



MAR THOMA SUNDAY SCHOOLS  
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE  
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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009  
**Grade: 7**

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. Circle the alphabet of the correct answer for the following multiple choice questions: (1x30 = 30 points)**

1. “But seek first His \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_, and all these things will be given to you as well; Matthew 6:33. **(D Page 53, L15)**  
A. Way, Truth and Life                      B. Kingdom and Love  
C. Righteousness and Truth                **D. Kingdom and Righteousness**
2. Philemon was a Christian who lived in the town called \_\_\_\_\_. **(C L20, P65)**  
A. Caesarea              B. Ephesus              **C. Colossae**              D. Lystra
3. Timothy became a coworker to Paul in his \_\_\_\_\_ journey. **B (L 6 pg 25)**  
A. First                      **B. Second**                      C. Third                      D. Fourth
4. Philistines belong to the genealogy of \_\_\_\_\_. **B (L 8 pg 31)**  
A. Shem                      **B. Ham**                      C. Benjamin                      D. Japheth
5. \_\_\_\_\_ was the son of Joash. **(C L 11, Pg 39)**  
A. Barak                      B. Samson                      **C. Gideon**                      D. Moses
6. “Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and \_\_\_\_\_ was hovering over the waters”. **(A, L1, pg10)**  
**A. The Holy Spirit**    B. Atmosphere              C. Air                      D. Fire

7. What did Nehemiah exhort Israelites to rise up and build? (**A Page 70, L 21**)
- A. **Walls of Jerusalem**                      B. Walls of Babylon  
C. Walls of Egypt                              D. Walls of Samaria
8. Name the forerunner of Jesus who was imprisoned and beheaded by King Herod. (**B Page 94, L29**)
- A. Stephen      **B. John the Baptist**      C. Timothy      D. Peter
9. \_\_\_\_\_, was a missionary from Belgium who worked among lepers in Hawaii. (**C Page 97, L30**)
- A. Paul              B. Timothy              **C. Father Damien**      D. William Carey
10. Hezekiah allowed God's prophet, \_\_\_\_\_ to advise and guide him. **A (L 5 pg 22)**
- A. Isaiah**      B. Amos              C. Jeremiah              D. Ezekiel
11. Name of the King who was granted 15 years to his life when he prayed to God. (**B Page 23, L5**)
- A. David              **B. Hezekiah**              C. Solomon              D. Saul
12. Which of the following is NOT a Fruit of the Spirit? **C (L18, pg 60)**
- A. Self-control      B. Kindness              **C. Respect**              D. Gentleness
13. \_\_\_\_\_ let the Israelites free after the Lord struck Egypt with the plagues. (**D Page 42, L12**)
- A. Moses              B. Aaron              C. Joshua              **D. Pharaoh**
14. What is the meaning of name 'John'? (**A page 91, L28**)
- A. God is grateful**                      B. Raised up by Lord  
C. Father of multitude                      D. God's true witness
15. The Lord's Prayer is a \_\_\_\_\_. (**C page 86, L26**)
- A. Personal prayer                      B. Universal prayer  
**C. Communal prayer**                      D. Public prayer
16. A Jew who is known as Missionary to the Gentiles? \_\_\_\_\_. (**D Pg 88, L27**)
- A. Onesimus              B. Philip              C. Timothy              **D. Paul**



27. Who fought against Midianites with a small army, each having a jar, a light and a trumpet? (A Page 40, L11)

- A. **Gideon**                      B. Nehemiah                      C. Hezekiah                      D. Jeremiah

28. “Formerly, he was useless to you, but now he has become useful to you and me” Who was Paul referring to, in his letter to Philemon? (C Page 68, L20)

- A. Timothy                      B. Luke                      C. **Onesimus**                      D. Cornelius

29. The meaning of the name \_\_\_\_\_ is ‘Yahoveh is Salvation’. D (Ls 27 pg 88)

- A. Joel                      B. Hosea                      C. Ezekiel                      D. **Isaiah**

30. In the story of Barak and Deborah, who killed Sisera? (B L 16 pg 55)

- A. Barak                      B. **Jael**                      C. Samson                      D. Gideon

**B. Answer any five of the following short questions. (5x 5 = 25 points)**

**1. Which King destroyed Jerusalem at the time of prophet Nehemiah? Where did he take the Israelites in exile? What measures did Nehemiah institute in order to protect the laborers? L 21, Page 70**

Answer:

- a) Nebuchadnezzar (1 point) b) Babylon (1 point)
- Armed men were placed among laborers (1point)
  - The workers themselves labored hard with one hand while holding a weapon in the other (1point)
  - A special alarm system was set up to rally the people outside the city to come within its walls in the event of an attack by the enemy(1point)

**2. What do you understand by spiritual death? How do we get victory over spiritual death? Page 63-64, L 19**

Answer:

