



ORTHODOX SYRIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF THE EAST

CLASS 9 (COMPETITIVE EXAM 2025)

1) "When you pray, I will turn my face away" – which prophet gives this warning?

- A) Isaiah
- B) Jeremiah
- C) Hosea
- D) Amos

2) Which prophet said that forgetting the true God is as defiling as the mutual unfaithfulness of a husband and wife?

- A) Hosea
- B) Jeremiah
- C) Isaiah
- D) Amos

3) Select the one that is NOT included among the changes that took place in religious life during the exile.

- A) Sabbath observance stopped.
- B) Sacrifices disappeared.
- C) Reading of the Law gained importance.
- D) Prophecies about rebuilding the Temple arose.

4) What was the motivation behind the Septuagint translation?

- A) To enable those raised under Greek influence to read the Scriptures.
- B) To gain recognition for the translation prepared by the seventy-two elders.
- C) To overturn the decision of the Jamnia Council.
- D) To oppose King Ptolemy's resistance to the Scriptures.

5) The Book of Maccabees has four parts, but only two are included in the Bible. Why?

- A) The other two books were not approved in the Latin translation.
- B) The other two contained portions considered offensive to Judaism.
- C) The other two parts are not available.
- D) The struggles of the Maccabees and their brothers are limited to only two parts.

6) Which of the following is the WRONG statement about the conversion of St. Paul?

- A) Those who were with Paul saw the light and heard the message.
- B) Saul, who became blind in the city, received his sight when he was baptized.
- C) Paul experienced a change in vision and faith.
- D) In the house of Judas, Ananias, the church leader, baptized him.

7) Which event took place at Lystra?

- A) People considered Paul and Barnabas as gods.
- B) Mark left Paul.
- C) The proconsul Sergius Paulus was converted.
- D) Paul assumed leadership here.

8) What was the vision Paul received at Troas?

- A) Cross over to Macedonia.
- B) Take Mark again.
- C) Take Timothy along.
- D) Do not go to Galatia.

9) Who was Agabus, who foretold future matters concerning Paul while he stayed at Caesarea?

A) A Christian prophet.

B) A Jewish priest.

C) A gentile sorcerer.

D) A Jewish magician.

10) Which of the following is NOT a lesson we learn from the Jerusalem Council?

A) There should be no compromise in matters of ritual practices.

B) We must not only make decisions but also take steps to implement them.

C) Decisions must be taken in the spirit of prayer and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

D) When problems arise in parishes, we must discuss together and take proper decisions.

11) What is deification (theosis)?

A) A return to likeness with God.

B) The presence of special gifts.

C) Interest in evangelization.

D) A state of becoming God oneself.

12) Select the petition NOT included in the Morning Litany.

A) All of these are included.

B) Deliver us from trials beyond our strength.

C) Remove unbearable diseases.

D) Spare us from punishments that may come because of sins.

13) "Seven times a day I praise You because of Your righteous judgments." – What is the reference for this verse?

A) Psalms 119:164

B) Psalm 119:134

C) Psalm 118:164

D) Psalm 118:134

14) In the hymn beginning "Into the darkness of the upright...", what is described as "bridal chamber, made in the wink of an eye"?

A) The atmosphere

B) The earth

C) The sky above the waters

D) The sea where the waters gather

15) "descended into hades and saved the Church" – where is the Scriptural basis for this line?

A) 1 Peter 3:19

B) 2 Peter 1:9

C) 1 Corinthians 3:16

D) 2 Corinthians 11:16

16) What was the immediate cause of the division in the Church in 1054?

A) Mutual excommunication of church authorities.

B) Dispute regarding the procession of the Holy Spirit.

C) Dispute over whether Eucharistic bread should be leavened or unleavened.

D) Difference of opinion regarding purgatory.

17) Choose the correct statement about the Eighth Crusade.

A) Conducted under the leadership of Louis IX at the initiative of Pope Urban IV.

B) Pope Innocent III and King Andrew II of Hungary were the leaders.

C) It occurred after the Turkish Sultan Saladin captured Jerusalem.

D) Conducted under Pope Innocent IV and King Louis IX of France.

18) Where was the seat of the Villarvattam rulers?

- A) Chennamangalam
- B) Kodungallur
- C) Udayamperoor
- D) Kochi

19) Select the WRONG statement about the Coonan Cross Oath.

- A) All Christians in Malankara participated in this pledge.
- B) After the Coonan Cross Oath, Archdeacon Thomas was made Metropolitan with the name Mar Thoma.
- C) Twelve priests laid hands together to confer episcopal authority.
- D) The event took place on 3 January 1653.

20) Which of the following is NOT one of the Cappadocian Fathers?

- A) St Athanasius of Alexandria
- B) St Basil of Caesarea
- C) St Gregory of Nyssa
- D) St Gregory of Nazianzus

21) Who was known as the "Moses of Mesopotamia"?

- A) St Jacob of Nisibis
- B) St Jacob of Urhai (Edessa)
- C) St Jacob of Serugh
- D) Jacob Baradaeus

22) Where is it said of God the Father that He is "without beginning or end, immeasurable and self-existent"?

- A) In the Pentecost promion.
- B) In the Roman Catholic Creed.
- C) In the special prayer for the Church.
- D) In the promion of the Nativity night.

23) Select what is NOT said about Jesus Christ in the Creed.

- A) Lord, the giver of life to all.
- B) Creator of all things.
- C) Will come again for judgment.
- D) Became man of His own will.

24) Select the correct statement about the Holy Spirit.

- A) Proceeds from the Father, takes from the Son.
- B) Proceeds from the Father and the Son.
- C) Equal to the Father but not equal to the Son.
- D) Will carry out judgment at the Second Coming.

