



# *Year 8*

## Religious Education Test 2011

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# Practice Questions

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**1** The word 'Emmanuel' means

- A. journey in hope.
  - B. Mother of God.
  - C. God with us.
  - D. Jesus.
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**2** What did Jesus do at the Wedding Feast at Cana?

- A. He raised Lazarus from the dead.
  - B. He changed the wine into water.
  - C. He changed the water into wine.
  - D. He healed the crippled man.
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**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

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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.

1 The four books of the Gospels are found in the

- A. Acts of the Apostles.
- B. Hebrew Scriptures.
- C. Book of Revelation.
- D. New Testament.

2 When \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ speak about the Church, they are not talking just about a building. The Church is made up of \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ and each has a role to play. One of the most beautiful ways of describing the Church is used by \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ when the Church is referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

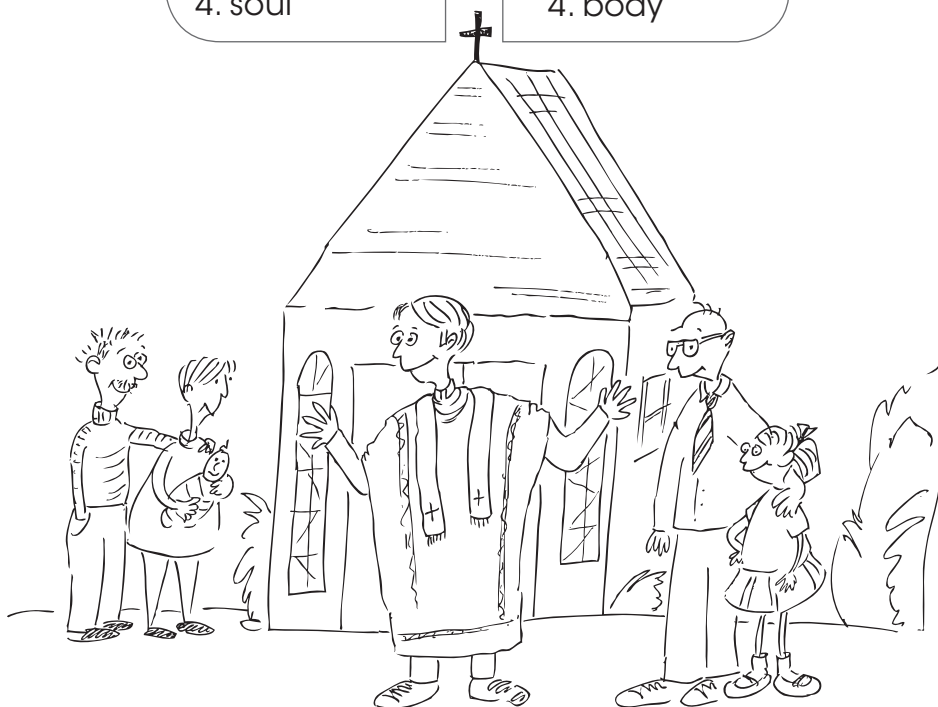
Choose the correct response to complete the passage above.

- A.
- 1. Popes
  - 2. people
  - 3. Peter
  - 4. soul

- B.
- 1. people
  - 2. members
  - 3. Luke
  - 4. body

- C.
- 1. Catholics
  - 2. communities
  - 3. Mary
  - 4. soul

- D.
- 1. Catholics
  - 2. people
  - 3. Paul
  - 4. body



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Read the following passage from Scripture to answer the question below.



*Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. (GENESIS 2:5-7)*

The creation of the universe is the

- A. work of one God.
- B. work of many gods working independently.
- C. product of the combined efforts of one God and humans.
- D. result of a series of random events without God's influence.

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- 1 Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you.
- 2 are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
- 3 Mary mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Which of the following options contains the correct words to complete the prayer above?

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|----|----------------------------------|----|----------------------------------|
| A. | 1. Holy<br>2. Blessed<br>3. Hail | B. | 1. Hail<br>2. Blessed<br>3. Holy |
| C. | 1. Blessed<br>2. Holy<br>3. Hail | D. | 1. Hail<br>2. Holy<br>3. Blessed |

5 The term 'conscience' is best understood as

- A. a personal opinion about an issue.
- B. an ability to recognise right from wrong.
- C. the free will to make your own decisions.
- D. an emotional response to moral situations.

Use the following Scripture passage to answer questions 6 and 7.



