

I - Read the text below.

The Papal Conclave

The Papacy is the system of leadership in the Catholic Church. The Pope is the leader of the Church and lives in the Vatican, a small city-state in Rome, Italy. The first Pope was Saint Peter, one of Jesus Christ's closest followers. Catholics believe that Jesus chose Peter to lead his followers after his death.

The Papal Conclave is the process used to choose a new Pope in the Catholic Church. The word "conclave" comes from Latin and means "with a key." This is because, during the conclave, the cardinals are locked inside a special area of the Vatican to make their decision in private.

This tradition started in the year 1274. Before that, sometimes it took years to choose a new Pope. To make the process faster, the Church decided to keep the cardinals together until they voted.

Only cardinals under the age of 80 can vote. The voting happens inside the Sistine Chapel. After each vote, black smoke comes out of the chimney if no decision is made. When a new Pope is chosen, white smoke appears.

The new Pope then steps out on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica to greet the world. The conclave is a secret and important tradition that has continued for hundreds of years.

II - Answer the questions based on the text.

1. Who is the Pope?

- a. The leader of any church.
- b. Someone who lives in the Vatican.
- c. Someone Jesus chose to be the leader in the Catholic Church.

2. What does "Conclave" mean?

- a. It means "with a key" in Italian.
- b. It means "with a key" in Latin.
- c. It means "a new pope will be elected."

3. What changed in 1274?

- a. The church decided all cardinals should live together.
- b. They took years to choose the new Pope.
- c. The Conclave process became faster.

4. If a cardinal in the Conclave is 75 years old, he...

- a. cannot vote to elect the new Pope.
- b. shouldn't be there with the other Cardinals.
- c. has to be with the other cardinals until the new Pope is elected.

5. What does black smoke indicate?

- a. A new Pope was chosen.
- b. The election is still happening.
- c. The Pope will step out on the Balcony to greet the world.

