



CLASS IX

MID-TERM WRITTEN EXAMINATION 2024

ANSWER KEY

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

1. The noteworthy of whose prophecy is that in the end, God will send his Spirit upon all the people?
(a. Joel, b. Obadiah, c. Haggai)
2. Which holy synod decided that Malankara church is an inseparable part of the apostolic throne of St. Peter in Antioch and all the east?
(a. Nicaea, b. Ephesus, c. Constantinople)
3. Who Among the seven helpers chosen in the early church was from Antioch?
(a. Stephen, b. Philip, c. Nicolas)
4. Which King attacked & destroyed Jerusalem in B. C 586.
(a. Titus, b. Nebuchadnezzar, c. Cyrus)
5. What led to the emergence and guidance into the power of the birth of the Christian church?
(a. Apostles, b. The Christian message, c. Holy Spirit)
6. Which King's reign is described in the first book of Chronicles?
(a. King Solomon, b. King David, c. King Cyrus)
7. In whose name was the first Christian Church established in Jerusalem?
(a. St. Mary, b. St. Joseph, c. St. George)
8. During the period of the Roman emperor Nero, on what date in 67 A.D., was St. Peter crucified?
(a. 29th of June, b. 20th of June, c. 21st of June)
9. Whose speech on the day of Pentecost can be considered the first sermon in Christendom?
(a. St. Luke, b. Matthias, c. St. Peter)
10. Whom did H.H. Yacoub III consecrate and appoint in 1973 as the missionary Bishop of the Evangelistic Association of the East?
(a. Paulose Mor Athanesius b. Geevarghese Mor Gregorius
c. Thomas Mor Dianesius)



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II. FILL UP THE BLANKS

(10 X 0.5 = 5 marks)

1. **Malachi** prophesied about John the Baptist the messenger who comes to prepare the way of the Lord.
2. **St. Luke** vouchsafe that Acts of Apostles is the second part of his gospel.
3. The Sadducees were angry at Peter as he spoke about **resurrection**.
4. **Thuruthissery** meeting elected His Beatitude, Mor Baselius II, the Catholicose of the east as the Malankara Metropolitan.
5. It was in **Antioch** that the believers were first called Christians.
6. It is **Elizabeth** filled with the Holy Spirit, first reckoned the Virgin Mary as “The Mother of my Lord”.
7. **Chronicles** (book) in the Old Testament is the history of events and persons found in the books of Samuel and Kings, not its verbatim repetition.
8. The descendants of Esau were known as **Edomites**.
9. The Upper Room (Mansion at Zion) is considered as **Second Babel**
10. In 1972, the true believers formed an association for the protection of true faith, which is the **Jacobite Syrian Christian Association**.

III. MATCH THE FOLLOWING

(5 X 0.5 = 2.5 marks)

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| 1. Cornerstone - | <u>C</u> | A. St. Paul |
| 2. Onesiphorus - | <u>A</u> | B. Antioch |
| 3. Ethiopian Eunuch - | <u>D</u> | C. Zachariah |
| 4. Signet ring - | <u>E</u> | D. Philip |
| 5. Divine Regalia- | <u>B</u> | E. Zerubbabel |

IV. STATE TRUE or FALSE

(5 X 0.5 = 2.5 marks)

1. There are many evidences to prove that St Thomas has established the Holy See in Malankara. - **False**
2. On the day of Pentecost in his speech St. Peter agreed that they were drunk as it was festival day. - **False**
3. In the book of Acts more than the history of the individuals, importance is given to the Christian message. - **True**
4. King Herod, who was the king at the time of the birth of Jesus was an Idumaean. – **True**
5. The administration of the Canaanite diocese was under H. G. Abraham Mor Clemis. – **True**



V. SHORT NOTES (3 or 4 SENTENCES)

(5 x 2 = 10 marks)

1. When and why was the Antiochian Syrian Movement formed?

ANSWER

- a) The Antiochian Syrian movement was started on June 5th, 1959 to protest the stance of the Catholicose party. (0.5 mark)
- b) The sudden unity that was achieved between the Patriarchate & the Catholicose parties in 1958 was without farsighted thinking or clear procedures. As a result, that unity failed to produce perpetual peace in Malankara. Several insults and many incidents defying the Holy See of Antioch from the Catholicose party produced uneasiness in the Church again. The Antiochian Syrian movement was started to protest the stance of the Catholicose party on that situation. (1.5 mark)

2. Why does the Church respect the cross as symbol of redemption? (1 mark each)

ANSWER

- a) Jesus stated in advance on the nature of his death. Jesus said just like Moses had lifted the serpent in the wilderness, the son of man must be lifted up. "That whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:15). Moses had lifted a brass snake in the wilderness. When a person bitten by a snake looked at the brass snake with faith, escaped from death.
- b) Likewise, if a person looks up on the cross with faith he shall escape from death. Jesus performs this redemption rite as per the Divine will, through his death on the Cross. Even the worst accused is entitled to redemption through the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. That is why the Church respects the cross as the symbol of redemption.

3. What were the two important qualities declared by St. Peter for the person to be chosen as a replacement for Judas Iscariot and name the 2 nominees who were to replace Judas?

