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Archdiocese of New York: Grade 8 Religion Exam

PART ONE: ALL RESPONSES SHOULD BE RECORDED ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET.

True/False: Indicate whether the statement or sentence is TRUE or FALSE. (1 point each)

1. The Protestant Reformation began with John Calvin.
2. St. Benedict is called the "Father of Western Monasticism."
3. A monastery is a church building directed by the bishop of the diocese.
4. The Great Western Schism was resolved by a Church council.
5. Conscience can never make a mistake.
6. A mortal sin is a complete turning away from God and his law of love.
7. The Edict of Milan recognized the right of Jews to worship in the Roman Empire.
8. Covetousness is an excessive desire for material objects or someone's spouse.
9. St. Dominic began the religious order known as the Franciscans.
10. Circumstances alone can determine whether an action is right or wrong.

Multiple Choice: Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question. (2 points each)

11. This Capital sin is a disordered desire for food and drink.
 - a. envy
 - b. gluttony
 - c. pride
 - d. lust
12. The first Christian martyr was _____.
 - a. St. James
 - b. St. Peter
 - c. St. Stephen
 - d. St. John
13. The Church council that defined the Christian belief that Jesus is begotten of God and not a creature was _____.
 - a. Ephesus
 - b. Nicea
 - c. Trent
 - d. Florence

14. This female saint is famous for developing the Catholic school system in the United States.
 - a. St. Mary Magdalene
 - b. St. Catherine of Siena
 - c. St. Emilia of Wales
 - d. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
15. This Church council was held in response to the Protestant Reformation.
 - a. Nicea
 - b. Trent
 - c. Vatican I
 - d. Constantinople
16. When one avoids their duties and responsibilities it is called _____.
 - a. Sloth
 - b. Covetousness
 - c. Pride
 - d. Lust
17. This saint and female Doctor of the Church is known for her spiritual writings.
 - a. St. Mary Magdalene
 - b. St. Monica
 - c. St. Teresa of Avila
 - d. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
18. This man is considered to be the founder of the "Anglican" Church of England.
 - a. John Calvin
 - b. Martin Luther
 - c. John Wesley
 - d. Henry VIII
19. The Second Vatican Council was convened by _____.
 - a. Pope John Paul II
 - b. Blessed Pope John XXIII
 - c. Pope Paul VI
 - d. Pope Benedict XVI
20. The famous saint who renounced wealth and embraced a life of poverty was _____.
 - a. St. Augustine
 - b. St. Jerome
 - c. St. Patrick
 - d. St. Francis of Assisi

Completion: Complete each sentence or statement, using the terms in the word bank below. (1 point each)

21. The _____ is the moral action itself, the thing that is done.
22. A _____ is a spiritual journey to a holy place.
23. A _____ is a serious denial of a Church doctrine.
24. A(n) _____ is a worldwide gathering of the pope and all the bishops.
25. _____ is the person's goal or purpose in doing an action.
26. _____ is the official prayer of the Church, publicly worshipping God.
27. _____ is an official separation or division from the Catholic Church.
28. _____ is the resentment of another person's talents, personal success or good fortune.

29. The Pope and bishops in their role as teachers is known as the _____.

30. _____ is the disordered seeking of praise and honor.

Venial	Liturgy	Heresy	Schism
Pride	Envy	Lust	Ecumenical Council
Object	Pilgrimage	Intention	Magisterium

Matching: Write the letter on the line that identifies the correct match for each word or group of words. (1 point each)

- a. conversion
- b. temptation
- c. morality
- d. intellect
- e. free will

31. The power to know God

32. The quality of our actions either right or wrong

33. Turning away from selfishness

34. The ability to choose to make God the center of our lives

35. Feeling drawn to make selfish choices that are against God's will

- a. St. Thomas More
- b. St. Ignatius Loyola
- c. St. Boniface
- d. St. Jerome
- e. St. Augustine of Canterbury

36. Founded the Order of Jesuits

37. Apostle of England

38. Was martyred by Henry VIII

39. Apostle of Germany

40. Translated the Bible into Latin

PART TWO: Use lined paper to write your answers. ALL STUDENTS MUST ANSWER # 41.

41. Define FIVE of the following: (2 points each)

Cathedral	Early Church Fathers	Devotional Prayer
Beatitudes	Crusades	Doctors of the Church
Inquisition	Missionary	Martyr

Choose FOUR questions from below. Be sure to ANSWER ALL PARTS OF EACH QUESTION.

42. Love is the cornerstone of all relationships.

- a. List the FOUR kinds of love that are appropriate to different kinds of relationships. (1 point each)
- b. Briefly explain TWO of them and give examples showing the beauty and goodness of each. (3 points each)

43. A proper understanding of the role of conscience is key to a Catholic approach to morality.

- a. Define the term conscience. (4 points)
- b. Briefly explain a Catholic understanding of how we develop our conscience (Conscience formation). (6 points)

44. The councils of the Catholic Church have always been called to address problems in the Church and/or society.

- a. Explain the purpose of TWO councils. (2 points each)
- b. Explain at least one specific decision and/or accomplishment resulting from each of the council you wrote about. (3 points each)

Council of Jerusalem (49 AD)	Council of Nicea (325 AD)
Council of Trent (1545-63)	Vatican Council II (1962-65)

45. There have been many saints throughout the history of the Catholic Church.

- a. Define a canonized saint. (1 point)
- b. Describe why THREE of the following has been declared a saint. (3 points each)

St. Paul	St. Augustine	St. Brigid	St. Clare of Assisi	St. Thomas Aquinas	St. Maximilian Kolbe
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46. Prayer is a necessary means for growth in our intimate relationship with God.

- a. Define FIVE of the following basic elements of prayer: (2 points each)

Adoration	Thanksgiving	Contrition	Petition	Intercession	Praise
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47. The elements of a moral decision are central to Catholic morality.

- a. List the three elements in a moral decision. (1 point each)
- b. Briefly explain all three of the elements and give an example that illustrates them. (7 points)