



# Mor Athanasius Jacobite Sunday School

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

## CLASS VII

### FINAL EXAMINATION – ANSWER KEY

#### 1. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER (10 x 0.5 = 5marks)

- In the middle of the journey to Canaan people of Israel erected tent in the valley  
(a. Mt. Sinai                      b. Mt. Hebron                      c. Mt. Tiberias)
- The Holy man who stood on a pillar for 40 years with prayer and ascetic performances  
(a. Mor Aprem,      b. Mor Simeon Stylites      c. Mor Athanasius)
- Who drew ashore the net full of fish?  
(a. John                      b. James                      c. Simon Peter)
- Holy Sanctuary is equivalent to the holiest of holy place of the temple of the Lord  
(a. Jerusalem                      b. Canan                      c. Jordan)
- The king of Babylon captured the city of Jerusalem in B.C.606  
(a. Ahasuerus                      b. Cyrus                      c. Nebuchadnezzar)
- The Roman Catholic Church proclaimed Mor Aprem as ‘ Doctor of the church ’  
in  
(a. 1950                      b. 1920                      c. 1925)
- Palakkunnathu Abraham Malpan gave leadership to the ideas such as change in  
the Taksā for the  
(a. Holy Qurbana                      b. Holy Baptisam                      c. Holy Mooron)
- The angel appeared to Cornelius at the time of prayer at  
(a. 9<sup>th</sup> hour                      b. 8<sup>th</sup> hour                      c. 6<sup>th</sup> hour)
- Whom did the Lord authorise to pay tax on behalf of him?  
(a. Paul                      b. Peter                      c. John)
- The friend who made Job to realize the sense of his sins.  
(a. Elihu                      b. Eliphaz                      c. Teman)



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## II. FILL UP THE BLANKS

*(5 x 1 = 5 marks)*

1. Peter had received the first position among the disciples nominated by the Lord/Jesus.
2. The greatest achievement of Peter during his stay in Joppa was the conversion of Cornelius and allies joining the Church.
3. Ahasuerus, the Persian king, removed Queen Vashti from her position and punished her
4. Bezgaza room is meant for keeping things which are necessary for the church service but not permitted to be kept in the sanctuary.
5. H H Ignatius Pathrose III/ H.H Peter III convened the 'Mulanthuruthy Synod' in 1876.

## III. MATCH THE FOLLOWING

*(5 x 0.5 = 2.5 marks)*

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Job - <b>B</b>         | A. Miraculous fishing (5) |
| 2. Altar - <b>D</b>       | B. Uz (1)                 |
| 3. Magna Carta - <b>E</b> | C. Nizeebeen (4)          |
| 4. Mor Aprem - <b>C</b>   | D. Thronos (2)            |
| 5. Tiberias - <b>A</b>    | E. Padiyola (3)           |

## IV. STATE TRUE or FALSE

*(5 x 1 = 5 marks)*

1. The Altar is located at the Eastern end of the Sanctuary – **TRUE**
2. Centurion is the head of hundred army men. – **TRUE**
3. Job who was happy saw children and grandchildren for four generations and lived for 150 years- **FALSE**
4. Simeon Stylites is known as the third Desthuno - **FALSE**
5. Cyrus is the Persian king who proclaimed liberation to Jews – **TRUE**



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## V. WHO SAID TO WHOM

(5 x 1 = 5 marks)

1. "I will answer you: God is greater than any mortal".

**Elihu said to Job**

2. "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some".

**Jesus said to the disciples.**

3. "Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place"

**God spoke to Solomon.**

4. "I will give you the keys of kingdom of heaven".

**Jesus/ Lord said to St. Peter**

5. "Stand up; I am only a mortal".

**Peter said to Cornelius**

## VI. SHORT NOTES (ONE or TWO SENTENCES)

(5 x 1.5 = 7.5 marks)

1. What are the two instances of miraculous fishing recorded in the New Testament? Which place both the instances happened? (0.5 marks for each point)
- **First one of the instances at which Jesus calls Simon, James and John as disciples.**
  - **Second instance is when Jesus appears to the disciples for the third time after resurrection.**
  - **Both of the incidents happened on the Shore Sea of Tiberias.**
2. Describe Sepulchre (Tomb) (0.5 marks for each point)
- **This is a small room built under the Thronos. Its door is from the eastern wall of the Thronos.**
  - **The cross representing the dead body of the Lord is entombed at the close of the prayers on Good Friday here.**
  - **This Sepulchre should be used only for entombing the holy cross on Good Friday just as Joseph and Nichodemus entombed the dead body of the Lord in a new Sepulchre, where in none else was entombed. In this room no other things should ever be kept.**



