

**MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE
2017 Diocesan Exam 10th Grade**

Time: 90 Minutes

Maximum Score: 100 Points

SECTION 1: Multiple Choice - Circle the most appropriate response for the following question(s) / statement(s). (25 x 1 pt. = 25 pts. Total)

1. What does the word Mammon mean?

- a. Devil b. Money c. Hindrance d. Friends

B (L21 P113)

2. Who said to whom: "This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night"?

- a. God to Moses b. God to Joshua c. Moses to Joshua d. Joshua to the People

B (L7 P38)

3. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were captives from

- a. Judah b. Jerusalem c. Babylon d. Israel

A (L9 P50)

4. What does the name "Jacob" mean?

- a. Successor b. Deceiver c. Supplanter d. Liar

C (L8 P45)

5. Who asked Jesus: "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

- a. Thomas b. John c. Simon d. Andrew

A (L24 P127)

6. "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in _____ regard others as better than yourselves."

- a. Grace b. Kindness c. Love d. Humility

D (L25 P133)

7. Name the first prophet to use the term "The Day of the Lord"

- a. Joel **b. Amos** c. Haggai d. Obadiah

B (L14 P76)

8. According to Paul, one can attain "Justification" through

- a. Faith in God b. Faith with Works c. Grace of Christ d. Faith that bears Fruit

C (L10 P55)

9. Ruth is from the tribe of :

- a. Israel b. Moab c. Canaan d. Bethel

B (L8 P45)

10. The King who issued a decree authorizing the Jews to return to Jerusalem
a. Nebuchadnezzar b. Darius c. Cyrus d. Zerubbabel
C (L15 P81)

11. Which of the following is not attributed to the prophet Obadiah?
a. Hid one hundred of God's prophets
b. A contemporary of Jeremiah
c. Defended the Edomites
d. An official in charge of Ahab's palace
C (L13 P71)

12. Descendants of Easu
a. Edomites b. Ephraimites c. Jebusites d. Canaanites
A (L13 P71)

13. Which of the following is not a petition made by Jesus during His high priestly prayer?
a. Unity b. Sanctification c. Salvation d. Judgement
D (L20 P107)

14. Name the high priest among the exiles who returned to Jerusalem.
a. Zerubbabel b. Joshua c. Haggai d. Zechariah
B (L15 P81)

15. God used this prophet to bring dry bones to life
a. Ezekiel b. Joel c. Obadiah d. Amos
A (L11 P60)

16. To whom prophet Haggai prophesied that the Lord will make him a "signet ring", a symbol of honor, authority and power.
a. Cyrus b. Darius c. Zerubbabel d. Joshua
C (L15 P81)

17. Name the disciple of John the Baptist who followed Jesus
a. Philip b. Andrew c. Simon d. Paul
B (L22 P117)

18. Jesus's high priestly prayer is found only in the gospel of
a. Mathew b. Mark c. Luke d. John
D (L20 P107)

19. In which battle were more enemies killed by the hailstorm sent by God than the sword of the Israelites?
a. Gibeon b. Egypt c. Judah d. Syria
A (L7 P40)

20. Epistle of John is believed to have written around
a. 1 AD b. 32 AD c. 70 AD d. 85 AD
D (L23 P124)

21. John 17:3 states: “And this is eternal life that they may...”
a. have faith b. have wisdom c. know Jesus, the one true God d. love each other
C (L24 P129)

22. In the imagery of “Armor of God”, how would you quench the flaming arrows of the evil one?
a. Put on the breast plate of righteousness b. Take the shield of faith
c. Put on the helmet of salvation d. Fasten the belt of truth
B (L19 P99)

23. Paul refers to himself as the following when delivering the gospel:
a. A messenger to the lost b. A bulwark of truth
c. An ambassador in chains d. A guiding light
C (L19 P99)

24. By exhorting Philippians to be an obedient servant of God, Paul asks:
a. To be of the same mind
b. In humility regard others as better than yourselves
c. To be in full accord and one mind
d. All of the above
D (L25 P133)

25. Who asked to sell and give away his possessions?
a. The rich young man b. Zacchaeus c. Nicodemus d. All rich people
A (L21 P113)

SECTION 2: Short Answers - Answer any four (4) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (4 x 5 pts. Ea. = 20 pts. Total)

1. List **any four** pieces of “Armor of God” (1 pt) Describe **any two** of them (2pts each)
(L19 P102)
- a. Belt of Truth
 - b. Breastplate of Righteousness
 - c. Shield of Faith
 - d. Helmet of Salvation
 - e. Sword of Spirit
- a. Belt of Truth:
- In accordance with the facts, in other words, with the Word of God
 - Truth or sincerity in action is the foundation of our character
- b. Breastplate of Righteousness
- Breastplate ensures that the soldier could withstand attacks from the enemy
 - Righteousness is the quality of being morally right or justifiable before God.
- c. Shield of Faith
- A soldier uses his shield at the proper time to defend against attack
 - Faith represents our complete trust or confidence in God
- d. Helmet of Salvation

- Salvation is defined as deliverance from sin and its consequences
- Salvation is the basis of our victory against enemy

e. Sword of Spirit

- Like a sword, the Word of God pierces through the arguments of the devil
- Like Jesus used the Word of God against the Satan, the sword of the spirit is so crucial to Christian life.

