



**MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS**  
**DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE**  
**2014 Diocesan Exam**  
**Grade 8**

Time: 90 Minutes

Maximum Score: 100 Points

**Section 1 – Multiple Choice. Circle the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. (30 x 1pt= 30 pts Total)**

1. It was the Jewish custom and law that every male Jew over \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, within 15 miles of Jerusalem, must attend the Passover festival.  
a. 1                                      b. 12                                      c. 8                                      d. 5  
**B (L12 P47)**
2. Joshua was the first Hebrew leader to fight the \_\_\_\_\_. They were enemies of the Israelites for centuries and were later conquered by the Romans.  
a. Samaritans                      b. Greeks                              c. Jews                                      d. Philistines  
**D (L17 P64)**
3. Queen Vashti was dethroned upon the advice of :  
a. Memucan                      b. Haman                              c. Modecai                              d. Esther  
**A (L21 P77)**
4. During Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> missionary trip, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ accompanied him.  
a. Silas & Barnabas                      b. Barnabas & John Mark  
c. Timothy & Philip                      d. Peter & John  
**B L14 P54**
5. The Hebrew verb believe and \_\_\_\_\_, come from the same root word.  
a. Mercy                              b. Love                                      c. Faith                                      d. Amen  
**D (Pilot lesson L5 P2)**
6. Cain left the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of \_\_\_\_\_, east of Eden.  
a. Melech                              b. Sodom                                      c. Ur                                      d. Nod  
**D (Pilot Lesson L3 P1)**
7. Aurelius Augustine was born in the town of \_\_\_\_\_, which is in modern Algeria  
a. Madaura                              b. Carthage                                      c. Rome                                      d. Thagaste  
**D (L25 P86)**
8. From Egypt, it took \_\_\_\_\_ for the Israelites to reach the Promised Land.  
a. 1 year                                      b. 12 years                                      c. 40 years                                      d. 1 month  
**C L11 P42**
9. God blessed Ruth & Boaz with a child, whose name was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Reuben                              b. Obed                                      c. Benjamin                                      d. Isaac

**B L13 P51**

10. Elimelech moved with his wife Naomi and their two sons \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from Judea due to Moab as a result of a severe famine
- a. Mahlon and Chilion                      b. Cain and Abel  
c. Nahor and Haran                         d. Shem and Japheth

**A (L13 P49)**

11. According to Hebrew 11:4, \_\_\_\_\_ Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain.
- a. by faith              b. for approval              c. for reward              d. by choice

**A PL3 P2**

12. During the time of Rehoboam, it was a practice in Israel to anoint the Northern rulers in \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Jerusalem              b. Shechem              c. Rephaim              d. Bethlehem

**B (L16 P60)**

13. After cheating his brother Esau of his birthright, Jacob ran away to his uncle :
- a. Laban              b. Lot              c. Jethro              d. Aaron

**A L14 P55**

14. \_\_\_\_\_ comes from Greek, meaning origin, creation and beginning.
- a. Oikus              b. Genesis              c. Logos              d. Ecumenism

**B PL 1 P2**

15. King David was anointed at the hands of prophet \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Samuel              b. Joshua              c. Judges              d. Kings

**A (L17 P64)**

16. In Matthew 27:51, it tells of the mysterious tearing away of the curtain in the Temple into two pieces. It happened at the precise moment when :
- a. Jesus was born                              b. Jesus died on the cross  
c. Moses crossed the Red Sea              d. Jesus healed the blind man

**B (L22 P79)**

17. During the reign of King \_\_\_\_\_ God shut down the skies and blocked rain for three and a half years, causing a bad famine.
- a. David              b. Ahab              c. Xerxes              d. Rehoboam

**B L24 p83**

18. According to 2 Chronicles 1:10, King \_\_\_\_\_ asked God for wisdom instead of wealth and honor.
- a. David              b. Solomon              c. Joash              d. Saul

