

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

Catholic Sunday School Final Certificate Examination - 2023

THE CONSTITUTION AND THE SYLLABUS

THE arrangements have been made to conduct the Final Catholic Catechetical Certificate Examination, in the month of July 2023 and this will cover the years 2020 to 2022.

02. Examination Centres :- The Centres for Examination will be set up according to the number of candidates in each District to cover the whole island. In case, if there is no sufficient number of candidates in a District, the Centre will be eliminated and the candidates will be directed to the nearby Centre. A list is attached showing the districts and cities where examination centres will be set up.

03. *Language Medium* .- This examination will be conducted in Sinhala, Tamil and in English only. A candidates can choose one medium.

04. *Qualifications* .- Each of the candidates applying for this examination must have fulfilled any of the following qualifications.

4.1 Should be passed the grade 10 catechetical examination and followed studies at least for one year or more in a class of a final Catholic Catechetical Certificate Examination.

4.2 A pass for Catholicism in the General Certificate of Examination (Ordinary Level)

4.3 A pass in grade 11 of the diocesan annual catechetical examination.

Note :- I. Each candidate presenting for this examination with qualification must be certified by the principal or by the parish priest as mentioned in the 4th clause.

II. Only the Sunday School candidates are eligible to apply for this examination.

05. Method of applying :-

5.1 Only the online application will be accepted for this examination.

5.2 Through all the catechetical teaching centres (parishes) of final certificate of catechetical examination that are registered the Department of Examinations will issue user name and password of relevant examination instructions and timetables in future.

5.3 No candidate will be permitted to present for the examination externally. However, a candidate who fulfills the qualifications of the 4th clause can apply for the examination by paying an examination fee of Rs. 200. The necessary instruction will be given to all the

principals of the Sunday Schools.

5.4 The respective principals will present the applications only through online.

5.5 The closing date to send the applications will be on **20th of November 2023 till 9.00 p.m.**

5.6 Applications must be filled clearly and correctly. The name should be written as in

the birth certificate. In case of failure to fill it correctly the applications will be rejected without any communication.

5.7 The date you provided through online server will be considered as final.

5.8 Computer number and address of Sunday School should be mentioned correctly. Any change of address should be reported. If telephone is available, please the number as well.

5.9 The principal or the Parish Priest should take the full responsibility of the eligibility of the applicant and relevant certificates.

06. *Examination Fee* .- The examination fee is Rs. 200. The first-time applicants are exempted from this fee. Those who have got a weak pass must pay Rs. 50 for each subject of the examination.

6.1 *Payment of Examination Fees* .- The principal has to collect all the fees of the applicants and send through a below mentioned method :

1. Bank Credit Card. (Any Bank Credit Card)

2. Band Debit Card. (Any Debit Card with the Facility of Internet Transaction)

6.2 *Refund fee* .- Fees paid for this examination will not be transferred or refunded for any other exam for any reason.

07. *Admissions* .- All the applicants will be given an admission paper through online by the Commissioner General of Examinations through the respective principals of the catechism.

7.1 Each candidate must present his/her admission with his/her signature to the person in-charge of the hall. If the candidate does not present the signed admission or if the candidate does present to another examination hall designated by the Commission General of Examinations will be cancelled.

- 7.2 The admission must be signed by the applicant and attested by the principal or parish priest.
- 7.3 If the candidate has not received the admission prior to 7 days, the principal must immediately inform the Commissioner General of Examinations. In all such cases the following particulars should be furnished.

1. Name of Examination:
2. Name of the Sunday School:
3. The computer registration number given to the Sunday School:
4. Full name and address of the applicant:
5. Examination centre/city applied for:

08. *Identification* .- At the time of sitting for each paper the candidates must submit one of the following documents to the person in-charge of the hall for verification of their identity.

- 8.1 National Identity Card.
- 8.2 Valid Passport
- 8.3 Valid Driving License

09. The decision of pass and publishing the final results :-

There are four subjects to be faced in this examination. In order to get through the examination, the candidates must get through all the four subjects. However, if only one of the four subjects is passed, it will be considered as weak pass. Those who have a weak pass must sit for the examination within two (2) years and they must sit again only in the subject that they obtained a weak pass.

- 9.1 100 marks for each paper. Marks are given as follows :

Point Scheme

Marks range	Grade	
0-34	Fail	F
35-54	Simple Pass	S
55-69	Credit	C
70-100	Distinction	D

- 9.2 The results of the candidates will be sent by post to the principals of the respective Sunday School.

10. *Certificates* .- The Certificates will be sent by post to the respective principals of the Sunday Schools. If a candidate does not receive a certificate after passing the exams, it should be informed to the following address through principals. Commissioner General, The department of Examinations, Institutional Exams, P. Box; 1503, Colombo.

11. *Re-correction of the answer papers* .-

The re-correction of the answer paper will be allowed only if it is requested by the principals. You can apply for re-correction through sending the model form issued by the Department of Examinations within 30 days of the publishing of the examination results. The fee shall be revised from time to time and shall be paid in the amount specified in the relevant application form. The re-correction fee will refund only if there is a change in the final result. The candidates or any other representative will not be allowed to examine the paper for any reason.

12. Syllabus and the model question papers :-

For syllabus please refer the syllabus of the Sunday School Final Certificate Examination, model question papers please contact the Director, National Catechetical Centre, Balcolm Place, Cotta Road, Colombo 8 or telephone number, 0112685459.

