

Multi-Choice questions - 4th Semester
Paper SY800401 – Monastic Literature in Syriac

1. Which is the number of Demonstration on *Benay Qyama*?
(a). V (b). IV (c). VI (d). VII
2. Which Syriac Alphabet denotes Demonstration on *Benay Qyama*?
(a). Olaph (b). Beth (c). Zain (d). Waw
3. When the Demonstration on *Benay Qyama* was written?
(a). 336-337 (b). 323 – 324 (c). 343-344 (d). 345
4. Who was the king of Macedonia when the Demonstration on *Benay Qyama* was written?
(a). Philip (b). Alexander (c). Shapur I (d). Shapur II
5. Who was the king of Persia when the Demonstration on *Benay Qyama* originated?
(a). Shapur I (b). Shapur II (c). Shapur III (d). Shapur IV
6. The purpose of Demonstration on *Benay Qyama* is to teach ...
(a). basic aspects of Christian life (b). how to stabilise Christian Faith
(c). how to mingle with the Jews (d). on Asceticism.
7. Demonstration on *Benay Qyama* is written in ...
(a). Common Syriac (b). Classical Syriac
(c). Christian Syriac (d). Greek
8. The Syriac word for demonstration is ...
(a). *Matla* (b). *Pel'eta* (c). *Tahwita* (d). *Memra*
9. How many sections are there in the Demonstration on *Benay Qyama*?
(a). 18 (b). 16 (c). 19 (d). 20
10. To which group the Demonstration on *Benay Qyama* belongs?
(a). Third group (b). First group (c). Second group (d). Fourth group
11. Who has written the Demonstration on *Benay Qyama*?
(a). Jacob of Edessa (b). Aphrahat
(c). Ephrem (d). Odes of Solomon
12. Which Demonstration gives the date of composition of Demonstration on *Benay Qyama*?

- (a). VII (b). VIII (c). X (d). XXII

13. Who is the author of Book of Steps?

- (a). Ephrem (b). Aphrahat (c). Timothy I (d). Unknown

14. How many homilies are there in the Book of Steps?

- (a). 13. (b). 23 (c). 30 (d). 33

15. What is the Latin name of Book of Steps?

- (a). *Liber Perfectione* (b). *Liber Graduum*
(c). *Liber Amorum* (d). *Liber Templum*

16. When was the Book of steps written?

- (a). Fourth century (b). Second century
(c). Third century (d). Fifth century

17. Why the Book is called Book of Steps?

- (a). It deals with ascends of life
(b). It deals with advanced stages of growth in spiritual life
(c). It deals with the steps of human activities
(d). It deals with the growth of ascetical life

18. Which river of the Persian Empire is mentioned in the Book of Steps?

- (a). River Zab (b). River Tigris
(c). River Euphrates (d). River Nile

19. Who is the editor of the Syriac text of the Book of Steps?

- (a). Pariset (b). Urbina (c). Kmosko (d). Bedjan

20. What is Messalianism?

- (a). Importance to work (b). Importance to Prayer
(c). Importance to meditation (d). Importance to Asceticism

21. The theme of the first section of Demonstration on *Benay Qyama* is ...

- (a). Sudden second coming of Christ (b). Preparation of Asceticism
(c). Fight with Satan (d). Punishment of Eve's daughters

22. According to the Demonstration on *Benay Qyama*, the Satan fights against the Sons of Adam through ...

- (a). Angels (b). Women (c). Animals (d). Food

23. The Syriac term for Bridal Chamber is

- (a). *Huppah* (b). *Mestuta* (c). *Gnona* (d). *Smākā*

24. The Syriac term for diligent is
(a). *tābā* (b). *Mhaymnā* (c). *Kassira* (d). *qaddisa*
25. Which term Aphrahat uses to denote the Faithful Servant of Mathew 25:14?
(a). *Mhayma* (b). *taba* (c). *Kassira* (d). *bussama*
26. Let us take on the burden of the day
so that we can ask for an extra wage. Its basis in Aphrahat is ...
(a). Mt. 20: 1-16 (b). Mt 22: 1-10
(c). Mt 22: 11-14 (d). Mt 25: 1-13
27. The meaning of the Syriac term *Rumyāna* is ...
(a). wedding feast (b). wedding gift
(c). wedding dress (d). Betrothal
28. The meaning of the Syriac terms *btulata Saklata* is ...
(a). wise virgins (b). betrothed virgins
(c). foolish virgins (d). ten virgins
29. The Syriac terms for Bridegroom and Bride are ...
(a). *Mkira and Mkirta* (b). *hatna and kllta*
(c). *Dayyana and hatna* (d). *hlula and kallta*
30. The Syriac term for lamp is ...
(a). *lamida* (b). *nahhira* (c). *Srāgā* (d). *nura*
31. The Syriac term for holiness obtained through sexual abstinence is
(a). *ihidaya* (b). *qaddisuta* (c). *Btulata* (d). *Qyama*
32. What is the meaning of Yoke in the Demonstration on *Bnay Qyama*?
(a). Celibacy (b). Marriage (c). Discipleship (d). Solitariness
33. What is the curse of the daughter of Eve?
(a). To be with the husband
(b). They should hand over themselves to death
(c). They should give birth to children in pains
(d). They are under the curse of law.
34. For how many days the wedding feast for Eve's daughters last?
(a). Seven days (b). Six days (c). Three days (d). Two days
35. The Wedding adornment of Eve's daughters consists of ...

