ORTHODOX SYRIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF THE EAST



OUTSIDE KERALA REGION

CIRCULAR No: OKR/02/2021

18th June 2021

Special Examination for Teachers

As per the clause Nos. 78 and 79 of the new constitution, eligibility for appointment as Sunday School Teacher is stated as follows:

- a) Those who have passed the "Veda Praveen" Diploma Examination.
- b) Those who have completed the Seminary studies or Mission Centre studies
- c) In case of emergency, those who have completed the "Divya Bodhanam" (POCE) course or the "Sathyajyothi" online course can be appointed temporary Sunday school teachers, with the permission of the Diocesan Metropolitan. However, they should pass "Veda Praveen" Diploma within two years.

Hence, all the teachers are hereby advised to complete the Veda Praveen diploma by year 2023. The Executive Committee of OSSAE OKR has decided to conduct a special examination of 11th and 12th grade together exclusively for the Sunday School teachers

Teachers who have completed 5 years of teaching in Sunday school can write the special examination, even if they have not completed the Class 10 of Sunday school. Teachers appearing for the special examination must submit a copy of the certificate of Class 10 examination or should get a letter from the Vicar stating that they have a minimum of five years teaching experience in Sunday school.

Syllabus for examination will be from the text books for Class XI and XII. Portions specified for annual examinations mentioned in the OSSAE OKR annual circular shall be applicable.

Those who pass either of the examination mentioned below, will be given a Veda Praveen Diploma Certificate stating that the requirement for the course is fulfilled, but no grades will be specified. There will be two modes of examinations.

- 1. **Open Book Examination:** Teachers will have to write five Essays on specified topics. The answers must be handwritten, typed answers will not be accepted and must scan the written answers and send it to **okrossae@gmail.com** with a copy to the respective Diocesan Director within the stipulated time.
- 2. **Online Examination:** This is the same mode of examination as that of students. Mark distribution would be 20 marks for Project work and 80 marks for online examination (Syllabus as per the annual circular).

The examination will be conducted in the second week of November 2021. Candidates must register online on or before 15th July 2021, late applications will not be entertained. Examination fees will be Rs.250/- in India and Rs.500/- outside India.

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The examination fee of each Diocese will be collected by the Directors and the total amount needs to be remitted to the OSSAE-OKR account.

Those who have difficulty in writing Essays in English can write it in Malayalam.

More details of the examination and Common sessions for clarification on relevant topics for registrants will be sent after 15th July 2021.

Teachers who wish to have grades in the examination can register as private candidates for December examination, In this case, the grades will be awarded as per the normal grading system.

With warm regards,

In His Mission,

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