



CLASS VIII

MID-TERM EXAMINATION – ANSWER KEY

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

1. Name the prophet who predicted the birth of Jesus from a Virgin?
(a. Jeremiah, **b. Isaiah,** c. Hosea)
2. Who is the apostle (Jesus' Disciple) among the synoptic gospel writers?
(a. St Mark, **b. St Matthew,** c. St Luke)
3. The Holy Day of the Cross is celebrated on
(**a. September 14,** b. September 15, c. September 16)
4. Who is the author of the book "Acts of Apostles"?
(**a. St Luke,** b. St Paul, c. St Matthew)
5. The Thursday that comes after forty days of resurrection is the festival of ____
(**a. Ascension,** b. Easter, c. Cross)
6. Who is the only Prophet to whom Jesus compared Himself?
(a. Hosea, b. Amos, **c. Jonah)**
7. Who was appointed as the prophet of nations even before he was formed in the womb?
(**a. Jeremiah** b. Isaiah, c. Hosea)
8. Which gospel is known as the "Church Gospel"?
(a. St Mark, b. St Luke, **c. St Matthew)**
9. Who is the Patriarch of Alexandria, described in the 5th Diptych?
(a. St James, **b. St Cyril,** c. Mor Ivanios)



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10. On the command of the Lord, _____ married a woman of whoredom.

- (a. Jonah, b. Amos, c. **Hosea**)

II. FILL UP THE BLANKS

(10 x 0.5 = 5 marks)

1. The 17th chapter of the Gospel of St. John is known as **High Priestly Prayer**
2. **Holy Saturday** is the Memorial Day in which our Lord descended to Hades and preached the gospel to the souls who were imprisoned there.
3. **Hosanna** is a Hebrew word meaning, 'Lord save us.'
4. **Mor Koorilose (St. Cyril of Alexandria)** is also known as the 'Doctor of Incarnation'
5. Jesus' purification of the temple was the fulfilment of the prophecy of **Malachi**.
6. The ten days from the Ascension to Pentecost are the **Days of Expectation**
7. St. Mark uses the word "**Son of Man**" 14 times in his Gospel
8. Resurrected Jesus Christ first appeared to the weeping **Mary Magdalene** who remained near the tomb.
9. **St James of Sarug** is also known as the "the flute of the Holy Spirit"
10. Pentecost is the festival of the gift of the **Holy Spirit** for Christians

III. MATCH THE FOLLOWING

(5 x 0.5 = 2.5 marks)

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| 1. Holy Synod of Ephesus - B | A. Jeremiah |
| 2. Weeping Prophet - A | B. St. Cyril |
| 3. A physician and an artist - E | C. St. Mark |
| 4. Zion Mansion - C | D. Amos |
| 5. One who carries the burden - D | E. St Luke |



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IV. STATE TRUE or FALSE

(5 x 0.5 = 2.5 marks)

1. Passover and Good Friday are the two most important incidents in the life of our Lord in this world. - **True**
2. Easter is the festival of gathering. - **False**
3. Hosea gives a message to the world through this prophecy that God will redeem those who return to God even if they were unfaithful. - **True**
4. St. John has written six miracles of Jesus which are not recorded in the Synoptic Gospels. - **True**
5. The phrase 'Kingdom of Heaven' is only seen in St Mark - **False**

V. SHORT NOTES (3 or 4 SENTENCES)

(5 x 2 = 10 marks)

1. Why did Jesus select a young donkey for his journey to Jerusalem and what was he trying to demonstrate? (1 mark for each point)
 - **It was believed in those days that a king coming on a horse is for war and on a donkey is for peace.**
 - **Jesus rode on a donkey, the symbol of humility, to testify that the Kingdom of God is not as worldly one as many had expected.**
2. In how many orders are Pentecost Service celebrated and how is it concluded? (1 mark for each point)
 - **The Pentecost Service is conducted in three orders and the orders are special prayers to God, the Holy father; Second to God, the Holy son; and the third to God, the Holy Spirit.**
 - **At the end of each one of these services water is sprinkled on the believers as a symbol of obtaining the Holy Spirit.**



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3. 'The book of Jonah is a fitting reply to this narrow mindedness' Justify.

