



## CLASS VIII

### MID-TERM WRITTEN EXAMINATION-2024

#### ANSWER KEY

#### I. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER (10 x 0.5 each = 5marks)

- Which is the book in the Bible that is considered as a part of the book of Jeremiah?  
(a. Lamentations, b. Numbers, c. Joshua)
- Who is the apostle among the synoptic gospel writers?  
(a. St. Mark, b. St. John, c. St. Matthew)
- Which is the long Prayer of Christ as the High Priest, to the Holy Father?  
(a. John Chapter 17, b. Luke Chapter 17, c. Mathew Chapter 17)
- Jesus' journey on the young donkey was fulfillment of whose prophecy?  
(a. Prophecy of Jeremiah, b. Prophecy of Zechariah, c. Prophecy of Daniel)
- This cover is made of cloth to cover the Holy Vessels which symbolizes the cloud that foreshadows Tabernacle  
(a. Chithola, b. Mkablon, c. Virikottam)
- The first four books in the new testament of the Holy Bible, are known as  
(a. Gospels, b. Synoptic Gospels c. Pentateuch)
- Name the prophet who forewarned the total destruction of Jerusalem?  
(a. Isaiah, b. Jeremiah, c. Jonah)
- The Hebrew meaning of the word "Hosanna".  
(a. Bless us Lord, b. Lord save us, c. Lord have mercy)
- Who summoned the Synod of Mulanthuruthy of Malankara Jacobite Syrian Church  
(a. H.H Ignatius Peter III, b. H.H Patriarch Ignatius Abdulla c. H.G Abdulla Mor Gregoris )
- Name the Prophet who illustrated our Messiah as a Suffering Servant.  
(a. Isaiah, b. Daniel, c. Jeremiah)

#### II. FILL UP THE BLANKS (10 x 0.5 = 5 marks)

- There are 16 prophetic books in the Bible.
- Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.
- The book of St Mark is the smallest Gospel in the Holy Bible.
- The present regional Head of our church, the Catholicose, is His Beatitude Baselios Thomas I.



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5. Oororo is a strip of cloth put on the cross to indicate the resurrection of the Lord and also worn by deacons over their service gowns.
6. The period from Easter Sunday to the Sneebe Festival (September 14) is known as the Kyomtha period.
7. St. John proves that Jesus is the Complete God.
8. The Holy Synod met in Mar Thoman Church Mulanthuruthy in Kanayannoor.
9. Dionysius V managed the most difficult cases for the Church and the court accepted him as the Head of the Malankara Church.
10. The Prophet is the one who communicates divine revelation to others.

### III. MATCH THE FOLLOWING

(5 x 0.5 = 2.5 marks)

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. St. Luke      | (A) Good News (5)       |
| 2. Mor Dionysius | (B) Miniature Bible (3) |
| 3. Isaiah        | (C) Prayer Gospel (1)   |
| 4. St Mark       | (D) Seminary Suit (2)   |
| 5. Gospel        | (E) Zion Mansion (4)    |

### IV. STATE TRUE or FALSE

(5 x 0.5 = 2.5 marks)

1. The intention of the royal entry of Jesus to Jerusalem was to reveal who he is and to make the people understand that He is the expected Messiah, the King of Gentiles – **False**
2. The Holy Qurbana begins with the remembrance of the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus, the redeemer - **True**.
3. The Holy Synod of Mulanthuruthy declared the obedience, attachment and obligation of the church to the Holy See of Antioch - **True**
4. Not only men but women were also involved in prophesy – **True**
5. Among the four who wrote the Gospels, St. Luke is the only gentile converted to Christianity - **True**.



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Kindly use the attached sheets to answer the following questions.

## V. Write SHORT NOTES (write in 3 or more sentences) (5 x 2 marks each = 10 marks)

### 1. List any of the four important duties of the prophets.

#### ANSWER

- Prophets were messengers of God who revealed God to the people. (0.5 mark)
- They were true interpreters of Law; and also were preachers and teachers about religious and social matters. (0.5 mark)
- They were political advisers and conveyed the will of God to both the kings and the people. (0.5 mark)
- They were social reformers who opposed evil practices among the people. (0.5 mark)

### 2. Write down 7 allegories used by St. John about Jesus.

#### ANSWER

- I am the bread of life (6:48) - 0.25
- I am the light of the world (8:12) - 0.25
- I am the gate (10:9) - 0.25
- I am the good shepherd (10:11) - 0.25
- I am the resurrection and the life (11:25) - 0.25
- I am the way, and the truth, and the life (14:6) 0.5
- I am the true vine (15:1) 0.25

### 3. What was the mission according to Jeremiah 1:10 and major thoughts of Jeremiah?

#### ANSWER

- Jeremiah's vision bestowed upon him a majestic purpose: "See, today I **appoint you over nations and kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant**" (1:10) (1 mark)
- Jeremiah emphasizes the crucial message of **trusting in God**. He delivers **stern warnings to leaders** and people who violate moral laws, **foretelling impending punishment**. Yet, he also conveys the **hopeful truth** that while the **Lord punishes sinners**, He remains **open to their repentance**. (1 mark)

