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**Entrance Examination – Syllabus and Model Question Paper**

Dear and respected Father,

Greetings from Good Shepherd Major Seminary, Kunnoth!

I am happy to inform you that we are entrusted with the task of conducting this year's Entrance Examination for admission to the Major Seminaries. The examination will be held on **11<sup>th</sup> February 2017 between 02.00 and 04.30 p.m.** The syllabus and detailed Model Question are attached herewith for your reference. The question paper will be duly mailed to you by the end of the first week of February 2017. Since our postal service is not quite prompt as it used to be it would be desirable if you could provide your email ID. Further communications may be sent to Fr Joseph Puthumana using the email ID given below.

Yours sincerely,

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# **Entrance Examination for Admission to Major Seminaries Feb 2017**

## **Syllabus**

### **Part I Grammar & Usage**

1. Tense forms
2. Direct and Indirect Speech
3. Active and Passive Voice
4. Transformation of Sentences
5. Use of Articles and Prepositions
6. Synonyms and Antonyms
7. Question Tag
8. Punctuation
9. Correcting Sentences
10. Completing Sentences Meaningfully Using Appropriate Clauses
11. Comprehension Questions
12. Use of participles

### **Part II Essays, Letters, Reports, Translation etc**

13. Letters (official and personal)
14. Speeches
15. Newspaper reporting
16. Translation from English to the vernacular language and vice versa
17. General Essays

# Sample Questions

## *Part I*

1. Fill in the blanks using the *correct tense form* of the verbs given in brackets:

1. While I . . . the *Bible* an angel appeared to her. (read)
2. John . . . by the time we arrived. (leave)
3. The work . . . much harder than we had thought. (be)
4. The doctor . . . before I came. (arrive)
5. If you run fast, you . . . the train. (catch)
6. At this time next week, we . . . to England. (travel)
7. We . . . for you for two hours when the clock strikes twelve. (wait)
8. Ashish along with his witnesses . . . at the court last week. (to be present)
9. Sita's present whereabouts . . . . (not to be known)
10. Had you killed a cobra you . . . by the forest guard. (arrest)

II 11. Report the following conversation:

Debbie: Mom, I am home.

Mrs. Anderson: How was school? How did you do on the test?

Debbie: School was OK, and I did great on the test. Mom, I was so worried about that test, but now I feel great. What a relief!

Mrs. Anderson: I am glad to hear that. You have been studying so hard the past few weeks. Now, you can relax and enjoy life.

Debbie: What are you cooking? It smells so good.

Mrs. Anderson: I am baking cakes. This is your favorite carrot cake.

Debbie: It looks really yummy. And I see muffins over there too. You were busy, weren't you?

Mrs. Anderson: Yes. Jeff has to take something to school tomorrow. So, those muffins are for him. Don't touch them.

Debbie: Can I have a piece of carrot cake? I want to enjoy life right now.

Mrs. Anderson: You don't want to wait until after dinner?

Debbie: It looks inviting, and I bet it is delicious. No, I don't want to wait. Can I, mom?

Mrs. Anderson: OK, go ahead.

Debbie: Did you see the new recipe that was posted on Today Cooking's website? I believe it was called Scrumptious Pie.

Mrs. Anderson: No, I did not. But I want to try that recipe. Your dad loves pie.

Debbie: So do I.

Mrs. Anderson: So does Jeff. Our whole family is crazy about pie.

Debbie: When do you want to try the new recipe? I want to learn too. Should we bake a

cherry pie or an apple pie?

Mrs. Anderson: Since this is the cherry season, let's make a cherry pie. Tomorrow, I will get some cherries at the supermarket, and we can start baking in the afternoon when you get home from school.

Debbie: I need to finish a science project, and I will not get home until 3:30. Will it be too late to start baking, mom? If it is, you can start without me.

### III Change the *Voice* of the following:-

12. Let the child come to me.
13. Did the president speak anything about our present crisis?
14. Pakistanis are frequently intruding into our territory.
15. Indians adore cows.
16. Kerala traditionally welcomed many foreigners.
17. Paul has converted many Jews to Christianity.
18. I will write a novel next year.
19. Close the door.
20. Thomas had established many Christian Communities in South India.
21. Submit your assignment by next evening.

