CLASS VIII

FINAL EXAMINATION 2025 -ANSWER KEY

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

1. Where was Ezekiel living when he received the gift of prophesy?

   (a. banks of river Euphrates b. banks of river Nile

   c. **banks of river Chebar**)

2. Whom did Jesus entrust with certain instructions to prepare the Passover Feast?

   (a. Peter and Thomas b**. Peter and John** c. Peter and James)

3. Who is the only prophet with whom Jesus has compared himself?

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

4. The Feast of Ascension is celebrated on which day after the Resurrection of Jesus?

   (a. 30th day b**. 40th day** c. 50th day)

5. Who has recorded the incident of soldier piercing Jesus with a spear?.

   (a. **St. John** b. St. Matthew c. St. Luke)

6. How many times did Jesus appear to His disciples after His resurrection?

   (a. 5 b. 7 c. **10**)

7. Who among the minor prophets expects Jesus as the judge with all powers?

   (a. Habakkuk b. Isaiah c. **Amos**)

8. Who is known as the Doctor of the Incarnation?

   (a. St. Cyril b. St. James c. Mor Ivanios**)**

9. Name the apostle who was not with the disciples when the resurrected Jesus first appeared?

   (a. **Thomas** b. Peter c. John)

10. How much did Judas Iscariot agree to betray Jesus for?

(a. 20 pieces of silver b. **30 pieces of silver** c. 50 pieces of silver)

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

1. After the celebration of the Passover feast, Jesus went to **Mount Olive**, east of Jerusalem.
2. Prophet Ezekiel states that Israel, the flock, will be safe under **Jesus Christ,** the True Shepherd.
3. Mor Ivanios is nicknamed as the **Golden-Mouthed** because of his powerful and eloquent preaching.
4. The new temple mentioned in Ezekiel's prophecy will become a fountain of **Living water.**
5. The apostles went to **Galilee** as instructed by Jesus after His resurrection.
6. St. Cyril faced many harassments from the supporters of **Nestorius** because he opposed their heresy.
7. Jesus promised the repentant thief that he would be with Him in **Paradise.**
8. Hosea's first three chapters illustrate the relationship between God and Israel using the background of his **Married life**.
9. **St. James** is known as the flute of the Holy Spirit.
10. God asked him to go to **Nineveh**, a city in the northeast, to deliver the message of God.

III. MATCH THE FOLLOWING (5 x 0.5 =2.5 marks)

1. Pentecost- **D**	A. Skull Hill
2. Festival of the Cross - **E**	B. Dove
3. Golgotha - **A**	C. Shepherd
4. Jonah - **B**	D. 50th day
5. Amos - **C**	E. Sleeba Perunnal

IV. STATE TRUE or FALSE ***(5 x 0.5 =2. 5 marks)***

1. Minor prophets can be grouped into three categories: before the exile, during exile, and after the exile. - **TRUE**
2. Mor Koorilose was the chairman of the Holy Synod of Ephesus in AD 431. - **TRUE**
3. The foundation of Christian faith is the Ascension of Jesus Christ. - **FALSE**
4. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus, by His perfect obedience, opened the way for salvation. - **TRUE**
5. Jesus first appeared to St. Peter after His resurrection. - **FALSE**

V. SHORT NOTES (3 or 4 SENTENCES) ***(5 x 2 = 10 marks)***

1. What are the three orders in which the Pentecost Service is conducted?

Pentecost service is conducted in three orders: (0.5 marks for each point)

i. **First are the special prayers to God, the Holy Father.**

ii. **Second to God, the Holy son; and**

iii. **The third to God, the Holy Spirit.**

iv. **At the end of each one of these services water is sprinkled on the believers as a symbol of obtaining Holy Spirit.**

2. What dispute arose among the disciples during the Passover meal? How did Jesus manage it? (1 mark for each point)

- **There was a dispute among the disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest.**
- **Jesus washed the feet of the disciples like a servant. Thus, Jesus illustrated the model of humility and service.**

3. Explain the background of the prophesy of Amos?

(any 4 points, 0.5 marks each)

- **During the reign of King Jeroboam, Israel enjoyed prosperity. This prosperity created a new set of hegemony leaders which include land lords, business men and officers.**
- **The traders sold wheat mixed with chaff and used false measurements.**
- **The Judges took bribes and set aside justice.**
- **To pursue hedonism the women wanted more money and they encouraged their husbands to oppress the poor.**
- **Rituals became an extraneous show. They irritated God by conducting insincere sacrifices every day. This was the background of the prophesy of Amos.**

