



MAR THOMA SUNDAY SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE
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Grade: 8

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 letter of the correct response. (30 points: One Point for Each)

1. Who was not allowed to weep when “the delight of his eyes” passed away?
A. **Ezekiel** (Lesson 27/Page 92)
B. Jeremiah
C. Amos
D. Isaiah
2. God created man in his own image and wants human beings
A. To be stewards of His creation
B. To be masters of his creation
C. Keep a balance between God’s creations
D. **A & C** (Lesson 1/ Pages 11 &12)
3. Who said, “When I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my savior”?
A. Helen Keller
B. Mother Theresa
C. **Fanny Crosby** (Lesson 4/Page 19)
D. Ray Charles
4. Who was the first Hebrew Leader to fight the Philistine?
A. Gideon
B. **Joshua** (Lesson 17/Page 64)
C. Samson
D. David
5. Which statement is NOT TRUE about Jeremiah?
A. he was called the weeping prophet
B. the Lord touched his mouth and strengthened him through words
C. **he was a contemporary of prophet Isaiah.** (Lesson 29/Page 99)
D. he was known for his heart broken intercessory prayer for his people.

6. The word that means unity of churches as well as the human race.
 - A. Ecclesia
 - B. Ecumenism** (Lesson 22/Page 79)
 - C. Evangelion
 - D. Agape

7. To whom did the donkey open his mouth and talked in human language?
 - A. Balaam** (Lesson 3/Page 17)
 - B. Bilayam
 - C. Jacob
 - D. Jesus

8. He was a judge, a prophet and a priest to the people of Israel.
 - A. Moses
 - B. Aaron
 - C. Joshua
 - D. Samuel** (Lesson 9/Page 36)

9. What did the Israelites do to Adoniram, the mediator king Rehoboam sent to them?
 - A. they refused to listen to him and turned him away
 - B. they entered into a treaty with him
 - C. they stoned him to death** (Lesson 16/Page 61)
 - D. they accepted his mediation

10. Who appeared to Jesus in heavenly form as he prayed on the 'Mount of Transfiguration'?
 - A. Moses and Elisha
 - B. Paul and Barnabas
 - C. Moses and Elijah** (Lesson 26/Page 90)
 - D. Gabriel and Michael

11. Who said "I believe in Christian conversion, if it is genuine"?
 - A. Mahatma Gandhi** (Lesson 10/Page 41)
 - B. Dr. Stanley Jones
 - C. Abraham Mar Thoma
 - D. Sadhu Sunder Singh

12. Which Gospels record Lord's Prayer?
 - A. John & Mathew
 - B. Mathew & Luke** (Lesson 5/Page 22)
 - C. Luke & Mark
 - D. Mathew, Mark, Luke & John

13. Who gave the advice "commit your way to the Lord, trust in Him and he will do this"?
 - A. Apostle Peter
 - B. Apostle Paul
 - C. Jesus Christ

D. King David (Lesson 17/Page 65)

14. Which Old Testament book refers to “Immanuel”, God with us?
A. Genesis
B. Isaiah (Lesson 8/Page 32)
C. Zachariah
D. Daniel
15. Haman’s plan to exterminate the Jews in Xerxe’s kingdom was thwarted by _____.
A. God’s Devine intervention
B. Mordechai’s advice to Esther
C. Esther’s request to the king to spare her people
D. All the above (Lesson 21/Page 78)
16. Who authored the book “Confession”?
A. St. Augustine Lesson 25/Page 88)
B. John Bunyan
C. John Milton
D. Martin Luther
17. Who said, “It was really God who sent me ahead of you here to save the lives of people”?
A. Moses
B. John the Baptist
C. Joseph (Lesson 6/page 27)
D. Jesus Christ
18. Who was the chief priest at the temple at Shiloh, where Samuel was taken for his dedication?
A. Eli (Lesson 9/Page 36)
B. Elkanah
C. Ephraim
D. Malkesedeke
19. Who was the source of inspiration for work and success of Mother Theresa?
A. Mahatma Gandhi
B. Jawarlal Nehru
C. Jesus Christ (Lesson 30/Page 102)
D. Albert Schweitzer
20. Who was the contemporary of prophet Isaiah?
A. Micah (Lesson 7/Page 30)
B. Amos
C. Jeremiah
D. Ezekiel
21. Which of the following statements is true about ‘Manna’?
A. Israelites gathered Manna for 6 days of the week