### IV Fill in the blanks using appropriate prepositions:-

22. Could I speak . . . Tom, please?
23. We arrived . . . the airport . . . good time for the plane.
24. He goes . . . his office everyday . . . bus.
25. He is always . . . a hurry. He drives . . . a tremendous speed.
26. Have you heard . . . John . . . his return?
27. This film reminds me . . . my childhood.
28. H asked me to wait . . . him . . . the bridge.
29. If you are going . . . the Post Office, could you buy . . . me a few stamps?
30. The horse stopped suddenly and the rider fell. . . .
31. The man . . . the pipe and long hair is the brother . . . the girl . . . blue.
32. He accused me . . . selling secret information . . . the enemy.

### V 33. Punctuate the following passage:-

the starting point for this study is the significance of women's agency in the inaugural anglo-ottoman encounter, which began during the sixteenth century and extended through the early eighteenth century. the english realm, excluded from catholic europe because of its turn to protestantism sought unorthodox diplomatic economic and military ties with the ottoman empire whose dominions stretched across asia europe the arabian peninsula and north Africa. sustained engagement with the Islamic world during this period also encompassed the persian

and Mediterranean realms bordering the Ottomans, though involvement with the Islamic empire of the mughals was minimal. these ties affected english culture from the middle of queen elizabeth I's reign (1558–1603) when her ambassadors brokered the first anglo-ottoman trade agreement, through the next century and a half when the balance of power shifted in favor of the nascent British empire. elizabeth propelled this encounter through her diplomatic correspondence with muslim sovereigns, including the ottoman queen mother. over the course of the seventeenth century, this encounter would include english women from the highest to the lowest ranks as writers and travelers such as the first english woman to publish original works in the prestige genres of renaissance romance and sonnet sequences the first generation of quaker women missionaries and polemicists the first female playwrights for the english stage and the first english woman to compose a travelogue of her “embassy” to the ottoman empire.

VI *Correct* the mistakes, if any, of the following sentences:-

33. James has met his wife last Monday.
34. I don't know what is he doing?
35. Tom along with his parents have gone to meet the Pope.
36. If you contacted me earlier I will help you.
37. Many Africans speak English good.
38. The French do not like much Asians migrating to their country.
39. Can you help we?
40. One of my friends are coming to meet me tomorrow.
41. Mathew is fond to read novels.
42. Do you know where has my friend went?

VII Complete the following sentences meaningfully using *appropriate clauses*:-

43. The rumour . . . is not true.
44. The United Kingdom withdrew from the European Union . . . .
45. The more you try. . . .
46. . . . James would have died.
47. Don't say. . . .
48. Even though Gandhiji had gone to South Africa. . . .
49. Raju hails from Mumbai. . . .
50. When you come to Delhi. . . .
51. Biju was stung by a cobra. . . .
52. Hardly had I reached the airport. . . .

VIII Rewrite as directed:-

44. Tagore had composed the *Gitanjali*. He went to England. (Combine the two to make a

*simple sentence*.)

45. Biju likes *to read* short stories. (Rewrite using the *gerund* of the italicized word.)
46. Varghese is a very rich man. (Rewrite as a *complex sentence*.)
47. Abraham was so tired that he could not speak a word. (Rewrite as a *simple sentence* using “. . . too . . . to . . .” construction.)
48. Mary slays snakes. (Rewrite in the *past tense*.)
49. India attacked Pakistan. (Rewrite in the *Present Perfect tense*.)
50. As soon as Sita entered the forest the nymphs lauded her. (Rewrite using “Hardly . . . had . . .”)
51. William Shakespeare has written many plays. (Rewrite in the negative.)
52. Switzerland did not join any alliance. (Add a suitable question tag.)
53. Seldom did Mahesh go to school in last December. (Pick out the verb of the sentence and identify its tense form.)

IX Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below, each in grammatically correct sentences of your own:-

The Aare (pronounced AH-re) is the longest river flowing entirely in Switzerland. Its name has a linguistic root that is derived from the Indo-European syllable *Aa*, meaning “water.” The same root is found in the Latin *aqua*, as well as in the names of hundreds of small streams in northern Europe, especially in France and Switzerland. One of the Aare’s tiny tributaries is even named the *Aa*, emptying into the lower river via a series of lakes.

