



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

2018 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 word 'Genesis' comes from the Greek word meaning _____
a. beginning b. movement c. word of God d. power
A L1P2

2. The man named his wife Eve, because she was _____?
a. the mother of Cain and Abel b. his wife
c. the mother of all living d. the first woman
C L2 P6

3. In response to a question from God, _____ responded with, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"
a. Abel b. Cain c. Jonah d. Ruben
B L3 P11

4. Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a _____ vengeance.
a. sevenfold b. seventyfold
c. Sixfold d. Sixtyfold
A L3 P11

5. Exodus20:17 says You shall not _____ your neighbour's house.
a. covet b. steal from c. burn down d. destroy
A L4 P16

6. To whom did God say, I am your Shield; your reward shall be very great.
a. Isaiah b. Abram c. Samuel d. Elijah
B L5 P21

7. In the parable of the prodigal son, the older brother symbolizes _____.
a. Jesus b. Pharisees c. Priest d. good friend
B L16 P77

8. The parable of the lost son is the last one in the trio of parables in the book of Luke chapter 15, celebrating the finding of a lost item. Which was the first parable of the three?

- a. The Parable of The Lost Sheep
- b. The Parable of The Sower
- c. The Parable of The Lost Coin
- d. The Parable of The Grain of Mustard Seed

A L16 P74

9. "Pontifex maximus" means _____

- a. High priest
- b. Emperor
- c. Augustus
- d. Tiberius Caesar

A L17 P82

10. _____ is a comparison of heavenly truths with earthly illustration.

- a. fables
- b. story
- c. Parable
- d. symbolisation

C L18 P86

11. Name the disciple of Jesus who was crucified upside down

- a. Stephen
- b. Simon Peter
- c. Philip
- d. Thomas

B L20 P96

12. _____ was the first disciple to be martyred for the cause of Jesus.

- a. Simon Peter
- b. Andrew
- c. John
- d. James

D L20 P96

13. The book of revelation was written in Exile by John in the Island of _____

- a. Cyprus
- b. Patmos
- c. crete
- d. Kios

B L20 P97

14. Apostle _____ discovered the reason he had a physical ailment was to keep him from 'being puffed up'. He found total satisfaction when the lord spoke to him and said, "My grace is sufficient for me; my power is strongest when you are weak." Name the apostle who had the physical ailment.

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

D L21 P101

15. _____ advised King Ahaz not to be afraid of King of Syria and King of Israel and that Judah Would win over the enemies

- a. Moses
- b. Elisha
- c. Isaiah
- d. Micah

C L22 P105

16. Where was Jesus baptized?

- a. Galilee
- b. Tigris
- c. Jordan
- d. Siloam

C L23 P108

17. Which disciple went to his brother and said that he had found the messiah

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

C L24 P113

18. When Jesus asked the disciples to feed the multitude, _____ said, "it is not possible to feed all those people in that remote village." Who said this?

- a. Philip b. Peter c. Andrew d. John

A L24 P114

19. Jesus sat on a hill that rose above the city of _____ and began to teach the disciples and the people which from then is known as the Sermon on the Mount.

- a. Bethlehem b. Joppa c. Capernaum d. Bethany

C L25 P117

20. Zacchaeus was the chief of the tax collectors at _____

- a. Capernaum b. Jerusalem c. Jericho d. Bethsaida

C L26 P120-121

21. God helped the Jewish people escape slavery by bringing ten plagues on Egypt. The last of these plagues was the _____.

- a. plague of locusts b. plague of darkness
c. plague of livestock d. death of the first born

D L27 P125

22. The Six stone water Jars at the Wedding in Cana was for the Jewish Rites of _____

- a. Purification b. Cleansing c. Wine making d. Drinking

A L28 P127

23. Sea of Tiberius is also known as _____

- a. Red Sea b. Sea of Galilee c. Sea of Cana d. Euphrates

B L29 P131

24. _____ Sister of Lazarus came to Jesus and said to him, "Lord if you had been here, my brother would have not have died.

- a. Martha b. Mary c. Bethany d. Miriam

B L30 P137

25. _____ is the relationship that unites disciples to Christ as branches are united to vine.

- a. Joy b. Love c. Peace d. Obedience

B L19 P93

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. List the First Five Commandments in order.
(L4, 16) (1Pt Each)

- You shall have no other Gods Before me.
- You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.
- You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the lord.
- Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.
- Honor your father and mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the lord your god is giving you.

