



Mor Athanasius Jacobite Sunday School

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[St George Universal Syrian Orthodox Reesh Church (Valiyapally), Kuwait]

Class IX

ANNUAL EXAMINATION – ANSWER KEY

I. FILL UP THE BLANKS

(10 x 0.5 = 5 marks)

1. The book of **Malachi** is written in the form of questions and answers.
2. After healing the lame man at the **Beautiful Gate** Peter spoke to the people at Solomon's Porch.
3. The **Apostles** made it clear that more than bodily circumcision, the purity of heart is more important.
4. The **Thuruthissery** meeting elected the H.B. Baselius II, the Catholicose of the east as the Malankara Metropolitan.
5. The celebrant after requesting the **Absolution** turns and kneels in front of the altar and performs the silent prayer.
6. The main point of disagreement in the early church was about **Circumcision** who accepted the faith.
7. All the sacrifices in the Old Testament points to the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ at **Calvary** in the New Testament
8. The Sunday school Association was rejuvenated in 1974 and was given the name **MJSSA**
9. In the Holy Qurbana, Hoosoyo prayer has to be recited in between Promion and **Sedro**.
10. God came down into the Tabernacle at Most Holy Place and from the **Mercy Seat** and spoke to Moses.



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II. MATCH THE FOLLOWING

(5 x 0.5 = 2.5 marks)

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| 1. Zechariah - e | a. Thanksgiving -4 |
| 2. Mansion at Sion - c | b. Scriptural - 5 |
| 3. Kooper Neethi Haakeemo - d | c. Second Babel - 2 |
| 4. Peace Offering- a | d. Abraham Mor Clemis - 3 |
| 5. Prayers for the departed - b | e. God has remembered – 1 |

III. WRITE SHORT ANSWERS (1 OR 2 SENTENCE)

(5 x 1.5 = 7.5 marks)

1. What are the two overarching (main) messages in the Book of Obadiah?

- God will strike or struck down Edom [0.75M]
- God will lift Israel [0.75 M]

2. Our church respects the cross as the symbol of redemption. Justify

- Jesus performs the redemption rite as per the Divine will, by his death on the Cross. [0.75M]
- Even the worst accused is entitled to redemption through the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. [0.75M]

That is why the Church respects the cross as symbol of redemption.

3. Pen the two important qualities required for a person to be chosen to replace Judas Iscariot?

- He should have followed Jesus from His baptism at Jordan River to His ascension [0.75M]
- He should be an eye -witness to the Resurrection of Jesus [0.75M]



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4. **The 101 Mass is an event that is to be recorded in Golden letters in the history of Jacobite Syrian church. Describe [0.5 marks each]**

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- i. **This extraordinary Holy mass was offered in connection with the centenary celebrations of St. Gregorios of Malankara (100th dukhrono of St: Gregorius Gee Varghese Chathuruthil -Parumala Thirumeni) in the specially arranged 101 altars at the Patriarchal Centre.**
- ii. **It was celebrated in Puthencruz on November 2, 2002.**
- iii. **The chief celebrant of this 101 Mass was H. B. Catholicose Baselius Thomas I.**

5. **What is the main aim of writing the book of Chronicles?**

- i. **The aim of writing the book of Chronicles is to write the history of their ancestors. [0.5 mark]**
- ii. **The main aim of writing this book was to convince and encourage the people who returned from exile that they were the true descendants of Israelites including King David and the whole land of Canaan was their promised land. [1 mark]**

IV. WRITE SHORT NOTES (UPTO 4 SENTENCES)

(5 x 2=10 marks)

1. **Explain the Vision about Christ in the book of Joel with Biblical references. [1 mark for each point - If the bible references are not written the marks need to be deducted. So without Bible references 1.75marks can be given if the answer is right]**
 - i. **Joel's vision about Messiah is that the judge who judges all the nations (Joel 3:2-12) "Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh." (2:28). It was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost.**



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ii. At the time of His Ascension, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. This promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. What apostle Peter said about the experience on Pentecost was that it was the fulfilment of the prophecy of Joel (Acts 2:16-21).