- B. Israelites received Manna regularly for 40 years
C. the sixth day Israelites collected double the amount of other days
D. All the above (Lesson 2/Page 14)
22. As the apostles filled with the Holy Spirit, preached and performed miracles in the name of Jesus, their only motive was to
A. Bring glory to God (Lesson 19/Page 70)
B. Show their authority and power
C. Attract and impress the crowd
D. To show sympathy and compassion to the suffering
23. 'Missionaries of charities' was started under the leadership of
A. Dr. Yuhanon Mar Thoma
B. Martin Luther
C. Mother Theresa (Lesson 30/Page 101)
D. Bishop Desmond Tutu.
24. What is the other name for 'Feast of Ingathering' ?
A. feast of the harvest
B. feast of Tabernacle (Lesson 28/Page 96)
C. feast of the trumpets
D. feast of Pentecost
25. Natural calamities _____
A. are part of God's judgment for an evil generation
B. is part of God's corrective measures for man
C. shows God's control over nature
D. all the above (Lesson 24/Pages 83&84)
26. Who is the high priest who has been tempted in every way, so he is able to sympathize with us?
A. Jesus Christ (Lesson 18/Page 67)
B. Ananias
C. Malkesedekh
D. Zachariah
27. Which disciple of Jesus Christ died a natural death?
A. Peter
B. John (Lesson 20/Page 73)
C. James
D. Judas Iscariot
28. Who said "I was like a trusting lamb taken out to be killed"?
A. Jeremiah (Lesson 29/Page 100)
B. John the Baptist
C. Ezekiel

29. D. Jesus Christ
 'Amen' at the end of the prayer means
 A. May your kingdom come
B. 'So let it be' (Lesson 5/Page 24)
 C. God forgive our sins
 D. God bless us
30. Why did Paul pray for the believers of Colossae?
 A. To gain more wealth
 B. To defeat their enemies
 C. To stop fighting among themselves
D. May live a life worthy of the Lord (Lesson 20/Colossians 1:10)

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

1. Briefly explain the lessons we learn from the incident of Jesus healing the paralyzed man?
(Lesson 4/Pages 19 & 20) (Points 5x1=5)
1. Jesus dispelled the Jewish belief that sickness and suffering are caused by sin.
 2. One should remember the example of the four friends for their compassion, courage and faith in asking Jesus to heal the paralytic man.
 3. God uses intercessory prayers for healing persons born with afflictions or those who are sick.
 4. Physically and mentally challenged persons are created with different talents.
 5. It is our responsibility to help the differently talented to face their weaknesses.
2. What advice the elders gave to King Rehoboam? What advice he got from his peers?
Lesson 16/Page 61) (Points 3+2=5)

The elders advised Rehoboam:

1. The King should make the people understand that the king is the servant of the people and not a taskmaster.
2. The king should lessen their burdens by looking at their problems leniently.
3. The king should identify with the people and the people needed to hear words of comfort and that they should be with the house of Solomon. (3 points)

Rehoboam's peers advised him:

1. To teach Jeroboam and his people a lesson by rejecting them.
2. They asked him to issue a warning that he will give them a greater burden than Solomon. (2 points)

3. What is the significance of celebration of festivals to Jewish family? Briefly describe the following festivals and their significance. A. Feast of Harvest B. Fest of Tabernacle C. Feast of Passover.

