



MAR THOMA SUNDAY SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE
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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009
Grade: 10

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

SECTION - I Mar Thoma Sunday School Curriculum

A. Select the most appropriate response for the following questions. Circle the letter of the correct response. (1x25 = 25)

1. _____ has a covetable place in Bible as she was the one of the first women who saw the Risen Lord. **(Chapter 12 Page 58)**

- a. Mary the mother of Jesus
- b. Martha
- c. Mary Magdalene**
- d. Salome

2. Who answered? "Master we have worked hard all night and have not caught anything. But because you say, I will let down the nets". **(Chapter 9 Page 49)**

- a. Sons of Zebedee
- b. Simon**
- c. John
- d. Andrew

3. "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: come form the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that thy may live.'" God said to whom? **(Chapter 15 Page 77)**

- a. Ezekiel**
- b. Job
- c. Isaiah
- d. Peter

4. The Samaritans worshiped God in the temple at _____. (**Chapter 14 Page 71**)

- a. **Gerisim**
- b. Jerusalem
- c. Moriah
- d. Damascus

5. Who leads two Christian Charity organizations, the Samaritan's Purse and the World Medical Mission? (**Chapter 13 Page 65**)

- a. **Franklin Graham**
- b. F. Andrews
- c. Sadhu Sundar Singh
- d. Dwight Lyman Moody

6. Paul learned the Jewish laws from the Jewish scholar _____ (**Chapter 9, L9/Pg49**)

- a. **Gamaliel**
- b. Nicodemus
- c. Cornelius
- d. Nathan

7. Who was the Moabite woman who married an Israelite who was not a member of her culture? (**Chapter 11, L11/Pg58**)

- a. Bathsheba
- b. Mary Magdalene
- c. **Ruth**
- d. Rehab

8. Who was the third son of King David? (**Chapter 13, L13/Pg65**)

- a. Amnon
- b. **Absalom**
- c. Solomon
- d. Joab

9. _____ is the most sublime type of love and involves sacrifice. (**Chapter 18, L8/Pg87**)

- a. Eros
- b. **Storge**

- c. Philia
- d. Agape**

10. “If I was out of prison today, I would preach the gospel again tomorrow by the help of God” was spoken by: **(Chapter 8, L8, pg 44)**

- a. Dwight Lyman Moody
- b. Franklin Graham
- c. Archbishop Desmond Tutu
- d. John Bunyan**

11. Saul belonged to the tribe of : **(Chapter 24, L2/Pg111)**

- a. Jacob
- b. Benjamin**
- c. Moses
- d. Abraham.

12. Who said to whom: “...God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean” and also, “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.” **(Chapter 26, L26/Pg120)**

- a. Peter to Cornelius**
- b. Cornelius to Peter
- c. Paul to Cornelius
- d. Cornelius to Paul

13. The first Ashram of the Mar Thoma Church was established in 1926 by **(Chapter 30, L30/Pg137)**

- a. Rev. John Varghese**
- b. Rev. P.J. Thomas
- c. Rev. P. Chacko
- d. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma
- e.