All applicants are bound to act in accordance with the above conditions and instructions. On matters not mentioned herein the examinations will be decided by the Commissioner General.

13. All the candidates are bound to act in accordance with this constitution and the norms of the syllabus. Any matter subject to the provisions herein mentioned will be decided at the discretion of the Commissioner General of Examinations.

14. Necessary instructions will be sent in the future to all the Sunday Schools registered under the Department of Examinations for the final certificate examination of the Catholic Sunday School. If there is any inconsistency discovered in translation of this information, Sinhala medium translation will be followed for procedures.

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(Syllabus for the examination held from 2007 onwards). The examination consists of 4 papers and each with 3 hours of duration.

Question Paper I

THE CATHOLIC FAITH

- a) This paper is based on the basic teaching of the Apostles' Creed.
- Creator
The beginning of the Universe

The beauty of the creation
Safeguard the Creation
(Genesis 1, 2, 3)

- Redeemer
Jesus Christ, (John 1:1-14)
Teachings on the Kingdom
(Matthew 5, 6, 7)
Parables (Matthew 13:1-52)
Miracles (John 11:38-45)
Luke 8:26-39
Mark 2:1-12
Mark 4:35-41
- The work of Holy Spirit (John 7:37-39, 14:15-31, 16:5-15, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11)
- The Catholic Church

Oneness, Holiness, Catholicity, and Apostolicity. The Church as the body of Christ. Romans 12:4-21
1 Corinthians 12:12-32
The administration of the church
Ordained ministry
Religious Ministry
Lay Ministry

- The transforming mission
The final mission of man
The new heavens and the new earth
(Revelation 21:1-4)

Question Paper II

(b) The Christian way of life is sustained by the liturgy

- The Holy Mass and the rite of the Holy Mass
- Passover mystery –
- Grace (general characteristics)

Sacraments of initiation

- Baptism
- Confirmation
- Holy Communion

Sacraments of healing

- Reconciliation
- Anointing of the sick

Sacraments of service

- Ordination to the sacred Ministry
- Marriage

Question Paper III

Catholic Moral Life

(c) Catholic Moral Life

- Ten Commandments and two sides of the commandments of Love
- Jesus Christ Fulfilled the Ten Commandments (Matthew 5:21-47
Sermon on Mount (Luke 6:17-49)
- Intelligence, Free Will and Emotions
- Theological virtues
- Conscience
- To love God (1-3 commandments)
- To love the neighbor (4-10 commandments) -
- The morality that emerges from the 10 commandment
- Catholic identity

Question Paper IV

Prayer Life

(d) Prayer that develops relationship with God

- Old Testament prayer
- Abraham
- Moses

Prayers in the New Testament

- Special occasions where Jesus prayed
- Key lessons on prayer Luke 11:1-3

Prayer in the life of the Church

- Praise
- Thanksgiving
- Prayer
- Intercessory Prayer
- Meditational Prayer

7 Petitions of Our Father

- Hallowed be thy name
- Thy kingdom come – Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
- Give us this day our daily bread
- Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us
- Lead us not into temptation
- Deliver us from evil

Various devotional practices

- Reciting of the Holy Rosary
- Novena
- Holy Hours

Additional text to be consulted –

Bible (specific passages)

- The Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Documents of the Second Vatican Council

- Guadium et spes
- Lumen Gentium
- Christifidelislaicis

Table 1

City and the city number where examination centers will be set up in those districts.

<i>City & City Number</i>	<i>Town Number</i>	<i>Town</i>
22 Badulla	2201	Badulla
23 Monaragala	2301	Monaragala
24 Ratnapura	2401	Ratnapura
25 Kegalle	2501	Kegalle

<i>City & City Number</i>	<i>Town Number</i>	<i>Town</i>
01 Colombo	103	Borella
	109	Moratuwa
	111	Homagama
	112	Awissawella
	113	Kaluaggala
	114	Pannipitiya
02 Gampaha	201	Gampaha
	205	Negombo
	208	Kandana
	209	Ragama
03 Kalutara	301	Kalutara
04 Kandy	401	Kandy
05 Matale	501	Matale
06 Nuwara Eliya	601	Nuwara Eliya
	609	Thalawakele
07 Galle	701	Galle
08 Matara	801	Matara
09 Hambantota	901	Hambantota
	904	Tangalle
10 Jaffna	1001	Jaffna
	1002	Maanippai
	1005	Point Pedro
	1007	Delf
11 Mannar	1107	Mannar
	1102	Murungan
	1103	Aandankulam
	1104	Periya Pandivrivsan
12 Vavuniya	1201	Vavunia
13 Mullativu	1301	Mullativu
	1302	Mulangawil
14 Kilinochchi	1401	Kilinochchi
15 Batticaloa	1501	Batticaloa
16 Ampara	1601	Ampara
	1605	Kalmunai
17 Trincomalee	1701	Trincomalee
18 Kurunegala	1801	Kurunegala
	1805	Kuliyapitiya
	1807	Nikaweratiya
19 Puttalam	1901	Puttalam
	1903	Chilaw
	1904	Wennappuwa
20 Anuradhapura	2001	Anuradhapura
21 Polonnaruwa	2101	Polonnaruwa
	2103	Higurakgoda