(Lesson 28/ Pages 95&96) (Points- 2+1+1+1=5)

The significance of celebration of festivals to Jewish families is:

1. The celebrations help them to remember with gratitude the blessings of God.
2. Celebrations are excellent learning strategy for children. (2 points)

Feast of Harvest: It is also called the feast of Pentecost. It commemorates the giving of the law at Mount Sinai. (1 point)

Feat of Tabernacle: It is also known as the feast of ingathering. It is a reminder to the Israelites that they lived in temporary shelters when God brought them out of Egypt. (1 point)

Feast of Passover: It denotes the deliverance of the Israelites from the angel of death and from the Egyptian bondage. (1 point)

4. What is the difference between gifts of Holy Spirit and fruit of Holy Spirit? What was Paul's exhortation to believers in Corinth about gift of Holy Spirit?

(Lesson 19/Pages 69&70) (Points: 1+1+1+1+1=5)

Gifts of Holy Spirit are special talents given to believers for enabling them to carry out the mission of God entrusted to them where as fruit of Spirit are the qualities God expects in the life of the believers. (1 point)

Paul's exhortations to believers in Corinth: (4x1=4 points)

There are differences in gifts but they all come from the same spirit.

It is pointless to consider one gift superior to the other.

The Holy Spirit gives the gift to each one as He wills.

God expect us to use the gift of the spirit for common good.

5. What did the father request and how did his sons respond in the parable of the two sons? What are the 3 lessons we learn from this parable?

(Lesson 10/Pages39 & 40) (Points 2+3=5)

The father requested his sons to go and work in the vineyard. The elder son refused to go but later he changed his mind and went to the vineyard to work. The second son readily agreed to go but he never went to work in the vineyard. (2 points)

The lessons we learn from the parable: (3x1=3 points)

The parable reminds us of two types of people. One group teaches others moral standards but never practice it themselves. They are the self-righteous group. The second group is honest and they live a life acceptable in the sight of the Lord.

The parable sheds light on the principle that good words can not substitute for good works. To have real faith and humility in our lives, there must be obedience. Jesus was sending a warning to the teachers of law about hypocrisy and self-righteousness.

6. Define 'sacraments'. What are the significances of sacraments to the believers? Name the Dominical and Optional sacraments of the Mar Thoma Church (Foundation & Vision Page 172) (Points 1+2+2=5)

Sacraments: Sacraments are special encounters with Christ that help the believers to grow in grace and lead a holy life. (1 point)

Sacraments assures God's blessings when the participants receive it in faith. Each sacrament is administered as means of God's grace which a believer needs to experience salvation. (2 points)

Dominical Sacraments: Holy Baptism and Confirmation
Confession & Holy Communion

Optional Sacraments: Christian Marriage, Ordination and Unction (2 points)

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

1. Let us draw near to God **with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies** washed with pure water (Heb:10:22) (Lesson 22/ page 81)
2. "He will judge between **the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation,** nor will they train for war anymore.
(Isaiah 2:4) (Lesson-7/Page-31)
3. "Do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are** not on your own
(1 Corinth. 6:19) (Lesson 21/Page 78)
4. Therefore-since we have **a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly** to the faith we profess (Heb 4:14) (Lesson 18/Page 68)
5. With my great power **and out stretched arm I made the earth and its people and the animals that are on it, and I give it** to anyone I please (Jerem. 27:5) (Lesson 3/Page 18)

6. “I will give you **new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of a stone and give you** a heart of flesh. (Eze. 36:26) Lesson 27/Page 94)

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

1. What is liturgy?

- A set of prayers
- B. an act of the congregation
- C both A & B** (Foundation & Vision –Page 172)
- D none of the above

2. What is not TRUE?

- A Mar Thoma Church acknowledges one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
- B Mar Thoma Church practices child baptism
- C Baptism is our identification with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- D Mar Thoma Church does not insist on rebaptism** (Page-176)

