



MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE
2017 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. (30 x 1pt= 30 pts Total)

1. In the letter to _____, Paul encourages the people to “have the same mindset as Christ Jesus”.

- a. Timothy b. Hebrews c. John d. Philippians
D (L25 P121)

2. 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 (L6 P26)

3. This spy sent by Moses to Canaan to evaluate conditions came back and suggested that they all proceed to occupy the land?

- a. Joshua b. Caleb c. Jeremiah d. James
B (L7 P31)

4. The Greek word "Paraklētōs" translates as

- a. Prophecy b. Father c. Parable d. Holy Spirit
D (L18 P92)

5. Jerubbaal means _____.

- a. Mighty Warrior b. The Sword of God
c. Let Baal contend against him d. He who contends against Baal
C (L8 P38)

6. The Babylonian King _____ commanded his palace master Ashenaz to train some Hebrew boys.

- a. Ahab b. Nebuchadnezzar
c. Ahaz d. none of these
B (L12 P62)

7. "Yahweh is salvation" is the meaning of this word:

- a. Amoz b. Caleb c. Isaiah d. Hezekiah
C (L9 P44)

8. 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 (L9 P45)

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

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

C (L7 P31)

10. Jeremiah was a contemporary of _____ and _____.

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

D (L10 P49)

11. Jeremiah was timid due to his young age and inexperience, but he was _____.

- a. dedicated to God
- b. True patriot
- c. Fearless and faithful
- d. all of the above

D (L10 P49)

12. Who was the King that Esther married after winning the beauty pagent?

- a. Ahab
- b. Josiah
- c. Ahasuerus
- d. Abigail

C (L11 P56)

13. The Jews celebrated _____ to remember their deliverance from the persecution planned by Haran and foiled by Esther.

- a. Purim
- b. Yom Kippur
- c. Pentecost
- d. Hanukkah

A (L11 P57)

14. Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego stood out among the chosen Hebrew boys to be trained in the Kings court because of

- a. their courage and willingness to profess their faith when faced with adversity
- b. courage and willingness to accept their assignment
- c. willingness to cooperate with the king's court and courage to face adversity
- c. none of these

A (L12 P62)

15. While at the synagogue in Nazareth Jesus read from the scroll of the prophet _____.

- a. Daniel
- b. Genesis
- c. Isaiah
- d. John

C (L21 P104)

16. _____ did not give King Ahab his vineyard.

- a. Thesboth
- b. Horeb
- c. Naboth
- d. TeteH

C (L13 P65)

17. _____ and _____ (in order) were the two commandments that King Ahab disobeyed.

- a. Thou shall not covet thy neighbors goods b. Thou shall not steal
 Thou shall not kill Thou shall not kill
- c. Thou shall not steal d. Thou shall not steal
 Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's goods Thou shall obey the Lord thy God

A (L13 P65)

18. The book of Proverbs is a compilation of _____ written by _____.

- a. Collection of Proverbs; David b. Collection of Proverbs; Solomon
- c. Collection of advice; David d. Collection of advice; Solomon

D (L14 P75)

19. Solomon was blessed with the gift of _____.

- a. knowledge and insight b. wisdom and insight
- c. wisdom and knowledge d. advice and insight

B (L14 P75)

20. Elisha's commitment to Elijah can be compared with _____ loyalty to _____.

- a. Ruth's; Naomi b. Mary's; Jesus
- c. Naomi's; Ruth d. Sarah's; Abraham

A (L15 P79)

21. The basic guide to a meaningful and powerful prayer is:

- a. atonement, confession, thanksgiving and supplication
- b. adoration, confession, transgression and supplication
- c. atonement, confession, transgression, and supplication
- d. adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication

D (L16 P84)

22. 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 (20 101)

23. Herod the great took _____ years to rebuild the temple.

- a. 23 b. 4 c. 12 d. 46

D (L20 P101)

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

- a. Isaiah b. Jeremiah c. Caleb d. Elijah

B (L10 P47)

25. _____ is a Hebrew word that means, "to be set apart for a special purpose"

- a. Ecclesia b. Qadosh c. Dei d. none of these

B (L6 P26)

26. Who did the Lord send to King Ahab?

- a. Elijah b. Elisha c. Mordicai d. Gideon

A (L13 P70)

27. Esther belonged to the tribe of _____.

- a. Jews b. Benjamin c. Judah d. Egypt

B (L 11, P56)

28. 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 (L12 P61)

29. 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 (L15 P 81)

30. Which disciple said "Lord you will never wash my feet".

- a. Paul b. Judas c. John d. Peter

D (L24 P 117)

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. Write any Four that represent the **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.**

(L18 P93)

2. 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—²⁸ 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.'**

(L17 P87)

3. 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. **5 pts.**

(L8 P38) 5 pts.

