

Malankara Syrian Orthodox Sunday School Association Of North America



10th Grade Centralized Examination Information - 2011

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. Communication with 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: Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 1PM
- ❖ Duration: 2 hours

3. Registration Requirements

- ❖ All students taking the Class X Centralized Exam must register on or before Sunday, November 6, 2011

4. Eligibility for participating in the test:

- ❖ Any student who has completed the assigned course of 10th grade Sunday school from any of our Archdiocesan churches in 2011 is eligible to take the exam. There are no age stipulations for participating in the test or placing ranks.
- ❖ 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 placing ranks.

5. Test Information

- ❖ Content Breakdown:

Content Source	%	Points
*Approved MSOSSA Class X Textbook (EXCLUDE lessons: 5, 6, 7 and 8) AND Holy Eucharist 103 Class X Supplement	90	90

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**Supplemental Material covering General Knowledge topics covered in Classes K -IX)	10	10
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*Due to the addition of the Holy Eucharist 103, 4 lessons were excluded from the Class X textbook to accommodate the Eucharistic lessons

**The Supplement material will be released soon - similar to 2010 with a few updates.

❖ Format Breakdown:

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

❖ Question on Prayer:

- The prayers below should be committed to memory. **NOTE: only one prayer below will appear on the final exam.** The prayer can be written in English, Malayalam or Manglish (student preference)
 - Nicene Creed
 - Prayer Before and After Receiving the Holy Communion
 - Psalm 91 and Psalm 121

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- ❖ Question on Song:
 - The song question will be from the Holy Eucharist 103 Class X Supplement (pages 12 - 14). **NOTE: Only one song will appear on the exam.**

- ❖ Essay Question
 - Students should answer one out of three essay questions. **NOTE: Only ONE topic will appear on the exam.** The students will need to write (one page in length/5 paragraphs) the Essay Questions in the format of which a sample is provided below:

ESSAY OUTLINE:

- I. Introduction: **1 point**
 - a. Thesis statement/Key point of what will be covered in the essay (standard essay writing)
- II. Body: **6 points** (content)
- III. Conclusion: **1 point** Summarize and wrap up thoughts
- IV. Grammar, spelling are at a 10th grade level: **1 point**
- V. Essay flows, good transitions at a 10th grade level: **1 point**

6. Exam Evaluation/Scores

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- ❖ The answer papers are evaluated by a panel of teachers and this is done 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 they are awarded with an 'Appreciation Plaque' in that year's family conference.
- ❖ All students passing the Exam will receive a certificate of completion for the Sunday School Program.

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8. Note to the Headmasters/Headmistress (HMs):

- ❖ 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 - cejacobite@gmail.com Students and teachers can approach the CEP with any questions or concerns they have about the centralized exam. This document 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 this document to the 10th grade teachers and students and also to post it on your church notice board.
- ❖ Model test: The CEP is targeting to have the Model Exam released to the Headmasters/Headmistress by the 3rd week in September.

9. Note to the Students:

- ❖ Communication: As explained above, a special email id (cejacobite@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 last couple of 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.

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- ❖ Reference Materials: The Sunday School page on Malankara.com houses the last 3 years Centralized Exams, Answer keys as well as 2010 Supplement material, you may use these as practice to assist in your preparation for the exam.