- (a). Gold (b). Silver (c). Expensive clothes (d). Wool
36. In which section of Demonstration on *Bnay Qyama* the author gives the rules for ascetics?
(a). Section 6 (b). Section 7 (c). Section 8 (d). Section 9
37. What is the aim of *ihidayuta*?
(a). to be alone (b). to be a celibate
(c). to imitate Christ their master (d). to be away from the world
38. How a person understands that the Spirit is not with him?
(a). He is lazy (b). He falls into the concerns of the world
(c). He is not vigilant in prayer (d). He utters ugly words
39. How Satan understands Christ is dwelling in a person?
(a). He is vigilant and praying
(b). He helps the poor
(c). He does not lose his temper
(d). He does not fight or quarrel with anybody
40. What is *Sheol* in the Syriac tradition?
(a). Place of punishment (b). Purgatory
(c). Place of waiting (d). Heaven
41. What is the theme running throughout the Book of Steps?
(a). Small commandments
(b). Great commandments
(c). Ten commandments
(d). Distinction between two different kinds of commandments
42. What is the other name for small commandments in *Liber Graduum*?
(a). Love of charity (b). Golden Rule
(c). Life of perfection (d). Rule of the upright
43. What is the purpose of 'Great Commandments' in *Liber Graduum*?
(a). To receive solid food (b). To receive the plenitude of the Spirit
(c). To become perfect (d). To imitate Christ in his self-emptying.
44. What is the meaning of the Syriac term *msarrqūta*?
(a). Perfection (b). Self-emptying
(c). Renunciation (d). Growth in awareness

45. What are the 'Great Commandments' in *Liber Graduum*?
 (a). Life of charity (b). Life of Perfection
 (c). Life of renunciation (d). Solid food of Hebrew 5:14
46. According to *Liber Graduum* how many Churches are there?
 (a). 3 (b). 1 (c). 2 (d). 4
47. Book of Steps gives importance to which Church?
 (a). Heavenly Church (b). Earthly Church
 (c). Visible Church (d). Church of the heart
48. Which author of the Syriac Church demands 'work and then eat'?
 (a). Aphrahat (b). Ephrem
 (c). *Liber Graduum* (d). Odes of Soloman
49. What is the time of John of Apamea?
 (a). 1st half of 5th century (b). Fifth century
 (c). Sixth century (d). 2nd half of Sixth century
50. What is the other name of John of Apamea?
 (a). John the elder (b). John the solitary
 (c). John Dalyatha (d). John Saba
51. What is the meaning of the Syriac term '*Shafyuta*'?
 (a). Luminosity (b). Purity (c). Clarity (d). Vision
52. "Mercy is opposed to Justice." Whose statement is this?
 a. Isaac the Syrian b. Isaac the SEER c. John Dalyatha d. John Saba
53. Isaac was consecrated as a bishop in 670 for the diocese of ... in the Church of the East.
 a. Qatraya b. Nineveh c. Beth KoKe d. Urmi
54. In which monastery did Mar Isaac connect with his spiritual life at Iran?
 a. Mar Aba b. Rabban Shapur
 c. Rabban Hurmizd d. Dayara Ellaiitha
55. The first part of the monastic discourses of Mar Isaac was translated into ... at the Monastery of St Sabbas, in about AD 800.

- a. Greek b. Latin c. Spanish d. Sanskrit
56. If you considered yourself as having peace from the assault of the affection, before you should be entered into the town of
a. honest b. humility c. justice d. righteousness
57. According to Isaac the Syrian, the Love is something ... by nature.
a. Cold b. cool c. hot d. pure
58. According to Isaac the Syrian, the heart is in the middle between ... and bodily apperceptions.
a. psychic b. spiritual c. physical d. natural
59. Trust in God, which rises from the discernment of ...
a. nature b. spirit c. thought d. knowledge
60. ... says, "My eyes fail while I wait for the Lord"
a. Solomon b. David c. Koreh d. Jesus
61. In which discourse, Isaac the Syrian described about the Action of Divine Love?
a. 33 b. 34 c. 7 d. 8

Qn. No.	Answer
1	(c).
2	(d).
3	(a).
4	(b).
5	(b).
6	(a).
7	(b).
8	(c).
9	(d).
10	(b).
11	(b).
12	(d).
13	(d).
14	(c).
15	(b).
16	(a).
17	(b).
18	(a).
19	(c).
20	(b).
21	(a).
22	(b).
23	(c).
24	(c).
25	(c).
26	(a).
27	(b).
28	(c).
29	(b).
30	(a).

31	(b).
32	(a).
33	(c).
34	(a).
35	(d).
36	(c).
37	(c).
38	(b).
39	(a).
40	(c).
41	(d).
42	(b).
43	(d).
44	(b).
45	(d).
46	(a).
47	(c).
48	(c).
49	(a).
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51	(a).
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57	(c).
58	(a).
59	(d).
60	(b).
61	(a).