- **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)**
- **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. (2pts)**
- **Then Gideon asked the angel make the fleece dry and the floor wet and the angel did Gideon asked.(1 pt)**

4. State the five characteristics that Esther possesses. **1 pt. ea.**

(L11 P58) 1 pt. ea.

1. Esther was obedient and submissive

4. Esther was courageous

2. Esther was sincere with a grateful heart 5. Esther was patient.
 3. Esther was humble and believed in the
Divine power

5. When Jesus walked on the sea, how did the disciples react, and mention what happened to Peter that Jesus questioned Peter's faith? (1 pt each)

- **When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus assured them that it was he.**
- **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?"**

(L22 P108)

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 12 P64)
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)
(L8 P41)
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
(L6 P28)
4. The fear of **the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.**
– (Proverbs 1:7)
(L14 P77)
5. But strive **first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.** - Matthew 6:33
(L19 P99)
6. 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)
(L15 P82)

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. Liturgy is defined as ...
- a. the source and summit of the life of the church and the celebration of the mystery of salvation
 - 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)

2. What *Taksa* does the Mar Thoma Church use during Holy Communion?
- a. St. John liturgy
 - b. St. James liturgy
 - c. Nicene liturgy
 - d. Syrian Orthodox liturgy

A (MTFV P154)

3. 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)

4. We believe in one, holy, catholic and _____ church
- b. Christian
 - b. **Apostolic**
 - c. United
 - d. Syrian

B (MTFV L5 P168)

5. Madbaha means _____
- a. Stone
 - b. Light
 - c. Incense
 - d. **Altar**

D (MTFV L3 P158)

6. Valia Nombu (Great Lent) is a total of how many days?
- a. 40
 - b. 28
 - c. **50**
 - d. 100

C (MTFV L4 P162)

7. The Day of Ascension is observed on the _____ day after Easter.
- a. 3rd
 - b. 7th
 - c. 1st
 - d. **40th**

D (MTFV L4 P163)

8. 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)

9. 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)

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

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

B (MTFV L3 P159)

Section 5 – Mar Thoma History Short Answer. Answer one of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (1 x 5pts = 5 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 P165/166)

- 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)

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

1. 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)

(L10 P49)

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.

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

2. God gave Elijah the responsibility of finding his own replacement/successor.

Be sure to include to below points in your essay

- a. Who succeeded Elijah as the prophet of the Lord? **1 pt.**
- b. What symbolic action did Elijah do to the successor as a sign that he was chosen, and what did it mean? **2pt.**
- c. How many times did Elijah ask his successor to leave him and go on his own? **1 pt.**
- d. Which Old Testament story has similar characteristics to this type of faithfulness? **1 pt.**
- e. When Elijah was taken to heaven, his successor did 2 things. What were they what did they mean? **5 pts.**

(L15 P79)

- a. **Elisha succeeded Elijah as the prophet of the Lord**
- b. **Elijah put his mantle onto Elisha's shoulder which symbolized Elijah's passing on his responsibilities to Elisha.**
- c. **Elijah asked Elisha to leave him 3 times**
- d. **This faithfulness can be related to the story of Ruth and how she never left Naomi's side**
- e. **First he requested to Elijah that he inherit a double share of the Elijah's spirit which was given to him. Elisha was asking for double the blessings Elijah received in his time.**
Secondly, as Elijah was taken up to heaven, Elisha cried and tore his clothes which meant one or all of three things:
 1. **Elisha was expressing his grief over losing Elijah**
 2. **Elisha was showing his overwhelming emotion as he receives his double portion**
 3. **Elisha is showing his acceptance of Elijah's position by throwing away his old self**