



MALANKARA SYRIAN ORTHODOX  
SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

Annual Sunday School Exam  
Class X

December 5<sup>th</sup> 2010

Name of the Student	
Age of the Student	
Name of Your Home Sunday School/Church	
City (Test Center)	
Time Started	
Time Ended	

\*\*\* *Instructions will be provided by the proctor, please pay close attention. The Sunday School Board values your opinion and requests that once you complete the exam you provide your feedback on the survey that will be passed out by the proctor.*

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**2010 CLASS X FINAL EXAMINATION**

10 Stonehurst Court,  
Pomona, NY 10970

**Total: 100 Points**

*There are 6 Sections to this Exam which are listed below with the number of questions in each as well as the points.*

<u>Section:</u>	<u>Question Type:</u>	<u># of Questions:</u>	<u>Points:</u>	<u>SECTION TOTAL:</u>
A	Multiple Choice	20	2	<b>40</b>
B	True/False	15	1	<b>15</b>
C	Matching	5	2	<b>10</b>
D	Short Answer	5	3	<b>15</b>
E	Prayer	1	10	<b>10</b>
F	Essay	1	10	<b>10</b>
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## PART A

**MULTIPLE CHOICE:** *Please circle the option that best answers the question.*

<u>Question Type:</u>	<u># of Questions:</u>	<u>Points:</u>	<u>SECTION TOTAL:</u>
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- The term Immanuel means:
  - "Born to release the world from bondage"
  - "God is with us"
  - "Sacrificed in place of us"
  - "Born in the line of Kings"
- The first capital city of David and the place where Abraham entertained the angels in the shade of an oak tree
  - Kidron
  - Hebron
  - Bethany
  - Galilee
- The Jewish feast to remember the incident when God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses at Mount Sinai
  - Feast of Sabbath
  - Harvest Feast
  - Feast of the Trumpets
  - Repentance Feast
- It is written that there was darkness between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> hours when our lord Jesus Christ was crucified. What was the time of darkness based on the Jewish time?
  - 1PM – 4PM
  - 12PM – 3PM
  - 2PM – 5PM
  - 11AM – 2PM
- The person that prophesized Jesus Christ would be pierced in the chest and that blood and water would flow from the wound?
  - Jeremiah
  - Isaiah
  - Zechariah
  - Daniel
- We are granted the right to be God's children through
  - Holy Qurbana
  - Holy Priesthood
  - Holy Confession
  - Holy Baptism
- The largest protestant church in the world is
  - Methodist
  - Presbyterian
  - Baptist
  - Congregational Church
- The agreement between Pope Pius XI and the Italian Prime Minister Benito Mussolini that established the Pope as the head of the independent Vatican country?
  - Non-Alliant Movement
  - Common Wealth Treaty
  - Lateran Agreement
  - Edict of Milan

9. St. Peter established the most ancient apostolic throne at
- a. Rome
  - b. Alexandria
  - c. Antioch
  - d. London
10. The Jewish people used \_\_\_\_\_ as the religious book for daily prayers.
- a. Song of Solomon
  - b. Leviticus
  - c. Psalms
  - d. Deuteronomy
11. The leader of the Anglican Church is
- a. The Pope
  - b. The Constantinople Patriarch
  - c. The Canterbury Archbishop
  - d. Archbishop of Netherlands
12. Which of the following is NOT a sign of Jesus' second coming?
- a. The stars will fall from Heaven
  - b. The sun will grow brighter
  - c. The moon will no longer shine
  - d. There will be bloodshed, fire, and clouds of smoke
13. In the faith and tradition, which church remains close to our church?
- a. Protestant
  - b. Catholic
  - c. Anglican
  - d. CSI
14. Who started the Coptic Church?
- a. John Knox
  - b. Paul, the apostle
  - c. St. Mark
  - d. St. Luke
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ church is the largest of the oriental orthodox churches.
- a. Syrian
  - b. Ethiopian
  - c. Coptic
  - d. Armenian
16. The Dead Sea Scrolls were found by:
- a. Jacob Burdhana
  - b. Mor Cyril of Alexandria
  - c. St. Ignatious Elias III
  - d. Yeshu Mar Athenatious
17. We believe sins against the Holy Spirit are very serious and difficult to be forgiven. Which of the following is NOT a sin against the Holy Spirit?
- a. Test the Holy Spirit
  - b. Make the Holy Spirit Sad
  - c. Repentful Spirit
  - d. Speak evil things against the Holy Spirit
18. The central point of Old Testament spirituality is
- a. Experiencing God and metamorphosis of man
  - b. Tithes and resisa
  - c. Participating in the mystery of incarnation
  - d. Prayer & good deeds
19. Which of the following is NOT an object in the Holy Place of the temple of God?
- a. The altar of incense
  - b. The Holy Liturgy Stand
  - c. Holy of Holies
  - d. Table to keep the Show Bread

