

Unit 5 Test Bank Answer Key

Multiple Choice

1. c
2. b
3. c
4. b
5. a
6. d
7. d
8. b
9. d
10. b

True or False

1. T
2. T
3. F—Doctor of the Church
4. T

Essay

- A. Explain why human beings are called to holiness and what role we play in becoming holy.

Because each one of us is made in God's own image and likeness, all human life is sacred and potentially holy. However, our personal holiness is not a given; each of us must cooperate with God's grace to become the holy people God intends us to be. We do this by making and acting on good moral choices, by spending time reflecting on our thoughts and actions, and by being an active member of the Church. As baptized people, we perfect our holiness by growing in our relationship with God, avoiding sin, and dedicating our lives to the service of others, following the example of Jesus.

- B. Name two of the mystics described in this unit and describe their mystical experience.

- Brother Lawrence had a powerful experience in wintertime. He saw a bare tree and considered that soon, new leaves, flowers, and fruit would appear again, and was overwhelmed by the power and wisdom of God. Brother Lawrence emphasized that God can be found in the normal activities of daily life. He also became known for his humility and wisdom, and many people reached out to him for advice.
- Saint Teresa of Ávila had visions in which she felt blessed by Christ's physical presence and experienced a fiery angel who pierced his heart with a spear. She had many illnesses that caused terrible physical pain but that also brought a spiritual bliss never before experienced.
- Thomas Merton had a mystical experience in which he was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that he loved all the people around him on a busy city street; that we could not be alien to one another because we belong to one another.
- For Saint John of the Cross, mystical experiences were gained through lengthy, grueling punishment received for attempting to reform his religious order; he came to intimately know the sufferings of Christ and began to understand the mystical connection between suffering and loss and the search for God.

