CLASS IX

MID-TERM EXAMINATION-2025

ANSWER KEY

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

1. Which prophet prophesied the coming of a messenger who would prepare the path for the Lord?

   (a. **Prophet Malachi**, b. Prophet Joel, c. Prophet Zechariah)

2. Who, filled with the Holy Spirit, first called the Virgin Mary "The Mother of my Lord"?

   (a. John the Baptist, b. **Elizabeth**, c. St. Peter)

3. Who led the rebuilding of the Jerusalem temple after the Babylonian exile?

   (a. Zechariah, b. **Zerubbabel**, c. Haggai)

4. Which is the book in the Old Testament that is included in the historical books of the Bible?

   (a. **Chronicles**, b. Obadiah, c. Malachi)

5. What was the fate of Ananias and Saphira?

   (a. Praised for their generosity, b. **Punished for lying**, c. Appointed as helpers)

6. Why did St. Peter request to be crucified upside down?

   (a. As a sign of humility, b. To fulfil a prophecy, c. **To die kissing the feet of Jesus**)

7. Name the significant event in 1977 were the arrest and torture of H.G. Thomas Mor Dionysius and the subsequent hunger strike took place.

   (a. Angamally Protest, b. **Alwaye Scare**, c. Kottayam Crisis)

8. Who guided Philip to Gaza where he baptized the Ethiopian Eunuch?

   (a. A Prophet, b. An **Angel**, c. A Priest)

9. When was Joel's prophecy about the pouring out of the Spirit fulfilled?
   (a. Birth of Jesus b. Baptism of Jesus, c. **Day of Pentecost**)
10. What gift did the disciples receive from the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost?
    (a. Same language ability, b Healing power, c. **Ability to speak in different languages**)

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

1. The sin of the **Edomites** was that they were happy at the fall of their brother.
2. The disciples were waiting and praying for the **Holy Spirit** in the Mansion of Mark after the Ascension of Jesus.
3. Peter and John healed a man who had been lame from birth at the **Beautiful** Gate during their visit to the temple at the ninth hour (3 p.m.).
4. The 1st Christian Church established by the disciples in Jerusalem is named after **St. Mary**.
5. The **Sadducees** were angered by Peter's resurrection message because they did not believe in it.
6. The Sunday School Association was rejuvenated in 1974 and was given the name **M.J.S.S.A**.
7. The main goal of the book of Acts of Apostle is to highlight the universality of the **Church**.
8. St. Peter raised **Tabitha** from the dead in Joppa.
9. The Malankara Jacobite Syrian Christian Association meeting took place at the Simhasana church in **Thuruthissery,** near Angamali.
10. When Peter was imprisoned in Rome, he wrote **two** epistles to the church.

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

1. Zechariah	A. Book of Acts (2)
2. Praxeis	B. God has remembered (1)
3. Edomites	C. Second Babel (5)
4. Zerubbabel	D. Descendants of Esau (3)
5. Mansion at Zion	E. Signet Ring (4)

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

1. The Jacobite Syrian Church in Malankara is a branch of the Apostolic See of Antioch and all the East, established by St. Peter, and does not have an independent entity (**True** / False~~)~~
2. Purification can be attained only through Jesus Christ, and those who are purified through Jesus Christ are known as apostles: (True / **False**)
3. The Sadducees emphasized that the purity of heart is more important than bodily circumcision. (True / **False**)
4. Sacred God dwells only in sacred places (**True** / False)
5. Herod Agrippa put Peter in jail during the time of the Festival of Unleavened Bread. (**True** / False)

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

1. **What was the main issue that led to the Holy Synod of the Syrian Church in 1975? What was the decision of the Synod regarding H.G. Augan Catholicose and his associates?**

Answer:

- *The main issue was the refusal of HG Augen Catholicose and his associate bishops to deny their stand against the Holy Bible, Canons, and traditions*. This defiance or disobedience led to their suspension from the Church. (1 mark)
- *The Holy Synod decided to suspend H.G. Augan Catholicose and his associates. If they refused to repent, they would be permanently removed from the Holy church.* (1 mark)

2. **Why was Cornelius' baptism a significant event in early Christianity? Why was St. Peter criticized when he returned to Jerusalem after baptizing Cornelius, and how did he respond**?

