

ARCHDIOCESE OF BANGALORE

COMMISSION FOR CATECHETICS

PARISH CATECHISM EXAMINATION 2022-23

STANDARD IX

TIME: 2 ½ HOURS

MARKS : 80

I. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER FROM THE BRACKETS 5 x 1 = 5

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| 1. Mary | 4. St Paul and St Peter |
| 2. St Thomas | 5. Apostles. |
| 3. Universal. | |

II. FILL IN THE BLANKS: 5 x 1 = 5

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| 1. Damascus . | 3. Israel | 5. To be sent. |
| 2. Jesus | 4. Mystical body | |

III. MATCH THE FOLLOWING 5 x 1 = 5

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| 1. Pentecost | e. Descent of the Holy Spirit |
| 2. Church | d. Assembly of God's People |
| 3. Jesus Christ | a. 12 Apostles |
| 4. Martin Luther | b. Protestant Movement |
| 5. The Trinity | c. Father, Son and Holy Spirit |

IV. STATE TRUE OR FALSE 5 x 1 = 5

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| 1. True | 3. False | 5. True |
| 2. True | 4. False | |

V. WHO SAID TO WHOM? 5 x 2 = 10

1. Jesus Christ said to St Peter
2. God the Heavenly said to Abraham
3. Lord Macaulay said about the Catholic Church
4. St Peter highlights our election by God
5. Jesus Christ to said to the worldly authorities

VI. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: 5 x 3 = 15

1. Explain the term 'Catholic'?
That in the Church the wholeness of the Christian faith is full and complete, all-embracing and with nothing lacking. It is proclaimed to all people without excluding any part of the faith or any class or group of people. Thus, Catholic means universal.
2. Give any three examples as to why the Catholic Church is Called Holy?
 - a) The Trinity (Father, son and Holy Spirit)
 - b) Jesus whose body we are.
 - c) The Holy Spirit who is the soul of the Church
 - d) The holiness of the teachings of Jesus

- e) The Holy Sacrifice of Jesus
 - f) The holiness of the Sacraments
 - g) The holiness of the heroic and extraordinary holiness of the saints
 - h) The ordinary and everyday holiness of her members
 - i) The sanctifying influence of the church in the world upon individuals.
- (Note to the teachers: Students may give any of the above reasons)

3. Name the missionaries who worked for spreading the Gospel of Jesus in India?
Jesuits, Dominicans and Franciscans
4. What is Ecumenical Council and what is the other word for that council?
To discuss, review and suggest reforms, in the church, a solemn meeting i.e. called as Ecumenical Council was organized. Vatican Council II is the other name for Ecumenical Council.
5. Give any three reasons as to why the Church is Apostolic?
 - a) Church is built on 'the foundation of the Apostles', the witnesses who are chosen and sent on mission by Christ himself.
 - b) With the help of the Spirit dwelling in her, the Church keeps and hands over the teaching the 'good deposit' i.e...the salutary words that the Church has heard from the Apostles.
 - c) She continues to be taught, sanctified, and guided by the apostles until Christ's return, through their successors in pastoral office: the college of bishops, 'assisted by priests, in union with the successor of Peter, the Church's supreme pastor'.

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VII. QUOTE FROM MEMORY (Any Three).

3 x 5 = 15

1. Leviticus 11: 44

I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. Do not make yourselves unclean by any creature that moves along the ground.

2. Mathew 16: 18

And I tells you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it

3. 1 Peter 2: 9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

4. Acts 1: 8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

VIII. WRITE SHORT NOTES SON (Any Two)

2 x 5 = 10

1. St Thomas

- St Thomas, one of the Apostles of Jesus Christ, arrived in India in Kerala in 52 A.D.
- He was the first one to come to India
- He spread the Gospel and established 8 churches in Kerala.
- He spread the message of love and compassion of Jesus to the people.
- From then on till now, the Holy catholic Church spreads the message of Christ by her service and compassion to all categories of people irrespective of religion or caste through social work development, educational institutions, hospitals, old age homes.
- He was martyred in Mylapore in 72 A.D.

2. St Paul

- A highly educated Jew by name Saul was in his mission to arrest the followers of Jesus Christ.
- He followed the orders of the Sanhedrin, the highest legislative body of Jews to persecute the Christians and Jesus appeared on the way to Damascus.
- Jesus Christ apparition converted him into being the most loyal apostle of the Holy Catholic Church. By this encounter he became from Saul to Paul.
- He worked hard to spread the Gospel in Corinth, Rome, Phillipi etc.
- St Paul and St Peter are considered to be the two pillars of the Catholic Church.

3. The spread of the Catholic Church

- Through the Apostolic efforts, the Catholic Church spread far and wide. However, all the apostles preached only one message-that is the good news of the Lord.
- Though there were various forces at times, which were seen even in the early Church-the spirit is always one.
- The church is faced with many difficulties when the people have risen from different learning's and worships.
- So the church faces lots of Challenge

IX. WRITE AN ANSWER (Any One).

10 x 1 = 10

1. My contribution to build the church.

This is an open essay. Students are expected to give their own opinions and answers.

2. The Church and her charitable works.

- The church under the leadership of the Pope does great missionary works
- The contribution of the church towards education, monetary benefits for poverty stricken regions, rehabilitation homes and medical and development, is very significant.
- The Church leaders have also contributed and involved in politics, bureaucracy, judiciary, media and many more.
