Catholic Traditions and History

Choose one answer per question. Circle A, B, C, or D.

1. Which three sacraments does the Catholic catechism group under Christian initiation?
   A. Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
   B. Baptism, Matrimony, and Holy Orders
   C. Confirmation, Penance, and Matrimony
   D. Eucharist, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick

2. On a typical Sunday in Ordinary Time, which color does the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops associate with the day's main Roman Rite celebration?
   A. Violet
   B. Red
   C. Green
   D. Rose

3. Which book contains the readings and responsorial psalm assigned to a particular Roman Catholic Mass?
   A. A book of parish announcements
   B. The Lectionary
   C. The diocesan directory
   D. A list of saints' feast dates

4. What is another name for the Liturgy of the Hours, the Catholic cycle of prayers marking the day?
   A. The Lectionary
   B. The Roman Martyrology
   C. The General Roman Calendar
   D. The Divine Office

5. Which broad subject does Pope Francis address in his 2015 encyclical Laudato si’?
   A. The history of the Roman calendar
   B. Care for the earth as a shared home
   C. Rules for translating the Lectionary
   D. The design of church buildings in Rome

6. Which group lists the three degrees of Holy Orders given in the Catholic catechism?
   A. Bishop, priest, and deacon
   B. Bishop, religious sister, and priest
   C. Priest, cantor, and lector
   D. Bishop, catechist, and lector

7. The 1965 Vatican decree closing the Second Vatican Council says it opened on October 11, 1962. Which pope had called it?
   A. John Paul II
   B. Paul VI
   C. Pius XI
   D. John XXIII

8. How does paragraph 1203 of the Catholic catechism identify the Ambrosian rite?
   A. An alternate name for the Alexandrian rite
   B. An alternate name for the Maronite rite
   C. A local rite in the Latin tradition
   D. A newer name for the Byzantine rite

9. In the Sunday Lectionary summary used by the U.S. bishops, which Gospel supplies most of the readings in Year C?
   A. Luke
   B. Matthew
   C. Mark
   D. John

10. Which pair can a reader look up for a specific date in the annual liturgical calendar for U.S. dioceses?
   A. The opening times of individual churches and their seating plans
   B. The names of local readers and their arrival times
   C. The cost of altar flowers and the shop that supplied them
   D. The liturgical color and the reference for the Mass readings

11. A fictional schedule keeps the current Sunday Lectionary cycle until January 1, even though Advent began weeks earlier. On which day should the schedule switch cycles?
   A. Christmas Day
   B. The first Sunday of January
   C. The first Sunday of Advent
   D. The first Sunday of Lent

12. Which pair fits the standard U.S. bishops’ summary of Gospel canticles for Morning and Evening Prayer?

A. Mary’s canticle for Morning Prayer and Zechariah’s for Evening Prayer
B. Zechariah’s canticle for Morning Prayer and Mary’s for Evening Prayer
C. Zechariah’s canticle for both Morning and Evening Prayer
D. Mary’s canticle for both Morning and Evening Prayer

13. Which summary matches the balance in article 36 of the Second Vatican Council’s constitution on the liturgy?

A. It requires all Eastern Catholic rites to adopt Latin.
B. It requires every part of every celebration to use a local language.
C. It restricts local languages to announcements outside the service.
D. It preserves Latin in the Latin rites and allows broader use of local languages under the stated rules.

14. You want to locate a chapter titled The People of God in an official Vatican II constitution. Which document contains it?

A. Lumen gentium
B. Sacrosanctum Concilium
C. Laudato si’
D. In Spiritu Sancto

15. An archive labels the Second Vatican Council's opening as October 1962 and its formal closing as December 1965. How much longer than three full years did the council run by those labels?

A. About ten months
B. About six months
C. About two months
D. About one year