

# QUESTIONS FOR QUIZ ON DON BOSCO

1. When and where was Don Bosco born - **16<sup>th</sup> August 1815 at Becchi.**
2. Which year was Don Bosco's first dream - **1824.**
3. When was the clothing ceremony of Don Bosco held - **25<sup>th</sup> October 1835.**
4. When was Don Bosco ordained Priest at Turin - **5<sup>th</sup> June 1841.**
5. When did Don Bosco celebrate the Mass for the last time - **11<sup>th</sup> December 1887.**
6. When did Don Bosco die - **31<sup>st</sup> January 1888.**
7. Which place was Don Bosco buried and when - **At Valsalice on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1888.**
8. When was the process of canonization opened - **4<sup>th</sup> June 1890.**
9. When was the process of canonization closed - **23<sup>rd</sup> July 1897.**
10. When was Don Bosco beatified - **2<sup>nd</sup> June 1929.**
11. When was Don Bosco's canonization (Easter Sunday) - **1<sup>st</sup> April 1934.**
12. When did Don Bosco meet Michael Rua - **August 1845.**
13. When was the oratory finally settled at Pinardi shed - **12<sup>th</sup> April 1836.**
14. When did Mamma Margaret settle down with Don Bosco in Turin - **3<sup>rd</sup> November 1846.**
15. When was the first border admitted - **May 1847.**
16. When was the Church of St. Francis Sales blessed - **20<sup>th</sup> June 1852.**
17. When was the Consecration of the Church of Mary Help of Christian - **9<sup>th</sup> June 1868.**
18. When was the feast of Don Bosco extended to the whole world - **25<sup>th</sup> March 1936.**
19. When was the Consecration of the Church of St. John Bosco (Rome) - **May 1959.**
20. When did Don Bosco meet Bartholomew Garelli - **8<sup>th</sup> December 1841.**
21. When did Don Bosco compile the regulations - **1847.**
22. When were Don Bosco's helpers first called Salesians - **26<sup>th</sup> January 1854.**
23. When did Mamma Margaret die - **25<sup>th</sup> November 1856.**
24. When was the Salesian Society first formed - **18<sup>th</sup> December 1859.**
25. When were the rules first read to the Salesians - **7<sup>th</sup> June 1860.**
26. When were the public vows of the first Salesians - **14<sup>th</sup> May 1862.**
27. When was the approbation of the Congregation - **1<sup>st</sup> March 1869.**

28. When was approbation of the Rules - **3<sup>rd</sup> April 1874.**
29. When was the first departure of the Salesian Missionaries - **November 1875.**
30. In which year was the first General Chapter held - **5<sup>th</sup> September, 1877.**
31. What is the full name of Don Bosco - **John Melchior Bosco.**
32. Who were the parents of Don Bosco - **Francis Bosco & Margaret Occhiena.**
33. Who were the brothers of Don Bosco - **Joseph & Anthony.**
34. Who was Don Bosco's Confessor - **Don Cafasso.**
35. Who dissuaded Johnny from joining the Franciscans - **Fr. Cafasso.**
36. Who was Johnny's saintly friend at the school of Chieri - **Louis Comollo .**
37. Who ordained Don Bosco - **Archbishop Luigi Fransoni.**
38. Who was the first boy who died at the oratory - **Dominic Savio.**
39. Who was the second saintly boy at the oratory - **Mickey Magone.**
40. Who was the first cleric at the oratory - **Ascanio Savio.**
41. Who was the first benefactor - **Don Colosso.**
42. Which Bishop greatly opposed Don Bosco's work - **Msgr. Gastaldi (Turin).**
43. Where did Don Bosco celebrate his first mass - **Church of St. Francis of Assisi.**
44. Who encouraged Don Bosco to form a society - **Urban Ratazzi (Minister).**
45. Who was the first member after the society started - **Joseph Rossi.**
46. Name the prince who came to Don Bosco to become a Salesian / Priest - **Czartorisky.**
47. Who was the boy raised from the dead by Don Bosco - **Charles.**
48. Who were the two boys predicted by Don Bosco to be Bishops - **Cagliero & Costamagna.**
49. Name the Pope who guided the Church at the time of Don Bosco's birth - **Pope Pius VIII.**
50. What was Mamma Margaret's response when calamities destroyed the harvest?  
**The Lord gave it to us and the Lord took it away. He is the master of the harvests. He knows the best.**
51. What was the watch word of Mamma Margaret - **God sees you.**
52. Where did Johnny Bosco do his elementary studies - **At the public school at Capriglio.**