14. Who issued a decree that would allow Jews to return to Jerusalem? **(Chapter 5, Pa 30)**

- a. Nehemiah
- b. King Cyrus**
- c. Hachaliah
- d. King Artaxerxes

15. The stairway in Jacob's dream symbolizes what? (**Chapter 11, Pg 57**)
- a. Going to heaven from earth
 - b. Connection and relation of man to God**
 - c. It meant God was going to use Jacob in a much higher position
 - d. None of the above
16. Whom did Ezekiel say that the Lord set him as? (**Chapter 15, Pg 75**)
- a. Priest
 - b. Judge
 - c. Servant
 - d. Watchman for the people**
17. Stephen's murder was approved by whom? (**Chapter 24, Pg 111**)
- a. Pontious Pilate
 - b. King Uzziah
 - c. Saul**
 - d. King Cyrus
18. Who is known as the "Apostle of the Gentiles"? (**Chapter 16, Pg 79**)
- a. Peter
 - b. Thomas
 - c. James
 - d. Paul**
19. What does the work "ecumenism" mean? (**Chapter 22, Page 104**)
- a. The unity and relationships among various Christian Churches and their denominations**
 - b. The most supreme and sublime type of love as exemplified by the love God has for his creation
 - c. Having no worry about tomorrow because God provides for us every day.
 - d. The belief that different religions are simply experiencing one God in a number of different ways through their individual religions.
20. Stoic Religion was founded by _____ of Cyprus. (**Chapter 27, Pg 124**)
- a. Epicurus
 - b. Zeno**
 - c. Pharisees
 - d. Hebrews

21. _____ was responsible for the translation of the Bible into 40 Indian languages. (Chapter 21 Page 100)

- a. Billy Graham
- b. William Carey**
- c. Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu
- d. S. Lewis

21. Which King allowed Nehemiah to return to Jerusalem to rebuild it? (Chapter 5, pg 30)

- a. King Nebuchadnezzar
- b. King Artaxerxes**
- c. King Solomon
- d. King Cyrus

22. What does the name “Jacob” mean? (Chapter 11, pg 56)

- a. Ewe
- b. Son of Righteousness
- c. Full of Joy
- d. Supplanter**

23. Cornelius lived at _____. (Chapter 26 Page 119)

- a. Caesarea**
- b. Joppa
- c. Athens
- d. Jerusalem

24. Who heard a voice saying to him when he was desperate and searching for answers, “Why do you persecute me? Remember, I gave my life for you upon the cross.” (Chapter 27, pg 123)

- a. Archbishop Desmond Tutu
- b. Sadhu Sundar Singh**
- c. Jimmy Carter
- e. Billy Graham

25. _____ is referred by Dr. E. Stanley Jones as “The Great Indian Missionary”. (Chapter 10 Page 52)

- a. Jimmy Carter
- b. Abraham Malpan
- c. Martin Luther King
- d. **Late Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma**

B. Answer any five (5) of the following questions.

Answers should be brief and to the point.

(5x5 = 25)

1. List the four thoughts that the Psalmist used to describe God's glory in Psalms 19:1-16. **(Chapter 1, Pg11)**

- a. **The glory of the Almighty God is revealed through creation**
- b. **The utmost objective of the universe and the entire humanity is to glorify God with respect and love for creation.**
- c. **It is only through faith that one can understand the Glory of God and His creation.**
- d. **God's creation is continued through the discoveries and innovations, developed by human beings.**

2. What were the results of the reformation of the Mar Thoma church led by Abraham Malpan? – **(Chapter 15, pg74)**

- a. **Placed great emphasis on the study of the Word of God**
- b. **Salvation was by grace through faith in Jesus Christ**
- c. **People were encouraged to study the Bible and lead a life in accordance to the scriptures**
- d. **The idea of personal evangelism was promoted with the theme, "Every Marthomite is an evangelist"**
- f. **Greater emphasis on purity and simplicity of apostolic faith**
- g. **The Mar Thoma Church was transformed into becoming a vibrant, worshipping community based on the Word of God, rather than on rituals and ceremonies**

3. What lessons we can learn from Ezekiel's vision? (**Chapter 15 Page 76**)

- a. God is able to save His people from absolutely hopeless situations.**
- b. Intimate contact with God is necessary for our renewal and revival from dead spiritually.**
- c. When we face problems trust in God and He will bless us abundantly.**
- d. In the vision, the Word of God infused the dry bones with new life and transformed them into renewed human beings.**

4. What was Job's response when all his worldly wealth was lost? (**Chapter 25 Page 116**)

- a. Job is so upset by these disasters that he tears his robe, shaves his head and prays**
- b. "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave the Lord has taken away; May the name of the Lord be praised"**
- c. Job does not curse God even though Job's wife mocks and asks him to curse.**
- d. Job remains faithful**
- e. Job refrains from complaining against God.**