2. Write short notes on Cherubim [0.5 marks for each point]

- i. Cherubim's are a group of angels who are standing very close to Lord.
- ii. At the two ends of the mercy seat there were two Cherubim's made of pure gold. The cherubim's stretched their wings to cover the mercy seat and they faced each other.
- iii. When man was driven out of the garden of Eden, God ordered the Cherubim's to guard the garden with flaming and turning sword so that man may not trespass in to the garden. (Gen 3:24)
- iv. The Lord of hosts dwells between the Cherubim's (2 Sam,6:2)

3. Give an account on the intention and goal of the book of Praxis?

[0.5 marks for each point]

- i. The Christian church which had its birth shortly was led by the power the Holy Spirit.
- ii. The intention and goal of the book of Praxis is to proclaim the universality of the church.
- iii. The commencement of Christian faith and its gradual growth and how it has spread in Roma are explained in detail.
- iv. More than the history the individual's importance is given to the Christian message.



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4. Establish on biblical grounds that it is perfectly proper to address, “St. Mary as the mother of God.” **[0.5 marks for each point]**

- i. She earned that title “Mother of God” by giving birth to God.
- ii. God, the Son, the second in the Trinity, has taken human form from Virgin Mary and was born as human being.
- iii. “In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God”.
- iv. Virgin Mary who was the mother of this word that was God

Thus it is perfectly proper to address St. Mary as the “Mother of God” on Biblical grounds.

5. Church expanded in the nearby places of Jerusalem through the activities of St. Peter. Justify **[1 mark for each point]**

- i. At Lydda he cured a paralyzed person, Aeneas (9: 32-34). Lydda is a village west of Jerusalem.
- ii. While in Joppa, Peter raised a woman, Tabitha. Peter stayed with Simon, a tanner in Joppa.

Many began to join the church due to his activities at Lydda and Joppa which were predominantly a place of Gentiles. Thus, the church expanded in the nearby places of Jerusalem and Peter went all round to strengthen the believers.

V. LONG ANSWERS (answer ANY TWO only)

(2 x 5 = 10 marks)

1. Describe how to line up in the Sanctuary? **[5 marks]**

- Every person has to stand in the sanctuary according to their order and seniority except the priest and the deacon who assist the priest.



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- If those who are attending the sanctuary are of the same order, they have to stand according to age seniority, elders in the north and youngsters in the south.
- Bishops always stands in the northern side.
- If the Patriarch or the Catholicose are present they are also standing in the same order.
- If there is more than one Bishop, they also have to follow the same rule.
- All the priests are also expected to follow the same rule.
- While reciting the prayers also the same rule should be followed.

2. Who was Saul? Describe the incident how Saul the great scholar became apostle Paul.

- Saul was born at Tarsus, the capital of Cilicia and his father was a rich Pharisee. He was a Roman Citizen by birth and was influenced by Hebrew, Greek and Roman culture. He completed his education at the university of Tarsus and learned Law from Gamaliel, a teacher of Law and a highly respected person. At the age of 28, he became a member of the Sanhedrin, the supreme council of the Jews. He was zestful in observing the Law of God. He was enthusiastic in persecuting the Christian Church. [2 marks]
- Saul kept up his violent threats of murder against the followers of the Lord. He set out with a few people with letters of introduction to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he could find out any followers of the church, he could arrest and bring them back to Jerusalem. As Saul was approaching the city of Damascus, he had a vision. A dazzling light from the sky flashed around him. He fell down to the ground and heard a voice, "Saul, Saul! Why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" he asked. "I am Jesus whom you persecute," the voice said. "But get up and go into the city, where you will be told what you must do". When he got up he could not see anything. He was led to the house of Judas at straight street. For three days he fasted. At God's guidance a disciple named, Ananias came to Saul and placed his hands on him and prayed. His vision was restored. He received baptism. After his baptism, Saul went to the desert for keeping communion with God and for meditation for some time. Saul returned to Damascus as totally changed man and full of enthusiasm. [3 marks]



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3. Elucidate the five important Jewish sacrifices. [1 mark for each point]

1. BURNT OFFERING:

It is also known as an offering by fire of pleasing odor to Lord. The animal that is offered as a burnt offering should be a male without blemish. It should be brought before the Lord. The person who offers the animal need to put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering and it is accepted as his atonement. Nobody is allowed to take any portion of it. The whole should be burnt upon the altar itself. It is also known whole burnt offering.

