



Sydney Catholic Schools



2024

Year 10 Religious Education Test

- Q1 Fires, floods and earthquakes are all examples of where humans suffer through
- (A) social disasters.
 - (B) economic disasters.
 - (C) natural disasters.
 - (D) spiritual disasters.
- Q2 Which of the following is an example of an Eastern Catholic Church?
- (A) the Uniting Church
 - (B) the Roman Catholic Church
 - (C) the Presbyterian Church
 - (D) the Maronite Church
- Q3 Which literary form best describes the Psalms in the Sacred Scriptures?
- (A) storytelling
 - (B) poetry
 - (C) letters
 - (D) teaching
- Q4 The law of God as revealed to Moses and recorded in the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures is known as the
- (A) Torah.
 - (B) Mitzvot.
 - (C) Rules.
 - (D) Commitments.
- Q5 Which of the following are common literary forms found in the New Testament?
- (A) psalms and songs
 - (B) creation myths and speeches
 - (C) miracle stories and genealogies
 - (D) Gospels and proverbs

- Q6 In a timeline of important events in the Catholic Church in Australia, which of the following events was **FIRST**?
- (A) Fr James Dixon celebrated Mass at Port Jackson.
 - (B) St Mary's Cathedral was built.
 - (C) World Youth Day took place in Sydney.
 - (D) St Mary of the Cross MacKillop was canonised as Australia's first saint.
- Q7 The 2021 Australian Census indicated that the two major Christian denominations in Australia are
- (A) Uniting Church and Catholic.
 - (B) Presbyterian and Anglican.
 - (C) Anglican and Lutheran.
 - (D) Catholic and Anglican.
- Q8 Sins committed since Baptism can be forgiven through the Sacrament of
- (A) Confirmation.
 - (B) Communion.
 - (C) Holy Orders.
 - (D) Penance.
- Q9 Choose the words that **BEST** complete the passage.
- Christianity, Islam and Judaism are known as _____ 1 _____ religions. They are _____ 2 _____ in nature, _____ 3 _____ in one God.
- (A) 1. Mosaic
2. monotheistic
3. living
 - (B) 1. Abrahamic
2. monotheistic
3. believing
 - (C) 1. Mosaic
2. polytheistic
3. believing
 - (D) 1. Abrahamic
2. polytheistic
3. living

Q10 Read the Scripture passage and answer question 10.

"Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

MATTHEW 18: 21-22

Which Beatitude reflects Jesus' teaching?

- (A) "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."
- (B) "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."
- (C) "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."
- (D) "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Q11 How do the Gospels serve as a living encounter with Jesus Christ?

- (A) by presenting Jesus as a distant historical figure
- (B) by providing fictional stories about Jesus to inspire moral lessons for today
- (C) by offering a dynamic and relevant portrayal of Jesus for believers today
- (D) by focusing solely on the theological teachings of Jesus without considering his life

Q12

Examine the image and answer question 12.



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Many churches in the Sydney Archdiocese offer Mass in different languages. This illustrates

- (A) the many different backgrounds Australian Catholics come from.
- (B) the political correctness of modern Catholics.
- (C) a shortage of priests who are able to speak English.
- (D) a need for parishes to increase Mass attendance.

Q13

Judaism and Christianity share some things in common. Two of these are

- (A) a belief in God and a belief in Jesus Christ.
- (B) attending Mass and praying to God.
- (C) the books of the Old Testament and the Ten Commandments.
- (D) the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes.

Q14

Sin is a breaking down of the relationship between an individual and

- (A) God.
- (B) their family.
- (C) the Clergy.
- (D) others.

Q15 In the parable of The Prodigal Son, the father forgives his son when he returns and welcomes him home.

This demonstrates God's

- (A) empathy and kindness.
- (B) mercy and love.
- (C) compassion.
- (D) grace.

Q16 As a Jewish man, Jesus' observance of The Law was heavily influenced by

- (A) The Lord's Prayer.
- (B) The Beatitudes.
- (C) The traditions of the Jewish elders.
- (D) The Decalogue.

