

MALANKARA SYRIAN ORTHODOX SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA
10TH GRADE CENTRALIZED EXAMINATION INFORMATION- 2017

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

The Centralized Exam for Class X marks the completion of a program of study on the fundamentals and faith of our Holy Church. As you are preparing for the exam, the Centralized Exam Panel (CEP) hopes to provide some general information and an opportunity to open the lines of communication so that the teachers, parents and students feel comfortable as the exam date approaches. The information contained in this document is a high-level overview of the exam, process, expectations, etc. Please feel free to contact the CEP at any time with questions, comments, and concerns. We look forward to the success of all our students this year. We extend best wishes in the preparation phase. May God bless you!

1. CONTACTING THE CEP (CENTRALIZED EXAM PANEL)

- Questions/Comments/Concerns regarding the Class X National Exam can be sent to the CEP at cepjacobite@gmail.com

2. CLASS X EXAM DATE/DURATION

- **Date: Saturday-November 18, 2017 @ 2PM (EST)**
- Duration: 2 hours

3. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- All students taking the Class X Centralized Exam must register on or before **August 1, 2017**, at (click on the link below) or go to Archdiocese Sunday school website for additional information and direct link:

[2017 SS Exam Registration Form](#)

through and with the consent of each Sunday school Headmaster.

You may also copy and paste the below link to your web browser.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDHDHikf10e-g3u4XOyCenc0Sj9K_gM68qhXoerUSI0TOeaQ/viewform

4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE EXAM:

- Any student, who has completed the assigned 10th grade Sunday school course from one of the churches under the jurisdiction of the Malankara Archdiocese of the Syriac Orthodox Church in North America, **during the current year**, is eligible to take the exam.
- There are no age restrictions for participating in the exam. However, only those students who are of age 18 or below, and have **completed the 10th grade curriculum in the current year**, are eligible to be rank holders.

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- Students from the previous years (either who did not pass or did not take the exam in the year of their course completion) are also welcome to take the exam. However, they will not be eligible for ranks.

5. TEST INFORMATION

❖ CONTENT BREAKDOWN (WEIGHTING)

- 20 points = Old Testament
- 20 points = New Testament
- 20 points = True Faith & Social Topic
- 10 points = Song
- 10 points= Prayer
- 20 points = A Guide to the Holy Qurbano, published by H.E. Yeldho Mor Titus, (whole book)

❖ QUESTION FORMAT (TOTAL 100 POINTS)

A.	Multiple Choice - 25 Questions x 2	= 50
B.	Short Answer - 10 Questions x 3 points	= 30
C.	Song - 2 Songs x 5 points	= 10
D.	Prayer = 1 Prayer x 10 points	= 10

❖ QUESTION ON PRAYER:

The prayers below should be committed to memory. Only one prayer from the below list will appear on the final exam. The prayer can be written in English, Malayalam, or Manglish (student preference).

1. Psalms 63
2. Magnificat: “And Mary said: ‘My soul glorifies the Lord...’”

[Click here for the English version of the above prayers.](#)

❖ QUESTION ON SONG:

*The songs below should be committed to memory. **TWO** songs will appear on the exam. The song can be written in English, Malayalam or Manglish (student preference).*

1. By thy light we see the light.../Velivu niranjo reeso nin velival (4 Stanzas)
2. Srappikalekandesshaya (4 Stanzas)
3. O blessed mother, by His love for you.../ Dhannye mathave-arthikunnadyar... (3 stanzas)
4. Kukilion of Departed Clergy (Full Song; Ekbo, Kolo, Ekbo)

❖ **SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS:**

Students will be required to answer Ten questions in this section, provided below are five sample. THESE SAMPLE QUESTIONS MAY APPEAR ON THE FINAL EXAM.

1. Pentecost means 50th. How does Old Testament Pentecost and New Testament Pentecost differ?
2. God gives salvation only to those who deserves it. List at least three acts we can do to make ourselves eligible for salvation
3. What are the duties of a Priest in the New Testament church?
4. What are people supposed to do since the Lord is coming soon?
5. What was the sacrifice offered for the purification of the whole world?

SHORT ANSWER OUTLINE: Students must answer the question in 2-3 complete sentences.

6. EXAM EVALUATION/SCORES

- The answer papers are evaluated by a panel of teachers at our Archdiocesan Aramana. The student name/identity is kept anonymous to the evaluators. The church wise result will be communicated to the respective churches in the month of February.

7. RANKS

- The top 3 diocesan level rank holders are determined on the basis of their scores and are awarded with an 'Appreciation Plaque' at the family conference.
- All students passing the Exam will receive a certificate of completion of the Sunday School program.

8. NOTE TO THE HEADMASTERS/HEADMISTRESS (HM'S):

- Conduct of the Exam: Proctor instructions, 10th grade student database requisition form and other related information about the exam will be communicated by the Regional Directors. The Regional Directors, in consultation with the HMs, will also finalize the 'test centers' after the participating students database is obtained.
- Communication: In order to facilitate better and faster communication a special email address for the Centralized Exam Panel (CEP) has been set up - cepiacobite@gmail.com. Students and teachers can approach the CEP with any questions or concerns they have about the centralized exam.

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- Yearly exam guidelines will be made available on our diocesan website (Malankara.com). In addition CEP requests you to provide the email ids of the 10th grade teachers and students so that any relevant information about the Centralized Exam can be communicated with them too. You are requested to pass on the guidelines to the 10th grade teachers and students and also to post it on your church notice board.
- **EXAM IS: SATURDAY NOT SUNDAY**
 - **2 pm EST, 1PM CST, 12PM (West Coast)**
- **There will be no make-up exam given like previous years. If student misses the exam they will have to wait till the following year to take the exam.**

9. NOTE TO THE STUDENTS:

- **Communication:** As explained above, a special email id (cepjacobite@gmail.com) has been set up for your convenience to approach the CEP with any questions or concerns you may have about the centralized exam. Please let the CEP know if you have any questions or comments.
- **Student Survey:** Student feedback obtained from the past tests have immensely helped in the restructuring and improving the centralized test questions. As in the past, this year's final test also will have a feedback session and you are requested to provide your candid comments. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.
- **Reference Materials:** The Sunday School page on www.Malankara.com houses previous years' Centralized Exams, Answer keys as well as the Supplement material. You may use these as practice to assist in your preparation for the exam. The Guide to the Holy Qurbano book must be purchased from the Archdiocese Headquarters. Please contact the Archdiocesan Office at 845-364-6003, or email Malankaraoffice@gmail.com

10. UPDATES

- The Sunday School Board will update these guidelines as necessary throughout the year. Please check the Sunday School page on Malankara.com for the most recent and accurate guideline.