53. Who were the personages that Johnny Bosco saw in his dream - **Jesus and Mary.**
54. What was the name of the group that Johnny Bosco founded among his friends at Chieri - **Society of cheerfulness.**
55. Why was Mamma Margaret widely respected - **Because of her reputation for great piety and affection she inspired in others.**
56. When did Don Bosco's father die - **1817.**
57. When did Don Bosco join the seminary - **30<sup>th</sup> October 1835.**
58. When was Johnny's confirmation - **4<sup>th</sup> August 1830.**
59. When did Don Bosco began the oratory - **8<sup>th</sup> December 1841.**
60. When did Dominic Savio enter the oratory of Don Bosco - **29<sup>th</sup> October 1854.**
61. What was the motto of Dominic Savio - **"Death rather than sin".**
62. When did Dominic Savio die - **9<sup>th</sup> March 1857.**
63. When did Don Bosco cry several times during the Mass, at the altar of Mary Help of Christians - **16<sup>th</sup> May 1887.**
64. Who was the Majestic person who appeared to Don Bosco in his dream at the age of nine - **Jesus Christ.**
65. Name the priest who offered to teach Johnny Bosco - **Fr. Calosso.**
66. What was the name of the Bishop present at Don Bosco's death bed - **Bishop John Cagliero.**
67. Where did Don Bosco finish his seminary studies - **At Chieri.**
68. What magazine did Don Bosco bring out against the bad press - **The Friend of Youth.**
69. When did Don Rua receive the cassock - **3<sup>rd</sup> October 1852.**
70. What is the name of the dog which protected Don Bosco whenever he was in danger - **Grigio.**
71. Who encouraged Don Bosco to start a religious society - **Minister Rattazzi.**
72. What did Pope Pius IX say to Don Bosco in 1858 - **"Write down everything; I grant you everything that I can grant you".**
73. What was the name of the saintly boy who died in 1857 - **Dominic Savio.**
74. When were Don Cagliero and Don Francesca ordained - **1862.**
75. What did Don Bosco tell Cagliero in 1862 - **Up to now we have honoured the immaculate; now on we shall honour Mary Help of Christians.**
76. Where was the first house outside Turin started - **At Mirabello with Don Rua as its first Rector.**

77. When did Don Bosco meet Mary Mazarello - **1864.**
78. Who wished to make Don Bosco cardinal – **Pope Pius IX.**
79. When did Don Bosco gather the past pupils for the first time - **In 1871.**
80. In which place and when the foundation of Sister congregation of Mary Help of Christians started - **At Mornese, 1872.**
81. To which country the first Salesian missionaries were sent - **To South America.**
82. Who requested Don Bosco to build the Church of Sacred Heart in Rome - **Pope Leo XIII.**
83. When was Don Rua nominated as Don Bosco's vicar - **1884.**
84. What did Don Bosco say to Fr. Viglietti on December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1887 - **Up to now we have always walked on safe ground. We cannot go wrong; it is Mary who guides us.**
85. What motto did Don Bosco give to Salesians on 30<sup>th</sup> December 1887 - **I recommend work, work, and work.**
86. What did Don Bosco say to Fr. Sala in 1888 - **Our congregation is led by God and protected by Mary Help of Christians.**
87. What did Don Bosco say on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1888 at death bed - **Jesus! Mary! Jesus and Mary! I give you my heart and my soul. O! Mother! Mother! Open the gates of heaven for me.**
88. How many Salesians attended the first General Chapter - **17 Salesians. (1 priest, 15 clerics and 1 aspirant).**
89. Which pope asked Don Bosco to apologize to Msgr. Gastaldi - **Pope Leo XIII.**
90. Which Archbishop threatened to suspend Don Bosco - **Archbishop Lorenzo Gastaldi.**
91. Which Cardinal was a close friend of Don Bosco - **Cardinal Gastano Alimonda.**
92. Who were the Biographers of Don Bosco - **Don Lemoyne(Volms. 1 - 9), Amei (Vol.10), Ceria (Volms. 11 - 19).**
93. What was the motto cum advice given by Don Bosco to his missionaries - **Work and Temperance.**
94. What motto did Don Bosco write on the walls of his rooms and in the Dormitories - **God sees you.**
95. Which prayer at bed time and on waking up will work wonders - **Hail Mary.**
96. What was the usual greeting of Don Bosco to his friends and acquaintances - **In saving others you have saved yourself.**
97. Of the five oratory boys chosen by Don Bosco, how many became Salesians - **Two.**

