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**QUESTION BANK**

## CHAPTER 1: FAITH AND LIFE

### Answer the following in one word or sentence

1. Name three best known Scientists, who had great faith in God
2. How did Einstein change the words "God is nowhere" to express his faith?
3. Who is the father of the faithful?
4. What is the definition of faith according to Bible?
5. How did St. Augustine relate faith and reason?
6. What does St. Thomas Aquinas say about faith?
7. " Oh GOD you created me for you and my soul shall thirst for you until it reaches." Who said this?

### Fill in the blanks

1. God's self-manifestation is God's self-revelation through His words and actions.
2. The perfection of Divine revelation is Christ, the word of God.
3. Faith is the response to God's call.
4. Best examples of self-surrender to God are Abraham and Blessed Virgin Mary.
5. The perfect model of obedience in faith is Blessed Virgin Mary.
6. Church reverences Mother Mary as the pure realization of faith.
7. The most important among the mysteries of faith in the church is the faith in the Holy Trinity.
8. The mystery of the holy Trinity is revealed to us through Jesus the son of God.
9. Church is the people of God, the mystical body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit.
10. "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household (Acts.16:31)
11. God's grace and the help of the Holy Spirit are necessary to inspire human beings to put faith into action.
12. True faith leads us to the light of realization that nothing is impossible for God.

### Short Answer Questions

1. Christ, the word of God is the perfection of Divine revelation. Why?
2. All generations called Bl. Virgin Mary "Blessed". Why?
3. How does the church help us to grow in faith?
4. Faith a gift of God: Explain
5. Faith is the beginning of our eternal life. Explain
6. We must be very careful in our life to safeguard the gift of faith. Why?

### Paragraph Questions

1. "Abraham is the father of all believers". Describe
2. Substantiate that Mary is the perfect model of obedience in faith.
3. Briefly explain the themes of faith

### Essay Questions

1. What are the characteristics of faith? Explain
2. Briefly Explain the different levels of faith in life
3. As a true believer, how can you help your aesthetic friend to understand Jesus and grow in true faith?

## CHAPTER 2: THEORIES CONTRADICTORY TO FAITH

### Answer the following in one word or sentence

1. What is meant by Agnosticism?
2. What is Rationalism?
3. Who said, "Religion is the opium which intoxicates man"?
4. What is the church's teaching about 'the rights to private property'?

### Fill in the blanks

1. The theory of materialism argues that man is the creator and judge of history.
2. Marxists stand first, among the materialists.
3. Humanists deny God for the sake of the glory of man.
4. Marxism does not accept the right to own property.
5. Church opposes communism because it is an atheistic system.
6. Materialists do not agree with people who accept and respect God as a supreme power.

### Short Answer Questions

1. What is Dr. Raymond Damadion's opinion about God's invisible intervention and loving inspiration in his victory?
2. Why does rationalists declare that 'there is no God'? Is it logical? Why?
3. What is meant by humanism?
4. Religion and faith in God have no place in communism. Explain
5. What are the important doctrines of communism, which Christians cannot accept?
6. What is the view of communism about class war and violence? Why does the church oppose this?
7. What is the view of the church about the employer and the employee?

### Paragraph Questions

1. Briefly explain the theories and ideologies in the history, which challenged faith.
2. Why does materialism contradict faith?
3. Why is communism not acceptable to Christians?

### Essay Questions

1. What are the important false doctrines against faith?
2. Christian faith and communist ideology will never go together. Describe the areas of disagreement.
3. One of your friends is an atheist and he says to you, "how can you believe in God, who is beyond the universe"? How will you explain your faith to him?

## CHAPTER 3: CHALLENGES RAISED BY PENTECOSTAL COMMUNITIES

### Answer the following in one word or sentence

1. What are the special features of Pentecostal groups?
2. What are the two main sections of the Pentecostal groups?
3. What is the greatest defect of the Pentecostal movement?
4. When the Pentecostal churches began to take root in Kerala?
5. How many books are there in the bible according to Pentecostal groups?

### Fill in the blanks

1. Pentecostal communities spread all over the world very fast because of their emotionalism.
2. And they devoted themselves to the Apostles 'teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2 :42)
3. Divine foundation of the church is instituted by Jesus Christ on Peter-the rock.
4. Pentecostal groups are founded more on practical interests than ideals and principles.
5. Pentecostal groups reject and blindly oppose the tradition of the Catholic church, Bl. Virgin Mary, saints, and Ministers.

### Short Answer questions

1. What is the basic lifestyle of early Christians? Justify from bible words.
2. What are the main teachings and lifestyle of Pentecostal movements?
3. Pentecostal groups are growing fast in Kerala. Why?
4. Though Pentecostal group claim that their model is apostolic church, the argument is not correct. Justify.

### Paragraph Questions

1. What are the wrong teachings that Pentecostal groups give?
2. What is the difference between the catholic Church and Pentecostal groups?
3. Briefly describe the drawbacks of Pentecostal Groups

### Essay Questions

1. What are the main challenges that Pentecostal communities raise against Catholic faith?
2. Recently one of your friends started to involve in the Pentecost church activities with some other friends. How can you convince him, that is not right and the importance of being a Catholic?

## CHAPTER 4: TEMPTATIONS OF LIFE

### Answer in one word or sentence

1. Who is a Christian in this world?
1. what is the sign of healthy personality?
2. What does St. Paul say about vainglory?
3. What is meant by consumerism?
4. What is prodigality?
5. Craze for luxurious things is a threat to social justice and immortal. Why?
6. What is the philosophy of pleasure seeking?
7. The faithful need diligence, discernment, and precaution to conquer temptations and progress. Why?

### Fill in the blanks

1. Greed for money is an obstacle to enter heaven.
2. Temptations are an invitation and persuasion to do evil.
3. "No temptation has overtaken you, that is not common to man. God is Faithfull and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength" (1 Corinthians10:13).

4. Christian life is a pilgrimage. The goal of this pilgrimage is heaven.
5. "it is easier for a camel to go through an eye of a needle than for the rich man to enter heaven" (Mt.19:24).
6. God has given all authority and power for the good and prosperity of man.
7. Greed is the excessive or uncontrollable desire of man to earn money.
8. Greed for money and vainglory tempt a person to have desire for power.
9. Desire for power is the tendency to misuse the power and position for one's own selfish gains.
10. 'For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice' (James 3:16)
11. Human life is meant for eternal life, that does not terminate with the end of the life in this world.
12. Christian life is a journey to the Father with Christ.

### Short Answer Questions

1. 'Desire for power is a worldly temptation and is dangerous'. Explain with examples
2. 'We should be careful not to lose eternal joy by indulging in the pleasures of this world'. Describe how can be careful.
3. How is temptation essential to reveal our strength as Christians.
4. What are the things, the tenth commandment forbid us?
5. "It is easier for a camel to go through an eye of a needle than for the rich man to enter heaven". Explain why greed for money an obstacle is to enter heaven.

### Paragraph Questions

1. How does "Lee Iacocca an Autobiography" helps us to live as a Christian in the middle of the temptations of this world?
2. Vainglory ultimately leads to the downfall of individuals and destruction of the people at large. Explain with examples
3. How extravagance and pleasure seeking become an obstacle to the perfection of Christian life?

### Essay Questions

1. What are the temptations of life that comes after us in attractive form? Explain
2. In the context of the modern world's philosophy, 'Everything is permissible', what are the temptations you are facing in your life? How can you overcome them to live as a Christian?
3. Suppose you are the leader of a group which organizes the youth against the increasing craze for luxuries. What will be your method of action? What may be the challenges?

## CHAPTER 5: CHRISTIAN LIFE A FIGHT AGAINST EVIL

### Answer in one word or sentence

1. What is Christian life according to St. Paul?
2. How did Jesus defeat the temptations of Satan in the desert?
3. What are the sacraments which constantly purify and strengthen us?
4. What is the source of power of Christian life?