ANSWER

- a) St. Peter declared the two important qualities set for the selection as:- [0.75 marks for each point]
 - He should have followed Jesus from His baptism at the Jordan River to his ascension.
 - He should be an eyewitness to the Resurrection of Jesus.
- b) Matthias and Joseph (Barsabbas / Justus) were the proposed names. [0.5 marks]



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4. How can it be justified that the Church expanded in the nearby places of Jerusalem due to the activities of St. Peter? (1 mark for each point)

ANSWER

- a) At Lydda he cured a paralyzed person, Aeneas (9: 32-34). Lydda is a village west of Jerusalem.
- b) While in Joppa, Peter raised a woman, Tabitha. Peter stayed with Simon, a tanner in Joppa. Many began to join the church due to his activities at Lydda and Joppa which were predominantly a place of Gentiles. Thus, the church expanded in the nearby places of Jerusalem and Peter went all around to strengthen the believers.

5. What is the background of the prophecy of Haggai? (1 mark for each point)

ANSWER

- a) The Jews were jubilant on their return to their homeland. They showed more interest in building their own homes and cultivating in their farms. King Cyrus allowed the people to return to Jerusalem in order to build the Temple, but they ignored it and showed more interest in their own personal affairs.
- b) Even though the people who returned from exile cultivated farms with hard work, they could harvest only a little. The weather itself was not favorable. This is the time the Lord spoke through Haggai to Zerubbabel and the High Priest, Joshua.

VI. WRITE LONG ANSWERS

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

- 1. **Explain with Biblical references that “the throne of David is related with Christ in the book of Chronicles”.** [1 mark for each point, if no reference, reduce 0.25 marks each.]

ANSWER

- a) David is linked with Christ. The covenant that God made with David is an everlasting one - (1 Chronicles.17). “I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from him who was before you, but I will confirm him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever”
- b) The never-ending dynasty is that of the Messiah. The never-ending kingdom of David points to the kingdom of Messiah. Both the kingdom of David and the Temple itself were destroyed; the covenant of the Lord still remains.



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- c) It is already proved that the actual Temple and the throne are that of Christ. Jesus himself explained it. In fact, the Temple points directly to Christ: “I tell you, something greater than the temple is here” (St. Matthew 2:6).
- d) Jesus says he himself is the Temple. Nobody can destroy this Temple. He said: “Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’” (St. John 2:19).
- e) Ultimately, the permanent temple will be that of the Christ and it cannot be destroyed, so says the book of Revelation. “I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.” (Revelation: 21:22)

Thus, the throne of David is related with Christ in the book of Chronicles.

2. Elucidate the contents of the book of Acts of Apostles. (1 mark each /any 5 points)

ANSWER

- a) This book has two parts, first part describes the activities in Jerusalem and nearby places under the leadership of Peter (Chapters 1-12) . whereas the second part outline the activities in places outside Jerusalem under the leadership of Paul (Chapters 13-28). St. Luke has written it as an eyewitness account.
- b) It is explicitly explained how the gospel has changed the lives of the believers and this in turn brought forth changes in the social structure. The group of believers were one in mind and heart. None of them claimed anything of their own but shared everything they have had.
- c) Another noteworthy change written is that the apostles engaged in prayers and preaching. To look after temporal matters, they elected helpers who were full of Holy Spirit and wisdom.
- d) St. Luke reveals another important fact that Christianity took an independent route other than Judaism. The declaration that circumcision, the inviolable rite of Jews, is not necessary for Christians (Jerusalem Synod) makes way for this departure. The Apostles made it clear that more than bodily circumcision, the purity of heart is more important.
- e) Likewise, the social practices and rituals of Jews did not find a place in the life of the Christian. The Temple of Jerusalem and its many sacrifices were not pertinent in the Christian life.
- f) All around we can see that the believers were of one mind and they shared their properties for the common good. It is also can be seen that all disputes were solved then and there by the Holy Synod.
- g) A major part of this book describes the persecutions and afflictions suffered by early Christians. The Author describes that in spite of all these the church grew day by day to greater glory, by the power of the Holy Spirit.



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3. Who was Stephen? What was the accusation against Stephen and explain his last moments of life?

ANSWER

- Stephen was one among the seven helpers chosen in the early church to look after the welfare of the disciples. Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. (1 mark)
- The members of the Synagogue secretly persuaded some men to give false testimony that Stephen spoke blasphemy against Moses and against God at the Sanhedrin. (1 mark)
- They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin saw that his face was like the face of an angel. Stephen gave a long speech which greatly enraged them all and they decided to kill him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." On hearing this, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and stoned him dead. Even while he was dying, he prayed for those who were stoning him, like his teacher Jesus Christ. Stephen became the first martyr for the Church. (3 marks)

4. Explain with example the statement "The saints who attain purity in this world and die, continue, to be saints after death". (1.25 marks for each)

ANSWER

- a) God commanded Moses "I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob" and Jesus said, "For he is not a God of the dead, but of the Living, for to Him all are alive." (Luke 20:38).
- b) Jesus said "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it and was glad" (John 8:56). Abraham died generations earlier and that immaculate Abraham saw and rejoiced the days of Jesus.
- c) Moses and Elijah talked with Jesus at the Mount of Transfiguration. They were departed saints. They talked with Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem and the Cross.
- d) So, death is not an end, it is a change from one state to another. Those who lead a pure life in this world can continue the same in the other world. Since God is the God of the living, the departed ones also continue to live. From these we can conclude that the departed saints are alive and they can see and speak about future events in advance