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CLASS: GRADE 8

Registration Number: _____

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TOTAL DURATION: 90 MINUTES

SCORE: 100 POINTS

A. Select the most appropriate response for the following questions. Circle the letter of the correct response. (30 points: One Point for Each)

1. The Lord's Prayer is
 - a. Part of the Sermon on the Mount
 - b. A model prayer
 - c. to describe God and His Glory
 - d. All of the above. (Page 22-23; Para 3)

2. The word "Manna" means
 - a. Heavenly food
 - b. Angel's food
 - c. Honey for Israelites
 - d. What is it? (Page 14; Para 2)

3. What was the sign the Lord gave to Ahaz that Judah would win over the enemies?
 - a. He will kill the king of Syria
 - b. A young woman who is pregnant will have a son and will name him Immanuel
(Page 33 Para -1)
 - c. A star at Bethlehem
 - d. None of the above.

4. Israelites were provided with 'Manna' for
 - a. 6 days
 - b. 40 days
 - c. 40 years (Page 14; Para- 2)
 - d. 430 years.

5. God called Samuel
 - a. One time
 - b. Two times
 - c. Three times
 - d. Four times (Lesson 9: 1 Sam 3:8-10)

6. Lord's angel of death passed over the homes of Israelites because
 - a. There was darkness and they couldn't see properly
 - b. Moses instructed them to do so
 - c. They were not slaves any more
 - d. Their homes were marked with the blood of the lamb (Page 47; Para 1)

7. God is present at all times with
 - a. Only His disciples
 - b. Everyone in the world
 - c. With every Christian (Page 47: Para 6)
 - d. With wicked people

8. Why did Elimelech move to Moab with his wife and sons?
 - a. To get brides for his sons
 - b. Because the sons were sick
 - c. Because there was a severe famine in the land of Judea (Page 49: Para 3)
 - d. They wanted a change of scenery

9. Who was identified as "a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and Faith"
 - a. Paul
 - b. Mark
 - c. Barnabas (Page 54; Para 5)
 - d. Silas

10. Joseph was able to overcome many obstacles that occurred in his life through
 - a. Jacob's help
 - b. Potiphar's help
 - c. Pharaoh's help
 - d. His faith in God (Page 27: Bible Application Title)

11. What is that 'One' thing God will not share with anyone else?
 - a. His creation
 - b. His Glory (Page 22; Para 3)
 - c. His Son Jesus
 - d. His Kingdom

12. How many years did God shut the skies and block the rain during the reign of king Ahab?
 - a. 1 ½ years
 - b. 2 ½ years
 - c. 3 ½ years (Page 83: Para 4)

- d. 5 years
13. What did king Solomon ask God to give him?
a. Wealth
b. Wisdom (2 Chr 1:10 – Page 74; Para 1)
c. Honor
d. Long life.
14. Who did not like to live with God?
a. Enoch
b. Ahab (Page 34; Para 1)
c. Moses
d. Abraham.
15. Name the man who was the last of the judges and first of the prophets?
a. Samson
b. Samuel (Page 36; Para 5)
c. Eli
d. Deborah
16. A Prophet is
a. God's chosen one
b. Appointed by God
c. Known as visionaries
d. All of the above (Page 22; Para 2)
17. Who said to whom "My Grace is all you need, for my power is the strongest when you are weak"
a. Jesus to Peter
b. Lord to Paul (Page 20; Para 2)
c. Lord to James
d. Jesus to Thomas.
18. Who had a concern for animals during the severe famine in Samaria?
a. Elijah
b. Ahab (Page 17; Para 4)
c. Jezebel
d. Herod
19. Haman's plans to exterminate the Jews was thwarted by the advice of _____
a. Memucan
b. Mordecai (Page 78; Para1)
c. Darius
d. Xerxes
20. Name the prophet who was not allowed to weep during his wife's death?