<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

<sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues, and was praised by everyone.



<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."*



<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

(LUKE 4:14-21)

- 6** Jesus preached at a synagogue because it was a place for
- A. Jews to worship.
  - B. sinners to be forgiven.
  - C. people of all faiths to gather.
  - D. people with diseases to be cured.

- 7** In verse 18 Jesus demonstrates his understanding of
- A. Christianity.
  - B. Luke's Gospel.
  - C. his Father in heaven.
  - D. his own mission on Earth.
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- 8** A deacon has a special ministry in the Church where he is able to
- A. lead the Christian community as the Bishop of Rome.
  - B. administer all of the Sacraments, including Holy Orders.
  - C. preach the Gospel, lead the faithful and celebrate Mass.
  - D. proclaim the Gospel, assist at Mass, baptise, and preside at funerals.
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- 9** The Christian belief in one God who created everything is explicitly expressed in the
- A. Hail Mary.
  - B. Our Father.
  - C. Nicene Creed.
  - D. Ten Commandments.
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- 10** The celebration of the Eucharist is best understood as a form of
- A. communal prayer.
  - B. meditative prayer.
  - C. informal prayer.
  - D. personal prayer.
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**11** Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below.

*He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself."*

(MATTHEW 22:37-39)

Jesus' teaching in this verse from Scripture is sometimes known as the **Commandment of**

- A. Matthew.
  - B. Christ.
  - C. Heart.
  - D. Love.
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**12** The stories of the Bible have been passed down from one generation to another through

- A. oral and dance traditions.
  - B. oral and written traditions.
  - C. mime and dance traditions.
  - D. dance and written traditions.
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**13** Read the following passage from Scripture to answer the question below.

*I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.*

(JOHN 10: 14-17)

This passage from the Gospel of John describes the **primary role of the**

- A. laity.
  - B. priest.
  - C. bishop.
  - D. Christian.
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- 14** Jade and Jason start a recycling program in their school. This demonstrates caring for God's creation because
- A. teachers will not have to teach about environmental issues.
  - B. a large number of people are positively affected by the program.
  - C. the school uses less paper and therefore fewer trees are destroyed.
  - D. they will receive a Principal's award.
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- 15** Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below.

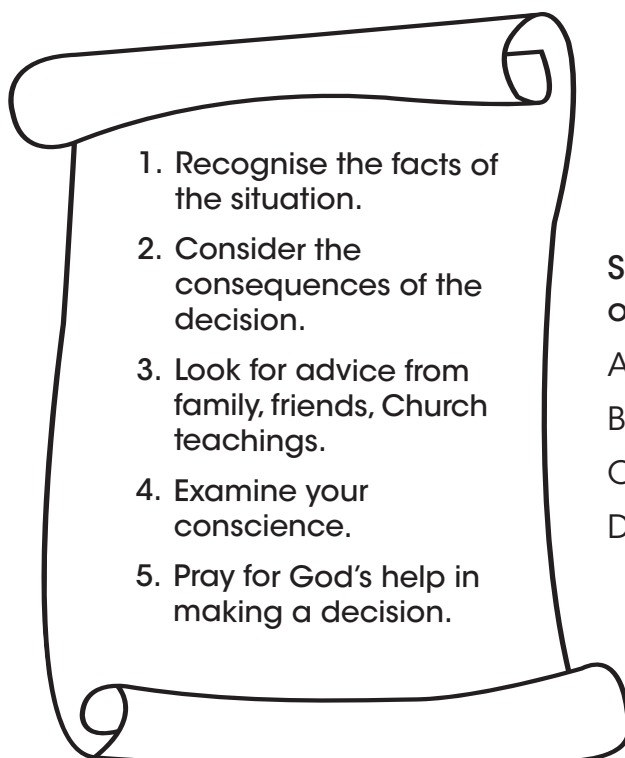
*One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'"*

(LUKE 11: 1-4)

In this passage, Jesus was teaching the disciples to pray about the

- A. Kingdom of God.
  - B. Jewish people.
  - C. Holy Spirit.
  - D. Romans.
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- 16** There are a number of steps that a Christian person should follow when making a moral decision.



Step 6 in the decision making process on the left would be to

- A. go to Mass.
- B. talk to your parish priest.
- C. choose the best course of action.
- D. receive the Sacrament of Penance.

17 The bishops are the successors of the

- A. laity.
- B. Pope.
- C. priests.
- D. Apostles.