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3. What were the temptations to which Job was subjected? (0.5 marks for each point – ANY three)
- His animal wealth was stolen.
  - Attackers killed his servants.
  - His house collapsed in storm and the sons and daughters were killed.
  - Tempted serious illness to him with sore boils from sole of his feet to the crown.
4. What kind of a man was Cornelius? Explain how did Cornelius receive Peter? (0.75 marks for each point)
- Cornelius was the centurion of the band called italiaci band. He was a God fearing and devoted man; with the habit of praying and alms giving.
  - Cornelius prepared with his relatives and friends to receive Peter to his house. Welcoming and worshipping him, Cornelius fell at the feet of Peter when he came in.
5. What was the vision of Simon Desthuno in his boyhood? Which day holy church celebrates the feast of Simon Desthuno?
- In his boyhood Simeon had a vision while grazing the sheep. He saw in that vision that he was led to a huge mountain, building an altar and to the place where the body of Timothy, the disciple of St Paul the apostle was kept and thereafter, entering the house of God. (1 marks)
  - His feast is celebrated on July 17<sup>th</sup> (0.5 marks)



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## VII. SHORT ANSWERS (Answer any TWO in 3 or more sentences) (2 x 2.5 = 5marks)

1. Write down the qualities of life of St. Aprem (Ephraim)?

(0.5 marks for each point – ANY five)

- He was a worthy monk with spiritual life and observance of asceticism.
- He had sound knowledge in theological studies.
- He was celibate and was an ascetic.
- His main duties were prayer, meditation and writing books.
- He had been sleeping on the floor and his food was bread of barley and leafy vegetables and he drank only water.
- Presuming that he would not be alive till next morning he had been praying from dusk till dawn.

2. Pen down any five the importance/powers of St. Peter?

(0.5 marks for each point – ANY five)

- Just as God changed the name of Abram to Abraham, when he selected him as the father of a clan, the Lord gave Simon, the name Peter.
- “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven”, Keys are the symbol of authority. Jesus gives this authority only to Peter.
- After the resurrection, the Lord gave this authority to Peter; over the whole church; in the presence of other disciples.
- Wherever the names of apostles were mentioned, the name of Peter was the first.
- Selection of a person in the place of Judas was made under the leadership of Peter.
- It was Peter who preached to Jews and added 3000 of them to the church.
- It was because of the vision that Peter had, that the gentiles were admitted to the church.



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3. What are the Resemblance of the Church with Mt Sinai and with Paradise

(0.5 marks for each point)

## Resemblance of the Church with Mt Sinai

- In the middle of their journey to Canaan, people of Israel erected tent in the valley of Mt Sinai. In obedience to the command of God, Moses went up the mountain and the people remained in the valley praying.
- The place where the people stayed praying represents the Nave (Prakaram). The place in between the people and mountain represents Haikala (Kesthurma or Chancel)
- The smoke rising from the censor, the candles that burn with dazzling light, the sounds of hand bells and Marvahsa all bring to memory the flash of lightning and thunderbolt, sound of bugle, smoke etc on Mt Sinai.  
Hence Church resembles and is compared to Mt Sinai

## Resemblance of the Church with paradise

- In the paradise, there is presence of God, tree of life, host of holy men who died in the Lord. Just like that in the centre of the altar, in the sanctuary there is the cross of victory representing the tree of life for presenting to the winners;
- The Holy Eucharist, the fruit of life; the host of priests signifying the holy men and so the church represents / resembles paradise.





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4. Describe briefly on how did Esther save the life of Jewish people?

(The answer can be any points which convey the message – 2.5 marks)

- **Haman planned to destroy the Jews in full, including Mordecai and got an order from the King for it.**
- **Mordecai and all the Jewish people felt sad when they knew about this. Mordecai told Queen Esther to save them from this danger. Esther was reluctant as it was a time that none should go to the presence of the King.**
- **But Mordecai talked to her again Queen Esther decided to go to the presence of the king to save her people and she was not afraid to forsake her life for that. She declared fasting for three days for the blessing of God, as she was aware that only with God's blessing, the King will accept her for a decision in favour of the Jewish people.**
- **She also told Mordecai that all the Jews of royalty of Susa should assemble together and pray for her. So the Jews, Queen Esther and her maid servants prayed, fasting for three days.**
- **After completion, Esther went to the royal presence without invitation. Esther who got favour in the King's court arranged banquets for the King two times and invited Haman also.**
- **At the second banquet the queen requested that her people should be saved. The queen told the King that it is Haman who has devised the plan to destroy her people. The King understood it was the work of Haman and ordered to save the Jews and hang Haman.**