(1 mark for each point)

- **Jews believed that salvation is their right and nobody else had any right to it. But the book of Jonah gives a fitting reply to this narrow mindedness.**
- **The book of Jonah gives us the message that God's mercy has no boundaries and all people are the children of God like Jews and that God desires to give salvation to all.**

4. What is the Vision of Christ in the book of Jeremiah? (1 mark for each point)

- **Jeremiah gives hope to the people that the Saviour would come as a good shepherd and as a righteous branch of David.**
- **Jeremiah prophesied that He will reign as a king and deal wisely and will execute justice and righteous in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.**

5. How many allegories did Jesus say about himself in the Gospel of St. John? List them. (0.25 marks for each point)

There is **7 allegories** Jesus said about himself in the Gospel of St. John

They are

- I am the bread of life**
- I am the light of the world**
- I am the gate**
- I am the good shepherd**
- I am the resurrection and the life**
- I am the way, the truth, and the life**
- I am the true vine**



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VI. WRITE LONG ANSWERS

(Answer any TWO (2 x 5 = 10marks))

1. Why did the theologians consider the book of Isaiah as a miniature Bible?

(1 mark for each point)

- The book of Isaiah has 66 chapters same as the total books in the Bible.
- The first 39 chapters are prophesied about the punishment for idolatry and injustice. This is compared to the 39 books in the Old Testament.
- The last 27 chapters are messages of salvation. Isaiah gives hope that the Lord will come and save the whole of mankind by removing all the sins of mankind through the cross. It is similar to the 27 books in the New Testament.
- Isaiah concludes his prophecies by giving hope of a new earth and a new heaven in his last chapter (66). We can see this hope also in the Book of Revelations which is the last book in the New Testament.
- Some theologians are of the opinion that the prophecies of Isaiah were written in two periods. According to them, the first 1-39 chapters of the book were written before the Babylon exile and chapters 40-66 were written during the exile. This again gives a similarity to the division of the Bible as Old Testament & New Testament in relation to Christ.



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2. Compare the vision of Christ by St. Matthew and St Luke?

(1 mark for each point)

- St Matthew revealed Jesus as the new Moses and teacher - Like Moses who gave them the Commandments of God at Mount Sinai, Jesus through the Sermon on Mount teaches these Laws in their fullness.
- St Matthew also portrays Jesus as Messiah, the King: In this Gospel, Jesus is depicted as Messiah the King, the hope of Israel. There are 40 quotations from the Old Testament to prove that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and prophecies.
- St Luke gives importance to the fact that Jesus came for the salvation of the entire humanity, and not for the chosen races.
- St Luke has written the Gospel giving emphasis to the love and compassion that Jesus had for the humble and poor. It is made clear that Jesus was the true Son of Man, who was sympathetic to the sorrows and sufferings of the sinners and offered them the invaluable gift of salvation.
- St Luke also establishes, through the parables of lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son, that Jesus is the perfect Man who came in search of sinners



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3. Describe the contributions of St James to the Church through his writings?

(1 mark for each point)

- St James also known as the flute of the Holy Spirit has decorated the prayers of the church with his poems and supplications.
- He had written 760 poems of prayer, copied by 70 copywriters.
- He had also written many moral letters based on practicality rather than principles.
- His poetic writings include treatises on the great men of the Old Testament, of Angels, the mysteries of the Son of God, moral lessons for festivals, sermons, funeral orations, hymns codifying biographies, and many others.
- He has also written two books on Baptism rites and the biographies on Mor Daniel and Mor Hananya



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4. Pen on the two circumambulations (Pradakshinam) in the Good Friday service.

(1 mark for each point)

- The first circumambulation (Pradakshinam) in Good Friday observance is conducted after 3rd hour prayers.
- It starts by going out through the southern door of the church, moving westwards, completing one revolution and entering the church through the northern door. Umbrellas and flags are not permitted in this circumambulation.
- It symbolises the journey of Jesus to Golgotha carrying the cross.
- The second circumambulation is conducted after the cross-adoration service.
- This also leaves the church through the southern door and after completing one circuit around the church, enters the church through the northern door. Black umbrellas and flags that shows grief are permitted for this circumambulation.
- It commemorates the carrying of the body of Jesus for burial by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus.