



## CLASS IX

### MID-TERM EXAMINATION - ANSWER KEY

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

- Who were angry at Peter as he spoke about resurrection?  
(a. Pharisees,      **b. Sadducees,**      c. High Priest and his companions)
- Name the prophet who console the people who were depressed with the attack of locusts.  
(**a. Joel,**      b. Obadiah,      c. Haggai)
- St. Peter established 'divine regalia' in  
(a. Rome,      b. Jerusalem,      **c. Antioch)**
- The Christian church which had its birth shortly was led by the power of the  
(a. Apostles,      b. Christian message,      **c. Holy Spirit)**
- On the 10th day of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, as promised, Holy Spirit was bestowed up on the 120 people.  
(**a. Ascension,**      b. Resurrection,      c. Crucifixion)
- The history of events and persons found in the books of Chronicles are also seen in the following books except  
(a. Samuel,      b. Kings,      **c. Genesis)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ has written The Acts of Apostles as an eye witness account.  
(**a. St. Luke,**      b. St. Paul,      c. St. Peter)



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8. This prophet had a clear and definite vision about Christ as the Judge of all nations

(a. Haggai,                      b. Malachi,                      **c. Obadiah**)

9. During the administrative arrangements in the Malankara Church, H.G. Abraham Mor Clemis was given \_\_\_\_\_ diocese

(**a. Cannanite**,                      b. Cochin,                      c. Angamali)

10. Who prophesized that ‘But he was wounded for our transgressions’,

(a. Haggai,                      **b. Isaiah**,                      c. Zachariah)

## II. FILL UP THE BLANKS

*(10 X 0.5= 5 marks)*

1. **King Cyrus** gave freedom to the Jews to return to Jerusalem.
2. In the Jerusalem Temple, at the **Beautiful Gate** Peter & John cured a person who was lame from birth.
3. Entry into the early church was through **baptism** only.
4. The word ‘Obadiah’ means **Servant of Lord / Worshipper of Lord.**
5. The Apostles made it clear that more than the bodily circumcision the **purity of heart** is more important.
6. The covenant which God made with **David** is an everlasting one.
7. St. Peter went to Caesarea to baptize **Cornelius** who was a captain in the Roman army.
8. Those who are purified through Jesus Christ are known as **saints.**
9. **Praxeis** is the Greek word for Acts.



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10. **Thuruthissery** meeting elected H. B. Mor Baselius II, the Catholicose of the East as the Malankara Metropolitan.

### III. MATCH THE FOLLOWING

*(5 X 0.5 =2.5 marks)*

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Philip - <b>D</b>   | A. Lydda            |
| 2. Esau - <b>C</b>     | B. Judas Iscariot   |
| 3. Aeneas - <b>A</b>   | C. Edomites         |
| 4. Haggai - <b>E</b>   | D. Ethiopian Eunuch |
| 5. Matthias - <b>B</b> | E. Zerubbabel       |

### IV. STATE TRUE or FALSE

*(5 X 0.5 =2.5 marks)*

1. In Acts of Apostles, more importance is given to the history of the individuals, than the Christian message. - **False**
2. The Jacobite Syrian Christian Association regularly informed His Holiness the developments in the Malankara Church. - **True**
3. St. Virgin Mary's words that all generations will call me blessed is from her pride desire. - **False**
4. The sin of the Edomites was that they were happy at the fall of their brother. - **True**
5. Through the preaching of St. Peter gentiles received grace as did the Jews. - **True**

### V. SHORT NOTES (3 or 4 SENTENCES)

*(5 x 2 = 10 marks)*

1. Describe the last days of St. Peter. **(0.5 marks for each point)**

**Peter remained in Antioch for a long time and looked after the church. Later for his apostolic visit he went to many places including Corinth and Rome. Roman Emperor Nero was persecuting Christians in those days. Peter was arrested and imprisoned. He has written two**



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epistles to the church from the prison. On the 29th of June 67 A.D, he was crucified at Rome. He requested that he be crucified upside down so that he can die kissing the feet of Jesus. Accordingly, he was crucified upside down.

2. The death of a believer is compared with a sleep, a slumber. Justify with an example from the Bible. (0.5 marks for each point)

- Lazarus died and was buried. After 4 days, standing near his grave, Jesus told Martha and Mary that Lazarus “shall rise again”.
- When they were going to the house of Lazarus Jesus told his disciples that Lazarus is sleeping.
- Jesus told them “I am the resurrection and life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. (John 11:25).
- It is because Lazarus was sleeping, that he came out of the grave when Jesus summoned him. From this example we can justify that the death of a believer is compared with a sleep, a slumber.

3. What was the main aim & important message of writing the book

‘Chronicles’? (1 mark for each point)

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.

Even though the aim of the author is to write the history of their ancestors, he also gives an important message to his contemporary society. “The Lord is with you, while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you abandon him, he will abandon you.”