98. Where did Mary Mazzarello meet Don Bosco for the first time - **Mornese.**
99. When his sons asked him to take rest, what did Don Bosco tell them - **I shall rest in heaven. Till then the word 'rest' is not in my dictionary. Only when the devil rests, can I take rest.**
100. How many boys attended the first catechism class organized by Don Bosco - **One**
101. What is the name of John Bosco's friend who died in 1839 - **Aloysius Comollo.**
102. Where was St. Mary Mazzarello born - **Mornese (North Italy).**
103. What is the meaning of Auxilium - **Helper.**
104. Who was the person who helped John Bosco to master many musical instruments - **John Roberts.**
105. What was the name of the house for destitute children where Don Bosco worked after his Ordination - **The Refuge.**
106. Where was the first academic and technical school started by Don Bosco - **Valdocco.**
107. Who is the founder of the Salesian Sisters - **Don Bosco.**
108. Who employed John Bosco as a servant boy on his farm at the age of 11 - **Aloysius Moglia.**
109. How many years did John Bosco spent in the seminary - **Five.**
110. What was the occupation of the parents of Don Bosco - **Farming (Peasants).**
111. Who first inspired John Bosco to be a priest - **His mother, Margaret Bosco.**
112. Who is the co - foundress of the Salesian Sisters - **St. Mary Mazzarello.**
113. What is the Italian name of St. John Bosco - **San Giovanni Bosco.**
114. Apart from Catechism and prayers what else was imparted in the oratories - **Elementary and High School Education.**
115. In which year was St. Mary Mazzarello born - **1837.**
116. What did the wild animals in John Bosco's dream at nine turn into - **Playful lambs.**
117. Who advised Don Bosco to think only of the salvation of souls, after his first Mass - **Mamma Margaret.**
118. Whose voice was this: "Bosco, Bosco, I am saved" - **Aloysius Comollo.**
119. Who is the Patron Saint of the Salesian Society - **St. Francis de Sales.**
120. Of what disease did John Bosco's father die - **Bronchitis.**
121. What is the name of John Bosco's uncle who helped him to study - **Michael Occhiena.**
122. Whose words are these: "It is not the cassock that makes the monk" - **Mamma Margaret.**
123. Who was the first Salesian Bishop - **John Cagliero.**
124. Name the virtues emulated by St. Francis de Sales - **Charity and Kindness.**
125. Apart from his mother, who was the first to encourage John Bosco to be a priest - **The Parish Priest of Castelnuovo.**
126. In which year did Don Bosco wish to join the Franciscan order - **1834.**

