



MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE

Grade 5 - 2023 Diocesan Examination

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Time: 90 Minutes

Maximum Score: 100 Points

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Write the appropriate word(s) in the space provided (10 x 1 = 10 Points)

1. Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herders and my herders, for we are kindred. **L1P4**
2. Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone." **L6P24**
3. Isaiah means Salvation of the Lord. **L14, P55**
4. But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" **L3 P12**
5. In a town called _____ Jesus came upon a man named Mathew, who was a tax collector. (**Capernaum, L20, P74**)
6. But Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are able to overcome it." **L7 P28**
7. About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. **L22 P82**
8. For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. **L21 P77**
9. Hosanna means Save now. **L24, P91**
10. I baptize you with the water for Repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me. **L16, P61**



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Section 2: Match the following

Write the appropriate letter of the matching word from Column B that corresponds with the word from Column A (10 x 1 = 10 Points)

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Column B</u>
1. Widow	H(L19)	A. Son of Amittai
2. Jonah	A(L4 P17)	B. the land of milk and honey.
3. Ur	G-L3, P13	C. Miraculous escape from prison
4. Canaan	B-L7, P28	D. Father of Jonathan
5. Herodias	F-L21, P79	E. Heavenly gifts
6. Peter	C-L22, P82	F. Asked for John's head in platter
7. Lot	I (L1)	G. Abraham was born in this city.
8. Mathew	J - L20, P73	H. Put in two small copper coins
9. Saul	D (L13)	I. Nephew of Abram
10. Talents	E-L23, P87	J. Tax Collector

Section 3: Multiple Choices

Circle the most appropriate response for the following questions. (20 x 1 = 20 Points).

- Moses selected _____ men and gave them specific instructions on how to spy the land. **(L7 P29)**
 - 10
 - 11
 - 12**
 - 13
- What was the starting point of John the Baptist ministry? **(L16 P62)**
 - Desert of Judea**
 - Desert of Galilee
 - Desert of Sinai
 - Desert of Jordan



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3. _____ was the first King of Israel. **(L13 P51)**
- a. David
 - b. Samuel
 - c. Saul**
 - d. Deborah
4. Some say that Isaiah 53 is the _____ in the Old Testament. **(L14 P55)**
- A. Saddest Chapter
 - B. Revelation
 - C. New Testament**
 - D. Longest Chapter
5. The Israelites were in the wilderness at _____ when Joshua and Caleb went to spy on the land of Canaan. **(L7 P29)**
- A. Negeb
 - B. Jordan
 - C. Kadesh**
 - D. Sinai
6. _____ tax collectors were usually prohibited from entering synagogues. **(L20 P74)**
- A. Greek
 - B. Jewish**
 - C. Latin
 - D. Roman
7. By riding on a donkey into Jerusalem, Jesus was fulfilling scripture prophesied by _____. **(L24 P91)**
- A. Isaiah
 - B. Zechariah**
 - C. Elijah
 - D. Elisha
8. _____ was the chief prophet of Israel? **(L12 P48)**
- A. John the Baptist
 - B. Isaiah
 - C. Elijah**
 - D. Jesus
9. Lot made the decision based on his own _____. **(L1 P2)**
- A. Ability
 - B. Judgement**
 - C. Opinion
 - D. Will



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10. In the early history of Israel they were captive in Egypt for over how many years? **(L24 P91)**
- A. 300 years
 - B. 400 years**
 - C. 650 years
 - D. 750 years
11. Who was the prophet that talked about the coming of Messiah and his death? **(L14 P55)**
- A. Mark
 - B. Peter
 - C. Elijah
 - D. Isaiah**
12. Then the devil tried to tempt Jesus with _____ if he jumped from the temple. **(L17 P64)**
- A. Food
 - B. Water
 - C. Power**
 - D. Wealth
13. One talent was equivalent to almost _____ years of a Labourer's wage. **(L23 P87)**
- A. 20**
 - B. 5
 - C. 10
 - D. 8
14. Elijah was miraculously taken up into heaven in: **(L12 P47)**
- A. A cloud
 - B. A fog
 - C. A storm
 - D. A whirlwind**
15. Mathew 9:13 says, 'Go and Learn what this means, I desire _____. For I have come to call not the righteous but the sinners.' **(L20 P76)**
- A. Trust and Obedience
 - B. Mercy, not Sacrifice**
 - C. Faith, not justice
 - D. Love, not faithfulness
16. Where did Prophet Elijah strike the waters with his mantle and part it? **(L12 P47)**
- A. Bethel
 - B. Gilgal
 - C. Jordan**
 - D. Jericho



