

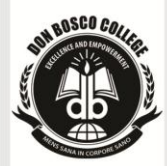


# DON BOSCO COLLEGE

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## QUIZ ON DON BOSCO

### 01. HISTORY

**01) When and where did Don Bosco's birth take place?**

John Melchior Bosco, known as Don Bosco, was born on August 16, 1815, in the hamlet of Becchi, in Italy.

**02) Who were the parents and other family members of Don Bosco?**

The name of Don Bosco's father was Francis Bosco, his mother's name was Margaret Occhiena and his elder brothers were Anthony and Joseph.

**03) When did John Bosco's father die?**

His father died in 1817, when Don Bosco was two years old.

**04) When did Don Bosco have his first dream about serving the youth?**

In 1824, at the age of 9, Don Bosco dreamt of youth ministry.

**05) Who ordained Don Bosco a priest and when?**

On 5<sup>th</sup> June 1841, Don Bosco was ordained a priest by Archbishop Franzoni of Turin, Italy.

**06) What was the first incident in the beginning of his service to the young?**

On 8<sup>th</sup> December 1841, Don Bosco began his youth work with a student named Barthelomeo Garelli.

**07) When was the Salesian Society formed?**

On 26<sup>th</sup> January 1854, the congregation was formed with a small group of its students, named the Salesians, and on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 1859, the Salesian Society was founded with 1 priest, 15 undergraduates and 1 school student.

**08) When did Don Bosco die?**

Don Bosco went to be with the Lord on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1888 at the age of 72.

**09) When was Don Bosco proclaimed a saint?**

On the first day of April 1934, Don Bosco was proclaimed a saint by Pope Pius XI.

**10) Write about the Salesians of present age ?**

As of 2019, all around the world, in 133 countries, 14,614 Salesians are working for the youth in 1,915 Salesian institutions.

## **02. LOVE AND SERVICE**

**11) How does God help those who love Him?**

“The Lord turns everything to the advantage of those who love Him.”

**12) What does Don Bosco say about commenting on others?**

“I beg you most earnestly to avoid harsh, cutting remarks; treat each other as good brothers”

**13) What should we do to win the love of the young?**

“If you want to be loved, you yourselves must love, and make your children feel that you love them.”

**14) Why should we love others?**

Since the Lord says, “Love one another” (Gospel of John), it is not a mere exhortation, but a command, it would be sinful to do otherwise.”

**15) In what should we involve ourselves keenly?**

“Busy yourself in loving rather than fearing.”

**16) Bring out the difference between the Sons of God and Sons of Satan.**

“Charity is what sets the sons of God apart from the sons of Satan and of the world.”

**17) What does Don Bosco say about charity?**

“If we have nothing, we can give nothing; but if we have a little, let’s give a little. If we have much, let’s give accordingly. In all cases, let charity be our guide, for ultimately it will be to our advantage.”

**18) What is the good thing which can be done by everyone?**

“Not all of us can fast, or undertake arduous journeys in God’s service, or give generous alms, but we can all love. All it takes is the sincere desire to do so.”

**19) What does Don Bosco say about helping others?**

“In all things, I want you to practice charity.”

**20) Why should we not pass hasty judgment on others?**

“When you hear reports of anyone, try to gather all the facts before you pass judgment. You will often hear things which appear to be beams and are merely specks.”

### **03. SOUL AND HEAVEN**

**21) What must be one’s intention while doing, saying or thinking?**

“Whatever you do, say, or think, let it be for your soul’s good.”

**22) What does Don Bosco insist on?**

“I urge you to help each other to save your souls by good example and advice.”

**23) Why should we save our soul?**

“Remember that you have only one soul; if you save it, everything is safe; if you lose it, everything is lost forever.”

**24) When should we shout “Wolf! Wolf!”?**

“You should cry, “Wolf! Wolf!” against those hellish wolves who seek to ruin your souls.”

**25) What were the two things Don Bosco was afraid of?**

“There are two things I fear: mortal sin, which kills the soul and dying in mortal sin”.

**26) What are the two actions upon which Don Bosco acts hastily?**

“In matters that are for the good of young people at risk, or that serve to win souls for God, I run ahead to the point of rashness.”

**27) What is the motto of Don Bosco?**

“Give me souls, take away the rest”

**28) For what purpose should we use our worldly knowledge?**

“I exhort the students to use earthly knowledge as a stepping stone to heavenly things.”

**29) What should we keep in mind in all our hardships?**

“In your work or sorrow, never forget we have a great reward stored up for us in Heaven.”

**30) Why should we not yield to the world’s praise?**

“Woe to him who works for the world’s praise; the world is a bad debtor and pays only with ingratitude.”