Q16 In the Gospels, Jesus often speaks in parables, which are simple stories with a deep spiritual meaning.

Through these parables Jesus

- (A) entertained his audience.
- (B) revealed truths about the Kingdom of God.
- (C) presented historical events to teach moral lessons.
- (D) taught theological concepts in a straightforward manner.

Q18 Martin Luther was a German Priest who criticised the practice of indulgences and argued that salvation could be achieved through faith alone.

The Catholic Church responded to this by

- (A) continuing the practice of indulgences.
- (B) increasing the involvement of lay people in the liturgy.
- (C) supporting the formation of a number of Protestant Churches.
- (D) clarifying the importance of both faith and good works.

Q19 Read the statements and answer question 19.

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| Statement 1 | A person's worldview is a way of thinking that provides a sense of purpose and meaning for one's life. |
| Statement 2 | Every religious tradition has the same worldview, that is: belief in God. |

Which option is correct?

- (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.

Q20 Read the Scripture passage and answer question 20.

"Jesus asked his disciples: 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven'".

MATTHEW 16:15-20

What belief about Jesus is presented in this Gospel passage?

- (A) He is fully integrated into the Holy Trinity.
- (B) He is the Good Shepherd that takes care of all people.
- (C) He is the Saviour, revealed to humanity by God.
- (D) He is truly present in the Eucharist.

Q21 Catholic Social Teaching uses a simple method that helps Catholics to stop, stand back from a situation and reflect on it before taking action. It is a three-stage process known as

- (A) See, Judge, Act.
- (B) Observe, Act, Justify.
- (C) Look, Listen, Feel.
- (D) Encounter, Pray, Act.

Q22 Read the quote and answer question 22.

"Joy is missionary. Joy is not just for oneself; it's for sharing something with others."

Pope Francis, WYD, 2023

Pope Francis is referring to the responsibility each Catholic has to

- (A) undertake fundraising for Catholic charities.
- (B) undertake pilgrimages of faith.
- (C) become more familiar with Scripture.
- (D) share the Good News.

Q23 Four people make the following statements about life after death and heaven.

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| Daniel | If I live a good life, I will earn my way to heaven. |
| Will | I have my ticket to heaven because I was baptised. |
| Mya | I will definitely go to heaven because I pray every single day. |
| Chloe | I think heaven can only be given to us as a gift. |

According to Catholic teaching, who is correct?

- (A) Daniel
- (B) Will
- (C) Mya
- (D) Chloe

Q24 Wars, pollution and modern slavery are all examples of where suffering can be seen in our world as a result of

- (A) social imbalances.
- (B) socialism.
- (C) human actions.
- (D) atheism.

Q25

Read Pope Francis' message and answer question 25.

"He awaits us; he always awaits us. Not to magically resolve problems, but to strengthen us amid our problems. Jesus does not lift the burdens from our life, but the anguish from our heart; he does not take away our cross, but carries it with us."

Pope Francis, Angelus, 9 July 2017

Which enduring question is addressed by Pope Francis' words?

- (A) Does God solve my problems?
- (B) How can I cope with suffering?
- (C) How should I treat my neighbour?
- (D) What happens when I die?

Q26

Read the following Scripture passage and answer question 26.

"And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"

MATTHEW 25:40

This scriptural teaching highlights the importance of being authentic

- (A) Christian disciples.
- (B) Christian advocates.
- (C) Catholic witnesses.
- (D) Catholic evangelists.

Q27

Why is the reading of Sacred Scripture strengthened by considering the social, cultural and historical contexts?

- (A) It helps to memorise verses easily.
- (B) It provides a deeper understanding of the text.
- (C) It makes the text more interesting.
- (D) It encourages literal interpretation only.

Q28 Apostolic writings include statements issued by Church Councils or by a Pope, such as Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si.

Writings such as these illustrate how the teachings of the Church

- (A) can never evolve.
- (B) are constantly changing.
- (C) are founded solely on Scripture.
- (D) can be applied to the modern world.

Q29 Read each of the statements and answer question 29.

