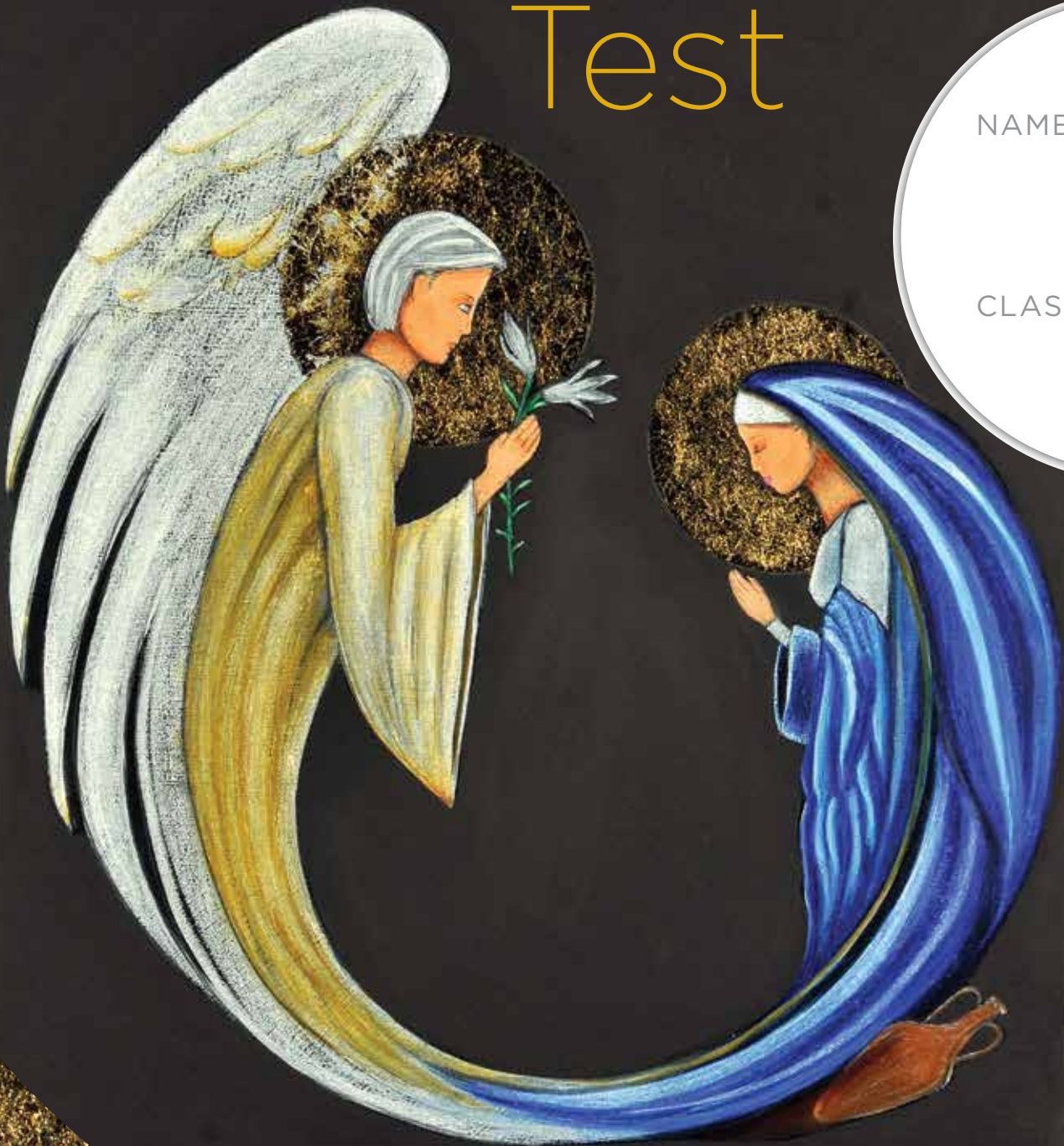


Year 8 Religious Education Test

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Practice Questions

1

What is the correct order in which the four books of the Gospels appear in the Bible?

- A Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- B Luke, John, Matthew, Mark
- C John, Luke, Matthew, Mark
- D Mark, Matthew, Luke, John

2

Justice can be defined as a concern for

- A peace and genuine respect.
- B prosperity and achievement.
- C discipline and punishment.
- D health and happiness.

3

Which box has the correct words needed to complete the 'Sign of the Cross' prayer below?

A 1 Lord
2 Saviour
3 Holy

B 1 Almighty
2 Everlasting
3 Holy

C 1 Father
2 Son
3 Holy

D 1 Creator
2 Redeemer
3 Holy

In the name of the 1
and of the 2
and of the 3 Spirit.
Amen



Test Instructions

There are **50** multiple choice questions.

