



MAR THOMA SUNDAY SCHOOLS  
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE  
DIOCESAN EXAMINATION 2009  
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009

**Grade: 9**

Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Please do not write your name or the name of the Sunday School. Your Registration number will be verified under the responsibility of the Proctor**

Time: 90 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 100

A. Select the most appropriate response for the following questions. Circle the alphabet of the correct response. **(25x1=25 points)**

1. Psalm 104

- A. portrays hand work of God and His laws.
- B. reveals God's blessings to humans.
- C. is a meditation psalm of God's majesty, providence and glory
- D. All the above.

2. Which one for the following can be called the proclamation of the faith of Eastern Churches?

- A. Creed of Athanasius.
- B. Apostolic Creed
- C. St. James liturgy
- D. Nicene Creed

3. The story of Jonah revolves around these two cities

- A. Nineveh and Tarshish
- B. Tarshish and Joppa
- C. Jerusalem and Jericho
- D. Jericho and Joppa

4. The following statements are true about Psalm 42 except

- A. It is called the psalm of solitude.
- B. King David wrote psalm 42.
- C. It is written by sons of Korah
- D. It is the cry of despair of a man in exile.

5. "Here I am the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word".  
Who made this statement?

- A. John the Baptist
- B. Mary, mother of Jesus
- C. Apostle Peter
- D. Isaiah the prophet

6. The word “agape” means
  - A. Meaningful worship
  - B. Meaningful fellowship
  - C. Sharing and caring
  - D. Divine love
  
7. The enemies of these two tribes offered to help when they heard that the exiles were building the temple for the Lord.
  - A. Issachar and Zebulun
  - B. Judah and Benjamin
  - C. Simeon and Dan
  - D. Mannasseh and Ephraim
  
8. According to Jesus the true form of worship is
  - A. Synagogue worship
  - B. Worship God in spirit and truth.
  - C. Worship where God revealed Himself
  - D. All the above
  
9. All the following statements about King David are true except
  - A. David and his family were forced to flee to the Judean wilderness and for a period of time was unable to reclaim his throne.
  - B. David’s own son rebelled against him and toppled him from his throne.
  - C. The relationship between God and David was not a personal one.
  - D. Much of David’s early life has been spent as a shepherd in the wilderness of Judea.
  
10. Which of the following statement is true about Timothy?
  - A. Timothy received the gift of God for his ministry when Paul laid his hands on him.
  - B. Timothy was Paul’s son.
  - C. Timothy’s parents were Jews
  - D. Paul refused to circumcise Timothy
  
11. After creation, God put man in the Garden of Eden with the expectation that humans would be
  - A. Good consumers
  - B. Good masters
  - C. Good stewards and caretakers
  - D. All the above
  
12. He was neither a prophet by profession nor the son of a prophet but went to prophecy in Bethel as directed by God.
  - A. Elijah
  - B. Amos
  - C. Ezra
  - D. Jonah

13. Whom did Paul refer to when he says that this woman served him as his own mother?
- A. Priscilla
  - B. Lydia
  - C. Phobe
  - D. Mother of Rufus
14. Which is the most basic and the oldest institution established by God?
- A. Church
  - B. Home
  - C. Government
  - D. Synagogue
15. The widow at Zarepath realized that Elijah was a man of God when
- A. she saw that the oil and flour would not dry out
  - B. she heard about the miracles done by Elijah
  - C. Elijah brought back her son from dead
  - D. Elijah told her that he is a prophet
16. Which one of the following was the primary requirement that Apostles set for the choosing of the seven to serve in the church?
- A. They had to be men of good repute and full of the spirit and wisdom.
  - B. They had to have walked with Jesus when he was on earth.
  - C. They had to be leaders in their community
  - D. They had to be famous and well liked by others
17. Who is the founder of “Habitat for Humanity International”?
- A. Millard Fuller
  - B. William Carey
  - C. Jimmy Carter
  - D. George Muller
18. According to Paul, meaning of the word righteousness is
- A. To be considered innocent and forgiven
  - B. To be made free and saved
  - C. To be forgiven and made free
  - D. To be considered innocent and to be made free
19. He lived in the wilderness of Judea, clothed in camel’s hair, wore a leather belt and ate locust and honey. Who was he?
- A. Micah the prophet
  - B. John the Baptist
  - C. Moses
  - D. Elijah
20. What took place when Joshua and the Israelites captured the city of Jericho?
- A. The people, priests and the warriors marched around the city of Jericho once each day for six days and seven times on the seventh day.
  - B. The priests carried the “Ark of Covenant”.
  - C. The people shouted and the priests blew the rams’ horns.
  - D. All the above