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| Statement 1 | Catholic Social Teaching highlights that every person has a duty to seek the truth in matters of morality. |
| Statement 2 | Catholic Social Teaching recognises that conscience has no place in moral decision making. |

Which option is correct?

- (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.

Q30 Choose the word that **BEST** completes the statement.

God has a plan for people's lives that may not always be understood. This may include evil and _____, but Christians should trust and have faith in God's plan.

- (A) forgiveness
- (B) adversity
- (C) power
- (D) predestination

- Q31 What is the primary emphasis of Mark's Gospel?
- (A) detailed genealogies and theological discussions
 - (B) a chronological account of Jesus' life from his birth in the manger to his death on the cross
 - (C) an exploration of the lives of early Christian communities
 - (D) an account of Jesus' teachings, miracles, and the significance of discipleship
- Q32 Which of the following is true of the demographic profile of the Catholic Church in Australia today?
- (A) The average age of people attending Mass is younger than ever before.
 - (B) People from many different cultural backgrounds are part of the Catholic church.
 - (C) Most Australian Catholics are descended from Irish convicts.
 - (D) Most Catholic people are regular Mass attenders.
- Q33 Christian Churches have many beliefs and practices in common. Two points of connection between these Churches include a belief in
- (A) Jesus Christ as the Saviour of humanity and the use of the Bible as their sacred text.
 - (B) the Pope as the head of the Church and Baptism as the shared sacrament of Christian initiation.
 - (C) the divinity and humanity of Jesus Christ and that marriage can easily be dissolved.
 - (D) the role of women as priests and the Eucharist as the shared sacrament of Christian initiation.
- Q34 During the period of Yom Kippur, the Jewish people take the time to repent, so as to make up for the wrongs they have done in the past year and ask for forgiveness from God.
- Yom Kippur is an example of forgiveness and healing from a particular
- (A) era.
 - (B) country.
 - (C) language.
 - (D) worldview.

Q35 Gertrude is preparing for Reconciliation. She goes through an Examination of Conscience and remembers that she was jealous that her sister was given tickets by her parents to a Taylor Swift concert and she wasn't.

This sin would best relate to the Commandment

- (A) "You shall not commit false witness against your neighbour."
- (B) "Honour your father and your mother."
- (C) "You shall not covet your neighbour's goods."
- (D) "You shall not steal."

Q36 Catholics believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God because it

- (A) contains ancient wisdom and philosophical insights.
- (B) was written by humans who were divinely guided.
- (C) is a historical record of events that occurred in early Christian times.
- (D) provides moral guidelines for living a good life.

Q37 Read the following Scripture passage and answer question 37.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."
JOHN 15:5

Jesus' teaching illustrates the relationship between

- (A) Jesus and the Church.
- (B) Jesus and God.
- (C) the Church and the world.
- (D) the different Christian Churches.

Q38 The YOUCAT poses the question, "For what purpose are we here on earth?" This question is answered, "We are here on earth in order to know and to love God and to do good according to his will."

YOUCAT, pp. 13

Which statement **BEST** describes this teaching?

- (A) To be a human being means to live life to the full.
- (B) To be a human being is to know our destiny and achieve it.
- (C) To be a human being means to love God and be faithful to the Gospels.
- (D) To be a human being means to love God and to worship the saints.

Q39

Read each of the statements and answer question 39.

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| Statement 1 | You can only receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick if you are dying. |
| Statement 2 | The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be received at home, in a hospital or wherever it may need to be given. |

Which option is correct?

- (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.

Q40

At a Year 9 Reflection Day, the presenter said this when discussing one of the Beatitudes:

"Jesus is the perfect model of what it means to be gentle. It takes tremendous strength to bring others into God's will, but when that strength is combined with a selfless non-assertiveness, it produces a gentle person who can patiently bring about God's purposes for his people."

The Beatitude being discussed was

- (A) "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."
- (B) "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
- (C) "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
- (D) "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

Q41 Choose the words that **BEST** complete the passage.

When interpreting _____ 1 _____, it is important to understand the _____ 2 _____ context in which the texts were written, in order to properly discern the _____ 3 _____ message.