### Fill in the blanks

1. The fight between David and Goliath as a symbol of warfare between Christians and evil powers
2. Christian life is warfare against Satan and his powers.
3. Disciples of Christ are obliged to fight against the evil powers and overcome temptations.
4. Vatican Council teaches us that every Christian is obliged to defeat rule of sin by self-control and holy life.
5. By Baptism, we are the children of God, members of the church and heirs to heaven.
6. To overcome the temptations of Satan, we live by the word of God and be filled with divine power.
7. "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom.12:21)
8. Jesus defeated the dominion of Satan forever by His Passion, Death and Resurrection.
9. Jesus accepted all the tortures of Satan joyfully for the reparation of the sins of humanity.
10. "If God is for me who can stand against me" (Rom 8:32)
11. "The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword" (Heb4:12)
12. The word of God helps us to know the will of God, to correct mistakes, to practice justice and to do good.
13. The word of God should be with us as the light in our path and lamp to our feet.
14. Jesus defeated temptation of Satan by empowering himself through prayer and fasting for forty days and using the sword of the Word of God.
15. Jesus taught us clearly that no one will be able to liberate ourselves from the snares of Satan except by prayer.
16. Jesus commanded us to stay awake and pray so that we may not yield to temptation.

### Short Answer Questions

1. Why do the Christians called not to belong to the world, but to be God's own and live according to His will?
2. What did Jesus say to remain firm in our faith in God and to empower ourselves through prayer?
3. What are the ways to conquer the temptations of Satan and to progress in virtue?
4. Why do we say that the Holy Eucharist is the source of power of Christian life?
5. How did Jesus defeat evil in his public life?



### Paragraph Questions

1. The power of evil is like Goliath and the Christians like David. Explain
2. What are the two phases in our fight against evil? Explain
3. What does St. Paul say about the weapons of God which Christians should wear to resist Satan and his cunning tricks?
4. We will be able to overcome all the powers of the evil by living in accordance with the word of God. Explain
5. Write a brief note on the importance of being in communion with parish community, in our spiritual warfare.

### Essay Questions

1. What are the things we should pay attention to defeat evil powers and to succeed in spiritual warfare?
2. How will I prepare myself to confront the crisis of Christian faith and morality in the Australian society I live today? Elucidate your response with practical things you can do in your daily life.

## CHAPTER 6: HOLY BIBLE- THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD

### Answer in one word or sentence

1. What is the most translated and most distributed book in the world?
2. What is meant by 'Divine Revelation'?
3. Name three messengers of God.
4. The Holy Bible got its 'name' from which Greek term?
5. What are the first and last book of Bible?
6. What are the prophetic books of Bible?
7. What is the motif behind the term 'canon'?
8. How many canonical books in the Bible according to Catholic tradition?
9. What is 'Septuagint'?
10. Who is known as the father of Biblical studies?

### Fill in the Blanks

1. "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handwork" (Psalm.19:1).
2. The saving plan of God, which began in paradise, is completed in Jesus.



3. “No one has ever seen God; the only son, who is in the bosom of the father, he has made him known” (Jn.1:18)
4. Church is the custodian, proclaimer, and interpreter of the divine revelation, handed down to us by the apostles.
5. Divine revelation not recorded in the Bible in the written form is called the Sacred Tradition of the Catholic Church.
6. All the new testament books were written in Greek language.
7. St. Jerome translated the whole Bible into Latin.
8. The Syriac translation of the Bible is known as ‘Peshitha’ Bible.
9. Crossing of the red sea is a sign of Christ’s victory and of Christian Baptism.
10. The church on earth is a sign of the heavenly Jerusalem.
11. Interpretation of the Bible must be based on Christian faith and teaching of the church’s Magisterium.
12. “The words that I have spoken to you are Spirit and Life” (Jn. 6:63)

### Short Answer Questions

1. The Holy Bible is important, not only because it is a religious book, but also because this book greatly influenced human history and human culture. Explain.
2. ‘Created world’ is the first phase and the universal form of divine revelation. Justify.
3. Which Gospel verses witnesses to the fact that Jesus and the Word of God is one and the same?
4. Why do we believe that the Mystery of God, which Jesus revealed, is definitive and perfect revelation of God?
5. What is the role of twelve apostles in the divine revelation?
6. Why do we say that the author of the Bible containing eternal truths is God?

