



# Mor Athanasius Jacobite Sunday School

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

## CLASS VII

### MID-TERM EXAMINATION – ANSWER KEY

#### 1. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

(10 x 0.5 = 5marks)

1. It is in memory of Glory of God as seen around the shepherds while the Angel was telling the good tidings to them, we perform ----- on Christmas Night.

(a. **flame of fire**,                      b. shining starlight,                      c. Eldho fasting)

2. Name that grand old man who took infant Jesus in his arms when His parents brought him to the temple of Lord.

(a. Elisha                      **b. Simon**                      c. John)

3. Where is Gregorios Abdul Jaleel Bava entombed?

(a. Manjanikkara                      b. Kothamangalam,                      **c. North Parur**)

4. The native land of Naomi was -----

(a. **Bethlehem**                      b. Nazareth,                      c. Moab)

5. The word 'Sleeha' means

(a. The one who follows                      **b. The one who deputed,**  
c. The one who obey)

6. On whose direction did the St.Gregorios Abdul Jaleel Bava come to Malankara?

(a. Bar Ebraya,                      b. Mor Thoma I                      **c. H H Abdul Massih I**)

7. Who anointed Elisha as Prophet?

(a. **Elijah**,                      b. King Ahab,                      c. Boas)

8. Who wrote the approved Canon of the Holy Church?

(a. Abdul Jaleel Bava ,                      b. Basalious Eldho Bava ,                      **c. Bar Ebraya**)



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9. What was the tenth disaster that forced Pharaoh to release the Israelites
- (a. Water turned into blood,                      **b. Death of the first born,**  
c. Pitch darkness for three days)
10. Who was the father of King Ahab?
- (a. **Omri,**    b. Eth-Baal, c. Saphat)

## II. FILL UP THE BLANKS

(5 x 1 = 5 marks)

1. The treasure in **heaven** is more precious than the treasure on **earth**.
2. It is in reminiscence of the **circumcision** and christening of **Jesus**, the church observes the feast of Chelakarmam.
3. The kingdom of Israel divided into **Israel** and **Judea** after the death of King Solomon.
4. Do not go in the way of **gentiles**, do not enter the city of **Samaritans**, go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel
5. The Lord also says there will be more enjoyment in **heaven** over the one sinner who **repents** than more righteous people.

## III. MATCH THE FOLLOWING

(5 x 0.5 = 2.5 marks)

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Bar Ebraya - <b>E</b>           | A. Ten disasters       |
| 2. Sooboro - <b>C</b>              | B. Salt and Lamp       |
| 3. Shower of Hail stone - <b>A</b> | C. Vachanippu Perunnal |
| 4. Disciples - <b>B</b>            | D. Caesarea Philippi   |
| 5. Banyas - <b>D</b>               | E. Sea of Knowledge    |

## IV. STATE TRUE or FALSE

(5 x 1 = 5 marks)

1. The approach of Jesus to sinners had provoked Pharisees and scribes. - **True**
2. St Matthew has testified that the disciples were sent two each for the gospel work. - **False**



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3. St Baselious Eldho Bava came to Malankara in 1685, 14 years after the demise of the Holy Gregorios Abdul Jaleel Bava. - **True**
4. Orpah came to Bethlehem and lived with Naomi. - **False**
5. The 'Book of Lights' and 'The Canon' are the two books written by Mor Yoohanon Bar Ebraya. - **True**

## V. WHO SAID TO WHOM

(5 x 1 = 5 marks)

1. "Lord, it is good for us to be here."

**Peter said to Jesus**

2. "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

**Jesus said to the Disciples**

3. "Son, you are always with me"

**Father (of prodigal son) to his elder son**

4. "Who is the Lord that I should heed him?"

**Pharaoh said to Moses**

5. "You have asked a hard thing."

**Elijah said to Elisha**

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

(5 x 1.5 = 7.5 marks)

1. Why did the Israelites assemble against Moses & Aaron in Egypt?

(0.5 marks for each point)

- **Pharaoh refused to obey the command of God to deliver the Israelites and started persecuting the people of God more rigorously.**
- **He increased the rigour of their labour.**
- **Those who were appointed to supervise over them also troubled the Israelites severely. The Israelites were alarmed due to the hard labour. This is the reason for them to assemble against Moses & Aaron.**



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2. What are the matters that the prodigal son kept in his mind for telling his father?

