



Year 8

Religious Education Test

2023

Q1 **Which of Christ's teachings focuses on treating others in the same way you would like to be treated?**

- (A) the Parable of the Sower
- (B) the New Covenant
- (C) the Golden Rule
- (D) the Beatitudes

Q2 Which phrase from the Nicene Creed emphasises God's role as the Creator?

- (A) "one God, the Father almighty"
- (B) "God from God, Light from Light"
- (C) "true God from true God"
- (D) "maker of heaven and earth"

Q3 In the New Testament, what type of Biblical text can the writings of St Paul be defined as?

- (A) Gospels
- (B) Prophecies
- (C) Letters
- (D) Psalms

Q4 **Read the statements and answer question 4.**

Statement 1	Sin damages your relationship with God.
Statement 2	Sins are forgiven through the Sacrament of Penance.

Which option **BEST** describes the two statements?

- (A) Both statements are true.
- (B) Both statements are false.
- (C) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false.
- (D) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true.

Q5

A prayer space is to be designed for the school assembly this week. The current liturgical season is Ordinary Time.

Which cloth colour should be used in the prayer space?

- (A) red
- (B) white
- (C) green
- (D) purple

Q6

Read the following passage and answer question 6

“Sacred Scripture is the speech of God as it is put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit. And Tradition transmits in its entirety the Word of God which has been entrusted to the apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit ... Thus it comes about that the Church does not draw her certainty about all revealed truths from the Holy Scriptures alone. Hence, both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honoured with equal feelings of devotion and reverence.”

-Dei Verbum, 9

According to the passage, the faithful should equally honour both Scripture and

- (A) ‘Tradition’.
- (B) ‘the Word of God’.
- (C) ‘revealed truths’.
- (D) ‘the breath of the Holy Spirit’.

Q7

Read the following passage and answer question 7

“Every year, during the month of October, the students gather together to pray. The form of prayer that they pray has been a tradition in the Catholic Church for a long time. Each student recites traditional prayers whilst using a set of beads.”

The form of prayer that has been practiced by these students is known as

- (A) the Stations of the Cross.
- (B) the Prayers of the Faithful.
- (C) the Angelus.
- (D) the Rosary.

Q8

What am I?

"I am a global gathering of young people. I provide opportunities for young people to deepen their faith and commit their lives to Christ while experiencing a pilgrimage with many like minded people. My event has been held in Madrid, Sydney, Poland and Portugal."

I am

- (A) the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.
- (B) World Youth Day.
- (C) the World Meeting of Families.
- (D) the Plenary Council.

Q9

In the Old Testament, who received God's promise that he would be the father of a great nation?

- (A) Adam
- (B) Noah
- (C) Gideon
- (D) Abraham

Q10

Read the statement and answer question 10

Anzac Day is celebrated every year in Australia to remember and recognise the sacrifice of those men and women who have died for our freedom.

Anzac Day is an example of which type of ritual?

- (A) social
- (B) religious
- (C) political
- (D) pious

Q11 Read the following passage and answer question 11.

“Leaving an inhabitable* planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us.”

**Pope Francis, Twitter.
18 June 2015**

**Inhabitable = able to be lived in.*

In this statement, Pope Francis is suggesting that

- (A) God is the creator of all things.
- (B) humans have power over all creation.
- (C) future needs are a priority.
- (D) people need to care for creation.

Q12 In the Christian Tradition, Pentecost is associated with

- (A) the Resurrection.
- (B) the Nativity.
- (C) the Holy Spirit.
- (D) the Ascension.

Q13 Which religious celebration recalls the Jewish exodus from Egypt?

- (A) Advent
- (B) Passover
- (C) Easter
- (D) Pentateuch

Q14 Which Sacrament of the Catholic Church is related to the message of the Parable of the Prodigal Son?

- (A) Baptism
- (B) Eucharist
- (C) Penance
- (D) Matrimony

Q15 The Maronite Catholic Church is an example of the

- (A) Eastern Catholic Churches.
- (B) Western Catholic Churches.
- (C) Latin Catholic Churches.
- (D) Orthodox Churches.

Q16 Read the following scenario and answer question 16.