### Paragraph Questions

1. Explain the meaning of ‘Divine inspiration’.
2. What do you understand by the statement ‘the Holy Bible is inspired by God’?
3. What are the important meanings of the Bible? explain
4. What are the principles to be born in mind while interpreting the Bible?

### Essay Questions

1. What is divine revelation? What are the phases of divine revelation?
2. You were challenged by Secularists on the authenticity of Bible and that it was not written by Jesus. How would you explain significant role of God in writing of the Bible and role of the Catholic Church in interpreting it?

## **CHAPTER 7: CHRISTIAN LIFE BEASD ON THE WORD OF GOD**

### **Answer in one word or sentence**

1. What was the Bible verse that cause the conversion of St. Francis Xavier?
2. What did God ask Ezekiel when he was sent to the house of Israel?
3. What was the message given by Pope benedict XVI to the youth about the Bible?
4. Who said, "Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Jesus"?
5. What is the utmost call of a Christian?

### **Fill in the blanks**

1. The word of God helps in the moral growth and integral process in life.
2. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Mt.4:4)
3. Jesus overcame temptations with the power of the word of God.
4. The word of the God is powerful to liberate us from sickness and bondages of evil.
5. Sin will not have entrance to the one who keeps the word of God in his heart.
6. "I have laid up Thy word in my heart that I might not sin against Thee" (Psl. 119:11)
7. "My mother and my brethren are those who hear the word of God and do it" (Lk. 8:21)
8. If you love one another, the world will know that you are my disciples" (Jn.13:35)
9. "Those who hear the word of God and act accordingly are like prudent men who build their houses on rock" (Mt.7:28)

### **Short Answer Questions**

1. Write the Bible verses, that changed St. Augustine's life to become a saint.
2. Explain what is meant by 'the word of God is life giving'.
3. Understanding the meaning of the word of God is as important as listening to word of God. Why?
4. Why should we pray for strength to live a life, based on the word of God?
5. The word of God transforms life. Write two examples.
6. How does the word of God act as an elixir to liberate us from sin and sinful circumstances?

### **Paragraph Questions**

1. Why is the word of God significant in our life?
2. What are the functions of the word of God?
3. Justify the statement, 'Life based on the word of God is a sign of discipleship'

## Essay Questions

1. What are the things to bear in mind to lead a life based on the word of God? Explain.
2. In your transition period from school to university, your daily routines are changed because of class times, work times and other social activities. How can you maintain your life according to the word of God?

## CHAPTER 8: CATHOLIC CHURCH AND OTHER CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

### Answer in one word or sentence

1. Who instituted the Catholic Church?
2. What is the source of the holiness of the church?
3. What does catholic means?
4. What is common between Malankara Syrian orthodox Church and Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church?

### Fill in the blanks

1. Church is the mystical body of Jesus and Jesus is her head.
2. The church instituted by Christ is the only, Holy, apostolic, and Catholic church
3. Jesus is the corner stone and apostles are the foundations of the Catholic church.
4. The popes, successors of St. Peter are the powerful signs and witnesses of the oneness of the Church.
5. Catholic church maintains the Paternal gift of the word of God transmitted through the apostles.
6. Oriental Orthodox Church communities are called Jacobites.
7. Jesus instituted his church on the foundation of Peter, the rock (Mt. 16:18)
8. I am the true wine and my Father is the vinedresser" (Jn15:1)

### Short Answer Questions

1. The Church remains as the light of the world and salt of the earth. How?
2. The Church is apostolic. Why?
3. What are the main church communities in Oriental Orthodox Church?
4. What is meant by Ecumenism?