The Aare River rises in the Bernese Alps (German Berner Oberland), in the north-central portion of Europe’s highest mountain range. Draining much of Switzerland, the Aare flows across a lake plateau whose terrain is continuous with German Bavaria. Pleistocene glaciation has interrupted the natural flow of the stream and dispersed lakes along its course.

The glacially fed headwaters of the Aare pass through the scenic gorge of the Aareschlucht near Meiringen. The river runs generally westward through Lake Brienz in the direction of the resort town of Interlaken, where it is canalized. From there it passes through Lake Thun, the head of navigation. Continuing northwest the river loops around the picture-book city of Bern, the Swiss capital, whose medieval core with its splendid town hall and elaborate clock tower is contained in a wide meander of the river. Next the river turns northeast past Solothurn and Aarau before joining the upper Rhine River opposite Waldshut, Germany.

The lower river has been much altered by human activity, with dams, canals, channelization, and reservoirs much in evidence. There are more than forty hydroelectric plants on the river, and two canals join the river to Lake Biel. For many the Aare is the entranceway to the Bernese Oberland. On the way north from the national capital to Thun—on the lake of the same name—there are delightful river scenes of meadows, forests, reed grasses, sedges, and backwaters, much of which has been preserved today. Upon reaching the interconnected lakes of Thun and Brienz, the traveler is presented with dazzling views of lofty Alpine peaks, including the Jungfrau. Although the hourly animated diversion of Berne’s celebrated Zytgloggetum (Clock Tower) is not without interest, for those with a love of raw

nature the highlights of this portion of Switzerland are sure to be the high Aare, its cataracts, the passes to the south (toward Italy), and the surrounding peaks.

53. What is the meaning of the word 'aqua'?
54. Where does the Aare originate?
55. Identify the source of water of the Aare.
56. Which is the Swiss capital? How does the author describe it?
57. Identify the human deeds that have changed the lower river?
58. Pick out from the passage a word meaning 'waterfall'.
59. Write the plural form of the word 'plateau'.
60. Use the 'meander' in a meaningful sentence of your own.
61. Which are the dazzling views awaiting the traveler at the lakes of Thun and Brienz?
62. What do you know about the word 'tributary'? Name two tributaries you are familiar with.

## Part II

X 63. Write a letter to President Obama expressing your gratitude for what he has done to India.

XI Write an essay (about 150 words) on any *one* of the following:-

64. The Problem of Stray Dogs in Kerala
65. Tension between India and Pakistan
66. Rain Water Harvesting – Need of the Hour

XII 67. Write a report to be published in the *Hindu* (about 100 words) about the harassment of media persons at the law courts of Kerala.

XIII 68. Write a speech (about 150 words) to be delivered on Indian Independence Day.

XIV 69. Translate into *your mother tongue* the following passage:-

Since the eighteenth century was the great age of the novel, it is all the more remarkable that in the rest of the literature written in this period very little interest was shown in continuity or the build-up of excitement in the telling of a story. Even the dramas of the Augustans, which were more marginal products of the age, are structurally more like clocks that can be wound up again and again than inevitable processes. Without wishing to go into too much detail about the reasons for the special position of the novel – the individual authors are too different from one another to make this feasible – the well-known attitude of the reading public to this genre should nevertheless be mentioned briefly. Up until around 1815-20, until, in other words, the Waverley Novels became popular and even after this, the intellectuals looked on the novel as low, inferior, a frivolous diversion, and not really worthy to be called literature. If the educated person did perhaps actually enjoy novels, he read them in the privacy of his room, kept quiet about it and was often secretly ashamed of himself.<sup>19</sup> Around the turn of the century middleclass ladies talked frequently of the thrills of emotion they had felt when reading the latest Gothic or fashionable novel, but they thus laid themselves open to the ridicule of 'stronger spirits' and criticism from the guardians of their virtue.