Read each question carefully and choose the answer from the four options, **A B C D**.

Shade the letter of the option you have chosen on the answer sheet, not the test paper.

Mark only one answer for each question.

Use a 2B or B pencil only.
Rub out mistakes completely.

Make sure you have filled in your name, school and other information on the answer sheet.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are advised that this test may contain images of deceased persons.

1

What is the name of the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples?

- A Rosary
 - B Our Father
 - C Apostles' Creed
 - D Act of Contrition
-

2

The colour purple is used in the liturgical seasons of

- A Lent and Advent.
- B Christmas and Easter.
- C Pentecost and Holy Week.
- D Epiphany and Ordinary Time.



3

Read the Scripture passage to answer question 3.

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

GENESIS 1:27

What belief about humankind is shown in this passage?

- A** All people are created the same.
- B** God only created men and women.
- C** Human beings are divine in nature.
- D** All people are made in the likeness of God.

Read the Scripture passage to answer questions 4 and 5.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.'

LUKE 1: 26-28, 31



4

In this Scripture passage the angel Gabriel is announcing

- A** the birth of John the Baptist.
- B** that Mary has been born without sin.
- C** that a Messiah will be born in Bethlehem.
- D** the blessed conception and birth of Jesus.

5

Which traditional Catholic prayer is based on the words spoken by the angel Gabriel?

- A** Regina Coeli
- B** Memorare
- C** Hail Mary
- D** Glory Be

6

The Old Testament figure who led the Israelites out of slavery was

- A Abraham.
- B Naaman.
- C Moses.
- D Isaiah.

7

Who is the current Bishop of Rome?

- A Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
- B Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI
- C George Cardinal Pell
- D Pope Francis

8

Catholics believe that the books of the Bible are inspired by the

- A Apostles.
- B Holy Spirit.
- C first Christians.
- D people of Israel.



9

The first four books of the New Testament are called the Gospels. The word 'Gospel' means

- A faithful word.
- B good news.
- C holy texts.
- D life story.

10

Read the statement to answer question 10.

"We promote the understanding that our planet is sacred and must be protected and sustained for present and future generations."

CATHOLIC EARTHCARE AUSTRALIA



The mission of Catholic Earthcare Australia is related to the Christian concept of

- A solidarity.
- B community.
- C stewardship.
- D participation.

11

The Liturgy of the Word refers to the part of the Mass when

- A God speaks to us through the Scriptures.
- B the priest as God's minister, forgives our trespasses.
- C the gifts of bread and wine become Jesus present with us.
- D the community gathers to praise and worship God's creation.

12

Read the Scripture passage to answer question 12.

So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

GENESIS 2:19-20

In this Scripture passage God invites humans to

- A participate in the process of creation.
- B become rulers of the natural world.
- C tame the wild animals and birds.
- D praise God's goodness.

13

Read the Scripture passage to answer question 13.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

MATTHEW 5: 3

This Scripture passage is an example of a

- A Law.
- B Proverb.
- C Beatitude.
- D Commandment.

14

Refer to the tweet by Pope Francis to answer question 14.



Pope Francis' tweet suggests

- A the environment is more important than people.
- B care of creation includes caring for other people.
- C the natural environment exists for the good of all people.
- D people interact with creation through the use of technology.

15

Each Catholic diocese comes under the pastoral ministry and leadership of a

- A Priest.
- B Bishop.
- C Deacon.
- D Patriarch.

16

Read the statement to answer question 16.

There are three steps that Christian people are encouraged to follow when making a moral choice: to review the situation so as to fully understand what is happening; to think carefully about what is right; and to follow their conscience.

These three steps are more commonly known as See, Judge, ___?___

- A Choose.
- B Know.
- C Pray.
- D Act.

Read the Scripture passage to answer questions 17 and 18.

“Jesus told them many things saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

MATTHEW 13: 1-9

17

This Scripture passage is an example of a

- A** Letter.
- B** Psalm.
- C** Gospel.
- D** Parable.

18

In this Scripture passage, the seed and its ability to bring forth grain, best represent

- A** different responses to the Word of God.
- B** the ability to love unconditionally.
- C** a person’s choices in life.
- D** a person’s success in life.

19

Use the statement to answer question 19.

There are four elements to a simple liturgical prayer:
We gather together,
we listen to the Word of God,
we _____?_____ and then
we are sent forth.

Which option correctly completes the statement?

- A respond
- B conclude
- C commune
- D remember

20

Read the statement to answer question 20.