5. What are the gifts of Holy Spirit? (**Chapter 19, Pg 91**).

Nine gifts of Holy Spirit are divided into 3 groups

- 1. wisdom, knowledge, faith**
- 2. power to heal, power to work miracles, gift of prophesy (teaching)**
- 3. ability to distinguish between spirits, ability to speak in diverse tongues, ability to interpret the tongues**

6. Describe 4 major contributions of Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan. -MTC Foundation and Vision (**Chapter 12, Pg 152**)

- a. He firmly believed that Mar Thoma Church has a special role in evangelizing the rest of India.**
- b. He was a pioneer in sending missionaries from Kerala to the various corners of India to preach the gospel.**

- c. **He inspired every member of the Mar Thoma Church to be a Missionary (Evangelist) and to promote this, he established the Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelistic Association.**
- d. **His entire life, as a priest, bishop and Metropolitan, was dedicated to the modeling of the Mar Thoma Church as a pioneer evangelistic church among all the churches in India.**

C. Complete any Five of the following Memory Verses. (5x5 = 25)

1 **“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes, and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you**

came to visit me”. Matthew 25: 35-36 (**Chapter 8, Pg 47**)

2. **Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits. These were his instructions: Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but**

not an extra tunic.” Mark 6: 7-9 (Chapter - 30 Pg 139)

3 If anyone says, **“I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has**

not seen. 1 John: 4:20 (Chapter 18, Pg89)

4. If we are thrown **into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it; and he will rescue us from you hand, O King. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O King that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold**

that you have set up.” Daniel 3: 17-18 Chapter -12 Pg 64

5. “The Word became **flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, and the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace**

and truth”. John 1:14.

(Chapter 20, Pg 99)

6. Jesus answered, “Everyone **who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to**

eternal life.” John 4:13-14.

(Chapter 14, Pg 73)

D. Write an essay of about 200 words on any one of the following. (15x1 = 15)
Essay should have an introduction and a conclusion.

1. “In God’s planning, every individual is appointed as a steward of God’s treasures”
Explain Include the following components in your essay.

- a. Introduction God’s purpose of our lives.
- b. Describe the parable of the Talents
- c. What do we learn from the parable of Talents?
- d. How can a Christ-centered life help us become better stewards of God’s treasures?
- e. Conclusion

a. Our relationship with God is utmost importance. The purpose of creation is to glorify the Almighty Lord. Our foremost duty is to attribute the highest priority in our lives to God.

b. In God’s plan, each person is a steward of God’s treasures. Our abilities are gifts from God. In the parable of talents, each one was given talents according to their abilities. We should strive to enhance our God given resources.

c. Those who can successfully increase their resources will be rewarded with greater responsibilities, sharing his master’s happiness and recognition. Those who misuse or under utilize their talents will be punished. The characteristics of the lazy servant include idleness, prejudice, faithlessness, self-justification and a complaining disposition.

d. God expects us to work as merciful stewards. Our God surrendered His one and only Son for the salvation of mankind. Therefore we should be able to pardon the sins committed against us. We should make Christ our focus. Then our priorities will be aligned correctly, equipping us to serve our Lord.

e. We should make God the center of our priorities and strive to become faithful stewards of the gifts the Lord has bestowed upon us. With Christ in the center, we can utilize our God-given talents to lead fruitful lives, by walking in love, joy and peace. God will indeed bless and multiply our talents if we use His gifts for His glory. We must be eager to share our faith and edify one another.