2. GRAIN OFFERING:

A voluntary offering is to know God's good will and gifts. The person who offer this should bring Flour or grain, at times with oil, salt, and frankincense to Aaron's sons, the priests. After taking from it a handful of the choice flour and oil, with all its frankincense, the priest shall turn this token portion into smoke on the altar, an offering by fire of pleasing odour to the Lord. And what is left of the grain-offering shall be for Aaron and his sons, a most holy part of the offerings by fire to the Lord. (Leviticus 2)

3. PEACE OFFERING/WELL - BEING OFFERING:

It is also called a 'Thanks Giving Offering'. It is offered for having grace from God and for communion with fellow people. A part of the sacrificed animal will be burnt. The priest can take a portion of the remaining part. Those who offered is entitled for a portion of his offering.

4. SIN OFFERING:

This is offered for getting atonement for committing any unintentional sin. The same offering is offered, even if the whole congregation has committed an unintentional sin. A portion of the sacrificed animal is burnt and the remaining part can be eaten by the male members of the priests' family.

5. GUILT OFFERING/TRESSPASS OFFERING:

When anybody commit a trespass and sin unintentionally in any of the holy things of the Lord, he shall bring, as his guilt-offering to the Lord, a ram without blemish from the flock, convertible into silver by the sanctuary



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shekel and he shall make restitution for the holy thing in which he had remiss, and shall add one-fifth to it and give it to the priest. The priest shall make atonement on his behalf with the ram of the guilt-offering, and he shall be forgiven. The same offering is also offered for getting atonement when anybody committed a sin by deceiving a neighbor in a matter of a deposit or a pledge, or by robbery, or if anybody have defrauded a neighbor, or have found something lost and lied about it. He would repay anything took by robbery or by fraud or the deposit that was committed and shall add one-fifth to it. He should bring to the priest, as his guilt-offering to the Lord, a ram without blemish from the flock, or its equivalent. The priest shall make atonement on his behalf before the Lord, and he shall be forgiven for any of the things that one may do and incur guilt thereby.

4. Illustrate the Malankara visits of Moran Mor Ignatius Zakka I

The first Malankara visit of His Holiness in February 1982 [1.5 marks]

- i. The most important programme of this visit of His Holiness was to participate in the observance of the 50th memorial day celebrations of His Holiness Elias III, who is laid to rest at Manjinikara.
- ii. His Holiness performed the Mooran Sacrament in St: Mary's church at Manarcadu Kottayam.
- iii. His Holiness also consecrated, Fr: A C Abraham as Abraham Mor Severius at St: Thomas Church (Cheriyapally) Kothamangalam.

The second Malankara visit of His Holiness took place on 7th April 2000. [1 mark]

- i. The Golden Jubilee celebrations of Koobar Neethe Hakkemo Abraham Mor Clemis, the Great Bishop of the East

His Holiness visited Malankara for a third time in 2004 and the events related were [2.5 marks]

- i. The Mooron koodasa at St. Thomas Church (Cheriyapally) Kothamangalam
- ii. The inauguration of the Patriarchate Centre at Puthencruz
- iii. The Episcopal synod at St: George's Church Karingachira
- iv. The meeting of the central committee of the M.J.S.S.A held at Patriarchate centre Puthencruz on 24 September, 2004 under the chairmanship of His



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Holiness was a significant event in the history of the Sunday School Association.

- v. The Syrian Christian Association was held at St: Thomas Church, Mulanthuruthy on 27 September 2004 and it was presided over by His Holiness This association is popularly known as the 2nd Mulanthuruthy Synod.**