



**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)**

- Abram was \_\_\_\_\_ years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael  
A. 90                      B. 85                      C. 86                      D. 100
- 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.
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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 house

A. Jonah      B. Ethan      C. Ahab      D. Samuel

9. The Jewish name of ----- was Hadassah which means myrtle

A. Esther      B. Mordechai      C. Naomi      D. Ruth

10. Which of the following classes of the Mosaic law represents the part of the Law that deals with righteous living both with God and one's fellow neighbor/being and community?

A. Moral Law      B. Religious Life      C. Civil Life      D. Work Life

11. As Joshua had commanded the people the ----- priests carrying the ----- trumpets of ram's horns before the Lord went forward blowing the trumpets.

- A. Seven and nine
- B. Seven and six
- C. Five and seven
- D. Seven and seven

12. The word Isaiah means

- A. The Lord is salvation
- B. God is with us
- C. The peace maker
- D. Weeping prophet

13. There are ----- chapters in the book 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 Gentiles?

A. Stephen      B. Timothy      C. Paul      D. Barnabas

15. ----- was very proud of his rich heritage. He was circumcised on the eighth day, a Hebrew and belonged to the tribe of -----

A. David, Benjamin      B. Stephen, David      C. Saul, Benjamin      D. Saul, David

16. Jesus told Nicodemus, “The \_\_\_\_\_ blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

A. Spirit, Fire      B. Wind, Spirit      C. Spirit, God      D. Fire, Spirit

17. Who wrote the book of Acts of the Apostles?

A. Luke                      B. James                      C. John                      D. Paul

18. In the parable of the Good Samaritan we learn that he gave the most valuable of his resources to take care of the man in need, which was his

A. Money                      B. Oil and wine                      C. Time                      D. Clothes

19. In Mathew 5:17 Jesus says that he has come not to abolish the law but to ----- it

A. Follow                      B. Fulfil                      C. Change                      D. Transform

20. In Acts Chapter 5, we learn about a couple who sell a piece of property with the intention of giving the proceeds to the Church. The woman was Saphira whose name means

A. Beautiful                      B. Princess                      C. Faithful                      D. Kind

21. The first apostle, indeed the first person ever to address Jesus as God was-----

A. Simon Peter                      B. Saul                      C. James                      D. Thomas

22. On the way to his crucifixion, Jesus passed a man from Cyrene named ----- who was compelled to carry Jesus’s cross

A. Joseph                      B. Simon                      C. Rufus                      D. John

23. The council or Sanhedrin s it was known in Hebrew was an assembly of leaders appointed to serve as

A. Policemen                      B. Teachers of law                      C. Judges                      D. Peacemakers

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 Rome                      B. Rome and Corinth

C. Samaria and Nazareth                      D. Judea and Samaria











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your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27)

3. David said to Nathan “

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shall not die.” (2 Samuel 12:13)

4. As they left the council

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Jesus as the Messiah. (Acts 41:42)

5. After these things the word

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shall be very great.” (Gen! 5:1)

6. Not every one

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**Section 4 Mar Thoma church: Our foundation and vision. Circle the most appropriate answer for the following question/statement. (10 x 1 point = total 10 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<sup>[u]</sup> 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>[u]</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. Answer any one (1) 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.

**OR**

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.









