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Class X Final Year Examination

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Signature of Allocating Teacher :

This booklet has **14 pages**. First **three pages** are Questions and Instructions.
Do not write in the Tables below. Answers should be written on **Page 4** onwards.

Part I: Oral

Questions	Scored	Maximum
1		5
2		3
3		2
4		5
Total		15

Part II: Written

Questions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
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II						-	-	-	-	-	
III						-	-	-	-	-	
IV						-	-	-	-	-	
V						-	-	-	-	-	



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I Fill up the blanks

(10 × 0.5=5 marks)

1. The covenant relationship between the people of Israel and God is compared to a **marriage** in different parts of the Bible.
2. **St. James** is the great personality whom we remember in the 5th diptych (thubden) as first Patriarch of Jerusalem, Saint, Sleeho and martyr.
3. The **peshitta** is accepted as the authorized version of the Bible by the Jacobite Syrian Christian Church. (**Syriac vulgate**)
4. “The **Angel** of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them” (Psalm 34:7)
5. St. John had written his third letter addressing to a person called **Gaius**.
6. Of all the Patriarchal Sees organized at the Council of Nicaea the See of **Antioch** is the most ancient.
7. In the New Testament, the **Church** is the bride of the Christ.
8. “That all of them may be one, **Father** just as you are in me and I am in you”.

9. Even such people who have received the sacrament of confession at least once in the previous forty days need to receive **__Hoosoyo or Prayer of Propitiation__** from a priest, before partaking of the Holy Eucharist.
10. **_Parousia__** is the greek word, that is generally used for the official incoming of the Kings.

II Match the following **(5 × 0.5 = 2.5marks)**

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| 1. Not a Metropolitan but remembered in 5th Diptych | Book of Tobit(3) |
| 2. Catholic letters | Song of Songs(4) |
| 3. Angel Raphael | Seleucus Nicator(5) |
| 4. Lebanon to Egypt | Mor Eusebius (2) |
| 5. Antioch | Mor Barsouma (1) |

III Short Answers (1 to 2 sentences) **(5×1.5=7.5marks)**

1. What does the book of Tobit teach to lead a blessed family life?
The book teaches that it is essential to have faith in God and grace of God to lead a blessed family life.
2. What could be the reason for addressing the second letter of St. John to a respectable lady, even though its content reveals that it is meant for a regional church?
This salute is referenced to elected sister's children. This could be because the church was visualized as the bride of Jesus Christ.
3. Why were a few angels removed from the Kingdom of God?
A few Angels were removed from the kingdom of God because they challenged God and competed with Him.

4. Which book is known as “Proverbs of New Testament” and why is it so called?
Letter written by St. James is known as Proverbs of New Testament because as in Proverbs this book also has lot of concepts which make a person think.
5. During the elevation of the Holy Mysteries, two persons holding lighted candles should stand on either side in front of the altar. Whom do they represent?
Holding the two lighted candles on either side symbolizes the two angels who came into sight to comfort the disciples who were looking up at the sky at the time of the Ascension of Jesus Christ.

IV Short Notes (3 to 4 sentences)

(5×2=10 marks)

1. How is the bride praising the bride groom in the fourth song of the Song of Songs?
She is full of praise for him and says that he is the most handsome person. He is as radiant as the sun and he is the greatest among ten thousand. Nobody is equal to him in any aspect.
2. Why is the sanctuary veiled when the celebrant conducts the glorious prayers of fracture and commixture?
When Jesus Christ committed His spirit into the hands of the Father and breathed His last, the sun had been darkened and darkness had spread over all the land. The following events, such as entombment and resurrection, happened when there was no sunlight and hence were concealed from the worldly eyes. Since all these are commemorated during the fracture and commixture, the corresponding prayers are required to be conducted when the veil is drawn across the sanctuary.

3. How should the faithful prepare for the second coming?
 - 1) **We should await with curiosity**
 - 2) **We should be prepared**
 - 3) **We should be dedicated to our work**
 - 4) **We should continuously pray for the second coming**
4. What was the context for writing the first letter of St. Peter?

During the time emperor Nero, being afraid of the persecutions many of the Christians started ditching the true faith. St. Peter wrote this letter to make them bold and strengthen them and intimate them that the persecutions are temporary. This letter also reminds them about the hope in Jesus Christ and to let them know that it is important to go through tough times
5. How can we get into unity with God, according to St. John's first letter?
 - a. **God is light. So all those who travel through the light are in unity with God.**
 - b. **God is just. So all those who are just are from the God.**
 - c. **God is love. So all those who love are born from the God.**

V . Long Answers (Out of 4 , 2 should be written) (2×5=10marks)

1. Write a paragraph about IInd letter written by St. Peter.

The second letter was written to face the problems arising within the church. St. Peter encourages people to be watchful of destructive wrong teachings from the false prophets. There is no clarity regarding to whom this letter was written.

From the letter itself, it is clear that it was written mainly to rebuke the following two wrong teachings.

- 1. A group of people who didn't accept Jesus Christ (2:122)**
 - 2. Those who declined the second coming of Jesus Christ (3:113)**
2. Explain the spiritual dimension of the Song of Songs.

In the Old Testament, Israel is depicted as the bride of the Lord .The bride's extreme anxiety and her intense desire to be one with her beloved, the obstacles, sufferings and temptations which she is subjected to are all beautifully depicted here. It is clearly stated that the bridegroom is in love with his beloved bride (Israel) and if she is faithful and true to him in love, she will be able to overcome all the obstacles and will be united with him forever. Similarly the church is the most beautiful and noble bride of Christ and she belongs to him and to him only. She should wait for her beloved, prayerfully keeping herself pure and resisting all temptations.

3. Write the reasons for the second coming of Jesus.
- 1. To honour His promise**
 - 2. To include the selected**
 - 3. To judge the gentiles**
 - 4. To reward each one according to their deeds**
 - 5. To resurrect the dead**

4. Write briefly about Dayara of Mor Mathai.

The Dayara of Mor Mathai, situated near Mosul in Iraq, was founded in the 4th century and is an important one. Apart from Mor Mathai who established it, Abraham, Zaki and Daniel were the other prominent members of the Dayara in the beginning. One Arabic historian of the 13th century has recorded that about one thousand people lived there at that time.In the middle ages, this Dayara was

well known as a centre of learning. One of the most scholarly among the famous ascetics of the Syrian church, Maphriyano Bar Hebraya (Bar Hebraeus) lived here for a long time and wrote many books. Since the 10th century, for a long time it was the headquarters of the Maphriyanos. We have lost almost all the invaluable books of the famous library of this Dayara. They are now kept in places like the British Library, Vatican library and different institutions in Europe where ancient manuscripts are kept. Only a few original handwritten books of not much importance are available in the library now. Thousands visit the place as tourists and pilgrims.
