



**MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE**

2021 Diocesan Exam: Grade 9

Time: 90 Minutes

Maximum Score: 100 Points

Section 1 – Multiple Choice. Circle the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. (25 x 1pt= 25 pts Total)

1. Samuel was dedicated to God from birth by his parents and He grew up under the leadership of _____, the High Priest.
A. Elkanah
B. Eli
C. Hannah
D. Saul

2. Bathsheba was the wife of _____ the Hittite.
A. Jesse
B. Lot
C. Uriah
D. Jeremiah

3. Why did Abraham and his children have to get circumcised?
A. It was done for medical reasons.
B. It was done as a sign of the covenant between God and Abraham.
C. Because Sarah wanted Abraham to have his descendants circumcised.
D. None of the above

4. The disciple named _____ is also known as Bartholomew.
A. Mathew
B. Peter
C. Nathanael
D. Thomas

5. Abram received his calling from God at ____ years old.
a.75
b.85
c.90
d.100

6. What does the term maskil mean?



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- a. The gospels
- b. To be holy
- c. A Proverb
- d. A psalm that teaches us something

7. What does the name Ishmael means?

- a. God is omnipresent
- b. God listens
- c. Seek God
- d. All the above

8. What does Ananias mean?

- a. Jehovah Jireh
- b. Jehovah is gracious
- c. Anything
- d. None of the above

9. Abraham was buried in the cave of _____ that he had purchased to bury his wife.

- a. Mamre
- b. Machpelah
- c. Pisgah
- d. Hermon

10. _____ is known as the 'Apostle to the Gentiles'.

- A. Stephen
- B. B. Timothy
- C. C. Paul
- D. D. Peter

11. Who asked Jesus about how anyone can be reborn after growing old?

- A. Peter
- B. B. Thomas
- C. C. David
- D. D. Nicodemus



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12. Name the Levite from Cyrene who sold a field and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

A. John

B. Aaron

C. Barnabas

D. Paul

13. The man who came to Jesus to learn about how to inherit eternal life went back disappointed because he had great _____

A. anger

B. power

C. wealth

D. none of the above

14. During the crucifixion of Jesus, there was darkness from _____

A. Noon to five in the evening B. Three in the afternoon to midnight
C. Noon to three O'clock D. Dawn to dusk

15. The first apostle to address Jesus as God was _____

A. Paul B. John C. Thomas D. Andrew

16. When the people of Israel asked for a King to rule over them, which prophet spoke to them about not forgetting God?

A. Ethan B. Samuel C. Jonah Elijah

17. The three crosses at the site of crucifixion, symbolize:

a. Rebellion, redemption, and repentance

b. Repentance, renewal, and rebellion



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c. Readmission, renewal, and redemption

d. Repentance, rebellion, and renewal

18. The book of Acts was written by Luke and begins with him addressing _____

a. Babylonians

b. Romans

c. Egyptians

d. Theophilus

19. Which of the following is NOT one of the significances of tearing of temple curtain at crucifixion of Christ?

a. Separation between Man and God has been removed

b. Jesus is the high priest who intercedes for us

c. Sin has been removed because of sacrifice of Jesus

d. only the High Priest could approach God and intercede

20. On his final trip to Rome, _____ and some prisoners got on a ship with centurion named Julius.

a. Peter

b. Paul

c. John

d. Mark

21. When Paul and Barnabas spoke about the word of God to the governor, _____ was trying to deter the governor from faith and became temporarily blind.

a. Lucius



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- b. Manaen
- c. Elymas
- d. Sergius

22. The Book of Revelation is considered as a _____ literature.

- a. Prophetic
- b. Torah
- c. Ketuvim
- d. Apocalyptic

23. Which Psalm is considered as David's confession of his sins?

- A. Psalm 51
- B. Psalm 48
- c. Psalm 23
- D. Psalm 90

24. When Jesus first appeared to the disciples in the locked room early Easter Sunday, _____ was not there.

- a. Thomas
- b. Mary
- c.. Peter
- d. Andrew

25. Jesus told the disciple after His resurrection that once they receive the power through the Holy Spirit, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all ____ and ____ and to the ends of the earth."

- A. Judea and Rome
- B. Samaria and Corinth
- c. Rome and Corinth
- d. Judea and Samaria



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Section 2 – Answer any 4 out of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (5 x 4 = 20 points)

1. Who was Samuel? What did the people want him to do for them when they saw King Nahash of the Amorites come against them? Why was Samuel grieved at the people's choice?

2. Why did God send Nathan to David after his adultery with Bathsheba (1 pt)? What parable did Nathan tell David to make him aware of his sin (3 pts)? What was David's response when he realized that he had sinned (1 pt)?

3. What are the 3 promises of God's Covenant with Abraham?

4. Why does Esther avoid the king? (2.5 pts) What was Mordecai's response to Esther? (2.5 pts)

5. State at least four characteristics of being born again?

6. What did Ananias and Sapphira do after they sold a piece of property? (2.5 pts) Why was their action judged harshly? (2.5 pts)



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C. Memory verses -Answer any five out of six for full credit. Only the first 5 (five) will be considered for credit. (5 x 5 points = 25 Points)

1. After these things _____very great.” (Genesis 15: 1)

2. So she named _____seeing him “(Genesis 16:13)

3. Go and learn _____but sinners. (Matthew 9:13)

4. In him we have _____riches of his grace. Ephesians 1:7

5. Finally, all of you, _____mind. 1 Peter 3:8

6. For if you keep _____a time as this (Esther 4:14)

7. Jesus answered him, _____from above.” John 3:3

Section 4 – Mar Thoma Church: Our Foundation and Vision. Circle the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. (10 x 1pt= 10 pts. Total)

1. Which of the following is not a sacrament?
A. Holy Communion B. Baptism C. Offertory D. Unction

2. The Mar Thoma church has _____ forms of ordained ministry.
A. one
B. two
C. three
D. five

3. All the decisions affecting the Mar Thoma Church are made by the



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A. Sabha Council

B. Diocesan Episcopa

C. Sabha Pradhinithi Mandalam

D. Diocesan Council

4. The _____ represents the 'Throne of God' or 'Table of Life'.

A. pulpit

B. vestment

C. candle

D. altar

5. Eucharist is another term for _____

A. Liturgy

B. Altar

C. Holy Qurbana

D. Baptism

6. The concise statement of our faith is proclaimed in the

A. Liturgy

B. Nicene Creed

C. Sermon

d. Taksa

7. The term laity is derived from the Greek word "Laos" meaning:

A. People

B. Vicar

C. Bishop

D. Deacon

8. How many sacraments does the Mar Thoma church recognize?

A. 5

B.3



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C.8

D.7

9. The _____ symbolizes the offering of our prayers to God.

- A. Candle
- B. Pulpit
- C. Altar
- D. Incense

10. The Bishops wear Manaspsa on their head as a sign of _____

- A. Position
- B. Power
- C. Total Submission
- D. Episcopacy

Section 5 – Mar Thoma History Short Answer. Answer any two of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (2 x 5pts = 10 pts Total)

1. List the seven sacraments in the Mar Thoma church.

2. List any five reformations Abraham Malpan made in the Malankara church.

3. List and explain any five elements or components of worship used in the Mar Thoma Church



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SECTION 6 - Essay—choose one of the following two topics to write an essay in 150-250

words. (1x10 pts=10 pts).

1. Who was Saul? What was the life changing experience that happened to him on his way to Damascus? Explain the spiritual transformation that took place in his life.
2. How did God use Joshua to win the battle of Jericho? What was their battle strategy? Whose lives did they spare and why?