



# Mor Athanasius Jacobite Sunday School

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## Class X

### ANNUAL EXAMINATION – ANSWER KEY

#### I. FILL UP THE BLANKS

(10 x 0.5 = 5 marks )

1. In the early church the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ was the strongest driving force behind Christianity.
2. Letter written by St. James is known as **Proverbs** of New Testament.
3. The Malayalam translation of the Peshitta done by Very Rev. Dr. Curien Kaniamparampil Arch Corepiscopa, is called “ **Visudha Grandham**”
4. In his letter to **Hebrews** St Paul emphasizes that Jesus Christ was the chief priest according to order of Melchizedek.
5. **King David** compiled the first book of Psalms.
6. The book of Pentateuch, points to **Christ** in whom all the promise and prophetic sayings are fulfilled.
7. St. John has written his third letter addressing to a person called **Gaius**.
8. The YMCA which is functioning all over the world, started in **1844** in England.
9. We believe in **one GOD**, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
10. During the benediction in the name of Jesus Christ, the celebrant faces the people and makes the sign of the cross **three** times.

#### II. MATCH THE FOLLOWING

(5 x 0.5 = 2.5 marks )

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| 1. Proverbs Chapter 30 - <b>e</b> | a. Psalms          |
| 2. ‘Lahmo’ - <b>d</b>             | b. Moses           |
| 3. Pentateuch - <b>b</b>          | c. Spiritual house |
| 4. Song of worship - <b>a</b>     | d. Leavened bread  |
| 5. ‘oikos’ - <b>c</b>             | e. Words of Agur   |



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## III. WRITE SHORT ANSWERS (1 or 2 Sentences) (5 x 1.5 = 7.5 marks)

### 1. What is the significance of 'Sleeba Perunnal'?

- i. Under the leadership of Queen Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, a group of people went to Jerusalem and searched for the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified and found it. **(1mark)**
- ii. The Church commemorates this event on September 14<sup>th</sup> as 'Sleeba Perunnal'. **(0.5 marks)**

### 2. What does the veil signify? **(0.5 marks for each point)**

The veil signifies

- i. the great sheet lowered from the Heaven to Apostle , St. Peter,
- ii. the stone placed at the door of our Lord's tomb'
- iii. the rock of flint that that sprung twelve streams for the twelve tribes of Israel.

### 3. Compare the relationship of the 2<sup>nd</sup> book of Psalms with the book of Exodus. **(0.75 marks for each point)**

- i. The second Book of Psalms has much in common with Exodus. Both Exodus and the second Book of Psalms deal with liberation from slavery and redemption, (Ps. 42:9, 44:1-3, 66:4-6.)
- ii. We can see a lot of prayers recollecting the past events for eternal salvation and to be in the Kingdom of God in the second book of Psalms. (Psalms 42:1, 57:2, 65:4.)

### 4. What is the main concept discussed in the letter to Romans by St. Paul? **(0.5 marks for each point)**

- i. The most important concept described is the justification through faith.
- ii. The complete justification in front of God is impossible by following commandments and laws.



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iii. Instead, he teaches that complete justification is possible only through Jesus Christ.

5. Explain the vision about Christ in the Book of Proverbs by quoting the references from the New Testament. [0.75 marks for each point - If the bible references are not written the marks need to be deducted.]

- The theme of Proverbs Chapter 8 is wisdom. The source of all creation is wisdom. This wisdom is the basis of our spiritual and material life. The superior wisdom of man, morality and eternal life depend upon this wisdom.
- St. Paul in his Epistle to the Colossians asserts that Christ is the very same wisdom (Col:2:3). St. Paul makes this point very clear again in the epistle to the Corinthians (1Cor 1:22-24,1:30)

## IV. WRITE SHORT NOTES (Upto 4 Sentences) (5 x 2=10 marks)

1. What is the general format of the structure of St. Paul's letter?

(0.5 marks for each point)

- i. The arrangement of all the letters by St. Paul is similar. Generally the name of the writer and to whom it is written is mentioned in the beginning of the letter itself.
- ii. After a short thanks/appreciation he jumps directly into the content which he wants to communicate.
- iii. This is followed by a formal greeting. Letter concludes with prayer and blessing.
- iv. It was very difficult to write letters in those days as papers or printing machines were yet to be invented. St. Paul who was continuously preaching shouldn't have got time to write all the letters himself. So, most of the letters were conceptually dictated by St. Paul and written by somebody else.



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## 2. Elucidate the phrase ‘broods and rests upon..... sanctifies’.

**(0.5 marks for each point)**

- i. The phrase is to elucidate the action of Holy Spirit during the Holy Eucharist.
- ii. The phrase may become clearer if we think about birds hatch their young ones. The mother bird gathers her eggs together and broods over her eggs. During this process of incubation, the mother bird moves her wings faintly. This is for the egg to receive warmth and fresh air. Due to this action of the mother bird, slowly a new life forms inside the egg and after a few days the egg becomes a new creation.
- iii. This is similar to the action of the Holy spirit during the Holy Eucharist. The offered bread from wheat and the wine from grapes become the flesh and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit that broods and rests upon and sanctifies, the Holy Eucharist.
- iv. Our eyes are not capable of seeing the formation of life inside the egg transforming it into a hatchling. Analogously, our physical eyes are incapable of seeing the bread and wine becoming the flesh and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 3. Give reasons for the decline of Antioch and its Christian church in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. **(0.5 marks for each reason)**

There were four reasons for the decline of Antioch and its Christian Church in the 5th century

1. Persecution from the double nature (dyophysite) group after the Chalcedon council.



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2. The earthquake of the first half of the 6th century.
3. The Persian attack in AD 538. The city was nearly completely destroyed in this attack.
4. In AD 638 when Arabs invaded and conquered Antioch, it became isolated from the Christian world. It was in AD 538, the same year of the demise of Mor Severius (also spelt Severus) that Antioch was destroyed completely. After Mor Severius, the headquarters of the Apostolic See was shifted from Antioch.

