

CULTURAL COMPETITIONS

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR COMPETITIONS 2020

COMPETITION EVENTS CONDUCTED AT UNIT AND U.A.E LEVEL

1. English Solo & Malayalam Solo

Only Christian songs will be permitted. The time limit will be strictly 3.00 minutes. A warning double stroke bell will be rung at 2 minutes and 50 Seconds. A final continuous bell will be rung at 3 minutes and 1 second. Final continuous bell indicates the beginning of negative marking.

2. Elocution (English) and (Malayalam – Unit Level)

The time limit for Sub-juniors and Juniors will be 4.00 minutes. A warning double stroke bell will be rung at 3.00 minutes and a final continuous bell at 4 minutes and 1 second. For the Intermediates and Seniors, the time limit will be 5.00 minutes. A warning double stroke bell will be rung at the end of 4 .00. minutes and a final continuous bell at the end of 5 minutes & 1 second. **Final continuous bell indicates the beginning of negative marking.** Participants referring to paper or books during speaking will invite disqualification.

3. Extempore Speech (Seniors only)

The topic will be disclosed 10 minutes before the speech. The topic will be conveyed to each participant separately, at least 10 minutes before actual performance. The time limit will be 5 minutes. A warning, double stroke bell will be rung at the end of 4.00 minutes and a final continuous bell at the end of 5 minutes & 1 second. For any participant, the final continuous bell indicates the beginning of negative marking.

Participants will not be permitted to refer to any other book or material other than Holy Bible provided by the officials during the 10 minutes preparation time.

4. Quiz (For Intermediate and Senior Groups together)

The participants who secure the first four positions in the Quiz competition will be eligible to represent our Sunday School at U.A.E. level. The reference Bible is the Revised Standard Version

GENERAL NOTE

1. First two position among winners, for English and Malayalam Solo, (Male and Female separately). The First four for Quiz and First Group for Group Song, and First two for Extempore Speech of the aforementioned, will be eligible to participate in the U.A.E level competition that will be held in October 2020.
2. For English and Malayalam Solo, Intermediates and Seniors will have separate competition for male and female participants at UAE level. Therefore, two boys and two girls each will be eligible to participate based on their positions in the winners list.
3. For Elocution in the unit level Sunday School elocution competition, students will be required to prepare only one topic. The students of Juniors, Intermediates and

Seniors, securing first two positions will be intimated on the second topic for elocution on the day of the unit level competition, after the prize declaration, so that they can prepare both the topics well for the zonal level competition. Sub - Juniors will have only one topic for the UAE level competition, the same as that of the unit level.

4. In case of a tie for the candidates to qualify for U.AE. level competition, the participants, need to perform again, after announcing the results.
6. Those who qualify for U.A.E. level competitions should have minimum 60% Sunday School attendance as on 15-09-20, in order to become eligible for the same.
7. In the event of any qualified candidate losing eligibility, the next position holder will be chosen from the winners list, to represent Sharjah Unit at U.A.E. level competitions. In case a qualified candidate cannot represent our Sunday School for UAE level, he/she should inform the office well in advance.
8. There would be no more disqualification for exceeding the time limit. However, it will invite negative marking which will be proportional to the excess time taken.
9. To avoid disqualification, strictly follow age-wise grouping and adhere to regulations.

COMPETITION EVENTS CONDUCTED AT UNIT LEVEL ONLY

- **Bible Reading Competition – English and Malayalam**
(For Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors)

Reference for the portion to be read, will be disclosed to each participant just before the competition. Bible will be provided at the venue. Portion can be either from Old Testament or New Testament. Evaluation will be based on the speed of finding the given portion, clarity of reading, effectiveness in conveying the message, presentation etc. The Holy Bible used for English, will be NRSV (Catholic Edition).

- **Memory Verses (For Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors)**

Memory Verses should be written from the 500 memory verses and from the Golden Verses provided at Church website, http://www.gulfparumala.com/sporg_SS.asp. Verses should be numbered and written legibly with Bible reference. Repetition of verses will invite negative marks.

There is no time limit for Memory Verse. However, after the one-hour time limit, the student must write continually, without pausing. After the one-hour time limit, if a student does not write continuously for 5 minutes, the Answer Sheet will be collected.

- **Extempore Speech: For Intermediates Only**

Rules and time limits are same as in the case of Senior's Extempore Speech. Those who do not speak on the topic given for at least for 1 minute will not be eligible for winner's prize.

- **Coloring Competition (For Sub-Juniors Only)**

Picture will be provided. Coloring materials are to be brought by the participants. The time limit is 1 hour.

- **Drawing / Painting (Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors)**

A theme from the Bible will be provided. Students should draw and shade/color. Drawing and Coloring materials are to be brought by the participants. Drawing sheets will be provided. The time limit will be 1½ hours.