(2 Chr. 15.2)



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4. Enlist any 2 important ideas the Catholicose party tried to impose in Malankara. Explain to prove that those are incorrect. (1 mark for each point)

**The 3 important ideas of the Catholicose party and the correct explanation against those ideas are**

- i. **Malankara Church is an independent entity with a Head of its own.**

**But as per the decision of the Holy Synod of Nicene, Malankara Church is an inseparable part of the Apostolic throne of St. Peter in Antioch and all the East.**

- ii. **The Catholicose has ascended the throne of St. Thomas just like the Patriarch has ascended the throne of St. Peter.**

**There is no tradition to prove that St. Thomas has established any Holy See or any priestly followers in Malankara. On the contrary there are many evidences to prove that from ancient time onwards Malankara Jacobite Syrian Church have had priestly and spiritual succession from the Holy See of Antioch.**

- iii. **The Patriarch and the Catholicose are Equals.**

**In the priestly order Catholicose is subordinate to the Patriarch. So, no one can claim that they are equal.**

5. What was the reason for choosing of the Seven Helpers in the early church?

**In the early church, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews (who were more in number) because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. As the Apostles were busy in prayer and the ministry of the word of God, it was not possible for them to look after the welfare of the disciples or to solve the disputes. So, the Apostles gathered all the disciples together and asked them to choose seven men from them who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom, who will be the helpers responsible for looking after the welfare of the disciples.**



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## VI. WRITE LONG ANSWERS

*(Answer any TWO (2 X 5 = 10marks))*

1. Explain the Speech of St. Peter on the day of Pentecost. With Bible reference

*(1.25 marks for each point, if no reference 0.25 will be deducted)*

**This speech of St. Peter can be divided in to four prats:**

1. Acts 2 :14 -21, He explains that the event was the fulfilment of the prophecy of Joel. It was the third hour of the day. In festival days it was the time to begin the service. Jews would not drink nor eat anything before that prayer. Therefore, it is illogical to think that they were drunk.
2. Verses 22- 28: Peter Explains the events and how God in accordance with his own plan had already decided that Jesus would be handed over to the Jews and they in turn let sinful men to crucify him. God raised him from death, setting him free from its power, because it was impossible for death to hold him a prisoner. Peter then quotes Psalms 16: 8-11.
3. Verses 29 -36: As stated in Psalms 13: 11, Jesus is the descendant and heir to the throne of David and God has raised him and made him Lord and Messiah. Peter convinced them that Jesus is the Messiah whom Jews were waiting for.
4. Verses 38 - 41: Peter appealed to them to turn away from sins and urged them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ so that they may receive the Holy Spirit.



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2. The plan of salvation that God had prepared (on the cross) for the redemption of human race was noble and congruent with God's Justice.

Justify

(1.25 marks for each point)

- **In the garden of Eden man showed disobedience to God. God had commanded that man should not eat the fruit of the forbidden tree. But he violated that command and ate and succumbed to death. But in the cross of Calvary Jesus showed perfect obedience to the Father.**
- **When man committed the sin there was a tree in the form of a matter, the tree of knowledge, that distinguishes between vice and virtue. So, a matter, a tree which is cross, was selected by God to cure a sin that was committed by means of a matter.**
- **Eve-a woman was responsible for the fall of the human race. So, God decided that there should be a woman in the redemption plan, ie, Virgin Mary from whom with the Holy Spirit Jesus was born. (Since all humans are in sin as per Romans 5:12)**
- **The first man Adam disobeyed the command of God. Here God decided that only a sinless man who obeys Gods command can bring redemption for the Human race. That man is Jesus Christ, who obeyed and submitted Himself to the will of Father.**

**From the above points it is clear that the plan of salvation that God had prepared for the redemption of human race was noble and congruent with God's Justice.**



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3. Pen on the Alwaye Scare.

(1mark for each point)

- **Alwaye scare was in 1977- 78.**
- **The true believers staged an enduring strike to protest against the negation of the adoration before the tombs of the blessed Fathers in Thrikkunnathu Seminary Alwaye, one of the most important Holy places for the true believers in Kerala.**
- **It began with the arrest and torture of H.G. Thomas Mor Dionysius, without any provocation on 6th December 1977.**
- **On the same day itself, the believers who had assembled in Alwaye from various parts of Kerala were ruthlessly tortured by the police influenced by the Methran party. Many priests and believers who received injuries on that day are still alive in Kerala.**
- **The hunger strike that was started on that day by H. G.Thomas Mor Dionysius ended after 44 days, when the Metropolitans of the true Church entered and performed worships in Thrikunnathu Seminary Church.**
- **As a part of the strike, the mass rally organized by the true believers all over Kerala is definitely unforgettable and the sacrifices behind it is worthy to be remembered.**





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4. What is the background of the prophesy of Malachi? List down the answers Prophet Malachi gives when the people doubted the love of God.

**After building the Temple, the people began to worship God. Still there was continuous drought, famine and loss of crops. At that time their faith dwindled and they began to doubt the love of God. They even questioned the love of God. This was the background when Malachi started his prophesy. (2 marks)**

**The answers Prophet Malachi gives when the people doubted the love of God are (0.5 marks for each point)**

- i. Do not doubt the love of God**
- ii. Holy sacrifices must be done without polluting the name of the Lord.**
- iii. Do not show unfaithfulness to God.**
- iv. Return to God.**
- v. Those who love God will be rewarded abundantly.**
- vi. God will send Prophet Elijah before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.**