



CATECHISM EXAMINATION GUIDELINES

- The Catechetical academic year starts on the Sunday after Labor Day in September and concludes by the first Sunday of June.
- There will be two examinations conducted every year. The First Term Examination will be conducted at the end of the first semester (on the Second Sunday of January or latest by the third Sunday of January) and the Final Examination at the end of the academic year (the last Sunday of May).
- Total marks for each grade are a sum of the external assessment marks (written exam), class assignment marks and internal assessment marks.
 - External assessment marks are marks allotted for the written examination for each term.
 - Class assignments are organized at the Parish level. Respective grade teachers can give assignments (in-class homework/ assignments given in each term) worth 10 marks for Grades 1 and 2, 15 marks for Grades 3 to 8 and 10 marks for Grades 9 to 12. The assignments can include Bible reflections, memorizing age-appropriate prayers, presentations on virtues/saints, etc.
 - Internal assessments are an additional 10 marks that can be assigned based on the following criteria:
 - Attendance and punctuality: 5 Marks
 - 5 marks were distributed for:
 - Active participation in class
 - Prayerful participation in Holy Qurbana
 - On-time submission of assignments/homework
 - Initiatives taken in the class and active participation in Jesus Kids, HCA, CML, Bible Apostolate, and other ministries in the Church such as Choir, SMYM, etc.
 - Completing advent/Lenten calendar etc.
- The results should comprise the marks of both External Assessment (EA) and Internal Assessment (IA).
- Starting in 2021, the Department of Catechesis, Eparchy of Mississauga will conduct the External Assessment based on a centralized exam for all grades.
- The centralized question papers will be distributed to each Parish.
- Different question papers should be used for the examinations conducted on different Sundays.
- Grades: Based on the marks scored students shall be graded A+ to D.
- The minimum mark to be considered satisfactory is 50 percent.

- **Grading**

Percentage Range	Grade
Above 95%	A+
85 - 94.99%	A
70 - 84.99%	B
50 - 69.99%	C
35 - 49.99%	D

- **Syllabus**

Grade	First Term	Second term
JK & SK	Lessons 1 - 6	Lessons 7 - 12
Grades 1- 8	Lessons 1 - 8	Lessons 9 - 15
Grades 9 & 10	Lessons 1 – 8 /Project	Lessons 9 – 15/Project
Grades 11 & 12	Lessons 1 –6 /Project	Lessons 7 – 12/Project

Question Paper: Policies and Format

- The assigned syllabus should be covered in each term.
- The portion covered for the first term examination will not be included in the final examination.
- The duration of the examination will be one hour.
- Internal reviews should be done sufficiently ahead of the examination. The students and the parents must be informed of the syllabus to be covered for the examination and the pattern of questions to be expected.
- Review of performance in examinations should be done immediately following the exams.

Question Paper Format

- **JK &SK**

- JK & SK will not have a centralized exam.
- Each parish must conduct an oral assessment based on textbook contents and basic prayers.

- **Grade 1**

- Total Marks: 50 (EA 30 + Assignment 10 + IA 10).
- There will be only an oral examination.
- Multiple choice: 20 marks (10 questions with 2 marks each).
- One word /sentence answer: 5 questions with 2 marks each (the last question could be picture narration).
- 10 marks for assignments are awarded for in-class homework completed each term.



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● **Grade 2:**

- Total marks: 50 (EA 30 + Assignment 10 + IA 10).
- The examination will consist of both oral and written questions. It will be 50% oral and 50% written questions. Scribing could be used if required.
- There should be only objective-type questions.
- Multiple choice: 10 questions with 1 mark each.
- One word/sentence answer: 10 questions with 2 marks each (the last question could be picture narration).
- 10 marks for assignments are awarded for in-class homework completed each term.

● **Junior (3/5)**

- Total marks: 50 (EA 25 + Assignment 15 + IA 10).
- Multiple choice: 10 questions with 1 mark each.
- Fill in the blanks: 5 questions with 1 mark each (with no choice).
- One word/sentence answer: 5 questions with 2 marks each.
- 15 marks for assignments are awarded for in-class homework completed each term.

● **Intermediate /Middle school (6/8)**

- Total marks: 50 (EA 25 + Assignment 15 + IA 10).
- Multiple choice: 5 questions with 1 mark each.
- Fill in the blanks: 5 questions with 1 mark each (with no choice)
- Match the following: 5 questions with 1 mark each.
- Short answer: 10 marks (5 questions with 2 marks each; the last one could be a scenario question).
- 15 marks for assignments are awarded for in-class homework completed each term.

● **Senior /High School (9/12)**

- Total marks: 50 (EA 30 + Assignment 10 + IA 10)
- Multiple choice: 5 questions with 1 mark each
- Fill in the blanks: 5 questions with 1 mark each (with no choice)
- Short answer: 10 marks (5 questions with 2 marks each; Scenario questions could be included in this segment.)
- Project work / Presentations: 10 marks (Project topics will be given separately at least two weeks before the exam and students should submit completed projects before the exam).
- 10 marks for assignments are awarded for in-class homework completed each term. This mark differs from the project/ presentation (10 marks).
- Rubrics for projects will be provided in the Project topics.

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