

## APPENDIX – I

### **M.TH. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION & INTERVIEW DETAILS**

All candidates selected and invited to write the Entrance Examination should come to Gurukul at their own expense for the Examination and other interviews.

Examination will be held on **17-18 January 2019** and the details are as follows:

#### **17 January 2019** (Thursday)

09:00 - 12:00 Written test in the subject

02:00 - 05.00 Written Test in English and General Knowledge

*(see Appendix-II for guidelines for M.Th. Entrance Examination and Interview)*

#### **18 January 2019** (Friday)

08:30 - 10:30 Departmental Interviews with the candidates

11:00 - 01.00 Faculty Interview with the candidates

#### **19 January 2019** (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. Medical Examination for the Selected Candidates

## APPENDIX – II

### **GUIDELINES FOR M.TH. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION**

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

- To examine the depth of knowledge and understanding of the subject in the area of specialization by the candidate.
- To estimate the aptitude of the candidate for the advanced study in the branch of study.
- To select the most suitable candidates for the course.

#### **SCOPE:**

The level of knowledge is taken to be that of studies at BD level. It is, however, expected that the candidates must be mature enough to critically analyse the subject matters as they present them in their answer scripts.

#### **PROCESS:**

It involves written examinations in the branch of study, in English and General Knowledge and Departmental and Faculty interview. Syllabus of the written examinations is provided to the students. The interview will provide an opportunity the faculty and the candidate to meet in personal interaction.

#### **1. Paper I – Examination In The Branch Of Study (Time: 3 Hours)**

##### **A. Branch III – Christian Theology**

##### Comprehensive Knowledge and Perspective on the following areas:

- Basic themes of Systematic Theology as conceptualized in the major doctrines – Doctrine of God, Christology, Holy Spirit, Doctrine of Sin and Salvation
- Indian Interpretations of Christian Faith – Models and Paradigm Shifts
- Third World Contextual Theologies/Theologies from the Margins

**Kindly Note:** Candidates must bring along a “Tentative Proposal” on the intended area of research which will be discussed during the time of Departmental Interview.

**Suggested Books for Reading:**

Abraham, K.C. (Ed.) *Third World Theologies: Commonalities and Divergences*. New York: Orbis, 1990.

Boyd, R.H.S. *An Introduction to Indian Christian Theology*. Delhi: ISPCK, 1998

Dayam, J. Prabhakar and P. Mohan Lalbeer (Eds.) *Margins in Conversation: Methodological Discourses in Theological Disciplines*. Bangalore: BTESSC, 2012

Macquarrie, John. *Principles of Christian Theology*. London: SCM, 1986.

Migliore, Daniel. *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*. Michigan: W.B. Redman’s Publishing Co., 1991.

Stephen, M. *A Christian Theology in the Indian Context*. Delhi: ISPCK, 2001.

Thomas, M.M. *Risking Christ for Christ's Sake: Towards an Ecumenical Theology of Pluralism*. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1987.

**B. Branch IV – History of Christianity**

The candidates who wish to pursue their studies in this branch should be acquainted with:

- i. The Early History of Christianity upto 600 A.D.
- ii. History of Christianity in India
  - a. Origin of Christianity in India
  - b. Jesuit Mission in India – Francis Xavier and Robert de Nobili
  - c. Tranquebar Mission
  - d. Serampore Mission
  - e. Church Union in India – CSI, CNI

### **Suggested Readings:**

- Chaldwick, Henry. *The Early Church.*
- Firth, C.B. *An Introduction to Indian History*
- Gibbs, M.E. *From Jerusalem to New Delhi.*
- Hares W.P. *A History of the Christian Church of the first Six Centuries.* Madras : CLS, 1952.
- Jayakumar, Arthur D. *History of Christianity in India: Selected Themes*
- Mundadan, A.M. *History of Christianity in India.* Vol. I
- Neill, Stephen. *A History of Christianity in India.* Vol. I

### **C. Branch VIII – Missiology**

*Mission Studies* is a multidisciplinary field that reads the Bible with missiological eyes and, based on that reading, continually re-examines, re-evaluates and re-directs the church's participation in God's mission in God's world. The applicants will be tested for their aptitude for mission studies. Assuming that they had not done enough courses in mission studies at BD level, they are required to read some basic books in the related area. Questions for the entrance examination will be based on important issues being discussed today in relation to the meaning, nature and scope of 'Christian Witness, Mission and Evangelism'. The following themes are of special importance: Mission of God (*missio Dei*), Jesus' Kingdom Ministry, Solidarity with the Poor and the Marginalized, Dalit, Adivasi and Women Concerns, Globalisation, Environmental Issues, Religious Fundamentalism and Mission in the context of Religious and Ideological Pluralism. The applicants are expected to take serious note of present day Indian context.

### **Suggested Readings:**

Abraham, K C., *Liberative Solidarity*. Tiruvalla: Christava Sahitya Samithi, 1996.

Athyal, Abraham P and Nyce, Dorothy Yoder (ed), *Mission Today: Challenges and Concerns*. Chennai: Gurukul Lutheran Theological College, 1998.

Bosch, David J., *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*. New York: Maryknoll, Orbis Books. 1992.

Chandran, J.R., Dr. *The Church in Mission*. Madras: CLS, 1991.

Hrangkhuma F & Kim Sabastian CH (Eds), *Church in India: Its Mission Tomorrow*. New Delhi: I S P C K, 1996.

Jeganathan, W S Milton (Ed), *Mission Paradigm in the New Millennium: a Study on Missiology - an Indian Perspective*. New Delhi: I S P C K, 2000.

Mattam, Joseph and Kim, Sebastian (Eds), *Dimensions of Mission in India*. Bombay: St Paul Publications, 1995.

Mattam, Joseph and Kim Sebastian (Eds), *Mission Trends Today: Historical and Theological Perspectives*. Bombay: St Pauls, 1997.

Sunand Sumithra and F Hrangkhuma, (Ed), *Doing Mission in Context*. Bangalore: Theological Book Trust, 1995.

### **Paper II - English and General Knowledge (Time: 3 Hours)**

#### **ENGLISH:**

The student is expected to have a basic knowledge of English Grammar and Composition. Questions will be based on “High School English Grammar and Composition” by Wren and Martin. Chand and Co.

- Grammar based on Part-I Grammar (in Wren and Martin)
- Composition based on Part-IV (in Wren and Martin)

Written Composition, Paragraph-writing, Letter-Writing, Comprehension, Precise Writing Paraphrasing and Essay writing (based on themes related to theology)

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:**

The student will be expected to have general knowledge of a high standard. The objective type test based on General Knowledge in Malayala Manorama 2018, with reference to People, Events, Places, Books, Arts, Science in India and around the World will be examined.

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