127. When were Confession and Mass celebrated in the Oratories – **In the morning.**
128. What is the name of the boy who attended the first Catechism Class organized by Don Bosco - **Bartholomew Garelli.**
129. How many saints are there in the Salesian family - **Five.**
130. What is the motto of the Salesian Society - **Give me souls, take away the rest.**
131. From whose name is the term 'Salesian' derived - **St. Francis de Sales.**
132. Of which village was Don Calosso parish priest - **Murialdo.**
133. Where did Don Bosco celebrate his first Mass - **His native village, Becchi.**
134. What did the boys in the playground in John Bosco's dream at nine turn into - **Wild animals.**
135. On which night did John Bosco hear a loud noise of wagon, clanging of iron sheets, etc. - **On the night of Comollo's burial.**
136. Who offered place to Don Bosco for the first permanent oratory - **Pinardi.**
137. In which year was the first permanent oratory inaugurated - **1846.**
138. In which year was the first permanent Church of St. Francis de Sales opened - **1852.**
139. Whose last words were "Deo Gratias" (Thanks be to God) - **Fr. Victor Alasonatti.**
140. Who was the first Rector Major of the Salesian Society - **Don Bosco.**
141. Who wrote the book entitled Dominic Savio - **Don Bosco.**
142. When was the first issue of Salesian Bulletin published - **1877.**
143. Where was the first Catechism class organized by Don Bosco - **In the Sacristy of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi.**
144. Which are the two components by which the impossible can be made possible under the guidance of a Mistress - **Obedience and knowledge.**
145. What advice did the man with white cloak give to John Bosco in his dream at the age of nine - **Not with blows but with patience and charity must you make them your friends.**
146. Apart from learning tailoring and music, what else did John Bosco learn in Castelnuovo - **Blacksmith.**
147. Why did John Bosco become a servant boy at the age of eleven - **His step - brother Anthony Bosco used to torment him daily because of jealousy; and opposed his studies.**
148. Describe the Man who appeared to John Bosco in his dream at nine - **A man of noble bearing with a long white cloak hanging from his shoulders. His face was glowing with brightness.**
149. Who was the housekeeper for the house that Don Bosco managed to get near the Oratory - **Mamma Margaret.**
150. What did Don Bosco say about a student / person entering in a Don Bosco campus - **He said that every student / person entering in the Don Bosco campus is not coming on his own, but is brought by Mother Mary.**

151. Why did Don Bosco ask the salesians to check his pockets on his death bed - **He asked the salesians to check his pocket on his death bed, because he said I was born poor, I live like a poor man and I want to make sure that I die as a poor man.**
152. What was Italy's economic situation at the time of John Bosco's father's death - **Rigorous economy, strained by famine and bad crops.**
153. Describe the character of Anthony, John Bosco's step - brother - **Boastful and dull in books, but skillful in farming.**
154. If you become a secular priest and have the misfortune of gaining riches, I will never cross your threshold." Whose words are these - **Margaret Bosco / Mamma Margaret.**
155. How did Margaret overcome the plight of her economic situation when her husband died? **Through economic cut, rigorous control of income and constant prayers.**
156. Describe the Mistress who appeared to John Bosco in his dream at nine - **A lady of majestic appearance clothed with resplendent garments.**
157. Describe the character of Joseph, John Bosco's brother - **Peaceful, sweet, helpful, patient.**
158. For whom do the Salesian Sisters dedicate their lives - **For the poor and abandoned youth through help and education.**
159. Describe the character of the young John Bosco - **Smiling, friendly, determined, serious in work, sharp memory, kind, witty, observant, humorous.**
160. What is the primary objective of the Salesian Society - **To perform works of charity, both spiritual and corporal for the young, especially the poor and the abandoned.**
161. Why did Don Bosco change the title 'Congregation' to 'Society' - **To remove the anti - clerical suggestions that Congregations had secret political motives.**
162. What were the two over - powering impulses that directed and controlled Don Bosco in his life - **Poverty and sanctification of souls.**
163. Who were the persons who encouraged John Bosco when he shifted from Becchi to Sussambrino village - **Joseph Turco and his father.**
164. Who helped John Bosco when he moved from Castelnuovo to a Public School at Chieri - **Lucy Matta.**
165. How did Don Calosso help John Bosco - **He taught him Latin and other subjects, coaching him to be a priest and also offered shelter and financial support.**
166. How should we interpret the playground full of boys in John Bosco's dream at nine - **It represents the wide world full of boys of all categories, esp. the poor and the abandoned.**
167. Who was Grigio? What role did he play in Don Bosco's life - **Grigio was a mysterious dog who protected Don Bosco when he was attacked by his enemies.**