- a. Jeremiah
 - b. Amos
 - c. Ezekiel (Page 92; Para4)
 - d. Isaiah
21. Who wrote the book 'City of God'?
- a. Bunyan
 - b. Milton
 - c. St. Augustine (Page 88; Para2)
 - d. E.M. Foster.
22. Which Epistle describes Christians as “chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and people belonging to God”?
- a. Hebrews
 - b. 1st Peter (Page 67; Para3)
 - c. Philippians
 - d. 1st Corinthians
23. What is the purpose of the gift of Holy Spirit?
- a. To be superior to others
 - b. Force people to convert
 - c. To prepare the believers to be better witnesses to Christ (Page 70; Last Para)
 - d. To do better sermons
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24. God send His prophets with
- a. Judgment
 - b. Commandments
 - c. Message of reconciliation (Page 53; Para2)
 - d. Salvation.
25. Who were the companions for the second missionary journey?
- a. Paul and Barnabas
 - b. Paul and Silas (Page 54; Para 4)
 - c. Paul and Peter
 - d. Paul and Mark.
26. Which visually challenged individual wrote the hymn “Blessed Assurance Jesus is mine”?
- a. Helen Keller
 - b. John Milton
 - c. Fanny Crosby (Page 19; Para 1)
 - d. Ray Charles
27. Which book records the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus?
- a. Mathew

- b. John (Page 30; Para 5)
- c. Hebrews
- d. 1st Peter.

28. In normal circumstances, how did the high priest offer sacrifices?
- a. Offered sacrifices for his sins only
 - b. Offered sacrifices for the people only
 - c. Offered sacrifices for his sin first then for the people (Page 66; Para4)
 - d. Offered himself as sacrifice
29. The very foundation of Christian faith is _____
- a. Baptism
 - b. Confession
 - c. Worship
 - d. Total dependence on God. (Page 80; Para2)
30. There is no substitute for _____ that help us to hold on to our faith.
- a. Salvation
 - b. Prayer (Page 80; Para2)
 - c. Christian books
 - d. Holy Communion.

B Answer Any Five of the Following Questions (Five points each: Total 25 Points)

1. Describe Isaiah's vision of unity.

In this part, the prophet envisions a future world in which there exists a unity among human beings that overcomes all diversities. He also indicates the Kingdom of God in which all creation is brought together with Christ as its head. In this prophecy, Isaiah hopes that there shall be a day, when human beings shall live together and walk together in faith, righteousness, and brotherhood. The prophet also pictures a united world, a true league of nations made not by treaty but by common faith. Here the prophet highlights the idea that the people of all nations, languages, creeds, and cultures living together according to the will of God. This new humanity, which the prophet visualizes, is possible only through walking in the paths God revealed through His son, Jesus Christ. When we enter the experience of the Kingdom of God, the nations will withdraw from the competition of arms accumulation that arises out of fear. There after they will act in a way, which will ensure the sustenance of life and promote peaceful co-existence. They will hammer their swords into plough shears and their spears into pruning knives. Nations will never again go to war, never prepare for battle again. The High Priestly Prayer of Christ, also points out this order. (Page 30)

2. Jeremiah's response to social condition in all Israel

Jeremiah's Response To The Social Conditions

1. The Israelites abandoned their first love and reference to God. They committed two sins. They had turned away from God, the spring of living; and had dug cisterns, cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all.
2. Prophets and priests did evil things. The people liked it. The whole lot were greedy for money.
3. Cursed is he who trusts in man and leaves God. Blessed is he who depends on God.
4. The house of Israel is in the hands of God just as the clay is in the hands of the potter. They will have to listen to the word of God and obey it knowing that God will do to them as He pleases.
5. God's punishment will be on Israel if they do not leave their wicked ways and improve their conduct and actions. They will have to serve their enemies.
6. King of Judah and the people will have to serve Babylon for seventy years. Depending on Egypt against Babylon will result in the ruin of the people and the land.