21. Who was believed to be the first gentile who accepted Jesus Christ and later became a bishop of the church of Caesarea?
  - A. Timothy
  - B. Barnabas
  - C. Cornelius
  - D. Paul
  
22. Which of the following pair sold a piece of land and kept back part of the money for themselves and the rest put at the feet of the Apostles?
  - A. Ananias and Saphira
  - B. Barnabas and Lydia
  - C. Aquilla and Priscilla
  - D. Nichodemus and Mary
  
23. Who were the two groups of helpless victims of oppression at Micah's time?
  - A. Women and slaves
  - B. Women and children of lower class
  - C. Men and women
  - D. Men and slaves
  
24. William Carey, one of the pioneer missionaries to India
  - A. Translated Bible in to many major Indian languages and dialects.
  - B. Established educational institutions for the future of India.
  - C. Arranged for seeds, and plants from Europe for cultivation in India.
  - D. All the above.
  
25. He will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.
  - A. Moses
  - B. Micah
  - C. Jesus
  - D. John the Baptist

**B. Answer any Five (5) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. If you answer all six, only the first 5 will be credited unless indicated otherwise. (5x5=25 points)**

1. Who was Amos and what does his name mean? What was his message to the house of Israel?

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2. Families are the building blocks of the society. What are the 5 special features of Christian families? Write a sentence or two about each one.

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3. Mar Thoma Church is an “Eastern Reformed Church”. Briefly explain its eastern character as well as the reformed ideals.

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4. What were the expectations of the Jews about Messiah? What did they actually experience in Jesus , who is the Messiah?



**C. Memory Verses.** Complete any Five (5) of the following memory verses. Only the first five will be corrected for full credits. **(5x5=25 points)**

1. “Unless the Lord \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in vain”. (Psalm 127:1)

2. He answered; Love the Lord \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ love yourself”. (Luke 10:27)

3. God has raised this \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ now see and hear. (Act 2:32-33)

4. For these commands \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ way to life. (Proverbs 6:23)

5. He tends his flock \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ that have young. (Isaiah 40:11)

6. “Therefore, I urge you \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ act of worship. (Romans 12:1)

**D. The Mar Thoma Church-Our Foundation and Vision**

Choose the most appropriate response for the following. **(10x1=10 points)**

1. "The Kottayam Trio" (Joseph Fenn, Benjamin Bailey and Henry Baker) made invaluable contributions to the church in Kerala in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Evangelism
  - B. Theological training
  - C. Education
  - D. All the above
  
2. The executive committee of the Mar Thoma Church is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Sabha Pradhinidhi Mandalam
  - B. Sabha Council
  - C. Diocesan Council
  - D. Diocesan Assembly
  
3. What helped the Malabar church to assert its freedom and regain its autonomous nature?
  - A. Crooked Cross Oath
  - B. Synod of Diamper
  - C. Mission of help program of the Anglican church
  - D. None of the above.
  
4. What is "Thaksa"?
  - A. Collection of Hymns used for the service
  - B. Expanded version of communion service book used by the celebrant.
  - C. Book of faith and practices of the church
  - D. Constitution of the church
  
5. Who has the power to send back the decisions of the Mandalam for reconsideration?
  - A. The Metropolitan
  - B. Episcopal Synod
  - C. Sabha Council
  - D. Diocesan Council
  
6. What does the 'Altar' represent?
  - A. Worship place
  - B. Special place of prayer
  - C. Throne of God
  - D. The sanctuary
  
7. Which one is not an ordained ministry in Mar Thoma Church?
  - A. Bishop
  - B. Laity
  - C. Deacon
  - D. Priest
  
8. All decisions affecting the Mar Thoma church was made by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Sabha Council
  - B. Sabha Padhinidhi Mandalam
  - C. Episcopal Synod
  - D. Metropolitan