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## Model Question Paper

Time: 2.30 Hrs

Maximum: 100 Marks

**Answer any *five* (and *only five*) of the following questions (I – X).**

**All questions carry *equal* marks.**

- I 1. Many people think that children must be given sufficient time for play and other similar activities. They do not encourage sending children to school at an early age. On the other hand, there are others who hold the opposite view. Write an essay (c. 150 words) systematically stating your considered views regarding the topic. Suggest a suitable *title* for the essay.
- II 2. As an Indian you are aware of the tension prevailing on our border with Pakistan. Write an essay (c. 150 words) suggesting the measures to be initiated by the government of India to effectively tackle the issue. Give a suitable title for the essay.
- III 3. As the President of your district Panchayat write a formal letter to the President of India informing him of the alarming situation prevalent in the district consequent upon the withdrawal of high denomination currency (1000 and 500 rupee) notes.
- IV 4. Suppose you are invited to address the general assembly of your village library. Prepare a keynote address to be delivered on the occasion. You may discuss systematically the need, importance and relevance of such libraries in our society.
- V Rewrite as *directed*:-
5. Let the bottle be closed. (Change the *Voice*.)
  6. Salman Rushdie wrote many novels in English. (Rewrite the sentence adding a suitable *question tag*.)
  7. William Shakespeare was the greatest playwright of England. (Rewrite the sentence using the *comparative degree* of the adjective used.)
  8. Jacob *drew* many pictures. (Rewrite the sentence using the *present tense form* of the verb used.)
  9. Sophocles wrote many tragedies. People believe it. (Combine the two to form a *simple sentence*.)



10. Trump is a wealthy American. (Rewrite as a *complex sentence*.)
11. Saint John Paul II liked *to swim* every day. (Rewrite the sentence using the *gerund* of the italicized word.)
12. My *brother-in-law* is working in Paris. (Rewrite the sentence using the *plural form* of the word in italics.)
13. Peter and John *saw* Jesus approaching them. (Rewrite the sentence using the *Present Perfect tense* of the verb.)
14. Why was the blind man healed by Jesus? (Change the *Voice*.)

VI Rewrite the following inserting appropriate *articles/prepositions* wherever necessary:-

15. Rome's razing . . . Jerusalem was meticulous. Gone were . . . Temple, religious sacrifice, and homeland. The legend . . . the wandering Jew was born, and the stereotype . . . this people as social scapegoats would endure . . . the United Nations voted to recognize Palestine as the State . . . Israel in 1948. Early Christianity, the son . . . Judaism, was also flushed out . . . the land, relocating to the banks of . . . Tiber in Italy, where it would establish deep roots to become a global religion. Without . . . fall of Jerusalem, Christianity would never have been free to soar to such lofty heights.
16. The Sphinx is alluded . . . several times . . . the play, but never is her riddle stated or her myth fully told. Such omission means that it can be assumed that Sophocles' audience knew . . . story well: . . . creature . . . the head of a maiden and the body . . . a winged lion appeared at Thebes and prevented all entrance . . . and egress . . . the city. Freedom . . . her constricting grip would come only . . . answering her riddle.

VII *Report* the following:-

17. Electra: At last I hold you close.  
Orestes: At last you are in my arms.  
Electra: I had despaired.  
Orestes: I too.  
Electra: You really are Orestes?
18. "Where has your lover gone, most beautiful woman? Where has your lover turned, that we may help you look for him?" say the members of the chorus to the lady.

VIII *Correct* the following, if any:-

19. I and Jude met our uncle last week.
20. Job does not know what is his brother doing?
21. Many a student have attended the seminar.
22. The Prime Minister has addressed the nation last week.
23. Pilate had took Jesus inside.
24. Does India hates Pakistan?
25. The walls were hanged with huge modern paintings.
26. Paul remembered Timothy of his pastoral obligations.
27. Dick speaks Italian good.
28. George is an excellent cooker.

IX Write a note of 100 words to be published in the *Hindu* newspaper about the problem of stray dogs in India, especially Kerala. You may mention the fate of many children, women and old people who have been targeted by such dogs. You can also discuss the reasons, and suggest solutions.

X Fill in the blanks using *appropriate clauses*. (A clause has a subject and a predicate of its own and forms part of a larger sentence.)

29. John entered the Temple. . . .
30. He went there to pray but. . . .
31. John met the high priest . . . .
32. Even though the high priest was sympathetic towards John. . . .
33. Ultimately John had to return . . . .
34. The early Christians were shocked to learn . . . .
35. They realized. . . .
36. They began to meet in their own houses . . . .
37. Slowly they parted ways with the Jews . . . .
38. The Christians developed their own liturgy. . . .