#### 4. Write short note on the spiritual dimension of the book 'Song of Songs'.

**(2 marks)**

In the Old Testament, Israel is depicted as the bride of the Lord (Hosea 2:19-20). 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.

#### 5. Give references from the Holy Bible about the suggestions regarding the Holy Trinity though the word is never used in the Holy Bible.

The word Trinity is never used in the Holy Bible. However, there are many references to the Holy Trinity in the Holy Bible. Following are some of them:



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**Genesis 1:26** - Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” **(0.5 marks)**

**St. Mathew 28:19** - “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” **(0.5 marks)**

**St. Mathew 3:16-17** - While Jesus Christ was getting baptized we can see the presence of all the three Knuma of the Trinity. The words of the Holy Father were heard. The Holy Son was physically present there. The Holy Spirit descends upon the Holy Son as a dove. **(1 mark)**

**V. LONG ANSWERS (answer ANY TWO only) (2 x 5 = 10 marks)**

**1. Pen the five reasons for the second coming of Jesus Christ with Biblical reference. (1 mark for each reason)**

Reasons for the second coming are

- 1. To own His promise (St. John 14:3)** I am going to prepare place for you. After I go, I will prepare place for you. I will come again and will include you along with me. “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”
- 2. To include the selected (St. Mathew 24:31)** They will see the Son of Man coming with all power and glory in the mid of the sky. He will send his angels sounding loud trumpets. They will include His selected from the corner of the cloudy sky to the corner of the sky in four winds.
- 3. To judge the gentiles (St. Mathew 25:31-32)** Son of Man along with all His holy angels will come in His glory and be seated on his glorious throne. All the nations will be brought in front of Him. Like a shepherd separates between



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sheep (which gives wool) and goat, He will also separate them. He will move the sheep to the right and goat to the left.

4. To reward each one according to their deeds (St. Mathew 16:27) Then He will reward each one according to their deeds.

5. To resurrect the dead (1 Thes 4:13-17) Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And we will be with the Lord forever.

## 2. Explain the 'Yahwist tradition' or 'Jahwist tradition' (5 marks)

- The Yahwist tradition is the oldest tradition in the Pentateuch. As God is called by the name Yahweh from the very beginning in this tradition, it came to be known as Yahwist. The letter 'J' is used to refer to this tradition as J is the first letter of the German word Jahweh (God).
- The Biblical portions Genesis 2:4 - 4:21 belong solely to this tradition. The following passages are seen only in 'J' tradition. 6:1-8,12:1-13'18' Exodus 1:6-14,32:1-24,28, Deuteronomy :34:1-12.
- The 'J' tradition is mostly found in the Book of Genesis. Infact, more than the half of the 'J' tradition is found in Genesis. The remaining portions in the 'J' tradition are seen in Exodus and Numbers.



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- The account of the death of Moses is the only ‘J’ tradition in Deuteronomy. There is not even a single word that belongs to the ‘J’ tradition in Leviticus.
- Period of Composition - The portions of the Pentateuch in the “Jahwist tradition have been written somewhere in Jerusalem during the 10 – 9 centuries BC. They tell us about the promises and blessings conferred upon the forefathers and the central character is Abraham.

### 3. Elucidate ‘The Ecumenical Movement’ (5 marks)

The English word ‘ecumenical’ originated from the Greek word ‘oikoumenikos’. It means ‘the whole inhabited world’. The root word ‘oikos’ which means house, spiritual house, temple etc. Thus, the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the word ecumenism attained a wider meaning ‘Christian Fellowship World Wide’. In the modern world, the ecumenical movement reflects the endeavor of the Christian Churches for a Universal Christian Unity and their desire to be the witnesses of Jesus to the ends of the earth (Acts :1:8). Over the centuries, Churches in different geographical regions accepted different rituals and ways of administration. Then each church focused more on the differences between themselves and the other churches. But the belief and hope that while individual differences in faith and liturgy and rituals are respected, different churches can work together in other aspects, led to the emergence of the ecumenical movement. Translation of the Holy Bible into various languages helped this movement. When the British and Foreign Society was established in 1804, the ecumenical movement got a lot of encouragement. By the middle of 19<sup>th</sup> century, the word ‘ecumenism’ acquired a wider meaning ‘Christian Fellowship World Wide’. This word signifies the wish for unity among the divided Christians.





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**4. How are the Angels often depicted as? Explain the services of angels to the faithful?**

Angels are often depicted as servants of God and celestial beings who act as intermediaries between heaven and earth. They don't have visible bodies or relationships. They don't have death after their creation. **(1 mark)**

Few of the important services that angels render to the human beings are explained below. **(1 mark for each point)**

1. **Guide the people in the right direction** (Genesis 24:7,40) - When Abraham decides to take a wife for his son Isaac, he tells his servant “God will send his angel before you so that you can find a girl for him” – “The Lord, the God of heaven, who brought me out of my father’s household and my native land and who spoke to me and promised me on oath, saying, ‘To your offspring I will give this land’—he will send his angel before you so that you can get a wife for my son from there.” Genesis 24:7. Genesis 24:40 confirms that this happened.

2. **Protect** (Psalm 34:7) - “The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them”

3. **Unbind or Save from trouble** (Daniel 6:22) - Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! My God sent his angel and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

4. **Comfort** (Acts 27:23,24) - Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me and said, “Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you”.