

Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur
A MEGA QUIZ ON DON BOSCO

- 1. When and where was John Bosco born?**
On 16th August 1815 at Becchi in Castelnuovo, Italy
- 2. Who were the parents of John Bosco?**
Francis Bosco and Margaret Ochienna
- 3. What is the Baptismal name of John Bosco?**
John Melchior Bosco
- 4. What did Don Bosco tell Mamma Maragaret on his death bed?**
I entrust our children to you, take special care of little John
- 5. When did John Bosco's father die?**
On 12th May 1815, at the age of 34
- 6. How old was John Bosco when his father died?**
Two years old.
- 7. Who are the brothers of John Bosco?**
Antony and Joseph.
- 8. What was the advice given by Mamma Margaret to her children?**
"God sees you"
- 9. Who was against John Bosco's studies?**
His step brother Antony
- 10. Who was the first educator of John Bosco?**
Mamma Margaret, his mother
- 11. What was Mamma Margaret's response when calamities destroyed the harvest?**
The Lord gave it to us and the Lord took it away. He is the Master of the harvest. He knows the best.
- 12. When did John Bosco have that special dream for the first time?**
In 1824, at the age of nine.
- 13. Who were the Majestic persons who appeared to John Bosco in his dream?**
Jesus Christ and Mother Mary
- 14. What was John Bosco's nick name among his friends?**
The cow boy of Becchi
- 15. Who was the priest who helped little John Bosco?** Don Calosso
- 16. In which year did John Bosco begin to live at the Moglia farm?**
In 1827 because of poverty in his family.
- 17. What did John Bosco say to Mamma Margaret about him playing with his friends?**
When I am with them, they do not speak bad words.
- 18. What did John Bosco say to John Robert?**
"I shall become a priest" and shall have charge of many boys.
- 19. What was the name given to John Bosco by his fellow students in Chieri?** Day dreamer
- 20. In 1833 which congregation did John Bosco wanted to Join?** Franciscans
- 21. When did John Bosco join the seminary?**
On 30th October 1835 at Chieri.
- 22. What were the words written on the walls of the seminary in Chieri?**
Time will fly for the cheerful. It will drag, if you are not.
- 23. Who was John Bosco's intimate friend at the seminary?**
Louis Comollo
- 24. Why did John Bosco want to become a priest?**
To care for the poor and abandoned youth
- 25. When was John Bosco ordained a priest?**
On 5th June, 1841
- 26. What was Don Bosco's motto?**
"Give me souls and take away the rest"
- 27. What did Mamma Margaret tell John Bosco at his ordination?**
"To begin to say Mass, is to begin to suffer."
- 28. What is the meaning of "Don"?**

Don in Latin means Father

- 29. Who was the spiritual guide of Don Bosco?** Don Cafasso
- 30. What was the advice given by Don Cafasso to Don Bosco?**
Work for youth
- 31. Who was called the apostle of the Prisons in Turin?** Don Cafasso
- 32. Who was the first boy encountered by Don Bosco?**
Bartholomeo Garelli
- 33. When did Don Bosco meet Bartholomeo Garelli?**
On 8th December 1841
- 34. With what prayer did Don Bosco begin his oratory work?**
The Hail Mary...
- 35. What is the meaning of the term oratory?**
House of prayer
- 36. What was the aim of Oratory?**
To be happy and to make others happy
- 37. With what prayer did Don Bosco usually start his work?** Hail Mary
- 38. What were the means used by Don Bosco to achieve the aims of his oratory?**
Recreation, entertainment, singing and schooling
- 39. How many times did the oratory change its place?** 6 times.
- 40. Where was the oratory finally established?**
Valdocco in April 12, 1846
- 41. What did Don Bosco do during the week days?**
Don Bosco would visit the places where his boys worked.
- 42. What did Mamma Margaret tell Don Bosco in a dream after her death?**
“I am waiting for you in heaven, for we two can never be separated.
- 43. Who encouraged Don Bosco to found a religious society?**
Minister Urban Ratazzi
- 44. What did Don Bosco say about the role of Mary in the Congregation?**
Mary is the foundress and sustainer of our congregation
- 45. After whom are the Salesians named?**
St. Francis de Sales
- 46. What is the name of the dog that defended Don Bosco?** Giriglio
- 47. What did Don Bosco promise his Sons?**
Work, bread and heaven
- 48. When did Don Bosco publish the life of Dominic Savio?**
In January 1859
- 49. Which are the three groups founded by Don Bosco?**
Salesians, Salesian Sisters, and Salesian Cooperators.
- 50. When did Don Bosco die?**
On 31st January 1888 at 4.45am
- 51. For how many years was Don Bosco a priest?** 47 years
- 52. When is the feast of St. John Bosco celebrated?** January 31
- 53. When was Don Bosco canonized?**
On 1st April 1934
- 54. How is the educational system of Don Bosco known as?**
The Preventive system
- 55. What are the three pillars of the Preventive System?**
Reason, Religion and Loving kindness
- 56. What did Don Bosco say to the youth?**
That you are young; is enough for me to love you.
- 57. When did the Salesians come to India?**
On 6th January 1906
- 58. What is the name of the boy who was raised from death by Don Bosco?**
Charles