20. Jesus was crucified during the reign of:
- a. Emperor Augustus Octavius
  - b. Emperor Tiberius
  - c. Emperor Nero
  - d. King Agrippa

**PART B**

**TRUE/FALSE:** *Please circle whether the statement is true or false.*

<u>Question Type:</u>	<u># of Questions:</u>	<u>Points:</u>	<u>SECTION TOTAL:</u>
True/False	15	1	15

21. Only the Father and Son know the time of the second coming of Jesus.
- (a) True
  - (b) False
22. All oriental Orthodox churches use sour/leavened bread for Qurbana except the Armenian Church.
- (a) True
  - (b) False
23. The church believes we are born without sin.
- (a) True
  - (b) False
24. Mount Carmel is where Prophet Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal and fire from heaven came and burnt Elijah's offering.
- (a) True
  - (b) False
25. The Oriental Orthodox Church believes that the divine nature and human nature of Christ are separate.
- (a) True
  - (b) False
26. Eastern churches see the Holy Sacraments as the medium towards salvation. By participating and receiving the Holy Sacraments, each person is transformed into an inseparable part of the spirituality and salvation that Jesus Christ defined.
- (a) True
  - (b) False

27. The Syrian Orthodox believes that the Holy Spirit comes from the father and the Son  
(a) True  
(b) False
28. During the feast of Purim the story of Esther would be read and Mordecai would be praised.  
(a) True  
(b) False
29. In Jewish families as per the "right of the first born" the eldest son has rights to one-third of the father's property.  
(a) True  
(b) False
30. Divine intervention that is beyond human intelligence is the western spiritual theory  
(a) True  
(b) False
31. Psalms 51 and Psalms 63 are included as part of the Morning Prayer  
(a) True  
(b) False
32. Sadducees believed that life does not end with death, the soul is forever and that there is resurrection after death.  
(a) True  
(b) False
33. Samuel ordained the first judge  
(a) True  
(b) False
34. The site of the old Jerusalem temple is currently occupied by a Mosque  
(a) True  
(b) False
35. The seventh year (Sabbath year) for the Jews is called the Freedom Year  
(a) True  
(b) False

**PART C**

**MATCHING:** Each question will contain 2 columns with 4 parts. Match the corresponding number to the letter and write in the answer area below each question.

<u>Question Type:</u>	<u># of Questions:</u>	<u>Points:</u>	<u>SECTION TOTAL:</u>
Matching	5	2	10

36. Match the Following

<u>Holy Day(s)</u>	<u>Event</u>
1) Shunoyo	a) Baptism of Christ
2) Denaha	b) Christmas/Birth of Christ
3) Eldho	c) Easter
4) Kyemtha	d) St. Mary's Death

ANSWER (write the letter beside the number)

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_

37. Match the Following

<u>Syriac</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
1) Amen	a) Bless me O Lord
2) Kurielaison	b) Lord
3) Barekmore	c) So be it (same with)
4) Morio	d) O Lord have mercy

ANSWER (write the letter beside the number)