Catholics believe that every human life is of equal value, regardless of how young, old, sick or healthy the person is.

The word used to describe this value is

- A pride.
- B dignity.
- C respect.
- D solemnity.

21

The concept of dominion refers to

- A the love God has for creation.
- B the limits of God's power over creation.
- C humanity's right to use creation without limits.
- D humanity's responsibility to show proper care for creation.

22

The incarnation of Christ refers to his

- A death and resurrection.
- B conception and birth.
- C transfiguration.
- D passion.



23

Baptism is significant because it is

- A unique to the Catholic Church.
- B symbolic of the call of the Disciples.
- C the beginning of a new life in Christ.
- D a sacrament of healing and commitment.

24

Read the Scripture passage to answer question 24.

“When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.”

EXODUS 15:19



This Scripture passage refers to a time when the Israelite people began

- A** a period of slavery.
- B** their journey to Egypt.
- C** their journey in Sinai.
- D** the settlement in Canaan.

25

Read the Scripture passage to answer question 25.

“For thousands of years this culture of yours was free to grow without interference by people from other places. You lived your lives in spiritual closeness to the land with its animals, birds, fishes, waterholes, rivers, hills and mountains. Through your closeness to the land you touched the sacredness of man’s relationship with God, for the land was proof of a power in life greater than yourselves. You did not spoil the land, use it up, exhaust it, and then walk away from it. You realised that your land was related to the source of life.”

POPE JOHN PAUL II, 1986

In this quotation Pope St John Paul II recognises the respect and responsibility that the indigenous peoples of Australia have for the

- A** restoration of the environment.
- B** reconciliation process.
- C** natural environment.
- D** Church in Australia.



26

Which statement about the Old and New Testaments is true?

- A The New Testament corrects many of the errors made by the Old Testament.
- B Many stories from the Old Testament are referred to in the New Testament.
- C The prophets of the Old Testament foretold the coming of the Apostles.
- D The Old and New Testaments were originally written in a common language.

27

Human freedom is the power God gives us to act

- A for good when it suits us.
- B deliberately and responsibly.
- C under the influence of someone else.
- D intentionally to directly satisfy our desires.

28

Read the statement to answer question 28.

The St Vincent de Paul Society works hard to assist people in need and combat social injustice in Australia.

The St Vincent de Paul Society is an example of the Church's _____?_____ work.

- A sacramental
- B governance
- C sanctifying
- D missionary



29

Which early Christian figure is celebrated as a great preacher and author by the Church?

- A Stephen
- B Peter
- C Silas
- D Paul

Read the Scripture passage to answer questions 30 and 31.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

MARK 1: 9-11



30

What is the Catholic belief that is reflected in this passage?

- A Holy Trinity
- B Ascension
- C Forgiveness
- D Resurrection

31

In this passage the Holy Spirit is symbolised by a dove. Other common symbols used in the Bible to represent the Holy Spirit are

- A rainbows.
- B wind and fire.
- C olive branches.
- D water and wine.

32

The Council of Jerusalem was called to resolve the issue about

- A what the order of the Mass should be.
- B which Scriptures should be included in the Bible.
- C whether the followers of Jesus should be called Christians.
- D whether Gentile followers needed to follow Jewish rituals.

33

Read the story to answer question 33.

In 2004, Rosemary Breen, a retired Catholic school teacher from Inverell in northern New South Wales, travelled to Myanmar in South East Asia to train teachers in impoverished communities.

Through her work, Rosemary became aware of the desperate need in many villages in Myanmar for access to clean water. Rosemary returned to Australia and began a campaign to raise two thousand dollars to build the first water tank.

Today, thanks to Rosemary's work and the generosity of Catholic schools, parishes and private donors across Australia, the UK and the USA, Living Water Myanmar has now installed 100 water tanks, providing safe, reliable drinking water, saving lives and building sustainable communities.

This story is an example of pursuing goodness by

- A eliminating the causes of disadvantage.
- B exporting our values to another country.
- C providing jobs for communities in need.
- D resolving personal moral struggles.



34

When forming one's conscience a Christian should take into account

- A the presence of God in their life.
- B the Church's teaching.
- C the prevailing culture.
- D their own reputation.

35

Read the Scripture passage to answer question 35.

In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you.

MATTHEW 7:12

This Scripture passage refers to Jesus' teaching known as the

- A Greatest Commandment.
- B Golden Rule.
- C Decalogue.
- D Covenant.

36

Read the statement to answer question 36.

In many countries Catholic people feel that their lives and freedom are under threat simply because they are practising their faith. Some, like those from Syria and Iraq, have had to leave their homes and all their possessions behind and flee to neighbouring countries to save their lives. Others, like those in China and North Korea, often hide their faith and practise in secret. Otherwise they risk being imprisoned.