Spiritual death is what happens, when we do not accept Christ in our lives. It is caused by the presence of sin without the cleansing blood of Jesus to cover it. (2points)

We will get victory over spiritual death when we

- Acknowledge our sins (1point)
- Proclaim that Jesus died on the cross and accept it as a gift (1point)
- Accept God’s forgiveness and believe that we are saved through Jesus Christ (1point)

**3. What is a Parable? What do we learn from the “Parable of the Talents”? (L 10, P 37)**

Answer:

a. A Parable is an “earthly story with a heavenly meaning.” The word *Parable* comes from the Greek word “Parabole” which means “Putting things side by side. ( 2 point)

- God gives us each a variety of responsibilities (1 point)
- He instills in us abilities and potentials that are to be used for his glory and honor. (1 point)
- God given abilities vary from person to person and we all are accountable to God to carry through and make use of these talents. (1 point)

**4. What does the word ‘Ecumenism’ stands for? What did Peter learn from his vision at Joppa? L 8, P32**

Answer:

- ‘Ecumenism’ comes from the Greek word “Oikomene” which means ‘inhabited world’. So ‘Ecumenism’ means not only the unity of all denominations but also the unity of all people everywhere. (2 points)
- 1. Peter’s vision in Joppa helped him to have a change of heart with regard to people of other races. 2. In his speech he said, “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. ( Acts 10:34-35) 3. In the same way man should not discriminate against others. ( 3 points)

**5. What are the qualities of a “good shepherd”? ( L30, P 97)**

Answer: (1 point each)

- His sheep are more important than himself.
- Very close relationship between the shepherd and his sheep.
- Sheep knows their shepherds voice.
- Shepherds walk in front of the sheep to see if there is any danger.
- He leads them to good pastures.

**6. What are five main symbols used in the Mar Thoma Church worship? Briefly describe the significance of these symbols (in one to two sentences). *Question is from MTC - Our Foundation and Vision Book. L #3 pg 101***

- Madbaha: an altar to celebrate the Qurbana, which includes the elements in the Holy Eucharist and offertory.
- Light: reminding the worshippers, the hardships and persecutions our forefathers had to endure.
- Incense (Dupakutty): The smoke that comes out of the incense is a symbol of the divine presence.
- Cross: symbolizes eternal life granted to humanity through Christ’s sacrificial act. The cross symbolizes light, peace, and the new life received through Christ.

- Kappa: The vestment that priest wears during the Holy Qurbana and other sacraments.

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

1. But you are a chosen people, a royal priest hood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness in to his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9) **L 17, P 59**
2. Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. (**Psalm 91:3-4**) **L16**
3. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. (**1Peter 4:11**) **L29**
4. "As a prisoner for the Lord, then I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love" **Ephesians 4:1-2 (Pg 26 L6)**
5. "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." **Genesis 12: 2-3 (Pg 50 L 14)**
6. "Moses answered the people. " Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today will, you will never see again." (**Exodus 14:13**) **L 12, P 44**

**Section II**

**Mar Thoma Church Foundation and Vision**

**D. Circle the alphabet of the correct answer for the following multiple-choice questions: (1x10 = 10)**

1. The Mar Thoma Church uses the \_\_\_\_\_ Liturgy (Taska) in the Holy Communion. (**C Page C 99**)
 

A. St. Peters                      B. St. Johns                      **C. St. James**                      D. St. Thomas
2. The cleansing and renewal of the Mar Thoma Church worship order was initiated by\_\_\_\_\_. (**C Page C 97**)

A. Emperor Constantine  
**C. Abraham Malpan**

B. Deacon Athanasius  
D. Abraham Marthoma

3. All of the following statements are correct about Nicene Creed EXCEPT: **C (L 5 pg 107)**

- A. Formulated and acknowledged by the Church fathers in 325 A.D.
- B. Formulated at Nicea, a city in Asia Minor.
- C. Constantine prepared the first draft of the creed.**
- D. Faith in Trinity is proclaimed by this creed.

4. Which day marks the beginning of Christianity? ( **C Page C 106**)

- A. Palm Sunday
- B. Day of Ascension
- C. Day of Pentecost**
- D. Good Friday

5. On Palm Sunday Mar Thoma Church celebrates\_\_\_\_\_. ( **D Page C 105**)

- A. Resurrection of Christ
- B. Crucifixion of Christ
- C. Last Supper
- D. Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem**

6. The light is lighted on the altar when the priest begins the Holy Communion singing: ( **C, P102, L3**)

- A. *"Deiva Sudhar Nam Aayiduvan"*
- B. *"Aharon Anacha Dhoopam pol"*
- C. *"Shobha Niranjoralayathil"***
- D. *"Paulos Sleeha Bhagyavan"*

7. In the church, the worshippers stand in \_\_\_\_\_. ( **D, Lesson 3, page 101**)

- A. Altar
- B. Thronos
- C. Madhbaha
- D. Haikala**

8. This is the day on which the gentiles saw the glory of the Lord, - the day of the visitation of the wise men from the east. ( **D, Lesson 4, page 105**)