- 59. What is the expansion of SDB?**
Salesians of Don Bosco
- 60. What is the motto of the Salesians?**
Work and temperance
- 61. What is the aim of the Salesian Congregation?**
To prepare the young to be good Christians and honest citizens
- 62. What advice did Don Bosco give to Dominic Savio to become a saint?**
Do the ordinary things in an extraordinary way
- 63. What was written on the door of Don Bosco's room?**
Every moment of time is a treasure
- 64. Which is the first book written by Don Bosco?**
The life of Aloysius Comollo
- 65. Mention the names of two boys whom Don Bosco predicted would become Bishops?**
Cagliero, Costamagna
- 66. What advice did Don Bosco give to the First Salesian Missionaries?**
Do not look for power and money, look only for souls
- 67. What did Don Bosco say about Obedience?**
Be obedient and you will become a saint.
- 68. Who was the immediate successor of Don Bosco?**
Don Michael Rua
- 69. Which are the countries that Don Bosco visited during his life time?**
France and Spain
- 70. When did Don Bosco Visit Rome for the last time?**
On 18 May 1887
- 71. Which Cardinal was the close friend of Don Bosco?**
Cardinal Gastano Alimonda
- 72. Who was the Prince who came to Don Bosco to become a Salesian?**
Prince Augustus Czartoryski
- 73. What did Don Bosco say to Prince Czartoryski?**
"Your Excellency! the Salesians are not for you.
- 74. Which was Don Bosco's regular pamphlet for the youth?**
'The Companion of Youth'
- 75. What were the last words of Don Bosco?**
Jesus, Mary and Joseph. I give my soul into your hands. Open the gates of heaven for me.
- 76. What did Don Bosco wanted the boys to know before he died?**
Tell them that I am waiting for them in heaven
- 77. What did Don Bosco say to those around him before his death?**
Remove from my pocket any money that may be in it. I wish to die penniless.
- 78. What did Don Bosco say about the Salesian Congregation before his death?**
Our congregation is led by God and protected by Mary Help of Christians.
- 79. How old was Don Bosco when he died?**
72 years, 5 months and 15 days
- 80. Where was the body of Don Bosco kept after his death?**
In the Church of St. Francis de sales
- 81. When and where was Don Bosco buried?**
On 6th February 1888 at Valsalice
- 82. Where are the mortal remains of Don Bosco preserved now?**
In the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians, Turin
- 83. What are the words written on the tomb of Don Bosco?**
Priest and Father of Orphans, rests in peace with Christ.
- 84. When was Don Bosco beatified?**
On 2nd June 1929 by Pope Pius XI
- 85. What is meant by Canonization?**
Official proclamation of the church that a person is a Saint