2. In the parable of the lost son, what did the lost son do to get the acceptance of his father?

L16 P74-76

- Realisation of his error: After the younger son had wasted everything he inherited from his father and he was left poor and hungry, he realised the consequences of his actions. He knew he had brought shame to his father and his family by his selfish action.
- Remorse: The son realised he was no longer worthy to be called the son of the household He realised his mistake and felt remorseful about what he had done
- Decision to return home to ask forgiveness: The son then decided to return home and ask forgiveness of his father.
- He did not expect to be welcomed back or treated with the respect due to a son, yet he went back home and apologized to his father which shows his sincere repentance.
- His father seeing him return welcomed him joyfully and treated him with love and honour

3. God created human beings as the crown of his creation.

What three things did God tell humankind to do? (3 pts.)

What is man's responsibility towards God's creation? (2pts)

L1 P1-2

God said:

1. Be fruitful and multiply,
2. fill the earth and subdue it; and
3. have dominion over the "fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth"

God gave man the responsibility to take care of his creation. Ruling over and subduing the earth does not mean we can exploit it or destroy it. We are responsible for nurturing it with creativity and care

4. What does the word Immanuel mean? (1pt)

List the four characteristics of a man who lives with God (4pt)

L22 P104, 106

- Immanuel means God is with us.
- A man who lives with God will not go to places which He does not like;
- He/We will not hear what he is/we are not allowed to hear
- He/We will not think what he is/we are prohibited to think and
- He/We will not do what he/we should not do, he/we will do only what He likes.

5. Explain in detail the healing ministry of Jesus in the Town of Capernaum?

(L21, P100, 101) (1 Pt each)

- Jesus was visiting a house in Capernaum. Four friends carried a paralyzed man to Jesus.
- When Jesus saw the faith of his friends, who lowered the paralyzed man through the roof Jesus was moved.
- Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “My son your sins are forgiven.
- Jesus recognized the bold faith of paralyzed man and his friends. Jesus showed compassion to the paralyzed man and healed him by his words.
- Jesus saw four men who did not give up and their perseverance. Jesus saw their efforts and their time and the cost they paid to bring a paralysed man for healing. Jesus saw the faith, determination and concern for others in the actions and those four men were instruments in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

6. Jesus while delivering his sermon on the mount of Sinai called the people, ‘the Salt of the earth’ and ‘the Light of the world’.

Explain the function of the salt and Light? 2 pts

Why did Jesus compare the people to Salt and Light? 3 pts.

L25 P117-118

Salt’s function is to give flavour and restrain corruption

Light dispels darkness

We are compared to Salt so that we as Christians will give the flavour of Christ to the people around us. We are also called to lead a pure life and to hinder the world’s corruption.

Jesus as the light of the world transferred his light to his disciples and they in turn helped to rescue the people out of their dark lives/ the darkness of the sin in their lives. By believing in Jesus and living a pure life, we are called to set an example/ shine our light on the people around us and to lead them out of the darkness into the light of the Almighty Lord.

Section 3 – Memory Verses. Complete any of five (5) of the following on the answer sheet provided (5 x 5pts = 25 pts. Total)

1. Jesus Said to her, **“I am the resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.** Do you believe this? (John 11:25 -26) (L30, P141)

2. Now faith is the assurance **of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 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 11:1,6) (L3, P14)

3. I, I am he **who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember** your sins. (Isaiah 43:25) (L16, P79)

4. Then pay **attention to how you listen; for to those who have, more will be given; and from those who do not have, even what they seem to have** will be taken away. (Luke 8:18) (L18, P89)

5. By contrast, the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. There is no law against such things. (Galatians 5:22, 23) (L19, 94)

6. Listen! I am standing at the door, Knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, i will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. (Rev 3:20) (L 26, P123)

7. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son. Hebrews 11:17 (L5 P25)

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 is the “matter” used in Confirmation?
 - a. Oil
 - b. wine
 - c. Basin
 - d. Mooron

D MTFV P174

2. In the St. James Liturgy, Prayer of Epiclesis is:
 - a. Communication of blessings in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit
 - b. A recall on Jesus’ act of salvation through earthly life, death and resurrection
 - c. Remembrance of ordained clergies, evangelist, believers, the forefathers etc.
 - d. The prayer to the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine.