18 Which of the following quotations from Scripture would be appropriate to use in a liturgy which is designed to acknowledge God as creator?

- A. *Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.*
- B. *The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer, my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.*
- C. *How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.*
- D. *In you, Lord my God, I put my trust. I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

19 The following prayer was said by a school community:

*"We pray for all those people who have been affected by natural disasters. Please help them in their time of need."*

This type of prayer is known as

- A. a blessing.
- B. an adoration.
- C. a thanksgiving.
- D. an intercession.

**20** Dan buys his lunch at the canteen once a week.  
One day the canteen worker gave Dan too much change.  
Dan realised this as soon as he was handed his change.

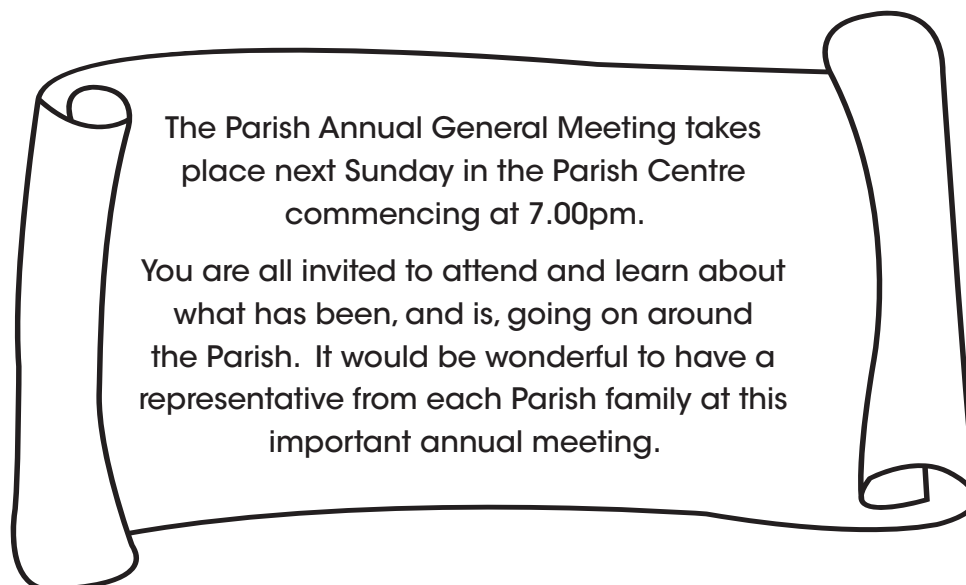
As a Christian what is the right thing for Dan to do?

- A. Give the extra money to the school's Lenten collection.
  - B. Keep the extra money and spend it at the canteen another day.
  - C. Give the extra money to a friend who usually has no lunch at school.
  - D. Go back to the canteen, explain the mistake and hand the money back.
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**21** The correct order of the books in the Torah is

- A. Deuteronomy, Numbers, Leviticus, Exodus, Genesis.
  - B. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Numbers.
  - C. Exodus, Genesis, Deuteronomy, Numbers, Leviticus.
  - D. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.
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**22** A parish bulletin reads:



People organising this meeting are involved in

- A. parish administration.
  - B. Catholic education.
  - C. youth ministry.
  - D. pastoral care.
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**23** Read the following passage from Scripture to answer the question below.

*You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine and bread to strengthen the human heart.*

(PSALM 104: 14-15)

In the Catholic view of life, the world is

- A. created and sustained by God's grace.
  - B. essentially good through God's grace.
  - C. created by God but sustained by human beings.
  - D. essentially evil but made good through God's grace.
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**24** Liturgy can be defined as a community celebration which uses *Word, Action* and *Symbol*. The most correct example of liturgy would be a

- A. reading, blessing of bread and a vase of flowers.
  - B. gospel reading, breaking of bread and a crucifix.
  - C. prayer, playing music and a bowl of water.
  - D. speech, singing a song and holy oils.
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**25** Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below.

*When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"*

(JOHN 11:32-36)

The quality of Jesus best demonstrated in the Scripture passage above is

- A. strength.
  - B. forgiveness.
  - C. compassion.
  - D. righteousness.
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**26** Read the following passage from Scripture to answer the question below.

*Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."*

(GENESIS 9:8-12)

**In this passage God is**

- A. ensuring that animals have equal rights with humans.
- B. helping Noah to pass on the faith to his sons.
- C. forming an agreement with all people.
- D. asking Noah to build another ark.