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17. Jesus was with _____ when he talked about the poor women at the treasury (L19P74).
a. The Israelites
b. Mary
c. his disciples
d. none of these
18. Jonah lived in the belly of the fish for _____ days (L4P18).
a. 3
b. 7
c. 10
d. 20
19. After separating from Abraham, Lot decided to live in the land of _____ (L2P5).
a. Haran
b. Sodom
c. Gomorrah
d. Canaan
20. Saul had _____ sons (L13P53).
a. two
b. four
c. six
d. seven

Section 4: Short Answers

Answer any four (4) of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (5 x 4 = 20 Points)

1. What does Jesus want us to learn from the poor widow's offering? (L19 P71)
- **Jesus knew that the widow was really poor and needy. (1pt)**
 - **In Spite of her hardships and poverty she offered all she had, while others gave from their abundance. (2pts)**
 - **Her offering demonstrated her deep love for God and her trust in him to provide for her needs. (1pt)**
 - **Her offering was a beautiful sacrifice in God's sight.(1pt)**
2. Describe how prophet Elijah prepared the altar at the contest at Mount Carmel. (L 8, P 33-34)- (1 pt each)

Answer: Elijah prepared the altar at Mount Carmel in the following way:

- 1. First he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been broken down.**
- 2. Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of**



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Jacob. With the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord.

3. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed.

4. Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood.

5. He gives instructions to have the altar completely drenched in water. He said, “Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood.” 34 Then he said, “Do it a second time”; and they did it a second time. Again he said, “Do it a third time”; and they did it a third time. The water ran all around the altar, and filled the trench with water.

3. After Jesus was baptized, the devil tried to tempt him into sin. When and where was Jesus tempted? What are the three sins that Jesus faced? (L17 P 64-66)

- After Jesus was baptised and full of the Holy Spirit, returned from Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness and was tempted by the devil for 40 days. (2 pts)
- Temptation of the flesh - to please your bodily needs immediately (1 pt)
- Temptation of the eyes - desiring worldly wealth (1 pt)
- Temptation of pride - the promise of power (1 pt)

4. What does the parable of “the lost sheep” teach us? How can we use it in everyday life? L18 P 67-68

The Bible teaches us that we are like sheep and sometimes stray away from God. That makes God very sad, but he never gives up on us. He keeps searching for us and calling to us. He wants to draw us back into his arms. He even sent Jesus, his Son, to save those who are lost. God is seeking out the lost. He is not waiting for people to find their own ways home to Him, but He is searching them out and carrying them home. God doesn't give up on his lost sheep? So we should not give up on anyone who has drifted away from the Word of God. We should keep trying to reach out to them and help them get back on the right path.

5. Write the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6: 9-13) L 25 P 94

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial but rescue us from the evil one.

6. What plan of advice did Jethro give to Moses? (2pt) What were the qualities of the men that Moses should select? (3pt) (L6)

Ans. Jethro observed Moses' problem and suggested that he should share the responsibility with a few other leaders, selected from among the people of Israel. (2pt)



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These are the qualities that the men that Moses select should have:

- a. Men who fear God (1pt)
- b. Men who are trustworthy (1pt)
- c. Men who hate dishonest gain (1pt)

Section 5: Memory Verse

Complete **any five (5)** of the following in the sheet provided. (5 x 5 = 25 Points)

1. First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone. **1 Timothy 2:1 (L2 P 11)**
2. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. **1 Corinthians 10:13 (L17 P 66)**
3. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners". Matthew 9:13 **(L20 P 76)**
4. Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 **(L 25 P 96)**
5. Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." **Luke 9:23 (L 22 P85)**
6. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." **Matthew 3:17 (L 16 P 63)**
7. Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters **Colossians 3:23 (L6 P27)**

Section 6: MTC Foundation & Vision Multiple Choices

Circle the most appropriate response for the following questions. (10 x 1 = 10 Points)