**B L20 P74**

19. During King Rehoboam's reign, \_\_\_\_\_ was the person in charge of forced labor and was assigned to mediate with the angry Israelites who returned to their tents.  
 a. Nebat                      b. Sisek                      c. Adoniram                      d. Shishak  
**C (L16 P61)**
20. This King had a vast empire with over hundred states that spread out from India to Sudan in Africa.  
 a. King Hiram                      b. King Xerxes  
 c. King Nebuchadnesser                      d. King Darius  
**B (L21 P76)**
21. Sarai got a new name from God called Sarah, which means \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. princess                      b. laughter                      c. bitter                      d. joy  
**A PL5 P3**
22. \_\_\_\_\_ marks the great deliverance of Israelites from death as the Lord's angel of death struck the entire first born of Egypt.  
 a. Lent                      b. Passover                      c. Good Friday                      d. Easter  
**A L11 P43**
23. The vision in Joppa enhanced \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of Gentiles  
 a. Paul's                      b. Silas'                      c. Peter's                      d. Barnabas'  
**A L14 P55**
24. In Acts 27, it tells of a huge storm that caused a shipwreck. In the midst of the storm, the risen Lord appeared to \_\_\_\_\_ in a vision and promised him that no one would be lost even though the ship was destroyed.  
 a. David                      b. Peter                      c. Paul                      d. Jesus  
**C L24 P84**
25. Who said to whom "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God"  
 a. Orpah to Naomi                      b. Ruth to Naomi  
 c. Ruth to Orpah                      d. Naomi to Ruth  
**B L13 P52**
26. Prior to the birth of Isaac, Abraham had a son named \_\_\_\_\_, who God said would also be a great nation.  
 b. Cain                      b. Abel                      c. Ishmael                      d. Eliezer  
**A PL5 P1**
27. Which is the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment?  
 a. You shall have no other God before me

- b. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God
- c. Honor your father and mother
- d. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy

**C PL4 P3**

28. It was at the time of his first missionary journey that \_\_\_\_\_ was known as the Gentile name Paul.
- a. Saul                      b. Silas                      c. Peter                      d. Barnabas

**A L14 P54**

29. Mary and Joseph left Jerusalem after Passover, assuming Jesus was also in the crowd travelling back to \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Bethlehem              b. Nazareth              c. Egypt                      d. Cana

**B L12 P46**

30. The awareness of God's presence gave extraordinary courage to \_\_\_\_\_ as he faced the hostile council of Jews in Jerusalem that included rulers, teachers and high priests Annas and Caiaphas.
- a. Paul                      b. Peter                      c. Barnabas                      d. Moses

**B L13 P52**

**Section 2 – Short Answers. Answer any four (4) of the following questions.**

**Answers should be brief and to the point. (4 x 5pts = 20 pts Total)**

1. What does the first four commandments focus on? List the first four commandments?  
5pts

**(Pilot lesson L4 P2)**

- **The first four commandments focus on our relationship to God.**
- **1) You shall have no other God before me.**
- **2) You shall not make any graven. No idol worship.**
- **3) You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord, your God.**
- **4) Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**

2. Paul instructed the believers in Colossae to focus on five aspects of their spiritual life. Describe them. 5 pts

**(L20 P73 - 74)**

- **Live a life worthy of the disciples of Christ**
- **Let us be filled with the wisdom of God's will**
- **Bear the fruits in all good works**
- **Be strengthened to possess rare qualities like tolerance and enduring patience**
- **Offer praise to the Heavenly Father from our hearts with over-flowing joy**

3. What did Cain and Abel do for a living? Explain why God accept Abel's offering and reject Cain's? 5 pts

**(Pilot Lesson L3 P2)**

- **Cain was a farmer, and Abel was a shepherd.**

- **Absence of blood in the sacrifice of Cain**
  - **Poor quality of offered sacrifice by Cain**
  - **Poor attitude of Cain in giving and sacrifice**
  - **The sovereignty of God, which we cannot understand**
4. Identify the five unique aspects of Jesus as the great High Priest. 5 pts  
(L18 P67)
- **Jesus entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood (Heb.9:12)**
  - **He has been tempted in every way so he is able to sympathize with us (Heb. 4:15)**
  - **His priesthood is forever because he is living eternally (Heb. 7:24)**
  - **He is able to save us fully (Heb. 7:25)**
  - **He is the high priest of all good things that are already here (Heb. 9:11)**
5. The story of Ruth and Naomi is a story of great sacrifice. Describe 5 choices that Ruth could have taken at the time of Naomi's departure to Bethlehem. 5 pts  
**L13 P50**
- **She would accompany Naomi to Bethlehem**
  - **She would stay with her**
  - **She would sacrifice her interests (your people shall be my people)**
  - **She would accept Naomi's faith (Your God my God)**
  - **She would die where Naomi died**
  - **She would get buried along with Naomi**

**Section 3 – Memory Verses. Complete any of five (5) of the following on the answer sheet provided (5 x 5pts = 25 pts. Total)**

1. "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' Matthew 25:45  
(L24 P85)
2. "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."  
Hebrews 11: 1,6  
(Pilot Lesson L3 P4)
3. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1  
(L20 P75)
4. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven (gone through the heavens), Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Hebrews 4:14  
(L18 P68)