“David is part of an online chat group with his friends. Mostly, they use it to post funny memes and blow off steam. Recently, one of David’s friends posted a modified photo of a classmate with inappropriate and offensive words. David feels like his friend has crossed the line.”

Which of the following responses **BEST** aligns with Catholic teaching about the Golden Rule.

- (A) David modifies an image of his friend and shares it anonymously to show them how it feels.
- (B) David talks to his friend and explains why the modified photo is not appropriate and asks him to take it down.
- (C) David shows the modified image to the targeted classmate so they can do something about it.
- (D) David chooses not to comment on the modified image so as not to draw any attention to it.

Q17



In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus heals a blind man.

This demonstrates the Gospel theme of

- (A) obedience.
- (B) salvation.
- (C) compassion.
- (D) justice.

Q18

Read the following Scripture passage and answer question 18.

“God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.”

GENESIS 1:31

What understanding of creation is expressed in this Scripture passage?

- (A) Creation was willed by God and he was happy with it.
- (B) God is seen as part of the created universe.
- (C) As the creator, God is also responsible for caring for creation.
- (D) People should worship creation.

Q19

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia’s first Saint, lived a life of heroic virtue.

Which of her actions best demonstrates this?

- (A) writing many letters to her Sisters
- (B) devoting her life to serving the poor
- (C) leading as a strong female figure
- (D) meeting powerful religious people

Q20

Which option **BEST** describes the life of Saint Paul?

- (A) His original name was Stephen. He was a Jew. He was converted on the road to Damascus. He wrote two Letters to the Corinthians. He was beheaded.
- (B) His original name was Saul. He was a Jew. He was converted on the road to Damascus. He wrote the Letter to the Galatians. He was beheaded.
- (C) His original name was Paul. He was a Jew. He was converted on the road to Damascus. He wrote the Letter to the Galatians. He was crucified.
- (D) His original name was Saul. He was a gentile. He was converted on the road to Jericho. He wrote over thirty letters. He was stoned to death.

Q21

Read the following story and answer question 21.

“Robert and Matt have been best friends since kindergarten. Matt had an infection in his leg when he was young which has caused him to walk with a limp. Robert accepts Matt’s limp as nothing unusual. One day, some of their friends decide to imitate Matt and Robert joins in. They limp around the quadrangle at recess time. They laugh at how they look like Matt. Soon after this, Robert feels quite upset with himself.”

What type of sin did Robert commit?

- (A) mortal sin
- (B) grave sin
- (C) moral sin
- (D) venial sin

Q22

A saying of Jesus that affirms human dignity is

- (A) “Come, follow me.”
- (B) “Where your treasure is, there will be your heart.”
- (C) “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”
- (D) “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees.”

Q23

The Christian Bible was written by

- (A) Jesus and his disciples.
- (B) Moses and the Israelites.
- (C) early Popes and Cardinals.
- (D) different authors inspired by God.

Q24

Meditation is a form of prayer that helps us to find our way to God and ourselves.

When you meditate, you are

- (A) petitioning on behalf of others for their intentions and needs.
- (B) experiencing the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- (C) reflecting on the things of God in the presence of God.
- (D) praying to God and asking for personal blessings and favours.

Q25

Read the following quote and answer question 25.

“Nowhere did Jesus express more beautifully what happens in the sacrament of Penance than in [his parables]: we go astray, we are lost and can no longer cope. Yet our Father waits for us with great, indeed, infinite longing: he forgives us when we come back; he takes us in again, forgives our sins.”

YOUCAT, pp.134

Which statement **BEST** represents the theme of this statement.

- (A) I have wasted my life and opportunities.
- (B) I repent my wrongdoings and ask for forgiveness.
- (C) I am wicked and should not be welcomed home.
- (D) I am troubled and do not know about God’s goodness.

Q26

Saint Paul believes that the Church is meant to be a community whose way of living runs contrary to the culture of the day. We would call this being countercultural.

What is **NOT** an example of the Church being countercultural?

- (A) cooperating, rather than competing
- (B) sharing, rather than hoarding
- (C) comfort, rather than sacrifice
- (D) giving, rather than getting

Q27

The word ‘covenant’ is a very important word in the Old Testament.

Which option provides the **BEST** definition for the word ‘covenant’?