(0.5 marks for each point)

- **The boldness to call “my father”, even though he had distanced himself from the father.**
- **Confession after having become conscious of his sin**
- **The humble request to consider himself as a servant, even though he lost his status as son**

3. Why was ‘Priesthood’ necessary for Jesus? How did Jesus receive it?

(0.5 marks for each point)

- **Jesus is the Son of God as well as son of a man. Jesus offered his own body in sacrifice for the salvation of human race.**
- **According to the law only one who possesses the status of priesthood has the authority to perform sacrifice. So, the status of ‘Priesthood’ was necessary for Jesus.**
- **Being the son of Zechariah the high priest, priesthood was conferred on John the Baptist by birth. Jesus received the status of ‘Priesthood’ from John the Baptist through Baptism.**

4. Who is the Holy Father known as Yakkooob Burdana of Malankara? What was the specialty of the Sleebe (cross) that was being used by this Holy Father?

(0.5 marks for each point)

- **Mar Gregorios Abdul Jaleel Bava is the Holy Father known as Yakkooob Burdana of Malankara.**
- **The Holy relics of Holy men were enclosed in eleven of the twelve chambers in the cross,**
- **and in the 12th one, a particle of the cross on which Jesus was crucified was enclosed.**



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5. Write down the reasons behind God's anger towards King Ahab?

(0.5 marks for each point)

- King Ahab was the King of Israel. He married Isabel, the daughter of Eth-Baal, the heathen king of Sidon.
- Ahab built a temple for Baal in Samaria. There he built an altar and worshipped Baal.
- He built an image of Ashera and led the people to worship the idol. Therefore, God's anger fell on him.

## VII. SHORT ANSWERS (Answer any TWO) (2 x 2.5 = 5marks)

1. When is the feast of Transfiguration observed? Describe the event behind this Maranaya Feast.

(0.5 marks for each point)

- The feast of Transfiguration observed on August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- During the time of His public ministry, Jesus, one day went up the mountain to pray with Peter, James and John. While he was praying, the expression on his face changed. His clothes were dazzling white.
- Moses and Elijah appeared there and spoke to him.
- Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'
- While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'. When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone



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2. “Ruth, a worthy daughter in law.” Explain.

(0.5 marks for each point)

- Not much after their marriage Ruth lost her husband. Naomi, Ruth’s mother-in-law who had lost her husband and children was depressed. When it was so, Naomi heard that her native land was free from the famine and so she decided to go back to her own people.
- So, she called her daughters-in-law and told them to return to their homes. Accordingly, Orpah returned. Ruth was not prepared to do so. When Naomi insisted, Ruth said that she will never leave her till her death.
- Pleased with the firm decision of Ruth and her faith in God, Naomi allowed Ruth to go with her to Bethlehem and live with her. Ruth, who came to Bethlehem and lived with Naomi, started to go for work, with the permission of her mother-in-law.
- Naomi, the mother-in-law of Ruth had deep affection and consideration for the daughter-in-law. Naomi brought up Ruth’s son as her own son.
- Ruth was very particular in doing according to the words and liking of the mother-in-law and serving her. Noting the respect and love between the mother-in-law and daughter-in-law, the neighbours had testified that Ruth, the daughter-in-law is worthier than seven sons. Ruth will always be a worthy model for the excellent relation between mother-in-law and daughter-in-law.





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3. Which is the Gospel portion for reading on Kodoos Etho Sunday? Why it has been arranged so.?
- **The Gospel portion for reading on Kodoos Etho Sunday is St Mark 8:27-33 (0.5 marks)**
  - **The keys of the kingdom of heaven are entrusted to Peter. The keys signify the authority Lord has given to Peter; the authorization to bind and loosen; meaning the authority to exonerate from sin. (1 mark)**
  - **Later; after his resurrection Jesus also gives Peter the authority to govern the Church. Realising the importance of the above said, the Holy fathers have arranged reading of this portion (St Mark 8:27-33) on kodoos Etho Sunday (1 mark)**
4. The Jews were criticising that Christ and the disciples were ignoring the teachings of Moses and Prophets. Justify this statement by the new meanings given by Jesus to the Old Testament Commandments,
- **The Jews were criticising that Christ and the disciples were ignoring the teachings of Moses and Prophets. But Jesus disclosed the correct sense contained in the advice of prophets and the books of law and brought about their fulfilment through him. (0.75 marks)**
  - **Jesus taught that the morals of a faithful Christian should exceed/surpass the morals of the leaders of the Jews and that only then they can enter the Kingdom of God. (0.75 marks)**
  - **In order to clarify this, he has chosen six laws in the Old Testament: such as you shall not kill, shall not commit adultery, divorce, shall not swear in the name of God, shall not take revenge, should love the neighbour, and has given new interpretation to them. (1 mark)**