

### MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE 2017 Diocesan Exam

Grade 9

Time: 90 Minutes

Maximum Score: 100 Points

Section 1. Multiple choice- Circle the most appropriate response for the following questions/statements (25 x 1 pt. =25 points)

1. Abram was \_\_\_\_\_\_years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael

A. 90 B. 85 C. 86 D. 100

2. Why did Abraham and his children have to get circumcised?

A. It was done for medical reasons

B. It was done as a sign as a covenant between God and Abraham and his descendants

C. Sarah wanted Abraham to have his descendants circumcised.

D. Abraham knew that God had written in the Law as a commandment to be followed.

3. The angel of the lord met Hagar as she was running away from Sarai by a spring on the way to

A. Sidon B. Shur	C. Bered	D.Egypt
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4. Who was the prophet God sent to David to warn him of the dire consequences of his sins of adultery and murder?

A. Nathan B. Nathaniel C. Amos D. Jeremiah

5. In the spring of the year the time when kings go out to battle David sent \_\_\_\_\_\_with his officers and all Israel with him.

A. Abishek B. Jonathan C. Joab D. Uriah

6. David became the king at the age of ------ and ruled for ------ years.

A. 20 and 50 years B. 20 and 40 years

C. 25 and 40 years D. 30 and 40 years

7. The Persian King Ahasuerus was displeased with the behavior of queen ------

A. Abigail	B. Esther	C.Vasthi	D.Bathsheba	
8 was a	musician in David's he	ouse		
A. Jonah	B. Ethan	C. Ahab	D.Samuel	
9. The Jewish name	of wa	as Hadassah which me	eans myrtle	
A. Esther	B. Mordechai	i C. Naomi	D. Ruth	
	lowing classes of the N both with God and on		the part of the Law that dea eing and community?	als
A. Moral Law	B. Religious	Life C.Civil Life	D. Work Life	
	commanded the people e the Lord went forwar		ts carrying the trunts.	npets
A. Seven and nin	ne			
B. Seven and six	ζ.			
C. Five and seve	en			
D. Seven and se	ven			
12. The word Isaiah	means			
A. The Lord is s	alvation			
B. God is with u	S			
C. The peace ma	hker			
D. Weeping proj	phet			
13. There are	chapters in the boo	ok of Isaiah and	books in the Bible	
A. 39 and 66				
B. 66 and 66				
C. 66 and 39				
D. 27 and 66				
14. Who is known as	the apostle to the Gen	tiles?		
A. Stephen	B. Timothy	C. Paul	D. Barnabas	
	rery proud of his rich h d to the tribe of	-	mcised on the eighth day, a	

A. David, Ben	jamin B. Stephe	n, David C. Saul, Be	njamin D. Saul, David	
			es, and you hear the sound t is with everyone who is l	
A. Spirit, Fire	B. Wind, Spirit	C. Spirit, God	D. Fire, Spirit	
17. Who wrote the	book of Acts of the A	Apostles?		
A. Luke	B. James	C. John	D. Paul	
	of the Good Samarita man in need, which v		he most valuable of his re	sources
A. Money	B. Oil and	l wine C. Time	D. Clothes	
19. In Mathew 5:17	7 Jesus says that he h	as come not to abolish th	ne law but to it	
A. Follow	B. Fulfil	C. Change	D. Transform	
-		couple who sell a piece woman was Saphira who	of property with the inten ose name means	tion of
A. Beautifi	ul B. Princes	c. Faithful	D. Kind	
21. The first apostl	e, indeed the first per	son ever to address Jesu	s as God was	
A. Simon I	Peter B. Saul	C. James	D. Thomas	
22. On the way to l compelled to carry		passed a man from Cyro	ene named v	vho was
A. Joseph	B. Simon	C. Rufus	D. John	
23. The council or serve as	Sanhedrin s it was kr	nown in Hebrew was an	assembly of leaders appoi	nted to
A. Policemen	B. Teache	ers of law C. Judges	D. Peacemaker	ŝ
24. Jesus told the disciples after His resurrection that once they receive the power through Holy Spirit "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all and and to the ends of the earth			•	
A. Judea and F	Rome B.	Rome and Corinth		
C. Samaria and	Nazareth D.	Judea and Samaria		

25. Why did Jesus tell his followers to wait in Jerusalem before going to the ends of the earth to share his message?

- A. Jesus was afraid that the disciples might go the wrong way before getting instructions
- B. Jesus wanted his disciples to wait for the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit
- C. Jesus was going to come back in the flesh in a few days to help them travel to share the good news.
- D. Jesus knew Peter would betray him again if the disciples went out immediately

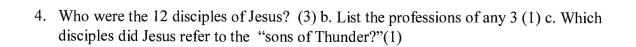
Section 2. Short answers. <u>Answer any four (4)</u> of the following questions. Answers shall be brief in 3-4 sentences and to the point. Points 20 (4x 5) 5 points each.

1. Who was Haman? (1) What made him furious with Mordecai (2) and what did he plan as a result? (2)

2.	Who wrote Psalms 89? (1) What is the meaning of the word maskil? (1) What were the
	promises God made to David? (3)

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3. What does it mean to be born again and why was so important to be born again according to Jesus? (2) What examples show that Nicodemus respected Jesus (2?) Which Old Testament reference did Jesus use to explain the eventual death and resurrection? (1)



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6	To whom did Jesus tell the parable of the Good Samaritan and why? (2 points) Brief explain how the story of the Good Samaritan explains how we should love our neigh (3 points)

Section 3. Memory verses. Complete any 5 of the following memory verses as recorded in NRSV Version. 5 x 5 points total 25 points

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3. David said to Nathan "	your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27
	shall not die." (2 Samuel 12:13
	Jesus as the Messiah. (Acts 41:42
5. After these things the word	
	shall be very great." (Gen! 5:1)
5. Not every one	

Father in heaven:" (Mathew 7: 21)

# Section 4 Mar Thoma church: Our foundation and vision. Circle the most appropriate answer for the following question/statement. ( $10 \times 1 \text{ point} = \text{total } 10 \text{ points}$ )

1. By taking the crooked (Coonan) cross oath, the Malabar church

- A. Accepted the responsibility to lead every crooked person to Christ
- B. Asserted its freedom and regained its autonomous nature
- C. Decided to remain with the Catholic Church
- D. Accepted the basic Roman practices and doctrine.

2. The Royal court's decision of 1889 resulted in

- A. Crooked Cross oath
- B. Separation of Indian Church from Catholic Church
- C. Formation of Jacobite Church under the patriarch of Antioch and Mar Thoma Church
- D. Joining with the Anglican Church

3. After how many months does the Church accounts have to be presented to the church Executive committee?

A.4 B.6 C.3 D.12

4. Which of the following is NOT one of the reforms of Abraham Malpan?

- A. He translated the liturgy into local language
- B. He preached that salvation is through the grace of God
- C. He canonized all the holy martyrs of India as saints of the church
- D. All of the above are reforms made by Abraham Malpan

5. The laity members make up ------ percent of the Sabha prathinidhi mandalam

A 35 B. 45 C. 55 D. 65

6. What does the priest's vestment represent?

- A. Throne of God
- B. Fight against the power of darkness
- C. Light of the world
- D. Priestly order

7. The St. Thomas Christian's of Kerala kept close association with the eastern churches and conduct worship in ------ language.

A. Aramaic

- B. Italian
- C. Syrian
- D. Greek

8. The function of the Thaksa Committee was to

- A. Oversee the worship patterns in Churches
- B. Revise the communion service book
- C. Litigate judicial matters of the church
- D. Publish Christian books

9. All scripture is inspired by God and  $is^{[\alpha]}$  useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

<sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. 2 Peter 1:20-21<sup>[a]</sup>

What is the significance of these two verses with respect to the Bible?

- A. These two verses indicate that human will is responsible for the prophecies of scripture
- B. These two verses imply that the Bible or scripture is an authoritative piece of literature since it is inspired by God.
- C. All scripture and prophecies are limited to human interpretation since we use scripture for teaching and training.
- D. None of the above
- 10. Which of these three individuals was not part of the Kottayam Trio?
  - A. Winston Churchill
  - B. Benjamin Bailey
  - C. Henry Baker
  - D. Joseph Fenn

## Section 5. Mar Thoma Church history Short answer. <u>Answer any one (1)</u> of the following questions. Answer shall be brief and to the point (5 Points)

#### Please circle the question number that would be answered.

1. Describe the functional set up of the Mar Thoma Church's dioceses and parishes, mentioning the roles of the Diocesan Bishop, the vicars and elected members of the parish laity.

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2. Mar Thoma Church is an Eastern reformed Church with an eastern orthodox orientation. Briefly explain how and list any five of the eastern characteristics.

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## Section 6. Essay. <u>Choose one (1) of the following two topics</u> to write an essay not exceeding 200 words. Essay shall have an introduction, body and conclusion. (Total 15 points)

Please circle the question number that would be answered.

1. Encountering Jesus personally can truly be a life-changing experience. Explain how encountering Jesus radically transformed Saul's life. In your response, start by describing Saul's past and his background and then explain what happened. What were the changes in his life? Do you think knowing Jesus personally is important? Why or why not?

#### OR

2. We often claim that we love God above everything else but it's only when we look within ourselves or have our hearts truly searched that we understand that maybe we are not selfless as we thought. Explain how Jesus proves this to be true in his encounter with the rich young man? What was the rich man searching for and how did Jesus approach him? What happened ultimately as a result? How do you think this applies to everyday life?

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Additional lines for any other questions, please be sure to write the section number and question number (*e.g. Section 4: question 2*)

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