



**Nativity Fast Competition 2025/2026**  
**Study on the Book “Contemplations on Nativity” by HH Pope Shenouda III – Part 2**

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Date of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

**First: Place a check (✓) for true or a cross (X) for false:**

- 1- The book emphasizes that the Nativity was not merely a historical event but a theological mystery. (.....)
- 2- It was necessary for Christ to be born in the capital Jerusalem to fulfill the prophecies. (.....)
- 3- The purpose of the Nativity is "the fall and rising of many," as the book explains. (.....)
- 4- Pope Shenouda considers the Feast of the Nativity as the feast of humility and love. (.....)
- 5- The book considers the flight to Egypt as evidence of the weakness of divine power. (.....)
- 6- The Incarnation means that the divinity separated from the humanity during His time on earth. (.....)
- 7- Pope Shenouda's contemplations link the simplicity of the Nativity with the simplicity of the Christian life required. (.....)
- 8- The name "Jesus" means "salvation" or "Yahweh saves." (.....)
- 9- The book affirms that the Nativity led to reconciliation between man and his fellow man only. (.....)
- 10- The annunciation to the shepherds was through a heavenly star that suddenly appeared to them. (.....)

**Second: Choose the correct answer(s):**

- 1- What is the theological interpretation presented by the book for the phrase "emptied Himself" in the Incarnation?
  - a) He hid His glory and took the form of a servant
  - b) He abandoned His divinity
  - c) He refrained from displaying miraculous powers
  - d) He forgot His prior knowledge

2- The book affirms that Christ was born in the fullness of time to show

- a) The end of the Old Covenant
- b) The superiority of the Jews over the nations
- c) The perfection of divine preparation and salvation
- d) The beginning of political conflict

3- What is the role of humans that the book emphasizes in fulfilling the prophecies of the Nativity?

- a) Resistance and rejection
- b) Obedience and submission
- c) Planning and magnification
- d) Criticism and analysis

4- The book links the Nativity and the Resurrection as

- a) Completely separate events
- b) The beginning and end of salvation
- c) Concerning the Jews only
- d) Merely historical incidents

5- What is the Virgin Mary in the Incarnation?

- a) A divine partner
- b) Merely a means
- c) Complete obedience and human participation in the divine plan
- d) The main figure in salvation

6- What is the term used to describe the time of Christ's birth when the world was spiritually prepared?

- a) Time of contradiction
- b) Time of surprise
- c) Fullness of time
- d) Hour of wrath

7- What does the star that appeared to the Magi represent?

- a) An unknown planet
- b) A theological symbol guiding to divine truth
- c) A natural astronomical event
- d) A sign of the fall of emperors

8- What is the most important significance of the name "Emmanuel" that the book focuses on?

- a) Healing from diseases
- b) Ruling the world with power
- c) The permanent divine presence with us
- d) Establishing an earthly kingdom

9- What does the "manger" represent in the message of the Nativity according to Pope Shenouda's contemplations?

- a) A place of permanent poverty
- b) Condemnation of the rich
- c) A symbol of humility and acceptance of weakness
- d) A sign of the end of prophecies

10- What is the spiritual meaning of the angels' hymn "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace..."?

- a) The end of all wars
- b) Merely a celebration for the shepherds
- c) Glorification in heaven and peace on earth as the fruit of the Nativity
- d) The end of all wars

**Third: Choose the appropriate word to complete each sentence**

1- The divine Incarnation is an incomprehensible mystery and is called the mystery of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

2- The angels proclaimed \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and on earth peace

3- The Nativity is the beginning of the path of salvation, which is completed by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

4- The census that was ordered was the reason for Joseph and Mary going to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

5- The flight to Egypt was the fulfillment of the prophecy \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,