25) Many people joined the Orthodox Church under the leadership of Alvares Mar Julius. Select the WRONG statement.

- A) The Church arranged proper care for those who joined.
- B) Because of opposition from Roman Catholics, he moved to Brahmavar.
- C) Though he moved to Brahmavar, he maintained ties with Goa.
- D) A good share of those who joined the Orthodox Church later returned to the Catholic Church.

26) The memorial day of Pathros Mar Osthathios falls on a Feast of the Cross. Which Feast?

- A) Mayaltho
- B) Suboro
- C) Sulogo
- D) Denaha

27) What was the fellowship formed by Geevarghese Mar Osthathios for mission studies?

A) INAMS

B) YMCA

C) NCC

D) KCC

28) "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." – Who is the "I"?

A) None of the above.

B) Apostle Peter

C) Apostle Thomas

D) Apostle John

29) Select what CANNOT be considered a negative effect of the media.

A) Conducting online examinations.

B) Promoting consumer culture through advertisements.

C) Adversely affecting studies.

D) Developing negative culture in the name of entertainment.

30) "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth." – In which book is this verse found?

A) Ecclesiastes

B) Proverbs

C) Psalms

D) None of the above.

31) What circumstance led Solomon to go astray?

A) Excessive relations with foreign nations.

B) His interest in adultery.

C) Lack of reliance on the true God.

D) His actions did not match his wisdom.

32) During the persecution of Antiochus Epiphanes, Jews responded in many ways. Which group did the Maccabees belong to?

A) Those who retaliated through guerrilla warfare.

B) Those who abandoned the Law fearing royal punishment.

C) Those who withdrew into the wilderness and remained faithful.

D) Those who stood as a zealous community of piety.

33) Which of the following is NOT generally observed about Paul's missionary journeys?

A) He first worked among gentiles and then among Jews.

B) His work was city-centered.

C) He healed the sick along with preaching.

D) He did not go for evangelization alone.

34) Was there a disagreement between Paul and Barnabas at the beginning of the second missionary journey? If so, why?

A) Yes, over including Mark in the team.

B) Yes, over including Silas.

C) Yes, over going to Syria at the beginning.

D) No disagreement at all.

35) From event at which place do we understand that Sunday observance and the Eucharist began?

A) At Troas

B) In Macedonia

C) At Jerusalem

D) At Miletus

36) What is special about the canonical hours during the Three-Day Fast and the Fifty-Day Fast?

A) Both features mentioned here are correct.

B) Neither of the features mentioned here is correct.

C) The hours are observed three times instead of two.

D) Forty prostrations are included after the Noon Prayer.

37) In the hymn beginning "Church confounds teaching heretic...", which New Testament image is used?

A) Fish

B) Tree

C) Rock

D) None from the New Testament.

38) What was Mary's reply to the question, "Why do you cry lady?"

A) They took my Lord.

B) I do not see the risen Christ.

C) Help me enter the tomb to anoint the body.

D) Please open the tomb for me.

39) "Rejoicing they rise their heads." – Choose the opening line of this hymn.

A) Those departed waiting for Thy second coming

B) God raised Him from the dead

C) As one freed from the wine's intoxication, on the Lord's Day

D) Preached to the spirits in prison, idols were forsaken

40) Arrange the following events in the order in which they occurred.

i. First Crusade

ii. Coonan Cross Oath

iii. The Church splits into East and West

iv. Synod of Udayamperoor (Diamper)

A) (iii), (i), (iv), (ii)

B) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv)

C) (iv), (iii), (iv), (ii)

D) (ii), (iv), (iii), (i)

41) Who among the following was a disciple of the Apostles?

A) Ignatius of Antioch

B) St Athanasius of Alexandria

C) Pope Julius of Rome

D) St Dionysius of Alexandria

42) Born in the village of Kudaïd in Mesopotamia, he was elevated as Maphrian of the East. Who?

A) Yeldo Mar Baselios

B) Mar Abhai

C) St Severius of Antioch

D) Mar Jacob Baradaeus

43) What is the meaning of the word "Homoousios"?

A) Of the same essence

B) He is worthy

C) Perfect man

D) One among the three persons

44) Who implemented the practice of reciting the Creed during the Holy Qurbana?

A) Patriarch Peter

B) Pathros Mar Osthathios

C) St Jacob of Serugh

D) Patriarch Jacob III

45) In what sense do we understand the phrase “Baptism for the remission of sins – once only”?

A) We accept baptism of all apostolic churches.

B) Whoever comes from any church is received without rebaptism.

C) From any apostolic church we receive people without baptism or chrism again.

D) From any church, if one confesses and receives Holy Qurbana, one becomes a member.

46) What adjectives does the Creed use to describe the nature of the Church?

A) All of these.

B) Catholic (Universal)

C) Apostolic

D) Holy

47) What was the full childhood name of Alvares Mar Julius, Metropolitan?

A) Antonio Francis Xavier Alvares

B) Antonio Francis Xavier

C) Francis Xavier Alvares

D) Alvares Francis Xavier

48) Who took charge of the Malabar Diocese after Pathros Mar Osthathios?

A) Thomas Mar Thimotheos

B) Kuriakose Mar Clemis

C) Abraham Mar Epiphanyos

D) None of the above.

49) Which day is celebrated as Mission Sunday?

A) The Sunday following July 3

B) July 3

C) The Sunday before Pentecost

D) June 29

50) What happens “if a little laziness creeps in”?

A) It destroys one’s own self.

B) People look at you with ridicule.

C) Silence will blossom with death.

D) Needless suffering and worry will follow.