2. What was the context in which Jesus spoke to the crowd on the Sermon on the Mount? (2pts)
Explain Beatitudes in 2 or 3 sentences. (3 pts)

(L16, P86)

After overcoming Satan's temptation in the desert Jesus went down to Galilee and started His earthly ministry through finding his disciples and healing people. Then he went up to the mountain and started teaching the crowd, which is known as the "Sermon on the Mount".

Beatitudes are parts of the Sermon on the Mount and they are statement of blessedness that follow a formulaic expression. All Beatitudes are pointing towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The focus of Beatitudes is reward based on the level of spiritual experience and relationship with God rather than material recompense.

3. Describe what the apostle Paul meant when he spoke of fighting the "good fight" and finishing the race.

(L19 P101)

The life and journey of a Christian is fraught with uncertainty and temptations. The devil attempts to distract us from our heavenly goals. Our response to temptations should be to fight the 'good fight' as resilient soldiers for Christ.

Drawing parallels to an athlete, Paul says, "I have finished my race..." Athletic tasks require endurance. Similarly our work for the Kingdom of God requires us to endure despite how long and hard the journey is. Like Paul, we should lead a life that is founded on faith in God as this quality drives us to persevere and endure.

4. How does pride lead to downfall in the story of the Edomites?

(L13 P69)

Edomites were the descendants of Easu and were depicted as having rejoiced in the conquest of Jerusalem by the Babylonians. They had forgotten their ancestral kinship to Israel and They had pillaged Jerusalem and had prevented the fleeing survivors from escaping the Babylonians. They had abandoned the God of their forefathers and engaged in every kind of sin.

As the Lord declared through Obadiah's prophecy, all the wise of Edom and understanding out of mount Easu had been destroyed. We read in Obadiah, "For the slaughter and violence done to your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you and you shall be cut off forever."

5. Write about Paul's view on salvation vs. James view on Salvation? (3pts)

How are they in agreement with their teaching? (2pts)

(L10 P55)

- Paul emphasizes the justification of salvation as being through faith and not by the actions that we do. His view proclaims that we receive salvation through Grace, which is defined as the ‘unmerited favor’ by God. Grace is freely given to us by faith and we are justified by grace alone.
- James view asserts that faith without work or good deed is dead
- Paul’s view is supported by what Jesus has told the thief on the cross and James view is supported using Abraham who had a feeble faith but shown his faith through his deeds
- Though James view appears to contradict with that of Paul’s, James is affirming that good deeds along with faith is required for a believer to uphold the salvation. James distinguishes between the false and genuine faith through his description of the man with faith but no works.

**SECTION 3: Memory Verses - Complete any of five (5) of the following.
(5 x 5 pts. Ea. = 25 pts. Total)**

1. I hearby command you, _____

 _____ you go. (Joshua 1:9)

**I hearby command you, ‘Be srong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed,
 for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.’
 (L7 P42)**

2. But if not, be it known _____

 _____ you have set up” (Daniel 3:18)

**But if not, be it known to you, O King that we will not serve your gods and will not
 worship the golden statue that you have set up.
 (L9 P52)**

3. Whoever believes in _____

 _____ God’s wrath. (John 3:36)

**Whoever believes in the son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the son will not see life;
 but must endure God’s wrath.
 (L17 P92)**

4. “I have fought _____

4. Who laid the foundation for the Mar Thoma Church in North America?
a. Rt. Rev. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma b. Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma
c. Rt. Rev. Dr. Juhanon Mar Thoma d. Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Athanasius
D (L2 P221)

5. First and oldest of the National Missionary movement in India.
a. The Yuvajana Sakhyam b. Missionaries of Charity
c. Ashram movement d. The Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association
B(L5 P240)

6. Who said, "Yesterday is gone, tomorrow has not come; we have only today and let us begin"
a. Rt. Rev. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma b. Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma
c. Dr. E. Stanley Jones d. Mother Theresa
D (L3 P231)