1. In our Church youngsters above the age of _____ years are expected to receive the Holy Communion. **(L3 P119)**
 - A. 10
 - B. 17
 - C. **12**
 - D. 15



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2. We should know the real meaning of the sacrament and participate in the liturgical act of _____ with enough preparation. **(L3 P119)**
- A. Worship
 - B. **Eucharist**
 - C. Ordination
 - D. Sunday School
3. _____ is one of the two Dominical Sacraments.
- A. Confirmation
 - B. Ordination
 - C. **Baptism (MTFV P 118)**
 - D. Marriage
4. The uniqueness of the Mar Thoma Church is that it is a _____ church
- A. New
 - B. Accepting
 - C. **Reformed (MTFV P 121)**
 - D. Exclusive
5. _____ is the adoration of God.
- a. Humility
 - b. Faith
 - c. Qurbana
 - d. **Worship (MTFV P 116)**
6. When did worship begin in North America? **(MTFV L1 P114)**
- a. 1997
 - b. 1988
 - c. **1972**
 - d. 1978
7. Who initiated movements such as “home for the homeless, orphanage and destitute homes?”
- A. **Juhanon Mar Thoma (MTFV 122)**
 - B. Abraham Mar Thoma
 - C. John Mar Thoma
 - D. Abraham Malpan



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8. _____ is NOT one of the Dominical Sacraments. (MTFV L3 P118)
- Confirmation
 - Ordination**
 - Holy Communion
 - Baptism
9. When did worship begin in North America? (MTFV L1 P114)
- 1997
 - 1988
 - 1972**
 - 1978
10. Juhanon Mar Thoma took the initiative to start the first _____ home in 1949 (L5 P123)
- Beggars
 - Orphanage
 - Destitute**
 - Smart

Section 7: MTC Foundation & Vision

Answer **any one (1)** of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point.
(5 x 1 = 5 Points)

1) State the work of Juhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan (MTFV L5).

- He opposed the idea of building a new Aramana for him because he thought a large facility was not needed for one person and instead used that money to build homes for the homeless. (1 pt.)
- He associated himself with people and movements committed to work among these destitute. The first destitute home in 1949. (1 pt.)
- He organised the 'Beggar Relief Committee' at the Maramon Convention where volunteers were given boxes to collect money for distribution among the beggars. (1 pt.)
- He believed that social service activities are our Christian obligation. (1 pt.)
- First house built for the homeless and given to a Hindu, he focused on the person and individual's need, rather than the person's religion. (1 pt.)



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2. What is worship? What are the basic elements of the MarThoma Worship Order? Why do we use the standing posture during worship? (MTFV L2 P116-117)

Any 2 for 1 pt.

- **Worship is the adoration of God**
- **Worship is the highest activity of man, whose goal is to achieve God's glory**
- **It is through worship that the life and witness of the church are maintained and the community is united and built up.**

½ pt each (total 3 pts)

- **Word of God for nurturing**
- **Adoration**
- **Confession**
- **Thanksgiving**
- **Intercession**
- **Offering**

We worship in the standing posture because we believe the Lord is present in this service and as an eastern mark of respect. We adore him standing. (1pt)

3. What is Ecumenism? What does it mean to have Intercommunion with other churches? How does it foster good relations and an ecumenical outlook? What is the Ecumenical outlook of the Marthoma Church? (MTFV L1 P113-115)

- **Ecumenism is the concept that different Christian denominations should work together to develop closer relationships among their churches and promote Christian unity. It is basically the Harmony between all creation which brings Glory to God. The denominations respect the differences and accept that they all are united in accepting Jesus as the Lord and Saviour of the World and Universe. (1 pt)**
- **Inter-communion means allowing members of our church to receive Holy Communion from a church which has a special relationship with our Church as agreed by the Head of churches. The ordained ministers are allowed to celebrate Holy Communion in the other church having intercommunion (1 pt)**
- **We have inter-communion with the Episcopal Church in the United States and The Anglican Church Of Canada. (0.5 pt)**
- **The Marthoma Church is also a member of several other World bodies like World Christian Council of Churches(WCC), National Council of Churches in Christ in the United states along with 34 other communions in the United states. (0.5 pts)**
- **All these relationships with other churches across North America have had a wide impact on the Ecumenical outlook of our church in a positive way. We work together with various denominations to address various socio economic issues of National and International relevance. (2 pts)**