### Paragraph Questions

1. What is the difference between Catholic church and other Christian churches?

2. Why should we be Catholics?
3. How did Marthoma church form in Kerala?
4. What is 'Bava Kakshi' and 'Methran Kakshi'?

### Essay Questions

1. What are the main four characteristics of the Holy Catholic Church?
2. Which are the other Christian churches in Kerala? Explain
3. How can you explain to your non-Catholic friends about the catholic church you belong to and how can you inspire them to be a Catholic?

## CHAPTER 9: CHURCH AND WORLD RELIGIONS

### Answer in one word or sentence

1. What is the holy book of Buddhism?
2. What does the term religion mean?
3. What is the foundation of Jewish religion?
4. What is Shintoism?
5. Name any two religions which believe in one God.
6. Name any four Christian Churches (other than Catholic Church).

### Fill in the blanks

1. Men's search for truth led to the concept of God and finally to religion.
2. Buddhism gives much importance to nonviolence.
3. According to Sikhism, Bhakthimarga is the means for God realisation.
4. Christianity originated in the background of Jewish religion.
5. A Christian is the one who accepts and proclaims Christ as the only saviour (Acts4:12)
6. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (Jn.3:16)

### Short Answer Questions

1. What are the five fundamental virtues doing the Confucianism religion believe?
2. What are the three things we need to attain heaven according to Jainism?
3. What are the five pillars of Islam?

4. According to Hinduism, what are the three ways to attain mukthi?
5. What is the difference between Christianity and Jewish religion?
6. How is Jesus different from other religious founders?

### Paragraph Questions

1. How is Christianity different from other religions?
2. What are the different religions in the world? Explain
3. Write a short note on the 'approach of the Church to other religions'?

### Essay Questions

1. What is the approach of Catholic church to other religions?
2. As a Catholic, what is the approach you should take toward other religions based on your learning and your experience with other religious friends? What is the difference between Jesus and other religious founders?

## **CHAPTER 10: CHRISTIAN LIFE AND MASS MEDIAS**

### Answer in one word or sentence

1. What is second Vatican council's opinion about the use of media?
2. What are the media related factors that destroy man's sense of morality?
3. Who is the patron saint of the internet?

### Fill in the blanks

1. Media contains values that develop man culturally and spiritually.
2. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel the whole creation" (Mk.16:15)
3. According to second Vatican Council, the youth, who use the media should be self-controlled and self-disciplined.
4. We must reject media presentations, which do not go along with Christian values.

### Short Answer Questions

1. Slavery to media is a danger in the audio-video culture. How?
2. How does mass media contribute positively to enlighten religious beliefs?
3. It is the duty of the church to encourage noble workers of art and literature and to spread them. Why?
4. Briefly explain the negative influences of media.

### Paragraph Questions

1. "It is the needed of the day, need of the church to encourage media ". Why?
2. What are the three main goals of Media? Explain.
3. What are the things we must bear in mind while evaluating media according to Christian values?
4. What are the things we should be careful about when developing a social commitment to media?

### Essay Questions

1. How can we use media for evangelization?
2. What are the powers of media? As a Christian, how can you use these powers for proclamation of the Gospel and for the consolation of human beings?

## **CHAPTER 11: FAITH AND REASON**

### Answer in one word or sentence

1. What are the two realities of human life?
2. What are the ways to know the truth?
3. What are the things necessary to the search for God in our life?
4. What is the total goodness according to St. Thomas Aquinas?

### Fill in the blanks

1. When faith and reason mutually support and complement, there will be peace and progress in the world.
2. According to the nature scientist, Linnaeus, "My soul beholds God's image in creations, and I am dumbfounded".
3. According to Einstein," Science without religion is defective; religion without Science is blind.
4. Bacon says, "A little Science keeps man away from God. Complex and wise Science leads man to God".
5. To the search for God in our life, total effort of intellect and truthfulness of mind are necessary.
6. "All things are possible to him who believes" (MK. 9:23)
7. Einstein wrote "I cannot imagine of a real scientist who did not have profound faith. Science without religion is defective. Religion without science is blind.

