

UNION BIBLICAL SEMINARY, PUNE
Guidelines for M.Th. (History of Christianity)

Entrance Examination

Candidate applying for the admission to M.Th. in the field of **History of Christianity** is required to Pass Entrance Examination and clear a personal interview conducted by the Department at UBS. (*The candidate should take the entrance examination at their own expense.*)

The Entrance Examination consists of 3 Papers: **Departmental Exam i.e., History of Christianity, English, and General Knowledge**. Candidate must secure a minimum of B grade (60%) in all these papers to be considered for Admission.

I. DEPARTMENTAL EXAM (Written Exam)

1. Overall, Knowledge and Perspectives on the following areas:
 - The candidate is expected to display a strong analytical competency to engage in research work in the field of history and history of Christianity.
 - Command over English language, both spoken and written, is required.
 - An overall knowledge and perspective on the following areas is required:
 - a) History of Christianity from Constantine to 600 CE.
 - b) Issues related to the historiography of Christianity in India.
 - c) Relationship between Colonialism and Christian Missions in India.
 - d) World Christianity: The contemporary phase in the history Christianity.
2. A review of any one of the recommended books needs to be submitted at the time of entrance test.
3. A 'tentative thesis proposal' on the intended area of research should be presented at the time of Departmental Interview.

Recommended Books

Webster, John C.B. *Historiography of Christianity in India* (New Delhi: OUP India, 2012).

Guha, Ranajit. *Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India* (Durham: Duke University Press, 1999).

Dharmaraj, Jacob S. *Colonialism and Christian Mission: Post-Colonial Reflections* (New Delhi: ISPCK, 1993).

Casiday, Augustine and Frederick W. Norris. Eds. *The Cambridge History of Christianity: Constantine to c. 600*, vol. 2 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007).

Tan, Jonathan Y., and Anh Q. Tran. Eds. *World Christianity: Perspectives and Insights* (New York: Orbis Books, 2016).

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II. ENGLISH LANGUAGE: (Written Exam)

This exam is to test the grasp of English language of the candidates and to evaluate whether they can construct sentences, use grammar without mistake and understand intermediate level English writings.

The exam will follow the pattern given below

Total marks: 100

Grammar	(40 marks)
Vocabulary	(20 marks)
Comprehension	(20 marks)
Writing skills	(20 marks)

Recommended Book:

Michael Swan and Catherine Walter, *Oxford English Grammar Course – Advanced* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011)

III. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: (Written Exam)

Total marks: 100 (80 Objective type questions each carrying one mark and a reflective essay for 20 marks)

1. Objective type questions each carrying one mark will be taken from the following broader themes/areas

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| 1. Literature | (10 marks) |
| 2. Indian History | (10 marks) |
| 3. Science | (10 marks) |
| 4. Religion | (10 marks) |
| 5. Politics and society | (10 marks) |
| 6. Environment and Health | (10 marks) |
| 7. Economics and Business | (10 marks) |
| 8. Sports and Media | (10 marks) |

2. A reflective essay on a social issue (20 marks)

Recommended Book:

Manorama Year book 2022.

The Candidates should also be aware of the events of 2022.