3. What are the two parts of service in Christian Marriage?

- A. Blessing of the rings & Service of consecration** (Page- 185)
- B. Confession and blessing of the rings
- C. Consecration and blessing of the crown
- D. Confession and consecration

4. What is not a part of anticomunion?

- A. reading of the Gospel
- B. prayer of confession** (Page-180)
- C. reading of the Epistle
- D. Nicene creed

5. “Do this in remembrance of me”. These are the words of institution for the sacrament of

- A. Baptism
- B. Marriage
- C. Holy Communion** (Page -174)
- D. Ordination

6. What is the matter used in Confirmation?

- A. Water
- B. Mooron** (Page-176)

- C. Oil
- D. Wine

7. Mar Thoma Church_____.

- A. believes that during Holy Communion the bread and wine are transformed to become the body and blood of Jesus Christ.
- B. believes in the spiritual presence during the Holy Communion and the change taking place in the recipient.** (Page-181)
- C. sees it as symbolic for remembering the last supper
- D. All the above

8. In our church understanding, marriage is

- A. Contract between husband and wife
- B. An understanding between husband and wife
- C. A covenant between husband and wife** (Page-185)
- D. An agreement between husband and wife

9. Which is the sacrament of anointing the sick with Holy Oil?

- A. consecration
- B. unction** (Page-188)
- C. ordination
- D. confirmation

10. The prayer to Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine is known as

- A. prayer of Epiclesis** (Page-181)
- B. prayer of confession
- C. prayer of intercession
- D. unison prayer

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

1. Write an essay on 'Christ as our model'

Introduction (1 Point)

God's will as exemplified in Jesus Christ (3 Points)

Paul's instruction to believers of Colossae about the spiritual life (5 Points)

Conclusion (1 Point)

OR

2. Write an essay on "I will make my home with my people and live among them" (2Cor.6:16)

Introduction (1 point) Isaiah's prophesy about the coming of Messiah (3 points)
God's plan about the redemption of mankind (2 points) God's demands from man for
Him to live among human beings (3 points) Conclusion (1 point)

Essay #1 'Christ as our model' (Lesson 20/Pages 72-75)

Introduction: (should be relevant to the topic) for example:- Life style and teachings of Jesus are worthy of emulation and pleasing in the sight of the Lord. Disciples learned from him and lived and laid down their life for their master courageously. (1 point)

God's will as exemplified in Jesus:

1. Jesus delighted in doing God's will
2. Jesus totally surrendered to the will of God
3. Jesus was obedient unto his death on the cross.

(develop these facts with quotes and Bible references) (3 points)

Paul's instructions to believers of Colossae:

1. Live a life worthy of the disciples of Christ
2. Be filled with the wisdom of God's will.
3. Bear fruits in all good works.
4. Be strengthened to possess qualities like tolerance and enduring patience.
5. Offer praise to Heavenly Father from our hearts with overflowing joy.

(Briefly explain each point with references) (5 points)

Conclusion: Life of dedication and total surrender will transform a person to do the will of God) (1 point)

Essay #2 "I will make my home with my people and live among them" (Lesson 8/Pages 32-34)

Introduction: Reference to God in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve, God leading the Israelites in the wilderness with pillar of cloud and pillar of fire. God's desire to live with man (1 point)

Isaiah's prophesy about the coming of the Messiah: include the meaning of 'Immanuel', the signs of His coming and the hope of the Israelites. Mention other Bible passages mentioning about God living among human beings. (3 points)

God's plan about the redemption of mankind: Explain Jesus' coming into this world, his death and resurrection, God's plan of making us His sons and daughters through Jesus Christ. Develop the theme with Bible references. (2 points)

God's demands from man for Him to live among them: Our purification, a life of Holiness and our dedication to Him. Add Bible passages to support the theme. Mention people who lived and walked with God and their character. (3 points)

Conclusion: God's promise to his sons and daughters that He will be with them always. (1 point)