## **04. YOUTH**

**31) For whom was Don Bosco very much concerned?**

“It is enough for you to be young for me to love you very much.”

**32) Which part of our life is springtime?**

“Remember that youth is the springtime of life.”

**33) What is the advice given by Don Bosco for the youth?**

“My children, jump, run, play and make all the noise you want, but avoid sin like the plague and you will surely gain heaven.”

**34) Which two are highly inflammable?**

“Youth and wine are highly inflammable.”

**35) What does Don Bosco caution about the period of youth?**

“It is quite certain that someday you shall die and that a bad death brings eternal misery. Therefore, be more concerned with keeping yourselves in the state of grace in order to meet death than with anything else.”

**36) State the importance of education for the young according to Don Bosco.**

“Do you want to do a good deed? Teach the young! Do you want to perform a holy act? Teach the young! Truly, now and for the future, among holy things, this is the holiest.”

**37) Bring out the idea of Don Bosco on understanding the love of the youngsters.**

“With God’s help, we must seek to strike in their hearts a chord of gratitude, which we owe Him in return, for the benefits He so generously showers upon us.”

**38) What does Don Bosco say on the love of Mother Mary for the youth?**

“Our Lady loves those who are young; make sure you call upon Her often.”

**39) What does Don Bosco say about loving the youth?**

“Young people must not only be loved; but they must know they are loved.”

**40) What stands first in spoiling the youngsters?**

“No poison is more fatal to youth than bad literature. If you value your soul, do not read them.”

## **05. DEVOTION**

**41) How can you direct your actions towards God?**

“Direct every action to the Lord by saying, “Lord, I offer You this work, please bless it.”

**42) How should we involve ourselves in serving God?**

“Be cheerful, but let your cheerfulness be genuine, stemming from a conscience free from sin.”

**43) How can one be truly cheerful?**

“Believe me... nobody can be truly happy in this world unless he is at peace with God.”

**44) What are the two things exclusively in the hands of God?**

“Life and death are in God’s hands, He disposes of them as He sees fit.”

**45) How should be the relationship between God and us?**

“Let us love God and never offend Him! In turn, He will always provide for our needs.”

**46) For what purpose should our eyes and limbs function?**

“Our eyes should see only for God, our feet walk only for Him, our hands labour for Him alone.”

**47) What are the rails of our earthly journey?**

“Keep going by the fire of faith and confidence in God, for without it, empires and kingdoms fall and the work of man is useless.”

**48) Which is the armour against Satan according to Don Bosco?**

“Take up the shield of faith, so that you can resist the assaults of the devil.”

**49) How can we be grateful to God?**

“Gratitude to God means carrying out His Will and obeying His commandments, especially those which stress the observance of the duties of our state of life.”

**50) What is essential to make all armies useful?**

“All armies are useless unless assisted by God.”

## **06. EDUCATION**

**51) In what way can the young follow the habit of the bees?**

“Imitate the bees in choosing only what is good and discarding the rest. Each of you must find what is best in his companions and then try to imitate them in that.”

**52) What are the pillars of Don Bosco’s educational system?**

“Religion and reason are the two pillars of my whole system of education.”

**53) What is the advice of Don Bosco on education and proper use of time?**

“To acquire knowledge, never lose a moment of time. Time, my dear sons, is precious. Devote to your studies all the time you are assigned for them.”

**54) What are the two prerequisites of true education?**

“Without confidence and love, there can be no true education.”

**55) How does false teaching affect us?**

“False teachings sink in easily, but it takes skill, knowledge and time to refute objections.”

**56) According to Don Bosco, what will make vice and disorder prevail?**

“If young people are educated properly, we have moral order; if not, vice and disorder prevail.”

**57) What is the purpose of education?**

“Study to become very rich, but rich in virtue, because the greatest of all treasures is the holy fear of God.”

**58) Why does Don Bosco say that we should not live by the sweat of others?**

“You are in school to acquire skills in order to earn a living. Never let it be said that you live by the sweat of others.”

**59) What does Don Bosco say about determination in learning?**

“Learning always requires effort, the degree of which depends on one’s intelligence. Therefore, take heart and don’t give up. It is a mistake to skirt difficulties or to skip what you don’t understand and go on to something else.”

**60) Why should we concentrate on the Christian education of the youth?**

“If we want to have a good society, we must concentrate all our forces on the Christian education of the young. Experience has taught me that if we wish to sustain civil society then we should take good care of the young.”

## **07. ACTION**

**61) What does Don Bosco say about action?**

“Do what you can. God will do what you can’t do yourself.”

**62) Why should we not postpone doing good?**

“Do not put off till tomorrow the good you can do today. You may not have a tomorrow.”

