

**Junior High - Sample Questions - Diabolic Wars - His Holiness Pope Shenouda III**

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**Please note: Sample questions are to be used as a study guide**

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1. Name some of the prophets, apostles, and spiritual persons that the devil tried to fight and throw into eternal death. (11)
2. What does St. Peter say in grave words to describe the devil? (12)
3. Explain what His Holiness Pope Shenouda III means when he says that the temptation of Christ by Satan is a comfort for us in all our trials. (13)
4. Who/what are the diabolic wars aimed against? (13)
5. According to His Holiness Pope Shenouda III do spiritual wars end? Explain when does the devil become more severe and why does the devil get annoyed ? (14)
6. State and briefly explain the verse mentioned in chapter one of The Diabolic wars that is a part of a new monk's ordination and the third hour of Tuesday of passion week. (15)
7. In chapter one, it is said that the devil envies man even though he is earthly. What kind of people does the devil envy for their spiritual work and attachment to God and explain why the devil envies man ? (16)
8. What does His Holiness list as the three main kinds of spiritual wars? (16-17)
9. The church teaches us about these three kinds of spiritual wars in the thanksgiving prayer, please state this section of the prayer. (17)
10. What does His Holiness state is the main difference between a saint and a sinner's fight with the devil? Include what the result is from each fight. (17-18)
11. His Holiness Pope Shenouda states that we ought to know the attributes of our enemy and the manner of his fighting. What are the 13 things that we know about the devil according to the Holy Bible. (21-45)
12. His Holiness Pope Shenouda III says that the devil has been an unceasing fighter since his fall. Give a brief explanation on why he is called an opponent and resistant. What are some other names that are mentioned in the book that are given to the devil, include where they are found in the Bible. (24)
13. The devil not only fights man but he fights angels, give three examples of when the devil fought an angel (24).
14. The devil is powerful because he was once an angel. When the entire population was misled during the days of the deluge who was saved during the deluge and What was God's solution? Pg 25
15. After Noah's family was saved the entire population of Sodom was unrighteous. Describe what happened to Lot's family. (25)
16. The book The Diabolic Wars talks about paganism, which is the worshipping of idols. Many kings of Judah and Israel worshipped idols describe three (3) that can be found in the Bible. (26)
17. Briefly describe what the Devil will do in "the last days". (26-27)
18. How is the devil experienced in fighting man? (pg 29)
19. Explain what the His Holiness Pope Shenouda III says about the devil being the greatest psychologist and psychoanalyst. (29)
20. His Holiness Pope Shenouda III was very clear when proving that the devil is a liar. One of the ways the devil lies to us is through false prophets and false Christs. How does the Lord Jesus warn us against these false prophets and false christs? (30).
21. A major attribute of the devil is that he is a liar. Give three examples of how he has lied through false dreams and visions. Be as specific as possible. (30-31)
22. Other than lying through false prophets, false christs, false dreams, and false visions, name three other ways the devil's lies appear. (31-32)
23. All the temptations, adornments, and day-dreams of the devil considered falsehood because his adornments hide ugliness of sin and evil as a result. Give two examples that explain how one can fall into temptations that are a mere vanishing mirage and falsehood. (pg 32)
24. How are day-dreams which the devil offers to his victims a falsehood that cause sin? (33)
25. In The Diabolic Wars explain in detail what His Holiness Pope Shenouda III says about suicide regarding