The Gift of Scripture: Catholic Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, and of Scotland, 2005

- (A) 1. Doctrine
2. political
3. divine
- (B) 1. Doctrine
2. historical
3. secular
- (C) 1. Scripture
2. historical
3. divine
- (D) 1. Scripture
2. political
3. secular

Q42 The Reformation is a period of history when the authority of the Pope and the Catholic Church were challenged.

What was a key impact of the Reformation?

- (A) the development of the Sacraments
- (B) the response of the Second Vatican Council
- (C) the common understanding of the Real Presence
- (D) the formation of Protestant Churches

Q43 Ecumenism could **BEST** be defined as

- (A) different religious traditions meeting together to discuss the pathway to peace.
- (B) Christian Churches listening and talking to each other in order to achieve unity.
- (C) Catholic Churches meeting regularly and discussing interfaith dialogue.
- (D) world religions gathering to discuss common practice concerning liturgy.

Q44 How BEST can God's healing love in the world be expressed?

- (A) through Christian witness
- (B) through church attendance
- (C) through Christian meditation
- (D) through Holy Matrimony

Q45 Which Ecumenical Council am I?

I was the 21st Ecumenical Council of the Catholic Church. I was announced by Pope John XXIII. I met for approximately three months every year, for four years, in the European autumn. I was also the first to be covered by newspapers and magazines from all over the world, as well as by radio and television.

I am

- (A) The Council of Trent.
- (B) The Council of Ephesus.
- (C) Vatican I.
- (D) Vatican II.

Q46 Read the scenario and answer question 46.

Esme desperately wants to become a doctor when she finishes school. Subject selections are due soon, but at this stage, she does not have enough marks to select Chemistry for her HSC. To select it, Esme must get above 90% on her report. To gain an excellent mark in her next Chemistry assessment task, Esme decides to write it using Artificial Intelligence (AI).

In submitting an assignment written by AI, Esme is

- (A) not exercising her personal or moral responsibility.
- (B) acting responsibly because she is setting up her future.
- (C) exercising her personal responsibility but not her moral responsibility.
- (D) acting in accordance with her faith because she has a clear conscience.

Q47 Which statement BEST describes the concept of religious truth in the Bible?

- (A) The Bible offers literal truths that are universally applicable across all cultures and times.
- (B) Religious truths about God in the Bible are subjective and vary depending on personal interpretation.
- (C) Religious truths found in the Bible guide believers' understanding of God and faith.
- (D) The Bible presents religious truths solely as symbolic narratives without inherent meaning.

Q48 Read the following quote and answer question 48.

"If human dignity were based solely on the successes and accomplishments of individuals, then those who are weak, sick, or helpless would have no dignity. Christians believe that human dignity is in the first place, the result of God's respect for us. He looks at every person and loves him as though he were the only creature in the world."

YOUCAT 280

Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) is when a person makes a decision to end their life in order to relieve suffering. In relation to the quote above, and applied to VAD, a Christian would follow the above teaching by

- (A) caring for the sick person by letting them choose their own course of action.
- (B) accompanying the sick person and seeking care for them.
- (C) supporting the sick person by requesting the use of a lethal substance to eliminate suffering.
- (D) considering the burden that the sick person is placing on their family and society.

Q49

Read the Scripture passage and answer question 49.

"They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly."

MARK 7:32-25

This passage best demonstrates

- (A) the healing power of God.
- (B) the frailty of humans.
- (C) early medicine in the First Century.
- (D) Jesus' desire to be noticed.

Q50

Choose the words that **BEST** complete the statement.

The ___1___ foundations of Catholic Social Teaching underscores the importance of upholding the ___2___ of every human person, promoting the common good, practising ___3___, and applying these principles in addressing social issues.

- (A) 1. canonical
 - 2. rights
 - 3. solidarity
- (B) 1. scriptural
 - 2. dignity
 - 3. solidarity
- (C) 1. scriptural
 - 2. rights
 - 3. compassion
- (D) 1. canonical
 - 2. dignity
 - 3. compassion