(1) The idea of original sin comes from the following story in Genesis:
A  Cain and Abel
B  Noah’s Ark
C  The Tower of Babel
D  The Garden of Eden

(2) Original sin is
A  The damaged condition into which all human beings are born
B  The first mistake made by a human being
C  A sin that shows cleverness
D  The first sin committed by a human being after birth

(3) The Catholic Church describes sin as
A  A situation when people are hurt
B  A mistake made by ordinary people
C  A choice to act against God’s commandments
D  Something that God will not forgive

(4) Who is NOT a canonised saint of the Catholic Church?
A  The Apostle Peter
B  Martin Luther King
C  Mary, the Mother of Jesus
D  Bernadette of Lourdes

(5) Canonisation is the process where
A  A priest is made a bishop
B  Holy people are praised
C  People are blessed by the community
D  Holy people are declared to be saints

(6) A gospel is
A  A letter written by an apostle to the Christian churches
B  An account of the experience and understanding that early Christians had of Jesus
C  A play about the life of Jesus
D  A story written by Jesus

(7) In the gospel of Mark, the author wanted to show Jesus as
A  The suffering Messiah or Anointed One
B  The friend of the friendless
C  The light of the world
D  A teacher with authority

(8) Which of the following statements best describes the resurrection of Jesus?
A  His coming back to life, like Lazarus, from the dead
B  His greatest miracle
C  His entry into a new kind of life with God
D  His appearance to his followers as a spirit

(9) Which of the following statements is NOT true?
A  Jesus was as much a person as you or I.
B  Jesus liked some people more than others.
C  Jesus knew all things since the time he was a child.
D  Jesus grew as a person through the affection of his family and friends.

(10) The Nicene Creed is composed in three parts. These three parts reflect
A  The three theological virtues of faith, hope and charity
B  The three persons in God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
C  The three main Christian beliefs
D  The Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus

(11) The three Persons in the Holy Trinity are
A  The Father, the Mother and the Son
B  The Prophet, the Priest and the King
C  The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
D  The Body, the Mind and the Soul of Jesus
(12) A Catholic belief stated in the Nicene Creed is that
A Mary travelled to Bethlehem on a donkey.
B God the Father created heaven and earth.
C Jesus performed many miracles.
D St Peter was the first Pope.

(13) The three theological virtues are
A Faith, belief and confidence
B Courage, patience and perseverance
C Knowledge, understanding and wisdom
D Faith, hope and love

(14) The virtue that enables us to remain positive about life and to trust in God’s promises is
A Faith
B Hope
C Love
D Joy

(15) The following is NOT a Hindu scripture
A The Trimurti
B The Mahabharata
C The Ramayana
D The Bhagavad Gita

(16) “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God” is the beginning of a Hebrew prayer called the
A Torah
B Shema
C Neibiim
D Kethubim

(17) The Muslim commemoration of the night on which Muhammed received the first revelation is called the feast of
A Lailatul Qadr
B Eid ul Fitr
C Eid ul Adha
D Ramadan

(18) Which of the following is NOT one of the Five Pillars of Islam?
A Salat
B Zakat
C Hajj
D Imam

(19) Muslims address God as
A Yahweh
B Allah
C Brahman
D Modimo

(20) Which statement is incorrect?
A Jews, Christians, and Muslims all look to Abraham as their father in faith.
B Jews, Christians, and Muslims all believe that God is One.
C Jews, Christians, and Muslims recognise the importance of prayer.
D Jews, Christians, and Muslims all use the same scriptures.

(21) Choose the correct statement. Advent is a liturgical season
A Celebrating the birth of Jesus.
B Celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples.
C Remembering Jesus’ forty days in the desert.
D Waiting for the promised Messiah

(22) The two Church seasons in which the colour purple is used are
A Ordinary Time and Advent
B Christmas and Easter
C Advent and Lent
D Lent and Easter

(23) What is the colour the Church uses during the season of Ordinary Time?
A Purple
B White
C Red
D Green

(24) Match the community with its place of worship. Then choose the answer that has the correct order.
Hindus 1 Synagogue
Jews 2 Mosque
Muslims 3 Church
Christians 4 Temple

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

(25) Which object is NOT found in the sanctuary of a Catholic Church?
A Tabernacle
B Stations of the Cross
C Crucifix
D Altar
(26) The best reason for going to church is
A To pray together as a family
B To meet friends
C To worship God with the parish community
D To find out what’s happening that week in the parish.