7. Which of the following institutions run by the Mar Thoma Church caters to the needs of the physically challenged?
a. Nava Jeevan Kendram b. Sneha Theeram
c. Asha Bhavan d. Mochana
C (L4 P235)

8. Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam was established in
a. 1924 b. 1905 c. 1919 d. 1908
B (L5 P240)

9. First among our bishops to receive and earned Ph. D and also the first to hold the title of Senior metropolitan (valiya Thirumani)
a. Rt. Rev. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma b. Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma
c. Rt. Rev. Dr. Juhanon Mar Thoma c. Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius
A (L2 P223)

10. Name the official church bulletin
a. The Mar Thoma Messenger b. The Mar Thoma Christian
c. The Sabha Tharaka d. The way of the cross
C (L2 P224)

SECTION 5: Short Answer on Mar Thoma Church History - Answer one of the following questions. Answer shall be brief and to the point. (1 x 5 pts. = 5 pts. Total)

1. List some of the major contributions of the late Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan.
(L2 P221)

- Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan firmly believed that Mar Thoma Church has a special role in evangelizing the rest of India
- He was pioneer in sending the missionaries from Kerala to various corners of India to preach the gospel
- He exhorted every member of the Mar Thoma Church to be a missionary
- He established Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists Association

- He dedicated his life in molding the Mar Thoma Church as a pioneer evangelistic church among all the churches in India.
2. “The mission of the Church is the mission of God”, establish based on the teachings of the Holy Bible.
(L1 P216)
- God in Christ has established the Church in this world to fulfill the mission of reconciliation of the entire creation with God.
 - Holy Spirit is the moving force behind the mission.
 - The goal of mission is to bring back the creation, man and his ecosystem, to be the perfect harmony with God
 - God’s mission is revealed in the life and work of Jesus Christ in the fullness of time.
 - Jesus Christ extends the invitation to all humankind through Church to return to the full fellowship with God

SECTION 6: Essay - Choose one of the following two topics to write an essay in 200 words. (15 pts. Total)

1. As youngsters in this world you would come across different temptations and trials that will test your faith. Answer the following questions in relating to the experiences of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in a foreign land. (L9 P48-51)

a. Introduction (2pts)

b. Explain how by faith they reacted to the challenges (9 pts)

c. Describe how you can remain faithful to God in worldly challenges (2 pts)

d. Conclusion (2pts)

- a. During the reign of Jehoiakim, king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon besieged Jerusalem and took captive many of Israel’s finest citizens. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were three God fearing youths who were among the captives who were taken forcefully to Babylon.
- b. As the young men were knowledgeable and wiser than king’s men they interpreted king’s dream. King found them better than his counselors and promoted them to higher positions. Babylonians became jealous of the youths and they convinced king to give a decree for all people, including the captive Israelites, to fall down and worship a golden statue. Anyone who disobeyed king to be thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. The finest declaration of these young men’s faith was revealed in Dan. 30:17-18, “If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have setup”.
- c. On a daily basis we face challenges in life. Instead of succumbing to the weight of it all, we should find hope in the story of these young men and remember how they overcame the challenge through faith in God.
- d. Faith is one of the single most elements of Christianity. Without faith it is impossible to please God. When we have unwavering faith in Jesus, every challenge becomes an opportunity to demonstrate His power, wisdom and love.

OR

2. In light of Amos's prophesying, write an essay on Christian response to social injustice and corruption. **(L14 P74-76)**

a. Introduction **(3Pts)**

b. Amos's message **(9Pts)**

c. Biblical call of addressing social injustice **(3pts)**

- a. Prophet Amos prophesied during the reigns of king Uzziah in Judah and king Jeroboam in Israel. He was a farmer and shepherd who looked after sycamore fig trees. Both kingdoms were enjoying great prosperity and had reached new political and military heights. It was also a time of idolatry, indulgence in luxurious living, immorality, corruption of judicial procedures and oppression of the poor. Israel at that time was politically secure and spiritually lukewarm.
- b. Amos raised his voice for the cry of the poor, impoverished, oppressed and the marginalized. Through Amos, God urged His rebellious children to change their ways and live a life pleasing to God. Amos was vigorous spokesman for God's justice and righteousness. The most important words of Amos are recorded in Amos 5:24, "But let justice roll down like the waters, and the righteousness like an ever flowing stream". He cautioned Israelites that because of their sins, God would uproot His chosen people by the hands of pagan nation.
- c. Like in Amos's days, there are numerous examples of social injustices in our society, racism, prejudice, poverty, civil rights violation, environment exploitation, denying access to education, just to name a few. Biblical perspective for every Christian, especially those in leadership, gives a God-given moral duty to protect fellow human beings and the earth that we live in. Pursuing social justice is one of the highest moral responsibilities of the church.