7. Finally Babylon will also fall by the judgment of God. Its great joy will disappear. All Their lands will be in eternal ruin. Though God may judge his people through other nations they also will have to face the judgment of God. (Page 99)
3. Why did God choose Samuel as prophet?
 Samuel was very faithful in serving Eli and carried out his duties in the Temple of the Lord with a sincere and humble heart. He understood the purpose of his life from his mother's instructions. He demonstrated this by keeping his distance from the sons of Eli. They could have easily influenced him.
 God did not have prophets those days. He would send godly persons with His messages to the people. Other than that, there was no prophet for interpreting the scriptures, seeking the will of God and receiving the counsel of God. Perhaps God chose Samuel to bridge that gap and lead his people in a better light. The leadership of judges was not adequate. (page 37)
4. Explain Manna as mentioned in the Book of Exodus (Lesson 2)
 The Israelites saw the small white seed like substance what fell along with the snow, they asked a question: Manna or what is it? Moses instructed them to gather as needed. They gathered enough for each day but on the sixth day they had to gather double so that they will have enough for the Sabbath day as well. Those few who tried to gather more than enough found their Manna spoiled for the next day. Likewise, those who went out to gather Manna on the Sabbath day were disappointed for Manna didn't fall on Sabbath. People who hoard food items beyond their needs should learn a lesson from the experience of Israelites. When God instructed them to gather enough for the day, He was testing the people for obedience. Israelites received Manna regularly for forty years. That was the time period the people journeyed through the desert. No one can raise questions if God cares for his people. And no one should doubt the power of God to help us in difficult circumstances. God provided them food miraculously. Some people gathered more than they should. But they ended up having just enough. Some others didn't have enough. But they found out that there was no real shortage. It is another wonder. It is a simple reminder that we should be contending with what God gives us. Just be glad and grateful. (Page 14)
5. Explain the uniqueness of a High Priest as given in the Book of Hebrews.
 Jesus entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood (Heb.9: 12)
 He has been tempted in every way so he is able to sympathize with us (Heb. 4:15)
 His priesthood is for ever because he is living eternally (Heb. 7:24)
 He is able to save us fully (Heb. 7:25)
 He is the high priest of all good things that are already here (Heb. 9:11)
6. Explain the five elements of sacraments
 1. Intention: Receive forgiveness for sins
 2. Meaning: identification with death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
 3. Words of institution: When the sinless one of his own will chose to suffer death for us sinners, he took bread in his holy hands; he gave thanks, blessed, sanctified and broke it and gave it to his apostles saying "Take, eat, this is my body given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks, blessed, sanctified and gave it to his apostles saying, "Drink this all of you, this is the blood of the new covenant which is shed for the many for the forgiveness of sins".
 4. Matter: Water is the matter used in Baptism. Bread and wine are material means in the Holy Communion
 5. Celebrant: The celebrant is the ordained minister of the church (Page 116-117)

C Memory Verses (Choose any 5: Five Points Each Total 25 Points)

1. The spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind,
 _____ to release the oppressed. (Lk. 4: 18)

2. Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more _____ valuable than they? (Matt. 6: 26)

3. But when you pray, _go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret _____ will reward you. (Matt. 6:6)

4. Blessed is the man __ who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the _____ seat of mockers.(Ps. 1:1-2)

5. “Therefore, since we are surrounded _____ by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race _____ marked out for us. (Heb. 12: 1)

6. If you, then, though you are _evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those _____ who ask Him? (Matt. 7:11)

D The Mar Thoma Church’s Foundation and Vision (One point each: Total 10 Points)

1. What is the “matter” used in Baptism?
 - a. Oil
 - b. wine

- c. Basin
 - d. Water (Page 117)
- 2. Who is the “Chief “ celebrant in a sacrament?
 - a. Parent
 - b. Priest
 - c. Participant
 - d. God (Page 117)
- 3. What is the explicit reference to Baptism in the Nicene Creed?
 - a. Acknowledges Group Baptism
 - b. Acknowledges One Baptism (Page 119)
 - c. Acknowledges multiple Baptism
 - d. Acknowledges no Baptism
- 4. How many compound elements are there in the final blessing?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3 (Page 122)
 - d. 4
- 5. Which of the following sacrament is optional?
 - a. Marriage (Page 113)
 - b. Confession
 - c. Holy Communion
 - d. Baptism
- 6. What is ‘Mooron’?
 - a. Taksa
 - b. Consecrated oil (Page 119)
 - c. Wine
 - d. Water
- 7. What is the prayer of Epiclesis?
 - a. Communication of blessing
 - b. Prayer for the saints
 - c. Prayer for absolution
 - d. Prayer to the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine (Page 122)
- 8. What do sacraments assure you when it is received in faith?
 - a. God’s blessing (Page 110)
 - b. God’s forgiveness
 - c. Church membership
 - d. Spiritual life
- 9. What is Unction?
 - a. Funeral service
 - b. Anointing of the sick (Page 113)
 - c. Dominical sacraments
 - d. Fellowship
- 10. Holy Communion is performed only _____
 - a. On Sundays
 - b. In the Church
 - c. Whenever the minister decides