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_

38. Match the Following

Person

1. Pope Pius IX
2. Gamaliel
3. Thomas E. Kempis
4. Ezekial

Worldly Contribution

- a) Author of Imitation of Christ
- b) Encouraged the people to live pious lives
- c) Creator of the Modern Papacy
- d) Teacher of St. Paul

ANSWER (write the letter beside the number)

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_

39. Match the Following

1. Priest: Let us praise the Lord with fear
2. AD 30-70
3. Priest: Answer me O Lord  
(invokes the Holy Spirit)
4. AD 70-110

- a) 'The Apostolic Disciples Period'
- b) Response: Kurielaison (3 times)
- c) 'The Apostolic Period'
- d) Response: It is right and just to do so

ANSWER (write the letter beside the number)

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_

40. Match the Following

Monastic Order

1. Benedict
2. Dominican
3. Augustinian
4. Franciscan

Characteristic

- a) Renunciation, silence, labor & rejection of private property
- b) Recited Psalms and read the scripture
- c) Ordinary people's movement, emphasized learning
- d) Lived like birds in the sky, depend only on the Lord

ANSWER (write the letter beside the number)

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_



**PART D**

**SHORT ANSWER:** Please **select 5 of the questions from 41 thru 47** and answer in brief complete sentences. Please use the blank pages provided to answer the questions.

<u>Question Type:</u>	<u># of Questions:</u>	<u>Points:</u>	<u>SECTION TOTAL:</u>
Short Answer	5	3	15

41. Pentecost means 50th. How does Old Testament Pentecost and New Testament Pentecost differ?

42. Write 3 descriptions of the Holy Spirit from the Bible

43. Which are the orthodox churches that have the same faith with the Syrian Orthodox Church?

44. Why is Mary called a good example of New Testament Spirituality?

45. According to the New Testament the faithful have to offer spiritual sacrifices. List 3 of them and describe in one or two sentences.

46. Antioch has an important place in the history of the church. List 3 of them.

47. Compare the Jewish Church to the Christian Church.

**Part E**

**PRAYERS:** Write the following prayer below, you may write it in English, Manglish or Malayalam.

<u>Question Type:</u>	<u># of Questions:</u>	<u>Points:</u>	<u>SECTION TOTAL:</u>
Prayer	1	10	10

48. Write the first 10 stanzas from the Hymn of St. Ephrem, the Syrian in English, Manglish or Malayalam. (Each stanza is 4 lines)

Lord have mercy upon us

Kindly accept our prayers

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## PART F

**ESSAYS:** Write an essay on one of the topics below. Points will be awarded based on the facts from the book as well for proper introduction, body and conclusion.

<u>Question Type:</u>	<u># of Questions:</u>	<u>Points:</u>	<u>SECTION TOTAL:</u>
Essay	1	10	10

49. God gives salvation only to those who deserve it. So what shall we do to make ourselves eligible for salvation?
50. What are the teachings of Christ at the Sermon on the Mount and how can you apply these teachings to your daily life?
51. Describe Inner Spirituality based on the Old Testament and the New Testament.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEY - 2010

1. How many years of Sunday School have you completed?
  - (a) less than 3 years
  - (b) 4 – 7 years
  - (c) more than 7 years
  
2. Name 3 strengths of the Sunday School program.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  
3. Name 3 areas you would like to see improvement in the Sunday School program.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  
4. Will you be volunteering as a teacher for the Sunday School program at your parish?
  - (a) Yes
  - (b) No
  
5. If you were to revise the existing text books, what would be the key area(s) that would be the top of your list that you consider the most critical?
  
  
6. In addition to the Sunday School text book material, is there anything else that you would have liked to have learned. Please elaborate if possible.
  
  
7. Did you feel that the centralized 10<sup>th</sup> grade exam was appropriate to the curriculum and what you have been taught? Please explain.
  
  
8. What would you do to improve the 10<sup>th</sup> grade centralized exam?
  
  
9. Should the Prayer and Essay questions be provided ahead of time to future students?
  
  
10. Should we keep the current ranking system for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade or introduce a grading system similar to the Academic School Grading System?

Please write any additional comments on the back.