



MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOL DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE

DIOCESAN EXAMINATION – MAY 2, 2010
CLASS: SENIOR GRADE 10

REGISTRATION NUMBER: _____

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

DURATION: 90 MINUTES

TOTAL SCORE: 100 POINTS

SECTION - I Mar Thoma Sunday School Curriculum

Select the most appropriate response for the following questions.

Circle the letter of the correct response.

(1x25 = 25)

1. What does the Greek word, “Koinonia” mean? (CH-29/P-132 L7)
 - a. Growing church
 - b. Sharing of possessions
 - c. **Fellowship**
 - d. Prayer and fasting
2. Jacob took the stone, placed under his head, set up a pillar and poured oil on top of it and called that place _____, (CH-11/P-57 L42)
 - a. **Bethel**
 - b. Haran
 - c. Moriah
 - d. Caesarea
3. Epicureanism was founded by Epicurus in Greece. According to him, what is the prime focus of human beings? (Ch-27/P-124 L8)
 - a. Controlling their emotions
 - b. Preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ
 - c. Working hard and making money
 - d. **Pleasure** (eat, drink and be merry)
4. Who said this? I too am a man. You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of other nation; but God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean”. (Ch-16/P-79 L3)
 - a. Paul
 - b. Thomas
 - c. James
 - d. **Peter**

12. Naaman was completely healed when he followed _____'s instructions, by washing himself in the river Jordan seven times.
- Prophet Elisha – (Ch7/Pg40 L15)**
 - Prophet Jeremiah
 - Prophet Jonah
 - Prophet Elijah
13. “Faith gets the most, love works the most; but humility keeps the most” Who said?
- Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa
 - Dwight L. Moody (Ch-19, pg 91, L 19)**
 - Billy Graham
 - Franklin Graham
14. Who was the Moabite woman who married an Israelite who was not a member of her culture?
- Bathsheba
 - Mary Magdalene
 - Ruth - (Ch -11/Pg58 L5)**
 - Rehab
15. The Great Intercessory Prayer is also called
- A Fellowship Prayer
 - High Priestly Prayer – (Ch-18/Pg 87 L22)**
 - His Great Vision
 - Sermon on the Mount Prayer
16. 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.”
- Archbishop Desmond Tutu
 - Sadhu Sundar Singh – (Ch-27/Pg123, L25)**
 - Jimmy Carter
 - Billy Graham
17. Who said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; May the name of the Lord be praised.”
- Jacob
 - Job -(Ch- 25, Pg 116, L7)**
 - Joab
 - Joshua
18. “What I Owe to Christ” was written by _____.
- C.F. Andrews – (Ch -22, Pg 104, L15)**
 - William Carey
 - Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa
 - Dr. E. Stanley Jones

19. Prophet Ezekiel was a contemporary of which prophet?
- Isaiah
 - Micah
 - Jeremiah (Ch-15, Pg 75 L15)**
 - Amos
20. The Memorandum known as “The Trumpet Call of Reformation” was submitted by
- Abraham Alexander and eleven other priests
 - Abraham Malpan and eleven other priests (Ch -15, Pg 74, L 7)**
 - Abraham Mathews and eleven other priests
 - Abraham Paulose and eleven other priests
21. Abraham is known as the _____
- Father of Worshippers
 - Father of Believers – (Ch -8/Pg45 L 5)**
 - Father of Christians
 - Father of the Lost
22. _____ was the capital of Israel, the northern kingdom.
- Samaria – (Ch-14/Pg70 L 30)**
 - Galilee
 - Judea
 - Babylon
23. Paul learned Jewish laws from _____. (Ch- 9/ P-49 L 20)
- Gamaliel**
 - Nicodemus
 - Cornelius
 - Philip
24. Who is the author of “The Pilgrims Progress”? (Ch-8, p-44 L10)
- John Bunyan**
 - David Livingstone
 - Florence Nightingale
 - Johannes Kepler
25. Who answered? “Master we have worked hard all night and have not caught anything. But because you say, I will let down the nets”. (Ch- 9/Pg-49 L8).
- Sons of Zebedee
 - Simon**
 - John
 - Andrew

**B. Answer any five (5) of the following questions.
Answers should be brief and to the point.**

(5x5 = 25)

1. What important aspects of Jesus' personality are revealed in His encounter with the Samaritan woman? **(Ch-14, p-71)**
- a. The humane nature of Jesus is very evident
 - b. To Jesus all are equal, Jew or Samaritan
 - c. Jesus transcends all unjust barriers set by society through his conversation with the Samaritan woman
- The unjust barriers in this case are the following:
- a. Jesus treats the Samaritan woman ostracized by the Jewish society with love and concern.
 - b. In a society where Jewish rabbi was not supposed to talk to a woman in public, Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman of questionable repute.