**63) When will the obstacles disappear?**

“Tackle the obstacle until you have overcome it. Your difficulties will disappear.”

**64) What should be our attitude in our work?**

“Always give great importance to whatever you do.”

**65) To what extent must we work?**

“Work, but only do as much as your strength can take.”

**66) What does Don Bosco say about work?**

“Prayer is the first thing; and with prayer, work. The one who does no work has no right to eat.”

**67) What does Don Bosco say about the way he worked?**

“I do everything as if it were for the last time in my life. I work as if I still needed to live for many a long year.”

**68) What does Don Bosco say about human labour?**

“Man is born to work and only he who works lovingly and diligently finds work easy.”

**69) Whom does Don Bosco propose as model for work style?**

“Always work with the gentleness of St. Francis de Sales and with the patience of Job.”

**70) How does Don Bosco relate discipline to labour?**

“Work is a great safeguard for morality.”

## **08. SLOTH**

**71) What are the obstacles should we avoid in carrying out our duties?**

“Avoid idleness and idle people; carry out your duties.”

**72) What does the devil want of you?**

“The devil wants you to be idle and greatly fears seeing you busy.”

**73) Which is our greatest enemy?**

“Your greatest enemy is idleness; fight it without let up.”

**74) What should not be mistaken for rest?**

“Rest never means idleness.”

**75) What is the devil’s workshop?**

“An idle mind is the devil’s workshop”

**76) Who is the father of all vices?**

“Idleness teaches us all kinds of vices. Idleness is the father of all vices.”

**77) What are the ways to overcome idleness and temptation?**

“As soon as you become aware of temptation, busy yourself with something. Idleness and modesty can’t go together. In overcoming idleness, you will overcome temptations against purity.”

**78) How can you overcome sloth?**

“Avoid idleness and be most diligent in your scholastic and religious duties.”

**79) Can idlers enter heaven?**

“Heaven wasn’t made for idlers.”

**80) What was written on the wall of Don Bosco’s room?**

“Every moment of time is a treasure”



## 09. FRIENDSHIP

**81) How can you reconcile with your friend?**

“Let us practice charity among ourselves. If you have something against a companion of yours, get it off your heart right away without fear; do not hold a grudge.”

**82) Who are bad companions?**

“Those who blaspheme, steal and do not fear God are bad companions. Avoid them like a plague.”

**83) Whom should you not consider a friend?**

“Do not consider one a friend if he praises you excessively.”

**84) How can you command good respect from your companions?**

“Do you want your companions to respect you? Always think well of everyone and be ready to help others. Do this and you will be happy.”

**85) Whom should we avoid and with whom should we be intimate?**

“Avoid bad companions. Go with good boys, those you know are praised for their conduct by your superiors.

**86) What does Don Bosco say about bad companions?**

“As long as you do not fear avoiding bad companions, consider yourself to be in serious danger. In fact, fear that you are bad yourself.”

**87) How can we choose good friends?**

“Choose your friends and companions among the people who are known to be good; in fact, choose the best among them.”

**88) What can we imitate and what should we avoid from our friends?**

“As you associate with your friends, imitate the best in them and avoid their shortcomings; we all have those.”

**89) When will death not frighten you?**

“Do what you are supposed to; do not indulge in foul talk, frequent the sacraments, and do not give into gluttony. Death then will not frighten you.”

**90) From whom should you keep away?**

“Keep away from bad friends and bad books.”

## 10. CONDUCT

**91) What does Don Bosco say about acting prudently?**

“Act today in such a way that you need not blush tomorrow.”

**92) Who is a bad son?**

“You may always be sure that he who speaks badly of his own father is a bad son.”

**93) From whom should you stay aloof and why?**

“Avoid those who in your presence aren’t ashamed to make use of scandalous words and double meanings.”

**94) What should we do and what should we avoid?**

“Put up willingly with the faults of others, if you wish others to put up with yours. Do not try to excuse your faults; try to correct them.”

**95) What are the three dimensions of modesty?**

“Modesty means a proper and decent manner of speaking, acting and walking.”

**96) What are the characteristics of a good boy?**

“A boy who is moderate in eating, drinking and sleeping will be upright, diligent, generous, and thoroughly good.”

**97) Why should we not write anything offensive?**

“Do not write anything offensive, ... what is written remains.”

**98) What does Don Bosco say about knowledge?**

“Remember that knowledge without morals is the soul’s ruination.”

**99) What are the four qualities required for a longer life span?**

To enjoy good health and live a long life you need four things:

1. A clear conscience when you go to bed at night.
2. Moderation in eating;
3. An active life;
4. Good companions.

**100) Why should we guard our eyes?**

“Guard your eyes since they are the windows through which sin enters the soul.”

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*St. John Bosco*