168. Who was Dominic Savio? What role did he play in the oratory of Don Bosco - **Dominic Savio was a saintly oratory boy and helped Don Bosco in shaping the oratory boys from sinful ways to sainthood.**
169. Don Bosco dreamt that some boys knowingly ate poisonous snake meat. He did his best to stop them, but he couldn't. What does this dream signify - **That a sensual man cannot perceive the things that are of God.**
170. What was the epitaph written on Don Bosco's tomb - **Here in the peace of Christ lies the body of Don Bosco, the father of orphans.**
171. What was the final message of Don Bosco to his oratory boys just before his death - **"My beloved children, I am waiting for you in heaven."**
172. The boys in the playground disappeared and turned into wild animals which later turned into playful lambs. What is the significance of this in Don Bosco's dream - **Don Bosco's assigned mission was to convert the wild and uncivilized boys of the world into tamed and civilized lives for human society.**
173. What were the prescriptions of Don Bosco to his boys to enjoy good health and to live a long life - **Four things: a clear conscience when you go to bed at night, moderation in eating, an active life and good companions.**
174. In which language was the first issue of Salesian Bulletin published - **Italian.**
175. Just as St. Francis de Sales is the patron of journalists, whom is Don Bosco patron of - **Editors.**
176. A salesian house without \_\_\_\_\_ is like a body without a soul - **Music.**
177. Which system / method of education is against the repressive system / method of education - **Preventive System.**
178. What was Don Bosco's religion - work.
179. At what age of Don Bosco did his father die - **Two years old.**
180. What was the message of Don Bosco to the young - **"That you are young is enough to make me love you very much."**
181. How are the followers of Don Bosco called - **Salesians.**
182. Mention the three religious societies founded by Don Bosco in his life time - **Society of St. Francis de Sales, Daughters of Mary Help of Christians and Association of Salesian Co - operators.**
183. What did Don Bosco tell his boys as a purpose of his life - **"To my last breath I will give my life for my boys."**
184. Who is Don Bosco - **A priest of Italy who worked for youngsters especially the poor and the abandoned. The movements (Salesian Family) which he started work for the young boys and girls all over the world. [We have gathered here in his name.]**
185. What is Don Bosco's educational method called - **Preventive System.**
186. Who was against Don Bosco's studies - **His step brother Anthony was against his studies due to jealousy.**

187. Where was Don Bosco baptized - **At Castelnuovo.**
188. Where was Don Bosco, a young worker for two years, until he was 14 years old - **At the Moglia family at Monoucco.**
189. Where was the first permanent oratory - **At Valdocco.**
190. Where are the mortal remains of Don Bosco preserved now - **In the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians, Turin.**
191. What were the means Don Bosco used to spread devotion to Mary - **The blessing of Mary Help of Christians, The medal of Our Lady Help of Christians and the ejaculation 'Mary Help of Christians pray for us'.**
192. What did Don Bosco suggest for the preservation of purity - **Recitation of a Hail Mary during the elevation.**
193. How did Don Bosco acknowledge Our Lady's help in the building of the Basilica - **By saying, "Every brick of it is a miracle of Mary Help of Christians."**
194. Which is the invocation to Mary, which Don Bosco insisted be recited in the morning, noon and night - **Dear Mother, ever a virgin, help me to save my soul.**
195. What did Don Bosco say regarding the role of Mary in the congregation - **"Mary most holy, is the foundress and she will be the sustainer of our work."**
196. What was the advice of Mamma Margaret to Don Bosco on Our Lady, after he received the cassock - **"When you began your schooling, I recommended you almost exclusively to the Madonna. Now I beg you to belong to her entirely. Love those who love her, and if you become a priest someday, constantly promote devotion to the good Mother."**
197. Who were the Popes during Don Bosco's life time - **Pope Pius VII, Pope Leo XII, Pope Gregory XVI, Pope Pius IX and Pope Leo XIII.**
198. What did Pope Leo XIII say to Don Bosco about his work - **"Your work is undoubtedly God's work. Hence, go forward, courageously and fearlessly."**
199. Who defended Don Bosco saying, "When did Don Bosco not pray" - **Pope Pius XI.**
200. What advice did Mamma Margaret give to Don Bosco at his ordination - **To begin to say Mass, is to begin to suffer.**
201. What did Mamma Margaret tell Don Bosco in a dream four years after her death - **"I am waiting for you, for we two can never be separated."**
202. How did Don Bosco greet his priests - **Salve, salvando salvati, i.e., Hail! By saving others, save yourself.**
203. What did Don Bosco say about sodalities - **They are the keys of piety, safeguards of morals, sustainers of religion and ecclesiastical vocations.**
204. What did Don Bosco say about good nights - **"It is a key to good behaviour, to the smooth running of the school and to success in education."**

