Year 8
Religious Education
Test 2014

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1. What is the correct order in which the four books of the Gospels were written?
   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 Spirit
   B  1 Father
       2 Son
       3 Holy Spirit
   C  1 Father
       2 Son
       3 Holy Word
   D  1 Creator
       2 Redeemer
       3 Holy Lord

   In the name of the _________ 1 _________
   and of the _________ 2 _________
   and of the _________ 3 _________
   Amen
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.
   A. Numbers
   B. Genesis
   C. Exodus
   D. Judges

2. Select the correct option to complete the sentence.
   Jesus used stories called ______?______ to teach his followers about the Kingdom of God.
   A. parables
   B. sermons
   C. prayers
   D. myths

3. Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below.
   After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.
   MARK 16:19
   This Scripture passage describes the Feast of the
   A. Transfiguration.
   B. Resurrection.
   C. Assumption.
   D. Ascension.

4. A Rabbi is a
   A. student.
   B. teacher.
   C. disciple.
   D. messenger.
In a Catholic church, the Word of God is proclaimed from the
A. font.
B. altar.
C. pew.
D. ambo.

If a priest celebrating the Mass is wearing purple vestments, it is likely to be
A. Good Friday.
B. Easter Sunday.
C. Holy Thursday.
D. Ash Wednesday.
Which of the following is one of the sacraments of initiation?

A  Confirmation  
B  Reconciliation  
C  Ordination  
D  Anointing

Select the correct option to complete the sentence.
The _____ ? _____ refers to all the baptised members of the Church who are not ordained.

A  laity  
B  clergy  
C  bishops  
D  diaconate

Jesus lived at a time when Palestine was ruled by the

A  Babylonians.  
B  Persians.  
C  Romans.  
D  Greeks.

In the story of Adam and Eve, the serpent tells Adam and Eve that they can be like God, and know

A  good and evil.  
B  life and death.  
C  peace and harmony.  
D  power and authority.
What is a proverb?

A  A song of praise and worship used in prayer  
B  A brief piece of wisdom that helps us to know God  
C  A message delivered to God’s people by a prophet  
D  A record of God’s relationship with God’s chosen people

Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below.

The disciples were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

ACTS 2:1-4

This Scripture passage describes the events of

A  Passach.  
B  Passover.  
C  Pentecost.  
D  Palm Sunday.
Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below.

O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendour and majesty.

PSALM 104:1

This Scripture passage is a prayer of
A thanksgiving.
B blessing.
C petition.
D praise.

The first four books of the New Testament are called the Gospels. The word ‘Gospel’ means
A faithful word.
B good news.
C life story.
D holy text.

Use the following tweet to answer questions 15 and 16.

Take care of God’s creation. But above all, take care of people in need.

Pope Francis’s tweet suggests that
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.
A principle that is evident in this tweet is

A  Participation.
B  Stewardship.
C  Equality.
D  Unity.

The Pharisees are best described as

A  a community of monks dedicated to God.
B  political activists trying to end Roman rule.
C  a religious group focused on keeping the Law.
D  temple officials consisting of priests and elders.

Select the correct option to replace the missing word.

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.

A  respond
B  conclude
C  commune
D  remember

The love of God dwelling in us and present in the Sacraments is known as

A  trust.
B  grace.
C  prayer.
D  anointing.
Read the Scripture passage to select the correct option to complete the sentence.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.

LUKE 2: 41-42

This story from Luke’s Gospel is an example of the _________?_______ customs of first century Palestine.

A religious
B economic
C linguistic
D agricultural

Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below.

As Saul neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him,

“Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

ACTS 9:3-6

Saul’s experience on the road to Damascus led to his

A preselection.
B retribution.
C conversion.
D retaliation.
One of the steps in the Moral Decision Making Process is to ‘Examine one’s conscience’, which means to

A  review the facts of the situation.
B  ask for advice from family and friends.
C  judge one’s ideas, attitudes and motives.
D  consider the consequences and alternative actions.

During the Mass the lector will say “The Word of the Lord” and the congregation responds by saying

A  “Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ”.
B  “Glory to you, O, Lord”.
C  “And with your Spirit”.
D  “Thanks be to God”.

Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below.

You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild beasts quench their thirst.
By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.
From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

PSALM 104:10-13

These verses from Psalm 104 present God as

A  creator.
B  saviour.
C  redeemer.
D  reconciler.
The Exodus is the story of
A  Isaiah’s journey from Mount Carmel to the Jezreel Valley.
B  Abraham’s journey from Ur to the Promised Land.
C  the Israelites’ journey from Judah to Babylon.
D  the Hebrew people’s journey from Egypt to Canaan.

In Christianity this image represents
A  Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross.
B  Israel’s golden idol in the desert.
C  Rome’s persecution of Christians.
D  John’s voice crying out in the wilderness.

Select the option from the table below that identifies the correct location at which each of the events of Jesus’ ministry happened.

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Which of the following definitions is correct?

A  A diocese is a collection of local parish communities.
B  A chaplaincy is a collection of two or more dioceses.
C  A parish is a collection of two or more deaneries.
D  A deanery is a collection of smaller dioceses.

Read the blessing to answer questions 29 and 30.

This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. Walk always as a child of the light…
When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

During which Sacrament would this blessing be offered?

A  Baptism
B  Eucharist
C  Confirmation
D  Reconciliation

In this Sacrament the burning candle symbolises the light of

A  compassion.
B  freedom.
C  mercy.
D  faith.
Use the following statement to answer questions 31 and 32.

*Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s annual fundraising and awareness raising appeal, which invites thousands of Australians into solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.*

To be ‘in solidarity’ means that we are in

31
A union.
B conflict.
C dissension.
D judgement.

Project Compassion is an example of individuals and/or groups

32
A coming together in prayer.
B working in the service of others.
C carrying out government policy.
D collecting money for the school community.

Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below.

*In everything do to others as you would have them do to you;*

MATTHEW 7:12a

This Scripture passage refers to Jesus’ teaching known as the

33
A Greatest Commandment.
B Golden Rule.
C Beatitudes.
D Decalogue.
One of the principal effects of sin is that it
A distances us in our relationship with God.
B teaches us to recognise God’s virtue.
C makes us unworthy of God’s love.
D fills us with fear of God.

Read the following Scripture passage to select the correct option to replace the missing words.

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’

LUKE 4: 5-8

In this Scripture passage Jesus acts as a model for Christians to focus their behaviour towards ______1_______ rather than ______2_______.

A 1 impatience 2 trust
B 1 discipline 2 arrogance
C 1 faithfulness 2 desire
D 1 courage 2 rebellion
Which of the following activities can only be carried out by an ordained member of the Church community?

A  Sacramental preparation  
B  Reading the Universal Prayers  
C  Bringing Communion to the sick  
D  Proclaiming the Gospel at Mass

Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ…. you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 CORINTHIANS 12: 12, 27

Which of the following statements reflects the meaning of this Scripture passage?

A  The whole community of believers is united by faith in Christ.  
B  The sacrament of the Eucharist is shared by all Christians.  
C  The Catholic faith is no different from any other Church.  
D  The Church is made up of many different rituals.

Read the following statement to answer the question below.

In preparation for the 2014 World Cup, the Brazilian government reclaimed land from the poor to build stadiums and hotels for overseas visitors. Many of the poor were left homeless on the outskirts of the larger cities and towns.

This is an example of

A  promoting the culture of a poor nation before a worldwide audience.  
B  creating infrastructure for the future prosperity of the nation.  
C  disregarding the dignity of the most vulnerable in society.  
D  the inevitable costs associated with the common good.
Each Catholic secondary school should reflect its Christian identity by

A being a place of hospitality.
B teaching a variety of subjects.
C interacting with secular society.
D working in partnership with the community.

The Easter season concludes with the celebration of the feast of

A Christ the King.
B Divine Mercy.
C The Trinity.
D Pentecost.

Read the following statement to answer the question below.

In October 2014 renowned Australian, Dame Marie Bashir, retires as Governor of New South Wales. She has received many titles and awards for her service to public life, education and international peace and co-operation. Her lifetime’s work as a medical doctor and academic has been to help people suffering from mental illness, particularly children, migrants and Indigenous Australians. In 1988 Dr Bashir was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for her contribution to the field of adolescent mental health.

Dame Marie Bashir is an Australian pursuing goodness by

A dedicating herself to the needs of the disadvantaged.
B establishing awards for the service of others.
C promoting career options for young women.
D establishing action and advocacy groups.
Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below.

Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ”

LUKE 12:16-19

In this parable, Jesus is showing that the rich man is

A. a good steward of his crops.
B. sharing his abundant harvest.
C. an example for others to follow.
D. the selfish owner of his produce.

Read the following story to answer the question below.

In 2007 a secondary school began a sustainability project to reduce its water and energy usage. It began by introducing a solar energy system that over the first four years reduced its electricity usage by more than 90%. Since then an underground water storage system has been installed. It collects rainwater that is used to water the playgrounds and gardens without relying on tap water. Though a considerable amount of money was spent to set up the scheme, it has helped the school to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and resource consumption.

In the context of this example, sustainability means

A. creating a sense of wellbeing for people, plants and animals.
B. living within the limits of what the environment can provide.
C. educating young people to live in peace and harmony with each other.
D. ensuring that the school can direct more of its budget for educational resources.
Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below.

...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.

MATTHEW 25: 35-36

Within the tradition of the Catholic Church this Scripture passage refers to the

A Corporal Works of Mercy.
B Spiritual Works of Mercy.
C Fruits of the Holy Spirit.
D Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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.
So he told them this parable: “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbours, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

LUKE 15:3-7

In this parable Jesus teaches us about

A  unconditional love.
B  social outreach.
C  responsibility.
D  self respect.
In this parable Jesus calls all Christians to repent, which is a sincere turning away from self to God in both the mind and 

A  body.  
B  heart.  
C  instinct.  
D  attitude.

During the Mass, which of the following prayers is prayed after the priest says: “At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say”?

A  The Great Amen  
B  The Lord’s Prayer  
C  The Sanctus (Holy, Holy)  
D  The Memorial Acclamation

Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below.

Happy are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven…

LUKE 6:22-23

The message of Jesus in the Gospels calls people to live a Christian life that goes against some of the values and behaviours of society. This is known as being

A  interactive.  
B  penitential.  
C  foundational.  
D  countercultural.
Pope St John Paul II was canonised in April 2014 as a result of the way he lived his life according to Christ. He is quoted as saying,

*Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought (must).*

8 October 1995

In this statement, which key virtue does he encourage faithful Christians to follow?

A  Justice: the continuing effort to give others what is due to them
B  Hope: placing trust in God and not just relying on our own efforts
C  Wholeness: being moderate in our decisions and actions
D  Prudence: the ability to determine what is right and act on it