Answer: Cornelius was a Gentile, and through Peter's preaching, Gentiles also received the Grace, as did the Jews. *(1 mark).* Peter was criticized for accepting Gentile believers without circumcision. He explained that the Holy Spirit came upon the Gentiles just as on the Jews, proving it was God's will, and they all praised God. *(1 mark).*

3. **What two important qualities were required for the person chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, and who was finally chosen?**

Answer: a)He should have followed Jesus from His baptism at the Jordan River to His ascension. *(1 mark)*
b. He should be an eyewitness to the Resurrection of Jesus. *(0.5 mark)*. The person chosen was Matthias. *(0.5 mark)*

4. **What are the four special features of the first church described in Acts 2 verse 41-47**?

Answer: The four special features of the first church described in Acts 2 Acts 41-47 are:

a) Entry into the church is through baptism only. *(0.5 mark)*
b) Those added to the church engaged in prayers with the apostles and participated in the Eucharist. *(0.5 mark)*
c) They participated in prayers in the Temple at Jerusalem. *(0.5 mark)*
d) They considered their belongings common. *(0.5 mark)*

5. **What was the main aim of writing the Book of Chronicles, and how many chapters are there in each book of Chronicles?**

Answer: To convince and encourage the people who returned from exile that *they were the true descendants of the Israelites, including King David,* and *the whole land of Canaan was their promised land.* (1 mark)

*1**st Chronicles** contains **29 chapters** and **2nd Chronicles** contains **36 chapters***

(1 mark).

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

1. **Explain the background of Joel's prophecy. What was the vision of Christ?**

Answer

Joel's prophecies focused on the need for repentance and the coming day of the Lord. Key points of his prophecies include:

1. Joel spoke during a time *of locust attacks and severe drought, which caused fear and depression among the people*. (1 mark)
2. He explained *these disasters as signs of the coming day of the Lord*. (1 mark).
3. Joel urged *the people to repent and return to God* and prophesied that *God would save and bless those who genuinely repented.* (1 mark)
4. The prophet Joel had a vision where he saw the Messiah (Jesus) as a judge who would judge all nations (Joel 3:2-12). (1 mark)
5. Joel foretold that God would pour out His Spirit on all people, which was later fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. (1 mark)

2. **Write the qualities and significance of saints on earth and after death, according to the Bible.** *1 mark each*

Answer:

Qualities

1. Saints are Noble in Character: Psalms 16:3 says the saints on earth are noble and honoured by God.
2. Saints abide in the Lord: Saints abide in the Lord because they are sanctified in the words of Jesus (John 15:4).
3. Saints are the Light of the World because they followed Jesus and reflect His light to others.
4. Saints have attained Eternal Life: Saints are born again through the incorruptible word of God, which lived and abideth forever. (1 Peter 1:23)

Significance: Saints After Death: The saints living on earth remain dear to God after death. They remain saints and know future events, providing spiritual guidance to the living. "Let the memory of the just be for long life," *(emphasizes the enduring impact and guidance of saints)*

3. **Explain the main themes and purpose of the Acts of the Apostles**.

Answer

1. The main themes of the Acts of the Apostles include the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the spread of the Church. *(1 mark)*

2. The book emphasizes the universality of the Church, showing how the Christian faith spread beyond Jewish boundaries to all races. *(1 mark)*

3. It highlights the growth of the early Christian community and their unity and communal living. *(1 mark)*

4. The Acts of the Apostles also underscores the independence of Christianity from Judaism, particularly through the declaration that circumcision is not necessary for Christians. *(1 mark)*

5. The purpose of the book is to document the history of the early Church, from the Ascension of Jesus to the death of Peter and Paul, and to show how the Holy Spirit guided the Church despite persecution. *(1 mark)*

4. **Who was Stephen, what false accusations were made against him, and how did he respond during his final moments**?

Answer:

1. Stephen, ***one of the Seven Helpers***, was ***a man full of grace and power*** who did *great wonders and signs among the people*. *(1 mark)*

2. They lied about him that ***he spoke blasphemy against Moses and God*** *at the Sanhedrin. (1 mark)*

3. They held 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 made them angry, and they decided to kill him. (1 mark)*

4. *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.* "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. (2 marks)*