D MTFV P181

3. Confession is part of which Sacrament?
 - a. Communion
 - b. Confirmation
 - c. Baptism
 - d. Ordination

A MTFV P174

4. What indicates ‘good grace’ bestowed upon the participants?
 - a. Qurbana
 - b. Eucharist
 - c. Holy Communion
 - d. Lord’s Supper

B MTFV P179

5. Who is the celebrant in a sacrament?
 - a. Parent
 - b. Priest
 - c. Participant
 - d. God

B MTFV P173

6. Sacraments are _____ to receive God’s unseen blessings

(MTVF, P180) (0.5 Pt Each)

- Anticomunion
- Sermon
- Confessional Prayer
- Kiss of Peace
- First Blessing
- Words of Institution
- Prayer of Anamnesis
- Prayer of Epiclesis
- Intercession
- Second Blessing
- Breaking of Bread
- Third Blessing
- Participation and Final Blessing

3. Explain Confirmation as one of the sacraments. How does the priest administer this ritual? Church.

MTFV P176-177

- Confirmation is the latter part of the Baptismal service
- Celebrant anoints candidate with Mooron (Consecrated Oil/Holy Oil)
- This oil symbolizes anointing of Holy Spirit.
- Church prays for the gift of the Holy Spirit
- Baptismal anointing is to signify the candidate's ordination to the priesthood of believers, thus the candidate becomes God's anointed.

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

1. In the parable of the Sower, explain the spiritual context of the story.

Introduction: who is the farmer and what is the seed?? (2pts)

who or what is being compared to soil in the parable? (1pt)

Explain the spiritual context of the four different soil types described in the story. (1.25 x 4 = 5pts)

Conclusion: what do you understand from the parable (2pt)

L18 P86-88. The answer must contain the following points:

- The farmer is Jesus Christ or our God and the Seed is the Word of God
- Soils are the ways in which we/people respond to the word of God. It shows the condition of our/ their hearts.

- Explanation of the four soil types: ideally each soil type must be listed and a brief explanation of the same:

Soil of a 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.

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.

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.

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.

Conclusion The man represented by the “good ground” is the only one of the four who is truly saved, because salvation’s proof is fruit

OR

- 2 a. Whose Disciple was Andrew before he was called by Jesus? (1 Point) L24P113

Ans: Andrew was John’s disciple before being called by Jesus.

- a. What was the other name of Peter? (1 Point) L24P113

Ans: Cephas

- c. What was Andrew’s Profession? (1 Point) L24P114

Ans: Andrew was a Fisherman by trade.

- d. Explain the Nature and Quality of Andrew’s Ministry? (7 Points) L24P114

1. **Andrew Begins his ministry at home:** Andrew went back to home and told his brother that he has found the messiah, brought his brother peter and introduced him to Jesus.

2. **Spiritual desire and thirst of Andrew:** We can see a spiritual thirst and desire in Andrew and begins the ministry immediately at home. The Mission field is first at home and the ministry begins in his life. Here Andrew teaches that the need of mission is urgent. Andrew had the spiritual thirst and he could generate a spiritual thirst in the life of his brother peter.

3. **Immediate response and availability of Andrew:** Jesus is looking for the availability of people for his ministry, not the ability. Andrew was ready to change his course of life in to the mission of Jesus as per his calling. He realised the urgency of the call and responded immediately to that call.

4. **Faith of Andrew:** Andrew has a great faith in Jesus and was willing to leave everything behind and follow him. His faith was remarkable to follow a new leader, Jesus blindly without seeing anything tangible in the future. Bible says ‘without faith it is impossible to please God’. There was no earthly reason for Andrew to leave everything and follow Jesus except his blind faith in Jesus and as him as the messiah.

5. **Friendliness of Andrew:** Andrew has another great quality in his life that his friendliness with the people even with little children. We can see that Andrew was the one who introduced the little boy with five loaves and two fish to Jesus. Andrew brought him to Jesus which helped to feed the multitude of five thousand.

6. Solution oriented attitude of Andrew: When Jesus asked the Disciples to feed the multitude, Philip said “it is not possible to feed all those people in that remote village. But Andrew saw a great possibility in the food package of this little boy.

7. Global Vision outlook of Andrew: Andrew had a global outlook of the ministry of Jesus. When most of the other disciples believed that Jesus came to establish a Jewish Kingdom and only for the Jewish people. Andrew believed that Jesus came for the whole world, so he introduced a foreigner to Jesus.