2. List 5 ideals of Ashram life. **(Ch-30, p-137)**
- a. Christian fellowship
 - b. Simple life style
 - c. Adjusting economic needs according to the ideals of a dedicated life.
 - d. Importance to discipline and sacrifice
 - e. Prime place for prayer, worship and meditation
 - f. Glorifying God through Bible study, testimony and service
 - g. Giving importance for physical work in daily life

3. 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”
- b. Greater emphasis on purity and simplicity of apostolic faith
- c. The Mar Thoma Church was transformed into becoming a vibrant, worshipping community based on the Word of God, rather than on rituals and ceremonies

4. What are the main contributions of Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan? (Foundation and Vision Lesson 2 Pg 222)

- a. He firmly believed that Mar Thoma Church as a special role in evangelizing the rest of India
- b. He was a pioneer in sending missionaries from Kerala to various corners of India to preach the gospel.
- c. He exhorted every member of the Mar Thoma Church to be a Missionary (Evangelist) and to promote this, he established the Mar Thoma Evangelists’ Association.
- d. His entire life, as a priest, bishop and Metropolitan, was dedicated to the modeling of Mar Thoma church as a pioneer evangelistic church among all churches in India.

5. What are the main points of Paul's address at Areopagus? (**Ch-27/ P-124**)

- a. His God is different from their gods whom they worshiped.
 - b. He is Omnipotent, the Maker and Master of universe. This God, who is the creator does not confined Himself in temples made by man and limit Himself to space and time
 - c. He is not served by human hands since he does not need anything. He give life, breath, and everything else to all mankind.
 - d. He predetermines the exact times and places where they would live. He did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him.
 - e. God is not far from anyone of us.
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6. Explain God's promise to people of Israel that is described in Micah 4:2-7.
(**CH/7/P-41**)

- a. God promised that he will teach His ways to the people of Israel and they will walk in His ways.
 - b. God assured that He will lead the nation and the people if they implore His help.
 - c. He will help the nations and settle disputes for strong nations far and wide.
 - d. Nations will not take up sword against nations they will train for war anymore.
 - e. Instrument of destruction will be transformed into instrument of creation and peace will be restored in the world.
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C. Complete any Five of the following Memory Verses. (5x5 = 25)

1. “This is the covenant I will make **with the house of Israel after that time,**” declares **the Lord. I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they**

will be my people. Jeremiah 31:33 (Ch-7/P-43).

2. Therefore go and make disciples **of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always,**

to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 (Ch-27/ P-126).

3. I am with you **and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have**

promised you. Genesis 28:15 (Ch-11/ P-59)

4. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day

has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:33-34. (Ch -10, Pg 55)

5. 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 – (Ch-18/Pg89)

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.

(Ch- 14, Pg 73)

D. Write an essay of about 200 words on any one of the following.

Essay should have an introduction and a conclusion.

(15x1 = 15)

1. "The third person in the Godhead (the triune or the trinity) is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not a mere force." (Ch-19, P-92,93)

- a) Introduction: Characteristics of the Holy Spirit
- b) Gifts of the Holy Spirit and their purpose
- c) Glorification through bearing fruit

- d) Impact of the Holy Spirit upon the early Church
 - e) Spiritual man versus the natural man
 - f) Conclusion
- a) The Holy Spirit has: intellect, emotions and will. The Holy Spirit searches for everything including God's purpose. He speaks, intercedes on behalf of the believers, testifies, guides, commands, appoints, leads, reproves and convicts us of sins, seals God's promise in our hearts and shapes our lives in Christ. (3 marks)
 - b) Gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, knowledge, faith, power to heal, power to work miracles, gift of prophecy, ability to distinguish between spirits, speak in diverse tongues, interpret the tongues. (2 marks)
Purpose of gifts: All the gifts are meant for the common good of the church (1 mark)
 - c) Christians should be producing fruit of the Holy Spirit for the glorification of God. The fruit is a manifestation of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (3 marks)
 - d) The disciples were transformed when the Holy Spirit came upon them at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit gave the early church the spirit of unity, and he continues to call, guide and empower believers. (2 marks)
 - e) The spiritual man is controlled by the Holy Spirit, but the natural man cannot discern spiritual matters. All men have two natures in them, one of the body and the other of the spirit. These two natures are at odds with each other. If we enrich the mortal man nature by pursuing bodily pleasures, the spiritual nature weakens. On the other hand, if we strengthen the spiritual man, the Holy Spirit works in us and enables us to overcome the pleasures of the body. (3 marks)
 - f) Summary: The Holy Spirit resides in believers; he guides us in a life pleasing to God. The Holy Spirit is promised to all those who believe in Jesus and are baptized in his name. Without the indwelling of the Spirit, it is impossible to lead a life pleasing to the Lord. (1 mark)
2. Paul's change from persecutor of Christianity to propagator makes for one of the most dramatic conversion stories in the New Testament. Explain.
- a. Introduction
 - b. Describe Saul as a staunch Pharisee and a persecutor of Christians
 - c. Describe Saul's personal encounter with the risen Christ
 - d. Describe Saul's zeal for Christ and spreading of the gospel
 - e. Conclusion – purpose of God
- a. Introduction: Saul was born in Tarsus. He belonged to the tribe of Benjamin. He studied the Jewish law from Gamaliel. He has mastery over the Greek and Hebrew languages. He was a Jew by birth. He was called Paul after an encounter with Christ during a journey to Damascus. (3 marks)
 - b. Staunch Pharisee and Persecutor of Christians: Saul was a Pharisee who rigidly followed and propagated Moses' laws and the Ten Commandments. Saul had an in-depth knowledge of Jewish customs. When he found that early Christians were breaking the laws of Old Testament, he tried to destroy them. Saul also approved the