- d. When there are participants to receive communion (Page 114)

E Choose one of the two topics to write an essay in 150 words (Points 10)

1. Describe how Joseph with his faith in God enabled him to reconcile with his family.
Joseph's family and crises (3 Points)
The events that led to becoming the governor (3 Points)
The reconciliation with the brothers (3 Points)
Conclusion (1 Point)

The Family of Jacob (Gene. 37)

The family consisted of his wife, twelve sons (Gen. 35:23-26) and one daughter (Gen. 30:21). Benjamin was the youngest son and Joseph was the eleventh son. Jacob loved his son Joseph most than all other children. Joseph was born to Jacob when he was very old and was born to Rachel. Joseph brought to his father the report of the ill doings of his brothers (Gen. 37:2). This creates crisis in Jacob's family due to over affection and love to Joseph.

The Crisis in Jacob's Family

When Jacob loved Joseph more than all other children, the brothers started to hate Joseph (Gen. 37:4). They hated Joseph more when he told them about his dream (Gen. 37:18). They thought of killing Joseph. When Joseph came to the place where they were tending the flock, he was thrown in to a well and then sold him to a group of Ishmaelites. Later they sold Joseph to Potiphar, who was the captain of the Guards of the King's palace. Joseph became the steward of his house. Soon Joseph was accused of misbehavior towards Potiphar's wife and put him in jail. Joseph overcame all these adversities because of his strong faith in God, his good conduct and the wisdom of interpreting the dreams of the king when his magicians and wise men failed to do so. Pharaoh was well pleased with Joseph and his ability to interpret the dreams and appointed him as the Governor of Egypt (Gen. 41:41). Joseph made all the arrangement to provide the food supply for the people during the time of famine. Joseph's brothers also came to collect the supplies except Benjamin, without knowing Joseph.

Reconciliation in the Family

Though the brothers failed to recognize Joseph, Joseph recognized them (Gen. 42-45). To test them, Joseph treated them as spies and put them in prison for three days, and kept Simeon in prison until Benjamin was brought to Egypt. (Ask students to explain the story and the teacher completes the missing portion). Second time they came with Benjamin to collect the grain. Finally Joseph revealed his true identity to his brothers-Gen.45. Joseph said, "It was really God who sent me ahead of you here to save the lives of people (Gen. 45:5). Joseph treated them so kind and affectionately. Here shows his firm faith and trust in God. Joseph helped his brothers in crisis without taking any revenge against them. Joseph was sincere and faithful to God, himself and to his fellow humans. The words of Joseph touched the heart of his brothers .

Conclusion:

Through Joseph's faith in God, he was able to overcome the many obstacles that occurred in his life. His trust in the Lord enabled him to reconcile with his family and thus be able to settle the crisis.

1. 'We should never ignore the earnest advise of the experienced and mature people'
Explain this rule through the life of Rehoboam. (Le. 16, P - 60)
 - a. Introduction (1 point)
 - b. Crisis (2 points)
 - c. Advise of the older people (2 points)
 - d. Advise of the younger people (2 points)
 - e. Consequences (1 point)
 - f. conclusion (2 point)

Introduction:

Rehoboam was the son of King Solomon who did not inherit his father's wisdom along with his kingdom.

Crisis:

When Rehoboam became the king, the northern tribes were strongly protesting the taxes - for raising the money he needed to support his luxurious and autocratic life style. All the tribes of Israel gathered behind Jeroboam, whom Israelites were possessed with as a people's leader rather than Rehoboam, and went to Rehoboam and asked for relief from heavy taxes.

Advise of the Older People:

The older people advised him that he should make the people understand that the king is the servant of the people. He should lessen their burdens by looking at their problems leniently. The older folks counseled him to identify with the people and be sensitive to their needs.

Advise of the younger people:

His peers who grew up with him advised him to teach Jeroboam and his people a lesson by rejecting them. His youth friends asked him to issue a warning that he will give them a greater burden than Solomon.

Consequences:

When the Israelites convinced that the king was not going to approve their demand they refused to listen to the mediator whom the king sent to them and stoned him to death.

Conclusion:

To be successful in life, we have to take mature decisions with a great degree of discernment. We should never ignore the earnest advice of the experienced people.