- A. The Day of Ascension
- B. The day of Pentecost
- C. The Advent
- D. Epiphany**

9. The central theme of Eucharistic Liturgy is: **A (L 2 Pg 99)**

- A. Christ's role as redeemer**
- B. People's role as participants
- C. Priest's role as celebrant
- D. Community's role as servant

10. Liturgy literally means "\_\_\_\_\_" that may be rendered to God and people. ( **C, P99, L2**)

- A. Worship
- B. Prayer
- C. Service**
- D. Taska

### Section III

E. Write an essay on any one of the following in about 150 words (10 points)

1. “He must become greater; I must become less” said John the Baptist. Write an essay on the Mission and Ministry of John the Baptist. (Based on Lesson 29)
  - a. Birth (2 points)
  - b. Life (2 points)
  - c. Mission (2 points)
  - d. Ministry (2 points)
  - e. Lessons we learn from his life. (2 points)

OR

2. Jeremiah was a great prophet from the Old Testament. Write an essay about Jeremiah’s life highlighting the following points. (L9, P 33)

- a. Introduction (2 points)
- b. What were the three aspects of Jeremiah’s message? (2 points)
- c. Name three symbols that Jeremiah used to proclaim God’s message and their significance (2 points)
- d. What are the values for life that we learn from the life of Jeremiah? (2 points)
- e. Conclusion (2 points)

**Answer:**

1. a. His birth: John the Baptist was the gift of God to an elderly couple, Zachariah and Elizabeth. John fulfilled the prophecy in Isaiah 40:3-5.
- b. John’s Life: John was filled with the Holy Spirit while he was inside his mother’s womb. John lived in the wilderness of Judea where he received his call. He was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. Locusts and honey were his food. John led a very simple life and simplicity is what God requires from His servants.
- c. Mission: John’s whole mission in life was to glorify God and he accomplished it by preparing the people to receive the coming Messiah. His words led many to repentance. John knew that his mission was to “make straight the way for the Lord”. He was aware that he was the forerunner of Jesus and pretended to be nothing more than that. He never did anything for his own glory, but did every thing to bring glory to God.
- d. Ministry: John preached repentance. His words led many people to repentance and he baptized them. He denounced the religious leaders of his time and

called them “brood of vipers” and said that there is no meaning in their claim to be descendents of Abraham. He asked people to bear fruits that were consistent with repentance. John rebuked King Herod for taking his brother Philip’s wife Herodias as his own wife. John was imprisoned and later beheaded for that. John baptized Jesus and witnessed the Spirit of God descending on Jesus. He testified that Jesus was the Son of God. John was humble when he preached that one who was coming after him was mightier. Declaring his mission John said, “He must become great, I must become less”.

e. Lesson to learn (Conclusion): John worked sincerely and courageously disregarding the consequences. He made people aware of their imperfect life and he led a simple life practicing what he preached. He was bold enough to point out the hypocrisy of the religious leaders and to rebuke even the king. We should follow John’s example and work to glorify God through our lives. We must repent our ways and seek strength from God. We must humble ourselves before God and consider others better than us. We should learn to be bold in order to stop injustice around us and must be ready to take a stance for God no matter the consequences are.

**OR**

2. a. Introduction: (2 points)

Jeremiah was the son of Hilkiah, a priest from Anathoth. The name Jeremiah signifies “raised up by the Lord.” He is known as the “Weeping Prophet of Judah.” Jeremiah was one among the Major Prophets, who spoke on behalf of God. He began to prophesize in the 13<sup>th</sup> year of King Josiah.

b. What were the three (3) aspects of Jeremiah’s message? (2 points)

- a. He warns about the punishment for backsliding. They had turned away from God. (Jeremiah 2:8-19)
- b. He predicted the coming of divine judgment in the form of overthrowing of Jerusalem and seventy years of subsequent captivity. (Jeremiah 14:1-8)
- c. He gave hope for the eventual restoration of the Jews that they will be brought back to their land from the place of their exile. (Jeremiah 50:19).

c. Name three (3) symbols and its significances Jeremiah used to proclaim God’s message (2 points)

1. The fountain and broken cistern: The fountain-symbol of God, broken cistern of idols.
2. The clay and the potter: The clay symbolizes people and the potter- God.
3. The new covenant

d. What are the values for life that you can learn from the life of Jeremiah? (2 points)

1. Prophets give messages and warnings on behalf of God.
2. To be God’s true witnesses even in adversity.

3. We all have a prophetic role to fulfill.

e. Conclusion (2 points)

- We must realize we have a prophetic role to fulfill.
- We must always speak the truth, no matter how difficult it may be.
- We must continue to pray for those who do not agree with us.
- We need to stand up for God