P148)
- A. **Diocesan Council**
B. Episcopal Synod
C. Sabha Mandalam
D. Laity
10. The Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam are elected for a term of _____ years (MTFV P.149)
- A. One
B. Five
C. **Three**
D. Ten

Section 7: MTC Foundation & Vision

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

1. What are the 5 characteristics common to all churches? Explain what they are? (MTFVP131-132)
- **The church is holy, which means that people are set apart for the rule of god.**
 - **The church is Catholic, which means universal.**



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- **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. What is “Coonen Cross Oath”? Explain the circumstances behind this oath and why it is so important. (MTFV P135-136) 1pt each (5 pts max)
- **The “Coonen Cross Oath” was a pledge taken by a group of Christians in Kerala**
 - **They declared, “We and our children shall never be under Rome.”**
 - **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.**
 - **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.”**
3. List the 5 prayers and practices that were discarded as a result of the reformation. (L3, P 139-140)
- **Mediation through the so-called saints**
 - **Prayer and adoration to Virgin Mary**
 - **Prayer and mass for the dead**
 - **Confession to the priest**
 - **False teachings and practices like paying money to priests for forgiveness of sins, etc.**