**27** Forty days after the Resurrection, Jesus Christ was taken up to heaven. This is celebrated as the Feast of the

- A. Epiphany.
  - B. Visitation.
  - C. Ascension.
  - D. Assumption.
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**28** The bullying of classmates can be considered as committing a sin. Sin can be defined as a wrong committed against

- A. friends, family and shared values.
  - B. God, others and one's self.
  - C. the school rules.
  - D. society's values.
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**29** The Easter Triduum is the culmination of the Church's liturgical year. It is one liturgical action made up of three parts. The three parts are

- A. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.
  - B. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.
  - C. Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday.
  - D. Shrove Tuesday, Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil.
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**30** Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below.

*Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies." Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him." The father realised that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live."*

(JOHN 4:46-53)

**The life of the royal official was changed because**

- A. Jesus had spoken to him.
- B. his son was at the point of death.
- C. he believed what Jesus had told him.
- D. he knew Jesus had travelled from Judea.

- 31** The term given to the departure of the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt in the 13th century BCE is known as the
- A. Exit.
  - B. Exile.
  - C. Exodus.
  - D. Exorcism.
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- 32** One of the central reasons for the persecution of the early Christian communities was the
- A. celebration of the Eucharist.
  - B. inclusion of the Gentiles in worship.
  - C. recognition of the Resurrection of Jesus.
  - D. refusal to take part in worship of the Roman Emperor.
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Use the following Scripture passage to answer questions 33 and 34.

*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came to him and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

*Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"*

*Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"*

*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." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written,*

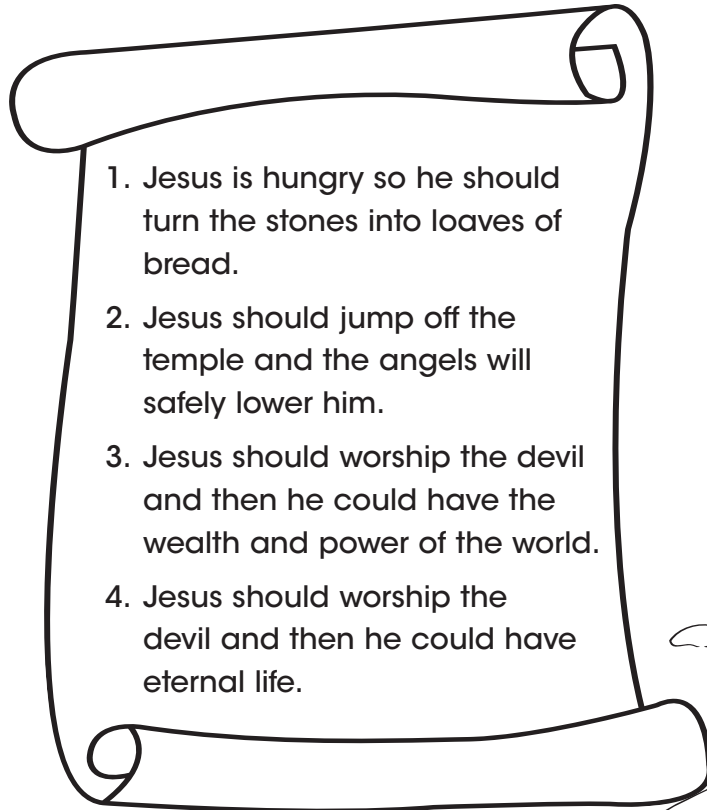
*'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.'"*

*Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.*

(MATTHEW 4:1-11)