What these Catholics are experiencing is known as

- A radicalisation.
- B consecration.
- C persecution.
- D retribution.

37

Read the quotation to answer question 37.

“For me, a young person who loves truth and seeks it, loves goodness and is good, is a good person, and seeks and loves beauty, is on the good path and will surely find God!”

POPE FRANCIS (MARCH 31, 2014 AUDIENCE WITH BELGIAN YOUTH)



In this quotation the Pope’s message is that

- A not all people have the capacity for good.
- B God only loves people who are always good.
- C true goodness comes from God and leads to God.
- D God only loves people who seek truth, goodness and beauty.

38

What was a conflict that the early Christian communities had with both the Roman Empire and the Jewish faith?

- A The belief in one God
- B The Hebrew Scriptures
- C The importance of the Temple
- D The recognition of Jesus as the Christ

39

Read the Scripture passage to answer question 39.

God's Kingdom is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

MATTHEW 13:44-46

The Kingdom Jesus is referring to in this parable is one where a person should be willing to

- A** value all of the treasures of the world.
- B** give up everything they have to possess it.
- C** sell everything they own to make a great profit.
- D** appreciate the many good things that God has given to them.

40

Read the story to answer question 40.

Sr Christina Dinh has spent more than 16 years supporting the community of St Jerome's Catholic Primary School. She has helped classroom teachers, families, and Vietnamese children new to Australia since 1998. This includes translating the teachers' instructions until the students grow confident with the English language.

"I sit with them, and as the teacher, explain things. I explain in Vietnamese so they can follow the instructions," she said.

"They catch up very, very fast. A few months and then they take classes by themselves, and I check up to see what they need, that's all."

The faith and actions of Sr Christina demonstrate her Christian

- A** devotion to Vietnamese saints and martyrs.
- B** promotion of vocations to religious life.
- C** maintenance of cultural life.
- D** witness to the Gospel.



41

When a Christian uses faith and reason to decide whether a particular moral choice is good or evil they are exercising their

- A human rights.
- B conscience.
- C divinity.
- D liberty.

42

The sacraments

- A allow us to grow in wisdom.
- B build up our relationship with God.
- C are necessary for us to be loved by God.
- D require us to be free from human weakness.

43

The essential action of the Rite of Baptism is

- A wearing a white garment.
- B lighting a candle.
- C anointing with oil.
- D pouring water.

44

Read the Scripture passage to answer question 44.

In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

MATTHEW 7:12

This Scripture passage is a guide for people

- A to earn respect from others.
- B to do whatever they are told.
- C to live according to their desires.
- D to live according to the Scriptures.

45

The term 'virtue' can best be defined as

- A a judgement about right and wrong.
- B a habit that develops from behaving well.
- C pity and concern for the sufferings of others.
- D trust or confidence in someone or something.

46

One of the consequences of Constantine's conversion was that

- A Christians were no longer forced to serve in the military.
- B the rapid growth of Christianity began to slow down.
- C Rome was no longer the capital of the empire.
- D the persecution of Christians came to an end.



47

Read the Scripture passage to answer question 47.

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'

MATTHEW 4: 8-9

In this Scripture passage, Satan

- A is establishing a new covenant with God.
- B tempts Jesus with a misuse of power.
- C is giving Jesus God's Kingdom.
- D denies the power of Jesus.

48

Read the story to answer question 48.

Each morning the local baker delivers a tray of bread rolls and cakes to the school canteen before the canteen opens. The baker leaves the tray on the back steps of the canteen.

One morning Chris notices his classmate Alex taking two bread rolls from the tray and placing them into his bag before anyone could see him. Chris has also noticed that Alex usually has no food at lunchtime or any money to buy lunch.

What should Chris do to ensure that Alex reflects directly upon the consequences of his actions?

- A Buy some extra food at lunchtime and offer to share it with Alex.
- B Go to the chapel and pray that the canteen manager will not notice the missing bread rolls.
- C Approach Alex and talk to him about whether taking the bread rolls is the best way to solve his problem.
- D Ask Alex's Year Coordinator to speak with the year group about taking things that do not belong to them.

49

A 'right relationship' is one that is

- A steady.
- B powerful.
- C exclusive.
- D respectful.

50

Read the quotation to answer question 50.

"Those who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless."

BLESSED OSCAR ROMERO

This quotation reflects the Christian ideal of

- A sharing generously with those in need.
- B focusing on one's own relationship with God.
- C loving the weak and needy as we love ourselves.
- D hearing the cries of the poor and those who are suffering.







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