### **Short Answer Questions**

1. What did Albert Einstein write about Faith (Religion)?
2. What is Pope John Paul II's opinion about faith and reason?
3. What is faith according to Christians?
4. What is the meaning of 'to believe'?
5. Thirst for God is imprinted in human heart for Christians, why?
6. What are the religious expressions given to man to his search for God?
7. What are the important reasons for forgetting or rejecting the relationship between God and man based on faith?

### **Paragraph Questions**

1. Faith and reason (Religion and Science) are complimentary. Explain.
2. As a Christian how can you lead a complete life in truth?

### **Essay Questions**

1. What are the five means of St. Thomas Aquinas, which helps us to convince the existence of God?
2. Faith and reason are two realities of human life. But the ultimate basis of human existence is faith above reason. Explain.

## **CHAPTER 12: YOU, BE MY WITNESS**

### **Answer in one word or sentence**

1. What does Jesus ask you to do after your twelve years of faith formation?
2. What is the mission of catholic church?
3. How did we become children of God and members of the church?
4. What is the most important way of Christian witness?
5. What is the greatest worship of the church?
6. What was the mission, Jesus gave to his disciples just before His ascension after resurrection?
7. What is the mission of every Christian in the ways of evangelization?



### Fill in the blanks

1. "Let your light so shine before men, that you may see your Good works and give glory to your Father" (Mt.5:16)
2. Jesus sends us after our twelve years of Christian formation with the exhortation 'be my witness'
3. "If you love one another by this all men will know that you are my disciples" (Jn.13:35)
4. We became children of God and members of the church through baptism.
5. Jesus blessed us in confirmation with the power to bear witness to Him and to proclaim the Gospel.
6. The fundamental mission of the missionary Church is evangelisation according to second Vatican Council.
7. "If you want to follow me, take up your cross and come after me" (Mt.16:24)
8. "You are the salt of the earth ....and light of the world" (Mt.5: 13-14)
9. Jesus chose his disciples to continue his mission of witness

### Short Answer Questions

1. How do we witness to Jesus through the proclamation of the gospel?
2. How does the sacramental life help us to become a witness to Jesus?
3. Social change is the mission of a Christian. Why?

### Paragraph Questions

1. What are the main phases of witnessing life? Explain how
2. Every Christian is a bear witness to Jesus. Explain.
3. How does life of suffering become a Christian witness?

### Essay Questions

1. What are the different ways Christian witness? Explain
2. How can you live as a witness to Jesus in your life? Explain.

## **GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA**

### **Answer in one word or sentence**

1. What was the last word of Gianna Beretta? “Jesus, I love you, Jesus, I love you”
2. Where did St. Gianna born and live? Italy
3. What was Gianna’s profession? Pediatrician
4. How did she consider the profession?  
She considered her profession as a mission and rendered generous service.

### **Fill in the blanks**

1. St. Gianna is the patron saint for mothers, physicians, and unborn children.
2. St. Gianna as canonized by Pope John Paul II as a saint on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2004.
3. The feast day of St. Gianna’s is commemorated on 28<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Short Answer Questions**

1. How did St. Gianna follow the example of Christ according to Bible?

Gianna sacrificed her life for her child. “Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end” (Jn.13:1). She refused both an abortion and a hysterectomy while pregnant with her fourth child despite knowing that her refusal could result in her own death, which did later occur. The extreme sacrifice she sealed with her life testifies that those who have courage to give of themselves totally to god and to others can lead a life of fulfilment.

2. What does St. Gianna teach us from her life?

We should rediscover the pure, chaste beauty of conjugal love, lived as a response to divine call. We learn how to place ourselves at the service of each person we meet within family and professional lives and thus grow in love and holiness, acknowledging the worth and dignity of human life.

### **Paragraph Question**

Write a paragraph about St. Gianna Beretta’s life.

### **PRAYERS**

- **Apostles creed**
- **Ten Commandments**
- **Percepts of the Church**

- **Prayer before Confession**
- **Act of Contrition**
- **Five conditions for a Good Confession**
- **Seven Sacraments**
- **14 Acts of Mercy**

**BIBLE READING: Acts 1-15**