**33** From the list below, identify the three temptations of Jesus in this Scripture passage.

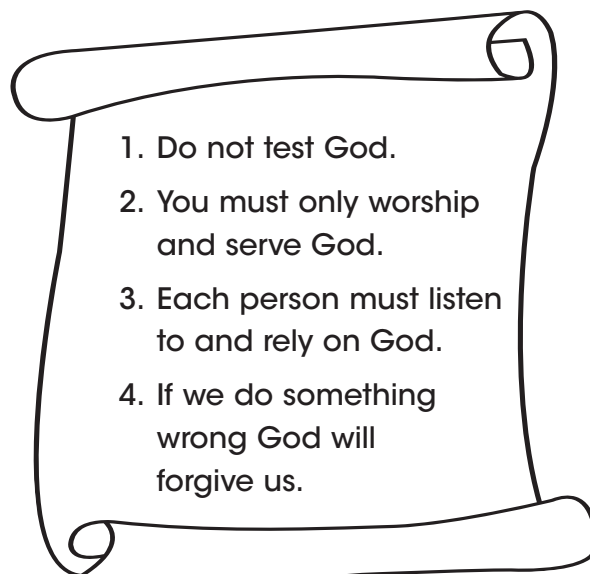


- A. 1, 2, 3
- B. 2, 3, 4
- C. 1, 3, 4
- D. 1, 2, 4



**34** In Jesus' response to the devil he gives us three ways to overcome temptation and evil. Identify the three lessons he has for us from the list below.

- A. 1, 2, 3
- B. 2, 3, 4
- C. 1, 3, 4
- D. 1, 2, 4



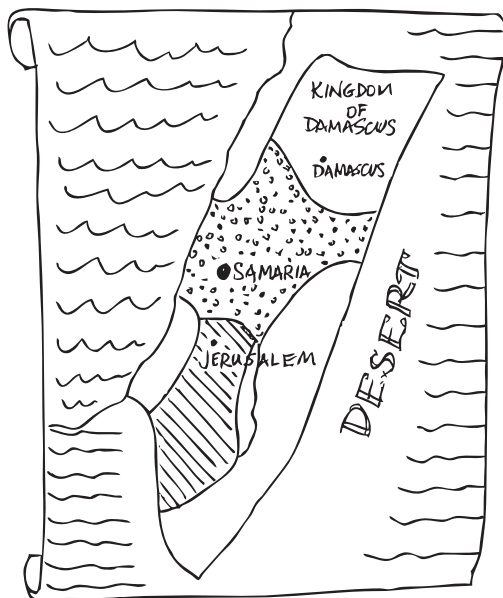
**35** Which of the following statements is correct in regard to liturgical season and colour?

- A. Easter celebrates the nativity of Jesus and red is its liturgical colour.
- B. Christmas celebrates the nativity of Jesus and white is its liturgical colour.
- C. Christmas celebrates the nativity of Jesus and red is its liturgical colour.
- D. Advent celebrates the nativity of Jesus and white is its liturgical colour.



**36** During Jesus' ministry he told parables. The main purpose of parables was to

- A. criticise the Roman authorities.
- B. keep the crowds interested.
- C. provide a model for living.
- D. confuse non-believers.



**37** After the reign of King David and King Solomon, the Promised Land was divided. The two kingdoms formed were

- A. Israel in the south and Judah in the north.
- B. Judah in the south and Canaan in the north.
- C. Canaan in the south and Israel in the north.
- D. Judah in the south and Israel in the north.



**38** Read the following passage to answer the question below.

*St Stephen was the first disciple who died for his faith in Jesus. God worked many miracles through St Stephen. He spoke with such wisdom and grace that many people who heard him became followers of Jesus. The Holy Bible says that his face looked like the face of an angel. Stephen spoke about Jesus, showing that he is the Saviour God had promised to send. He said that he saw the heavens opening and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. His enemies closed their ears and refused to listen. They dragged him outside the city of Jerusalem and stoned him to death. He prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" and fell to his knees, but begged God not to punish his enemies for killing him.*

**St Stephen is considered the first Christian martyr because**

- A. he faced the great gathering of enemies without any fear.
- B. he was stoned to death for his faith in Jesus.
- C. he was a deacon of the early Church.
- D. his face looked like an angel.

**39** Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below.

*Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to his disciples. "Take it and eat," he said "this is my body."*  
(MATTHEW 26:26)

This passage from Scripture relates to the part of the Mass known as the

- A. Homily.
- B. Gospel Readings.
- C. Liturgy of the Word.
- D. Liturgy of the Eucharist.



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**40** Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.  
(JAMES 2:17)

This statement by St James proclaims that

- A. faith is more important than action.
- B. if people have faith, action is not required.
- C. Christians should put good works above their faith.
- D. Christians are called to live out their faith through action.