- **Group Song**

1. Only group of maximum four participants will be permitted, in this event
2. At the time of registration, names of all the group members has to be enrolled together. Individual registration will not be permitted.
3. Only liturgical songs as per the syllabus provided will be permitted.
4. The time limit and other rules are same as that of Malayalam solo.
5. The male participants can wear only white shirt and black pants and female participants can wear white tops and black skirts.
6. The group getting first position in Unit Level, will represent the Sunday School at UAE Level.

- **ACTION SONG (Sub-Juniors and Juniors)**

The Action Song can be sung in English or Malayalam – Time limit 3 minutes. Only Christian Action songs will be permitted. Time limit will be strictly 3 minutes. Movements should not exceed and overwhelm the articulation of the Song. Presentation should be confined to the stage (or stage area). Props may be used if required but should be minimal. Participants can wear appropriate costumes befitting the characters they portray; but should not lead to a fancy-dress competition. Only one microphone will be provided.

Evaluation will be based on the language proficiency, delivery and presentation (well-coordinated and creative actions / movements, rhythm, timing and tempo of the song, confident presentation, voice quality) and effectiveness of the theme chosen.

- **STORY TELLING (Juniors Only)**

Story Telling will be English language, on the given Bible portion

The biblical content can be edited / condensed to fit within the time limit. The story must be memorized and not read. Hand movements and facial expressions are allowed but dramatization is prohibited. The performer **shall not** use any props and shall remain in one location. Time limit will be strictly 4 minutes.

Evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

Content – How well the story adheres to the Biblical passages it is taken from and application of the story to the world or our lives.

Clarity – Annunciation and pronunciation of words and voice strength

Delivery & Presentation – Appearance, poise, self-confidence, style, voice modulation, facial expression, memorization, audience contact, body language and gestures, enthusiasm and overall effectiveness.

Annual Unit Level Competition 2020 RULES & REGULATIONS

- Participants should enter only those events in which he or she is intending to take part or is eligible. Please do not submit multiple entries for the same participant & same event. Please review the accuracy of the details, before final submission. Inaccurate data may lead to disqualification of participant. • LAST DATE: 19th April 2020

Annual Unit Level Competitions 2020 Syllabus

Topics for Elocution

Sub-Juniors

Any Story from the Book of Genesis

Juniors

Humility

Intermediate

'My grace is sufficient for you' (2 Corinthians 12: 9)

Seniors

Dealing with Temptations.

Topics for Elocution (Malayalam) Unit Level

Intermediate

യേശുവിനെ നോക്കുക Heb.12:2

Seniors

പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ മന്ദിരമാകുന്നു നിങ്ങളുടെ ശരീരം 1 Cor 6: 19

Topics for Story Telling - Unit Level - English

Juniors - 1 Kings 3: 16-28

Portions for Group Song competition

Sub-Juniors

Any Song from the 'Holy Qurbana', including 'Special songs of Holy Qurbana' (Visudha Qurbana geethangal + Prathyeka geethangal)

Juniors

Any Song from the 'Sacrament of Baptism' (Koodaasakramam)

Intermediates

Any Song from the 'Anointing of the sick' or 'Blessing of the house' (Koodaasakramam)

Seniors

Any Song from the 'Service of Reconciliation' (Shubakono) or 'Service of feet washing' (Kaalkazhukal susroosha)

Portions for Quiz competition - Intermediate and Seniors

Holy Bible

- Book of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
- Epistle to Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians; 2 Maccabees

Church History

AD 1913 – 1934

Worship & Sacraments

Holy Confession

Portions for Quiz competition - Juniors

Holy Bible

Genesis, Exodus, St Matthew, St Mark, St. Luke and Acts of Apostles

Church History

Saints of Malankara Orthodox Church

Worship & Sacraments

The Holy Church (Building), Items used for Holy Qurbana (Altar Materials)

AGE LIMIT FOR EACH GROUP

The age limit of the groups for the competitions will be as follows:

Age to be calculated as on 30th September 2020

Sub Juniors	5 years and above, but less than 8 years.
Juniors	8 years and above, but less than 11 years.
Intermediate	11 years and above, but less than 14 years.
Seniors	14 years and above, but less than 18 years.

Ready Reckoner for Age Calculation

Sub Juniors

Born between 01/10/2012 & 30/09/2015

(Both days inclusive)

Juniors

Born between 01/10/2009 & 30/09/2012

(Both days inclusive)

Intermediates

Born between 01/10/2006 & 30/09/2009

(Both days inclusive)

Seniors

Born on or before 30/09/2006

Schedule – Competitions:

1 – April 24th

- Action Song
- Story Telling

2 – May 1st

- Bible Reading (English/Malayalam)

3 – June 5th

- English Solo
- Malayalam Solo
- Group Song

4 – June 12th

- English Elocution
- Malayalam Elocution
- Extempore

5 – June 19th

- Quiz Competition

6 – September 20th

- Colouring
- Drawing
- Memory Verse Writing