- the devil's lies? (33)
26. What does His Holiness Pope Shenouda III claim is the devil's greatest falsehood given to humanity? Briefly explain why he said about this. (34)
  27. Another attribute of the devil is that he is very insistent. One may yield and submit after continuous pressure. The devil even tries this tactic with monks and Jesus Christ. Briefly describe these two instances mentioned in the Diabolic Wars.. (34)
  28. The devil is an accuser; he went to accuse Job then claimed that he did not have an opportunity to fight. Explain how this was not the case. (36)
  29. His Holiness Pope Shenouda III states that the devil has numerous talents including knowing poetry. Explain how the devil inspires poets with ideas. (37)
  30. Among his many talents the devil is well versed in music, art, carving, drawing and songs. What happens when the devil inspires and entices people? (37)
  31. His Holiness Pope Shenouda III says that the devil is cruel and works without mercy. Show how it is evident in Job. (38)
  32. His Holiness Pope Shenouda III says that the devil is cruel and works without mercy. Explain how this is shown in people who are considered lunatics or insane. (38)
  33. His Holiness Pope Shenouda III says that the devil is cruel and works without mercy. Explain how this is seen when the devil fights Saints and in frightful scenes. (38)
  34. His Holiness Pope Shenouda III says that the devil is cruel and works without mercy. Explain how this attribute is seen in the wars, calamities, and crimes which he instigates in the world. (38)
  35. Another attribute of the devil is that he is malicious with his pretend kindness. Explain when the devil shows sympathy. (39)
  36. The devil is that he is malicious with his pretend kindness. He is anxious for you and calls you to your limit you're struggling; explain when he does this. (39-40)
  37. The devil envies knowledge, wisdom, chastity, and humility. The devil envied Job, the inhabitants in the wilderness, and Origen, explain why the devil was envious in each of these examples. (42)
  38. Give three examples mentioned in the book about how the devil is an opportunist (pg 43) .
  39. Compare the devil's opposition or lack thereof regarding compassion for one's health and rest. Show how he does not advise one to rest due to tiredness of worldly matters.(43-44)
  40. It is very easy for the devil to offer you some sins under different names to make them more easily accepted as virtues. What are four examples that name the sin and virtue it is presented. (49-50)
  41. The devil will often destroy one virtue that is becoming natural to you by alluring you to gain another virtue. Hence what do the church fathers advise regarding the gaining of virtues? Explain what the Pope says the church fathers mean. (55)
  42. If the devil finds one who is raised in deep spiritual prayer, according to His Holiness Pope Shenouda III explain how the devil may disturb your contemplation and prayer. (59)
  43. Explain the concept of the verse "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Eccl 3:1), specifically using virtues out of their place. (59)
  44. In times of repentance when penitence is required, the devil offers us the virtue of joy. How does the devil do this, use a verse to explain. (59-60)
  45. **The devil plants suspicion because it makes a person weaker and the devil can conquer him. How does the devil plant suspicion when one is thinking about repenting and what does he suggest to a person? What is the next step the devil takes if a person insists on repentance?(61)**
  46. **According to His Holiness Pope Shenouda III, what is the only objective of the devil to make the repentant suspicious? Thoroughly explain this concept. (61)**
  47. **The devil may plant doubts in one's heart concerning the confessor. In what ways does the devil plant doubts concerning the confessor (64)**
  48. **Despair is a weapon which the devil uses after a lot of preparatory introductions. Explain what these "preparations" are according to Pope Shenouda III. (65-66)**
  49. **When the devil makes a person fall into despair, he can also make them feel like they will never**

- repent. Explain how he does this and explain how these fears** have no basis and are false threats. Use historical examples to justify your answer. (66-67)
50. Among the means the devil uses to get someone to despair is the devil allures the person with higher [spiritual] levels than he can attain. Explain what the devil does to achieve this and give examples of people who did and did not fall into this manner. (68-69)
- 51. What does the devil want so that his prey will not resist him and get destroyed? (69)**
52. His Holiness Pope Shenouda III says the answer to the fight to devil pushing us to despair is simple: “we do not fight with our own wills because the battle is the Lord’s” (1 Samuel 17: 47). List the four forces mentioned who support us. (70)
53. His Holiness Pope Shenouda III gives a second example of the devil changing his plans. Describe the scenario His Holiness Pope Shenouda III about a person who sins in anger, insults, and abusive words. (74-75)
54. Overall the devil changes his plans often and one should also change our plans to fight against him. How did St. John the small do this and what was the result? (78 - 79)
55. Under the section regarding sadness, His Holiness Pope Shenouda III discusses what the devil says to make someone feel undeserving not only to be the Son of God but even of one’s holy confessor. How does the devil trick one into sadness and him/her feel undeserving of the Bible or ministry? (80 -81)
56. The devil offers you a thought and sometimes repeatedly presses the thoughts. After the diabolical thought is inside you, what does one feel compelled to do? (82-83)
- 57. Give and explain the three main points the devil’s purpose from having a person speedily act on a thought. (83-84)**
- 58. Describe the story of Jacob the Struggler; make sure to describe the gradual process as described by Pope Shenouda III. (86-87)**
- 59. An example of a long gradual war is a habit. Explain how a habit does not start as a habit and how one may begin to lose control. (88)**
- 60. Getting rid of habits is possible for anyone who wants. How would one get rid of a habit? (88)**
- 61. The devil fights us with tiny matters because a person is not on guard against them. What tiny matter caused our great father Abraham to sin? (90)**
- 62. In chapter three of Diabolic wars, what is the devil’s purpose for postponement? Explain the example that His Holiness Pope Shenouda III gives that relates to our lives and the example of the lost boy. (92)**
63. Describe the harms of postponement using the examples of Felix the Governor and King Agrippa. (92)
64. When the devil sees that a person is regular in prayer, reading, and spiritual meetings, he fights them by making them temporarily hindered or overinvolved. Name and explain three general ways the devil attempts to further you (or a minister) from God in regards to involvement. (94-95)
- 65. God should be at the forefront of involvement , if not your only involvement. How does one go about doing this according to His Holiness Pope Shenouda III, include the consideration of new involvements? (96-97)**
- 66. The devil gives us a misperception of God’s love leading us to be reckless and slack. The devil shows God’s love in a way that makes one lose fear of God. What does Saint John say pertaining to God’s love (include the reference) and what does the bible say about it? How does the devil misinterpret Saint John’s words? (98)**
67. Do not let the devil deceive you and say to you “It is enough to love God and do whatever you want.” Why is this thought dangerous? (99)