205. What did Don Bosco tell his Salesians in the last will, regarding rules - **If you have loved me in the past continue to love me in the future by the exact observance of our constitutions.**
206. What words of St. Philip Neri was Don Bosco accustomed to quote regarding cheerfulness - **"Play, jump about, shout, enjoy yourselves as much as ever you please, but don't commit sin."**
207. What period Don Bosco's life is called 'The way of the roses' - **When Don Bosco was trying to obtain the definite approbation of the rules of the Salesian society.**
208. Who are the principal patrons of the Salesian Society - **Don Bosco, Mary Help of Christians, St. Joseph, St. Francis of Sales and Dominic Savio.**
209. Who are the successors of Don Bosco - **Michael Rua, Paul Albera, Philip Rinaldi, Peter Ricaldone, Renato Ziggotti, Aloysius Ricceri, Egidio Vigano, Juan Vecchi, Pascual Chavez, Angel Fernández Artime.**
210. What did Cardinal Aliminda say of Don Bosco - **"It was Don Bosco who brought God into the 19th century."**
211. What did Cardinal Spellman say of Don Bosco - **"No one during the last century did so much, for so many, as did Don Bosco."**
212. How does Pope Pius XII praise Don Bosco - **"Don Bosco is one of the purest Glories of the Church."**
213. What did Cardinal Cardijn Founder of the 'Young Christian Workers' say of Don Bosco - **"Don Bosco was the first person in the Church, to dedicate himself entirely to working for the youth."**
214. What did Pope Leo XIII say of Don Bosco - **"In Don Bosco I admire the super human and divine. The hand of God can be seen in the entire work of Don Bosco. If you study his works, you will be convinced that the Lord is with him."**
215. What politics did Don Bosco practice - **The politics of the 'Our Father'.**
216. Which are the three elements of the Preventive System - **Reason, Religion and Loving Kindness.**
217. According to Don Bosco what does the Preventive System do - **It aims at the human and Christian development**
218. Which are the first three oratories Don Bosco founded in Turin - **The oratory of St. Francis of Sales, of Aloysius Gonzaga and of the Guardian Angel.**
219. Why did the boys stay on with Don Bosco inspite of all the hardships - **Because each one felt that Don Bosco loved him personally more than the others.**
220. What did the mysterious personage tell Don Bosco in his first dream - **I will give you a teacher, under whose direction you can become wise and without whom all wisdom is foolishness.**

221. What did Don Bosco promise his children - **Work, bread and heaven.**
222. What was the age of Don Bosco when he died - **72 years, 5 months and 15 days.**
223. What did Don Bosco say to Michael Rua when he was bed - ridden - **You'll never die even if I throw you out of the window.**
224. Who forms part of the Salesian family - **The Salesian Fathers, Salesian Brothers, Salesian Sisters (FMA), Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians (MSMHC), the Salesian Co-operators, Past pupils, Volunteers of Don Bosco (VDB) and many other movements and groups which follow the charism of Don Bosco form part of the Salesian family.**