### 4. What was the Vision about Christ according to the Gospel of St. Mathew?

#### ANSWER

- As the new Moses and Teacher: St. Matthew reveals **Jesus as the new Moses**. Like Moses gave them the **Commandments of God at Mount Sinai**, Jesus through the **Sermon on Mount teaches these Laws in their fullness**. (1 mark)



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- b) **As Messiah, the King:** In this Gospel, Jesus is depicted as **Messiah the King**, the hope of Israel. This Gospel refers to 40 quotations from the Old Testament to **prove that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and prophecies** (1 mark)

5. **List down any four contributions of Mor Dionysius V to our Syrian Orthodox Church**

**ANSWER**

- a) Mor Dionysius V started the Parumala Seminary and the printing press at the old seminary which helped the social development of the church. (0.5mark)
- b) Many schools, including MD Seminary school were started by him. (0.5 mark)
- c) He established the church in Thiruvananthapuram and Vettikkal Dayara. (0.5 mark)
- d) Holy books and books on rites were printed, and he also started Magazines like 'Edavaka Pathrika' and 'Suviseshakan' (0.5mark)

**VI. WRITE LONG ANSWERS**

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

1. **How is St. John's Gospel different from the Synoptic Gospels in substance?**

Answer:

The Gospel according to St. John is different from the other Synoptic Gospels in substance,

- 1. The **presentation and content are not similar** to the Synoptic Gospels
- 2. His intention was **not to write a historical record**. His **style of writing** is also **noteworthy**.
- 3. Taking into account the needs and challenges of that time, he **aimed to reveal to the world who was Jesus and what was his mission**.
- 4. This Gospel gets **special attention because of symbolism, discourse style, and usage of irony**.
- 5. St. John records seven allegories that Jesus had said about himself.

2. **Briefly explain about Censor** (1 mark each for each point)

Answer -

- 1. The **Censor is an instrument** used to burn incense during the Holy Mass and other Sacraments is known as a censor. Burning of incense was an important custom in Jewish Worship
- 2. There are **two stairs for the censor**, a base, and a lid (an inverted cup) connecting the two there are **four chains** each with three bells a **total of twelve**, The **twelve bells** indicate the **twelve apostles of Jesus**.



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3. The chains are joined together at the top by a hook and a ring. The 1st chain indicates the **Holy Father**, the Second & Third the **Holy Son**, and the fourth **Holy Spirit**. The conjoining of the hook and the ring represents the **unity of the Trinity**
4. The **lower cup** of the censer indicates the womb of the Virgin Mary the Mother of Jesus Christ, and the fire inside it represents our Lord who stayed in the womb of the virgin. The **upper cup** represents heaven, the **lower cup** the earth, and the **charcoal** in it the sinners and the **fire**, the Holy Spirit. Just like the coal blazes in the fire, the sinners are to be purified in the presence of God
5. Incense put in the censor is **gum**. It reminds us that as the gum produces a pleasant smell in the presence of fire, our prayers should be Holy and sincere to become acceptable fragrances to God.

3. **Why is the book of Isaiah described as a Miniature Bible?** (1 mark each for each point)

Answer

Theologians consider the book of Isaiah as a miniature Bible.

1. **Two Division:** The **first 39 chapters are prophecies** about the **punishment for idolatry and injustice**.
2. **Prophecy:** Judah, God's people have sinned and the nations around them and the whole world have sinned. Therefore, **a judgment is certain**; God would not allow idolatry, immorality, and injustice to continue forever.
3. **Fulfillment:** 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**.
4. **Restoration:** He concludes his **prophecies by giving hope of a new earth and a new heaven** (66:22). We can see this **hope also in the Book of Revelations in the New Testament**. (Rev. 21: 1).
5. **Framework:** 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**.

4. **Explain the purification of the temple by Jesus.**

1. **Showed Reverence for God's house:** After entering Jerusalem, He first went to the temple. He **drove out those who were selling things there**. This was the fulfillment of the prophecy of Malachi.(Malachi 1:3). The temple court was a place for the Gentiles and buying and



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selling were being done there. As a result, gentiles could not freely participate in the prayers.

(1.5 marks)

2. **Raised Voice against exploitation:** The coins offered in the temple were special and as a result money exchange was essential. Similarly, animals and birds for sacrifices were to be certified by the priests that they were without any defect. If an animal or bird is brought from outside, the priest would raise some lame reason to reject it. In both cases, relatives of the priests were making immense profits. Here we can see Jesus who rises against exploiters. The anger of Jesus rose against this undue profit-making practice in the place for worship.

(2.5 marks)

3. **Challenged the Authority:** He not only purified the temple but also cured blinds, lames, etc., and at the same time gave showers of blessing to the faithful. (1 mark)

By driving out the merchants and money changers, Jesus restores the sanctity of the temple as a place of worship and prayer. His actions emphasize the importance of reverence and respect for God's house