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GENERAL INFORMATION

Online Programs

#ETS-Online

<https://ets-india.org/online.html>

The **Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MACS)** and **Post Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies (PGDBS)** are a web-based initiative of Evangelical Theological Seminary, aimed at taking theological education/biblical studies to those who are not able to pursue residential theological education on our campus.

Technological developments today facilitate the pursuit of theological education online while continuing in Christian ministry. Christian adults in secular fields who desire seminary training to serve God in their local churches, pastors who desire advanced training and para-church organizations who desire theological education for their staff can benefit from this online degree. The programs are student-centered and geared towards community learning.

Both the programs are accredited by ATA (Asia Theological Association).



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1. Post Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies (PGDBS) **Duration: Two Years**

PGDBS (**24 Credit Hours**) is a program that is designed for working professionals and ministers who cannot leave their setting to join a residential seminary. The program delivers 8 modules via the internet using videos, text, and live interactions on a weekly basis. Prerequisites for this program are identical to our other residential master's programs. This program is for two years and has 8 modules. Each year will have 4 modules and each module will have to be completed in 12 weeks.

2. Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MACS) **Duration: Five Years**

MACS (**60 Credit Hours**) is a program that is designed for working professionals and ministers who cannot leave their setting to join a residential seminary. The program delivers 20 modules via the internet using videos, text and live interactions on a weekly basis. Prerequisites for this program are identical to our other residential master's programs. This program is for five years and has 20 modules. Each year will have 4 modules and each module will have to be completed in 12 weeks. without a thesis requirement.



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ETS will accept **applications** for the **ATA accredited** Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MACS) and Postgraduate Diploma in Biblical Studies (PGDBS) programs throughout the year during the months of **May, August, October, and January.**

ENTRANCE EXAM (2023-2024)

The applicant will be tested in the areas of Bible Knowledge, Christian Theology and English Language Proficiency. The entrance exams are scheduled in the months of May, August, October, and January.

Applicants from theological and non-theological backgrounds will be **assessed separately**. The entrance exam will assess your proficiency in Bible, Theology, and English (Listening, Reading, and Writing). **Qualifying Exam** (apart from the entrance exam) will be arranged for candidates who possess in total only one bachelor's degree (non-ATA) in theology.

The entrance exam will be followed by an **online interview**. Kindly make the travel arrangements accordingly. ETS has a fixed number of seats available each year.

The Office of Admissions selects students based on the completed application, entrance exam, and interview.



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APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

1. The applicant must have a conversion/'**born again**' experience. The applicant should have a personal conviction regarding this experience and should be willing to declare it. The applicant should have a **clear conviction** regarding the need for theological education.
2. The applicant should have **successfully completed** Class X, Class XII (10+2) or a three-year diploma, and a three-year undergraduate degree from a recognized university or bible college.
3. If the applicant has in total one bachelor's degree in theology (B.Th.), then the degree will be evaluated as per ATA guidelines and the applicant will be instructed accordingly.
4. If the applicant has in total one bachelor's degree in theology (B.Th.), then they need to complete 109 Credit Hours (2- Semester Structure) or 144 Credit Hours (3- Semester Structure)
5. The applicant **should have completed 21 years on March 1** during the year of enrolment.
6. Applications are accepted from **both male and female** applicants for both degree programs.



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APPLICATION PROCESS

- I. Download the application kit from the website. The downloaded application form should be appropriately filled and uploaded as instructed on the website. **The completed application** form and the required documents should be uploaded as a single .pdf file. Upload the completed application form (with the required documents) using the link present on the **website** . Applications without the application fee payment receipt **will not be processed**.
- II. Pay the application fee of 500 rupees using the QR code or UPI ID as instructed on the **website**. In case of any inconveniences kindly use the bank account details given below. If you are making the payment directly to the Bank then, you must upload the transaction details as per the instruction on the **website**.
- III. The **completed application form** (including the reference forms) **should reach the ETS Registrar's Office before** the date of the online interview.
- IV. **Important** After uploading the application (with the required documents), courier the printed copy of the **application form**, along with the **notarized copy of the attached documents** to

The Registrar
Evangelical Theological Seminary (Online Education)
Asian Christian Academy
Jeemangalam, Bagalur Road
Bagalur Post Office Hosur-635103 Tamil Nadu.
- V. **Complete the online entrance exam and an online interview** on the assigned dates communicated. Applicants will be selected based on the evaluation of the



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application form, reference letters, entrance exam results, faculty feedback after the personal interview, and the recommendation of the Admission Committee.

- VI. Selected candidates will be informed the earliest, with login instructions.
- VII. Kindly join the WhatsApp group for regular updates by using the link posted on the website for quick communication.
- VIII. The reference forms also should be uploaded by the respective individuals using the link on the website.

Documents Required: Photostat copies of the documents need to be uploaded along with the application form. Application form filled with the required documents should be compiled to form a single .pdf file. The single .pdf should be uploaded. **The file name should be the name of the applicant.**

1. Recent passport size photo.
2. Aadhar copy/Passport copy for international students: Name & Address
3. Class X Mark Sheet
4. Class X Pass Certificate
5. Class XII Mark Sheet
6. Class XII Pass Certificate
7. Undergraduate Degree Certificate
8. Undergraduate Degree Mark Sheet.
9. If you have completed postgraduate diploma or other postgraduate degrees or other postgraduate studies, then you can add the respective Certificates and Mark Sheets along with the documents.