2. “Come and see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” John 4:29. She became the first evangelist in Samaria. Write an essay about Jesus encounter with Samaritan woman. Include the following components in your essay.
 - a. Introduction – reasons for the hatred between Jews and Samaritans
 - b. Describe Jesus encounter with Samaritan woman
 - c. What important aspects of Jesus’ personality are revealed in His encounter with Samaritan woman?
 - d. What are the remarkable aspects of this encounter?
 - e. What was the response of Samaritan woman?
 - f. Conclusion

 - a. **The Jews did not look kindly upon the Samaritans, whom they considered not pure Israelites, but a mixed race. The Samaritans built a temple in Gerisim, where they worshipped, which strained the relationship further. The mutual hatred of Jews and Samaritans was intense.**
 - b. **Jesus and disciples decided to pass through Samaria. When they reached Jacob’s well in the town of Sukhar, Jesus met the Samaritan woman. It was rather unusual for a woman to go to the well to fetch the water. Jesus requested her water to drink.**
 - c. **We can see three aspects of Jesus’ personality.**
 1. **The humane nature of Jesus. He sat at the well, tired and thirsty. He asked the Samaritan woman for some water to quench his thirst.**
 2. **To Jesus all are equal, Jew or Samaritan. He is not only interested in the affairs of all people, but has a soft heart for the marginalized.**
 3. **Jesus transcends all unjust barriers set by society through his conversation with the Samaritan woman.**
 - d. **The incident is remarkable in following respects:**
 1. **Jesus courageously pulls down the traditions and barriers set by society to reach out to a soul in need of His redeeming touch.**
 2. **He listens to her attentively, corrects her ways, and offers her redemption.**
 3. **He reveals to her that He is the Messiah foretold by the prophets and whom she was expecting.**
 - e. **Samaritan woman was able to see herself in the true light. She got transformed and started witnessing about Jesus in her town. “Come and see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” She became first evangelist in Samaria and many came to Jesus through her testimony.**
 - f. **We, like the Samaritan woman, need to meet Jesus personally in our lives in order to be transformed. Then we will be able to spread the Gospel of salvation to others.**
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- a. William Carey
 - b. Mother Teresa
 - c. Mahatma Gandhi
 - d. Dr. Stanley Jones**
4. Who said this, “I do convert; I convert you to be a better Hindu, a better Catholic, a better Muslim or Jew or Buddhist? **(Chapter 12 Page 160)**
- a. Mother Teresa**
 - b. Stanley Jones
 - c. Abraham Malpan
 - d. Dr. Alexandra Mar Thoma
5. _____ is the official Mission Board of Mar Thoma Church. **(Chapter 12 Page 167)**
- a) The Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelistic
 - b) The Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association**
 - c) Edavaka Mission
 - d) Suvishesha Sevika Sangham
6. Asha Bhavan in Pathanapuram is...**(Chapter 12 Page 162)**
- a. Home for boys and girls
 - b. Rehabilitation Center for physically challenged**
 - c. Rehabilitation and Development Center for mentally challenged
 - d. Shelter for the destitute and homeless
7. Who laid a strong foundation for the Mar Thoma Church in North America?
(Chapter 12, Page 151)
- a. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan
 - b. David Livingston
 - c. Dr. Thomas Mar Athanasius**
 - d. Mother Teresa
8. Church, as the extension of the incarnation of Christ, participates in the _____ of Christ by serving the total needs of people as Jesus Christ had done during his ministry on earth. **(Chapter 12, Page 147)**
- a. Koinonial ministry
 - b. Ecumenical ministry
 - c. Diakonial ministry**
 - d. Evangelical ministry
9. Outreach Activities of the Church are: **(Chapter 12, Pages 162-163)**

- a. Rehabilitation and development for the mentally challenged
- b. Rehabilitation centers for the physically challenged
- c. Shelter for the destitute and homeless
- d. **All of the above**

10. The two pioneers of the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association are: (Chapter 12, Page 148)

- a. **Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan & Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Metropolitan**
- b. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan & Abraham Malpan
- c. Abraham Malpan & Dr. Yuhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan
- d. Abraham Malpan & Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Metropolitan