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

(any 4 points, 0.5 marks each)

- **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. (*not necessary for all the subpoints*)**

- **He has also written two books on Baptism rites and the biographies of Mor Daniel and Mor Hananya**

5. What events took place between the sixth hour and the ninth hour (from noon to 3 PM) during the Crucifixion? (0.5 marks for each point)
    - **There was darkness over the whole earth.**
    - **At that moment, the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom;**
    - **The earth shook, rocks were split, and the tombs were opened.**
    - **Jesus breathed his last at the 9th hour.**

VI. WRITE LONG ANSWERS *(Answer any TWO (2 x 5 = 10marks)*

1. How is Messiah presented in Ezekiel's prophecy?

Messiah is presented mainly in three ways.

i. The cedar tree planted on a high and lofty mountain: (1 mark for each point)

- A tender sprout of a cedar tree will be planted on a high and lofty mountain of Israel.
- It will produce boughs and bear fruit and will become a noble cedar.
- Under it, every kind of bird will live, and in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. This denotes the supremacy of the Messiah.

ii. The real heir of the Ruler (1 mark)

- Until He comes whose right it is to him, I will give it. This denotes that the Messiah will come as the real ruler.

iii. The True Shepherd (1 mark)

- "I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd ....." The prophet states that Israel, the flock, will be safe under Jesus Christ, the True Shepherd.

2. When is the Festival of the Cross celebrated? What is the background of it? Why is the victorious Cross of our Lord fixed in the Centre of the church?

- Festival of the Cross (1 mark)

  The commemoration of the discovery of the Cross of our Lord is celebrated as the festival of the Cross. **September 14th is celebrated as the Holy day of the Cross.**

- Background: (1 mark for each point)

✓ In 306 AD, **Roman emperor Constantine had a vision about the greatness of the Cross**. He defeated Mayentinus in 312, with the cross as the symbol in his flag.

✓ The **Queen Helena, Mother of Constantine, went to Jerusalem and discovered the Cross and the Tomb of our Lord** in 326 AD. She constructed a beautiful church around the Tomb and brought the Holy Cross to Constantinople.

- The Victorious Cross of our Lord is fixed in the Centre of the church

  (1 mark for each point)

✓ When the people of Israel, during the exodus from Egypt to Canaan angered Yahweh, **fiery serpents descended from heaven to bite them and those who were bitten died on the spot**. The people cried to Moses. They wailed that we have sinned against you and the great God. b. **Moses then prayed to God** and as God commanded, **Moses made a brass snake and placed it on top of the flag** mast in the center of the encampment. Those who were bitten by a fiery snake were asked to look at the brass snake with faith, and those who did so **escaped**

death. It is in this memory that the victorious Cross of our Lord is fixed in the centre of the church.

- ✓ Those **who look at the Cross with faith can escape from satanic torments, and all believers entering the church should bow and show obeisance to the Cross.**

3. Elucidate the main teachings of Mar Ivanius regarding wealth and social justice. (any 5 points - 1 mark for each point)

- Mar Ivanius believed that **wealth is not private property but something entrusted by God** for the good of others.
- He taught that **excess wealth should always be shared with the needy**, especially widows, orphans, and the poor.
- He openly criticised **the extravagance of the rich** and condemned the misuse of wealth for luxury and pride.
- His teachings encouraged Christians to treat wealth with **responsibility, humility, and compassion**.
- He also rebuked **corrupt officials and members of the royal family** when they misused their positions.
- His strong stand on **social justice** made him popular among the common people but also earned him enemies among the rich and powerful.

4. Pen down the facts that we should understand about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (any 5 points - 1 marks for each point)

The facts that we should understand about the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- **The foundation of Christian belief is on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ** - 1 Cor. 15:14
- The most **important message of Resurrection is Peace**. Resurrection removes fear and gives hope.

- Even before Christ, dead men have come back to life. They did not come back to life on their own. But they were brought back to the same life in which they lived once. It was not a resurrection to eternity. **Through His Resurrection, Jesus acquires the glorified body, which is beyond physical laws.**
- Through Resurrection, **Jesus defeated death completely and released man from the slavery of sin and Hades**.
- **Resurrection of Jesus is a forerunner of the resurrection of the human race to take place in the future**. (Romans 8:11, 1 Cor. 6:15, 1 Cor. 15:44-54, Philippians 3:21)
- **Jesus Resurrected for the justification of the human race.** (Rom. 4:25)