- Stephen's murder. He worked vigorously to send the Christians to jail and to torture them. (3 marks)
- c. Encounter with risen Christ: Saul obtained letters of authority from the High Priest and proceeded to Damascus to persecute the Christians there. But on the way, at the gate of Damascus, Jesus encountered Saul with a blinding light/ Saul cried out "Who are you Lord?" Jesus told him that He was the same Jesus that Saul was seeking to persecute. The life-changing experience fully convinced and transformed Saul. He was transformed from a persecutor of Christianity to a propagator. (4 marks)
 - d. Zeal for Christ and spreading of gospel: The encounter enabled Saul to enter into a personal relationship with Jesus. He received enlightenment out of the ignorance. He transformed into the greatest exponent of God's Word. He became the most ardent spokesman and widely travelled missionary for Christ. He led many to the saving knowledge of God while enduring hard sufferings. (3 marks)
 - e. Conclusion – Purpose of God: Ignorance of God's ways and His will, hinders a person from accomplishing the will of God. To understand the way of God, one has to enter into a personal relationship with Him. (2 marks)
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SECTION II - Foundation and Vision

- F. Select the most appropriate response for the following questions. Circle the letter of the correct response. (1x10 = 10)**
1. What does Diakonial Ministry mean?
 - a. Purification
 - b. Servant ministry – L1/Pg 217**
 - c. Communion and fellowship
 - d. Faith and order commission
 2. The two pioneers of the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association are:
 - a. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan & Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan – L2/Pg 222**
 - b. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan & Abraham Malpan
 - c. Abraham Malpan & Dr. Yuhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan
 - d. Abraham Malpan & Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan.
 3. A person who was awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize in 1964, and who wrote the book, "the Christ of the Indian Road".
 - a. Mother Theresa

- b. **E. Stanley Jones – L3/Pg 228**
 - c. Abraham Malpan
 - d. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma
4. What did Jesus say was the first and greatest commandment?
- a. Love your neighbor as yourself
 - b. **Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with your mind. – L4/Pg 234**
 - c. To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
 - d. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
5. This Association was established in 1888 is the official Mission Board of the Mar Thoma Church.
- a. **The Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association – L5/Pg 240**
 - b. The Kerala Christian Council – KCC
 - c. Suvishesha Sevika Sangham
 - d. Yuvajana Sakhyam
6. Who summed up mission and ministry of the Church as following: “The message of the Kingdom of God calls upon us to serve other in all their needs – physical, mental, and spiritual. This involves working with the integrated development of the community to eradicate poverty, and unemployment and to provide education and health care for all.” (**Foundation and Vision L1 /P218**)
- a. **Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Metropolitan**
 - b. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan
 - c. Dr. Yuhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan
 - d. Abraham Malpan
7. “Every child is precious; every child is a gift from God.” Who said this quote? (**Foundation and Vision Ch-3 /P- 231**)
- a. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan
 - b. E Stanley Jones
 - c. William Carey
 - d. **Mother Teresa**
8. Which of the following institutions run by the Mar Thoma Church caters to the needs of the physically challenged? (**Foundation and Vision Ch-4/P-235**)
- a. Mochana
 - b. Navajeevan Kendram
 - c. **Asha Bhavan**
 - d. Edavaka Mission

9. Sneha Bhavan, Thiruvalla, is an example of (**Foundation and Vision Ch-4/P-237**)

- a. **Center of old age home and hospice**
- b. Center for the physically challenged
- c. Shelter for the destitute and homeless
- d. Guidance and Counseling center

10. _____ is the official church bulletin. (**Foundation and Vision Ch- 2/P-224**)

- a. **“Sabha Tharaka”**
- b. “The Mar Thoma Messenger”
- c. “The Mar Thoma Christian”
- d. “Lighted to Lighten”