- (A) guidelines which God created for the Chosen People
- (B) the recorded story between God and the Chosen People
- (C) promises which God made between himself and the Chosen People
- (D) a spiritual agreement negotiated between God and the Chosen People

Q28

Which of the following lists the parts of the Mass in the correct order?

- (A) Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Concluding Rites
- (B) Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Liturgy of the Word, Concluding Rites
- (C) Liturgy of the Word, Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Concluding Rites
- (D) Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Introductory Rites, Concluding Rites

Q29 Read the statements and answer question 29.

Statement 1	The Sermon on the Mount was delivered by Jesus to his disciples.
Statement 2	Jesus offered a radical view of true happiness in a list of attitudes called the Ten Commandments in the Sermon Mount.

Which option **BEST** describes the two statements?

- (A) Both statements are true.
- (B) Both statements are false.
- (C) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false.
- (D) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true.

Q 30 Which school community celebrations **BEST** demonstrate Catholic liturgical life?

- (A) Opening school assembly, praying the rosary and Year 12 Graduation Mass
- (B) Ash Wednesday liturgy, Catholic Schools' Week Mass and Lenten Reconciliation
- (C) Opening School Mass, Year 7 Retreat and Grandparents' Day
- (D) Anzac Day assembly, morning prayer and staff retreat

Q31 Most parables are associated with informing us about the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God is where

- (A) every person gets along with each other.
- (B) the Bible is read each day.
- (C) no one ever tells any lies.
- (D) God's will is done.

Q32 Australian studies are now demonstrating the links between environmental quality and public health.

These studies highlight an urgent task for Catholics to

- (A) fulfil their responsibility for the environment.
- (B) look after the old and the sick who are affected by poor health.
- (C) pray, fast and give alms.
- (D) preach the Gospel to all people.

- Q33 What are the Sacraments of Initiation?
- (A) Baptism, Holy Orders and Eucharist
 - (B) Confirmation, Penance and Matrimony
 - (C) Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance
 - (D) Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation

- Q34 Catholic schools with a spirituality, such as Marist, Josephite, Dominican or Patrician, are examples of schools with a particular
- (A) charism.
 - (B) history.
 - (C) focus.
 - (D) religion.

Q35 Read the Scripture passage and answer question 35.

“God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’”

GENESIS 1:28

- Which of the following best expresses the Christian understanding of the term ‘dominion’?
- (A) God is the maker of heaven and earth.
 - (B) Humans can change creation for their own benefit.
 - (C) Humans look after creation to please God.
 - (D) Caring for creation is a role given to humans by God.
- Q36 In the Gospels, Jesus often interacts with people on the margin of society: the sick, the poor, the unclean.
- What change did they often experience as a result of their encounter with Jesus?
- (A) They were healed and forgiven.
 - (B) They were accepted by those who rejected them.
 - (C) They were converted to Christianity.
 - (D) They were judged and condemned.

Q37

Read the following Scripture passage and answer question 37.

“He said, ‘Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.’”

MARK 14:36

Jesus prayed this prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. This type of prayer is called a prayer of

- (A) thanksgiving.
- (B) blessing.
- (C) petition.
- (D) praise.

Q38

In the Early Church, Christians were persecuted because they

- (A) refused to participate in social and cultural activities.
- (B) promoted an uprising against the ruling authorities.
- (C) refused to worship idols.
- (D) withheld financial contributions to the Roman Empire.

Q 39

Read the statement and answer question 39.

“Using donations made to Project Compassion, Caritas Australia supports long-term development programs in impoverished* communities in Africa, Asia, East Timor, Latin America, Indigenous Australia and the Pacific — helping oppressed people to rediscover their dignity by taking greater control over their lives and overcoming poverty.”

**Impoverished = poor*

Which of the following would **NOT** be an example of a Caritas Australia program?

- (A) building a school for a community
- (B) setting up an internet café in a village
- (C) providing emergency help during a flood
- (D) providing clean water and sanitation in a developing country

- Q40 One matter addressed by the Council of Jerusalem in the early Church was to
- (A) determine the date of Easter celebrations.
 - (B) decide on the official language for Christian liturgy.
 - (C) address the issue of circumcision for Gentile converts to Christianity.
 - (D) establish guidelines for the construction of church buildings.