- 86. Who was the Pope who canonized Don Bosco?**
Pope Pius XI
- 87. What did Pope Pius XI say about Don Bosco during the canonization?**
Don Bosco is a giant of Sanctity
- 88. What did Pope Leo XIII say about Don Bosco's work?**
Don Bosco's work is undoubtedly God's work.
- 89. What was the comment about Don Bosco in 'Terries of London'?**
Don Bosco was the St. Vincent De Paul of the 19th Century.
- 90. How many volumes are there in the Biographical Memoirs of Don Bosco?**
19 volumes
- 91. What is the Mission of the Salesians?**
To be signs and bearers of God's Love to the young, especially the poor and abandoned.
- 92. What did Don Bosco say about music in Salesian house?**
A Salesian house without music is like a body without soul
- 93. What did Don Bosco say about the Devil?**
The devil wants you to be idle and he greatly fears seeing you busy.
- 94. What did Don Bosco say about eating?**
We should eat to live, not live to eat.
- 95. What did Don Bosco say to his boys against wasting food?**
Divine providence will withhold what you need.
- 96. What was the aim of theatre according to Don Bosco?**
To amuse, to educate and to instruct the youth.
- 97. What was the secret that Don Bosco followed to win the hearts of theyoung?**
Love, Kindness and family Spirit
- 98. What did Pope Pius XI say about Don Bosco?**
"In Don Bosco the extraordinary becomes ordinary."
- 99. In how many countries are the Salesians Present?**
132 Countries
- 100. What was Dominic Savio's request to Don Bosco?**
Father, help me to be a saint
- 101. What did Dominic Savio say on seeing the words in Don Bosco's room?**
Here, you do business with souls
- 102. What did Mamma Margaret tell Don Bosco about riches?**
I was born poor, I lived poor and I wish to die poor, if you ever become a rich Priest; I will never set my foot in your house
- 103. Where did Don Bosco record the main events of his life and oratory?**
In the Memoirs of the Oratory of Francis De Sales.
- 104. Name the saintly boys of the oratory whose biographies were written by Don Bosco?**
Dominic Savio, Mickey Magone, Francis Bescuccio.
- 105. When did Don Bosco celebrate his first mass?**
On 6th June 1841
- 106. Who ordained John Bosco?**
Archbishop Luigi Fransoni
- 107. What was the advice given by mamma Margaret to Johnny after he received the cassock?**
When you began your schooling, I recommended you to the Blessed Virgin. Now, I exhort you to belong entirely to her. Love those who are devoted to her, and if you become someday a priest constantly preach and promote devotion to Mary.
- 108. What did Johnny Bosco say to Mr. Moglia about prayer?**
If you pray, you will gather four ears of corn for every two grains you sow; if you do not pray, you will gather only two ears for every four grains you sow."
- 109. What did Fr. Calosso assure John Bosco?**
Do not worry about your future; as long as I am alive I will see to your needs, even if I die I shall provide for you.
- 110. What was John Bosco's reply after meeting his Latin teacher Fr. Calosso?**

Then, I understood the value of having a stable spiritual director. A friend of the soul. I did not have a spiritual guide up to that time.

111. What did Mother Mary say to John in the dream at nine?

This is the field of your work. Make yourself humble, strong and energetic.

112. What did Jesus say to Johnny Bosco when he was fighting with the boys in the dream at 9?

You will have to win these friends of yours not by blows but by gentleness and love. Start teaching them the ugliness of sin and the beauty of virtue.

113. What did the mysterious man tell Johnny in his first dream?

I will give you a teacher under whose direction you can become wise and without whom all wisdom is foolishness.

114. What did Don Bosco tell those who asked him to take rest?

First tell the devil to rest and I'll rest too.

115. What advice did Don Bosco give to the Salesians with regard to poverty?

As long as we are poor, divine providence will never fail us.

116. What did Don Bosco tell his Salesians regarding rules?

If you have loved me in the past, continue to love me by the exact observance of our Constitutions.

117. How many Salesian Institutions are in the world at Present?

Nearly 2,000 Institutions.

118. Where did the first Salesians begin their work?

At Tanjore on 14th January 1906.

119. What did Don Bosco say about the virtue of obedience?

There can be no virtue without obedience

120. What did Don Bosco suggest to become a saint?

Be obedient and you will become a saint.

121. What did Don Bosco suggest to grow in the virue of Obedience?

A Hail Mary during the elevation time in the Eucharist

122. In 1846 when Don Bosco was saved by the prayers of his boys what did he tell them?

For you I study, for you I work, for you I am ready even to give my life

123. What did Pope Paul VI say about Don Bosco?

Don Bosco was a prophet. He was able to read the signs ahead of his time.

124. How much of sleep did Don Bosco allow himself at night?

Only 5 hours. Once a week Don Bosco used to work the entire night.

125. Which is the invocation of Mary which Don Bosco insisted to be recited in the morning, afternoon and at night?

Dear Mother, ever a virgin, help me to save my soul.