(27) Striking the breast in liturgical worship is a sign of
A Blessing
B Greeting of humble respect
C A desire for unity
D Sorrow for sin

(28) What do we celebrate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
A The ways we sin
B Receiving Jesus’ body
C Belonging to God
D The forgiveness of sins

(29) Sacraments are
A Prayers to God for people who need our help
B Sacred rituals of the Church that bring us God’s grace
C Actions to support the Church’s missionary work
D Holy pictures and objects that are in the church

(30) What are the sacraments of initiation?
A Baptism, Eucharist, Holy Orders
B Marriage, Penance, Anointing of the sick
C Confirmation, Baptism, Marriage
D Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation

(31) The two Sacraments of Healing are
A Baptism and Confirmation
B Confirmation and Penance
C Marriage and Holy Orders
D Penance and Anointing of the Sick

(32) The Sacrament of Holy Orders refers to the
A Consecration of a Religious Sister or Brother
B Ordination of a deacon, priest or bishop
C Commissioning of a missionary
D Commitment of people to the Church

(33) We receive Jesus as spiritual food in the Sacrament of
A Eucharist
B Baptism
C Penance
D Marriage

(34) Which statement best describes Christian discipleship?
A Discipleship is about going to church regularly.
B Discipleship is about trying to live like Jesus.
C Discipleship is about belonging to a Christian community.
D Discipleship is about being good.

(35) Which possible answer is NOT part of the Hindu religion?
A Brahman
B Bhagavad Gita
C Ramadan
D Diwali

(36) Which item is NOT part of the Jewish religion?
A Yom Kippur
B Pesach
C Ascension
D Menorah

(37) Diwali is
A A Hindu new year celebration
B A Muslim new year celebration
C An important Jewish festival
D A Christian festival celebrated in India

(38) The ‘5 pillars’ of Islam are:
A Qur’an (Scripture), Profession of Faith (Shahadah), Prayer (Salat), Fasting (Sawm), & Pilgrimage (Hajj)
B Profession of Faith (Shahadah), Prayer (Salat), Halaal Food, Almsgiving (Zakat), & Pilgrimage (Hajj)
C Profession of faith (Shahadah), Prayer (Salat), Fasting (Sawm), Almsgiving (Zakat), & Pilgrimage (Hajj)
D The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), Prayer (Salat), Fasting (Sawm), Almsgiving (Zakat), & Pilgrimage (Hajj)

(39) Which statement is wrong?
A The Bhagavad Gita is one of the Hindu scriptures.
B Hindus often use devotional songs called bhajans in their worship.
C The Hindu religion is a very new religion compared to Christianity or Islam.
D Hindu families often have a shrine in their homes which they use for worship.
(40) A sacristan
A Prepares the altar before the mass.
B Assists the celebrant during the mass.
C Helps to distribute communion at the mass.
D Welcomes the parishioners to the mass.

(41) The present leader of the worldwide Catholic Church is
A Pope Benedict I
B Pope John Paul I
C Pope John Paul II
D Pope Benedict XVI

(42) Who is the Catholic patron of South Africa?
A Mary Assumed into Heaven
B Mary Queen of Heaven
C Blessed Joseph Gerard
D Saint Josephine Bakhita

(43) Place the following events in the correct historical order:
1 The Crusades
2 The Second Vatican Council
3 The Reformation
4 The Missionary Journeys of St Paul
A 2, 1, 3, 4
B 1, 3, 2, 4
C 3, 2, 4, 1
D 4, 1, 3, 2

(44) Which of the following books of the Bible is NOT in the New Testament?
A Ephesians
B Revelation
C Song of Songs
D Acts of the Apostles

(45) The Saint Vincent de Paul Society was founded in 1833 in order to
A Care for the poor
B Nurse the sick
C Care for the aged
D Teach children

(46) The story of the Israelites’ journey from Egypt to the Promised Land is found in the biblical book of
A Leviticus
B Numbers
C Genesis
D Exodus

(47) The biblical character who best illustrates patience in the face of loss and suffering is
A Saul
B Job
C Samson
D Joshua

(48) Which is the prayer that Jesus taught?
A The Hail Mary
B The Glory Be
C The Sign of the Cross
D The Our Father

(49) The traditional ceremonial headgear of a bishop is called a
A Turban
B Beret
C Mitre
D Crosier

(50) The bishops’ annual collection for the work of the Church, the support of the poor and the funding of seminaries is called
A The Lenten Appeal
B The Offertory
C The Tithe
D Peter’s Pence

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