Q41 **Read the following statement and answer question 41.**

“This principle applies to everyone, regardless of age, gender, ability or ethnicity. If you follow this principle there are implications. It means that everyone has a right to participate fully in society and to have fair access to health care, education and housing.”

What principle is being described?

- (A) Human dignity
 - (B) Freedom of expression
 - (C) Common Law
 - (D) Individual rights
- Q42 The Great Commandment has significance for all Christians for all times.
- What is the message of this New Testament teaching?
- (A) to obey the Ten Commandments, the Golden Rule and the eight Beatitudes
 - (B) to be living examples of what it means to love God, our neighbour and ourselves
 - (C) to love and care for ourselves firstly, serve our enemies and then our neighbour
 - (D) to keep the Law, the Golden Rule and always practise what we preach to others
- Q43 The celebration of the Eucharist ends with
- (A) a Blessing and Sign of Peace.
 - (B) a prayer and dismissal.
 - (C) a Blessing and prayer.
 - (D) a Blessing and formal dismissal.

Q44 Which option **BEST** describes the definition of a Sacrament?

- (A) Sacraments are holy, visible signs instituted by Christ of an invisible reality.
- (B) Sacraments are holy, visible rituals instituted by Christ of an invisible reality.
- (C) Sacraments are holy, invisible signs instituted by Christ of a visible reality.
- (D) Sacraments are holy, invisible rituals instituted by Christ of a visible reality.

Q45 **Read the following quote and answer question 45.**

“Inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we seek to bring joy to those we serve by enabling growth, healing, and hope. By delivering effective and high quality social services, CatholicCare helps to build the social and emotional wellbeing of individuals, families and communities.”

Mission Statement, CatholicCare Homepage

CatholicCare demonstrates the life of the Church in the programs which they offer to those in need.

Which of the following would **NOT** be an example of a CatholicCare program?

- (A) providing counselling services for individuals and families experiencing relationship issues
- (B) providing various programs for the aged and disabled
- (C) providing marriage and relationships education
- (D) providing a weekly income for the unemployed

Q46 **Read the following extract and answer question 46.**

“Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother, who nourishes us and sustains us, bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds and flowers of many colours.”

Canticle of Creation

In the above extract, St Francis was

- (A) reflecting upon the beauty of creation.
- (B) exploring different creation stories.
- (C) worshipping the earth.
- (D) reciting Scripture.

Q47

Read the Scripture passage and answer question 47.

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.’”

MATTHEW 28: 18-20

What are individuals called to do to continue the mission of the Church?

- (A) engage in dialogue with other faiths and promote religious tolerance
- (B) attend Mass regularly and receive the sacraments
- (C) support charitable organisations and participate in social outreach programs
- (D) share the teachings of Jesus and actively evangelise to spread the faith

Q48

Read the statements to answer question 48.

Statement 1	The essential sign and action of the sacrament of Confirmation is the anointing with Chrism and the laying on of hands.
Statement 2	The essential sign and action of the sacrament of the Eucharist is doing as Jesus did at the Last Supper, using bread and wine and his words and actions.

Which option **BEST** describes the two statements?

- (A) Both statements are true.
- (B) Both statements are false.
- (C) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false.
- (D) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true.

Q49

Which of the following situations **LEAST** required you to make a moral choice by using your conscience?

- (A) You forgot to include the sources which had been used to complete a research task.
- (B) You chose not to cheat on an exam at school because it was dishonest and unfair to others.
- (C) You shared a part of a task with a friend who was struggling to complete the work.
- (D) You decided not to hand in work on time because of difficulties with accessing information.

Q50

Read the following information and answer question 50.

“Matthew Hayden is a retired Australian cricketer great. He is also a Catholic whose faith makes a real difference to how he lives his day to day life. Despite the challenges of remaining committed to regular practice of his faith on tour, Matthew always made a point of getting to Mass and being mindful of God as he did his best for his side. His various contributions to Australian life as well as his wonderfully successful cricket career led him to being made a member of the Order of Australia. He was one of the Ambassadors for World Youth Day Sydney in 2008.”

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The characteristics of Christian life that have been demonstrated by Matthew Hayden would be

- (A) listening and forgiveness.
- (B) service and commitment.
- (C) duty and performance.
- (D) prayer and meditation.