**B MTFV P187**

8. The word Mamodisa means \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Anointing                      b. Praying                      c. Immersion                      d. Offering  
**C (MTFV P175)**
9. During a Mar Thomite wedding ceremony, what is the service of consecration?  
a. Blessing of the Rings  
b. Covenant  
c. Blessing with the crown  
d. Atonement  
**C (MTFV P185)**
10. \_\_\_\_\_ are visible signs to receive God's un-seen blessings.  
a. Offertory                      b. Sacraments                      c. Confession                      d. Intercessory prayer  
**B MTFV P189**

**Section 5 – Mar Thoma History Short Answer. Answer one of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (1 x 5pts = 5 pts Total)**

1. What are the three component elements in the final blessing?  
**(MTFV P181)**
- **The faithful are commended to the grace and blessing of the holy and gracious Trinity and are given the assurance that the Holy Trinity will forgive their sins and comfort their souls. (2pts)**
  - **A prayer of request to the congregation for their prayer and support in the life of the celebrant (2pts)**
  - **The faithful are dismissed with the greeting that they may be filled with gladness and rejoicing (1pt)**
2. What are the five essential elements of Sacraments: Pls explain

**Section 6 – Essay. Choose one of the following two topics to write an essay in 150 words. (Total 10 points)**

1. The presence of God exists in all our life journeys.
- a. How did God deliver His people from Pharaoh and Egyptian captivity? (3 points)
  - b. What did the Israelites do and say when they faced discomfort in the wilderness? What were the two ways God interfered with the Israelites while they were in the wilderness? (6 points)
  - c. How do you handle crisis situations in your life? (1 point)

**(L11 P43)**

- a. How did God deliver His people from Pharaoh and Egyptian captivity? (3 points)**

- God instructed Moses to tell Pharaoh to let His people go to worship their God in the wilderness.
  - Pharaoh refused and commented that he did not know the God of Moses. Pharaoh's heart was hardened.
  - It took ten major disasters including the killing of the firstborns before Pharaoh would change his mind.
- b. What did the Israelites do and say when they faced discomfort in the wilderness? What were the two ways God interfered with the Israelites while they were in the wilderness?
- The people started to grumble against Moses and God when they felt small discomforts such as shortage of water and food.
  - There was water at Marah but it tasted bitter. Moses turned to God and pleaded for help. The Lord showed him a tree and instructed him to put the branches in the water of Marah. Moses obeyed the instruction of God and the bitterness was gone (Ex. 15:25).
  - With the lack of food items, the people complained.
  - They said: "We wish that the Lord had killed us in Egypt. There we could at least sit down and eat meat and as much other food as we wanted. But you have brought us out into the desert to starve us all to death" (Ex. 16:3).
  - The Lord continued to give them what they needed.
  - He showered manna and quails from the sky for their food.
- c. How do you handle crisis situations in your life? (1 point)
2. The Holy Spirit gives us different kinds of gifts.
- a. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit? What is the purpose of these gifts? (2pts)
  - b. What are the exhortations given to the church of Corinth by Apostle Paul? (4 pts)
  - c. Site three examples of gifts from God that the early church believers possessed. Are you using your gift for the glory of God? (4pts)

**(L19 P69 - 70)**

- a. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit? What is the purpose of these gifts? (2 pts)
  - The gifts are special talents for enabling us to carry out the mission God has entrusted us.
  - God gives gifts to all believers for the growth of the Church and to glorify His name.
- b. What are the exhortations given to the church of Corinth by Apostle Paul? The following reasons underlie these exhortations from St. Paul. (4 points)
  1. There are differences in gifts but they all come from the same spirit.
  2. It is pointless to consider one gift superior to the other. Understanding this will help us to avoid spiritual pride and infighting among believers.
  3. It is the Holy Spirit who gives the gifts to each as He wills (1 Cor. 12:11). Since God gives these gifts as he sees fit to each one, our duty is to use them in the most profitable way.

- 4. God expects us to use the gift of the spirit for common good (1 Cor. 12:7). They are given for the benefit of all other believers and to glorify God.**
- c. Site three examples of gifts from God that the early church believers possessed. Are you using your gift for the glory of God? (4 points – Use any three from the list and site life application)**
- **The early church had believers who possessed gifts like healing, prophecy, diverse kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues, faith, ministry, working of miracles, wisdom, discerning of spirits etc.**
  - **Believers had different gifts like prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhortation, ruling, mercy, etc. (Romans 12:6-8).**
  - **Provide also Life application.**