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**41** The Pharisees were an influential group in Jewish society who were

- A. intent on waiting for a military Messiah.
  - B. determined to keep the laws of the Torah.
  - C. wealthy and powerful priests of the Temple.
  - D. well-educated people who explained and wrote out the law.
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- 42** In the history of Christianity, the correct sequence of events in the early Christian Church is
- A. Pentecost, martyrdom of Stephen, conversion of Paul, Council of Nicea.
  - B. Council of Nicea, Pentecost, martyrdom of Stephen, conversion of Paul.
  - C. conversion of Paul, Council of Nicea, Pentecost, martyrdom of Stephen.
  - D. martyrdom of Stephen, Pentecost, Council of Nicea, conversion of Paul.
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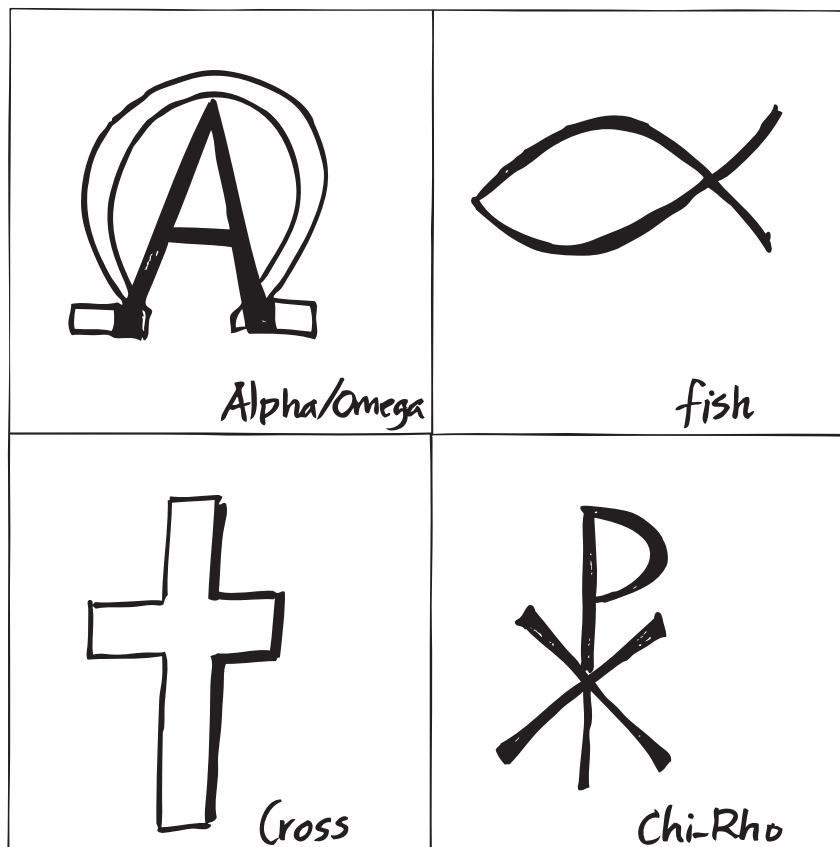
- 43** What word is used by Christians to describe the responsibility of people to care for all of God's creation?
- A. recycling
  - B. ownership
  - C. stewardship
  - D. sustainability
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- 44** Purple is the colour used for Lent. This colour represents
- A. purity and rebirth.
  - B. nature and growth.
  - C. blood and sacrifice.
  - D. penance and sorrow.
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- 45** The bishops of Latin America developed the phrase '*preferential option for the poor*'.
- An example of a Catholic organisation which attempts to live out this ministry would be
- A. Caritas Australia.
  - B. Catholic Earthcare.
  - C. Catholic Vocations Office.
  - D. National Liturgical Council.
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46 The followers of Jesus were first referred to as 'Christians' in

- A. Antioch.
- B. Corinth.
- C. Ephesus.
- D. Jerusalem.



47 When Constantine led his troops into battle he used the symbol that he saw in a dream. The symbol was the

- A. Alpha-Omega.
- B. Fish.
- C. Cross.
- D. Chi-Rho.

**48** Catholics believe that people become a new creation and all of their sins are forgiven through the Sacrament of

- A. Baptism.
  - B. Holy Orders.
  - C. Communion.
  - D. Confirmation.
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**49** During the Mass, when the priest finishes reading the Gospel he says "The Gospel of the Lord." The congregation responds to this statement with

- A. "Amen."
  - B. "Thanks be to God."
  - C. "Blessed be God for ever."
  - D. "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ."
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**50** The option which indicates the best examples of Christian service would be

- A. participating in the school walkathon and completing homework.
  - B. working in the school canteen and returning an overdue library book.
  - C. picking up rubbish from the playground and not being late for roll call.
  - D. making sandwiches for the elderly and assembling food hampers for homeless people.
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