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10. Letter of recommendation from the local church where you are regularly in fellowship. The letter should be with the Church Letterhead and must include the signature, email address and phone numbers of all the Church leaders.
11. A separate page listing the three individuals who will be using the reference forms. The following details should be included: Name, Mobile Number, and Email ID, and their relationship to you (Church leader/Pastor, mentor/friend, professor/academic reference, or employer).
12. Marriage certificate (if applicable).
13. Fitness certificate.
14. Printed (2 pages) personal testimony explaining born again experience, Church life, and the call for Christian ministry.
15. **A conduct certificate from Employer** (the organization you are associated with at the time of application) **or from the Seminary** (if you have recently graduated or is awaiting graduation). The letter must include a valid phone number, mailing address and email address.
16. If the original documents are in a non-English language, then the documents must be translated and notarized.
17. Provisional Certificates are not acceptable.



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Reference forms

- 1) The individuals who fill in the reference forms should fill it privately, scan it/take a picture (the image should be very clear), and upload it using the link published on the website.
- 2) There are four reference forms available. **All applicants must submit three reference forms to complete the application requirements.**

Applicants, from a Seminary or Bible College, who have recently graduated/awaiting graduation and interested in a post graduate degree at ETS.	All other applicants
Reference Form 1: Church Leader/Pastor	Reference Form 1: Church Leader/Pastor
Reference Form 2: Mentor (Christian)	Reference Form 2: Mentor (Christian)
Reference Form 3: Seminary Professor or Dean/President	Reference Form 4: Employer If you are a missionary and not associated with any organization, use the Reference Form 1 again. You can ask a second Church Leader/Pastor to fill the form 1.



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APPLICATION FEE PAYMENT

Important The following payment arrangement is only for the application fee.

All the other fees are to be paid through the unique VAN (Virtual Account Number) allotted to each student.

You can pay the application fee using:

- A. UPI ID: **upi.etsaca@sib**
- B. QR code: **Write your name and purpose in the comments/remarks section while making the payment.** This will help us to track the payment. If your name is Albert, then kindly write "Application fee for Albert". **(Important !)**



- C. Bank to Bank transfer online: **Write your name and purpose in the comments/remarks section while making the payment.** This will help us to track the payment. If your name is Albert, then kindly write "Application fee for Albert". **(Important !)**

Account Number: 0970053000000011
Name: Evangelical Theological Seminary
Bank: South Indian Bank
IFSC Code: SIBL0000571



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MODULE DETAILS

All Modules will be instructed through

<https://www.powerschool.com/classroom/schoology-learning/>

(Schoology is an online learning management system). A student will receive recorded lectures (video) and .pdf files. Assessment will be done weekly. Quizzes, Discussion Threads & Written Tests will be used. A module is designed in such a way that a student is required to use 8-10 hours per week for study. A module will be taught for 3 months. In a year there will be four modules. The student will have opportunity to interact with the faculty for assistance and discussion.

FEES (2022-2023)

	Details	Amount
1.	Fee per module	3500 rupees
2.	Annual Technology Fee	4000 rupees

We at Evangelical Theological Seminary are very happy and committed to walk with you in your pursuit of theological education. We wish you God's Best.



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A school of Asian Christian Academy of India

Application for Admission to M.Th. / MABS / MA (Online)

Return to: Admissions, Asian Christian Academy, Jeemangalam, Bagalur P.O., Hosur,
Tamil Nadu – 635 103, India. Phone: 04344-255800, 255858, 255851.

Email: etsadmissions@acaindia.org Website: www.ets-india.org

TICK THE DESIRED DEGREE PROGRAM	(For Office Use only)	Student Reg. No.
<input type="checkbox"/> Master of Theology (MTh)	<input type="checkbox"/> Selected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (MABS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reserved	
<input type="checkbox"/> Post-Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies (Online)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected	

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name as appears in official documents (IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Name	
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Gender: Male Female

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Place of Birth:

State:

Nationality:

If not Indian citizen, under what visa category do you come?

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Duration of VISA (**copy of visa to be attached**)

Present Mailing Address.....

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Permanent Mailing Address

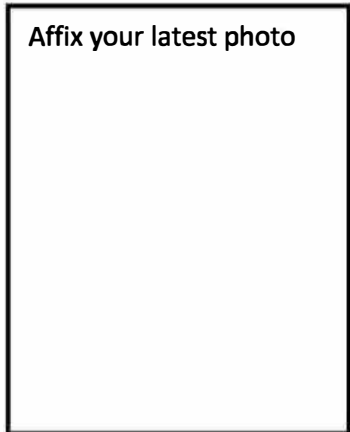
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Telephone Number: Mobile:

Email Id: Aadhaar No:

(Attach a copy of your Aadhaar or any Government issued ID to the application)



Marital Status: Single Married Widowed Separated Divorced

If you are single, do you plan to be married during the study period? Yes No

Do you agree to inform ETS authorities of any change in your marital status? Yes No

Languages known:

Mother Tongue:

II. CHURCH BACKGROUND

[Attach a recommendation letter from your local church along with application]

In which local church are you a member? (Give name and location)

With what denomination is this church affiliated?

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What type of church ministry you are involved with?.....

Are you ordained? Yes No Commended? Yes No

Does the church support you financially? Yes No

Attach a recommendation letter from your local church with signature of the church leaders printed in the church letter head

III. ACADEMIC / PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

Give complete record of all schools attended from high school. Enclose copies of matriculation, plus two & degree certificates, mark lists, and conduct certificates with the application. **Please make sure you submit a copy of your original degree certificate, not the provisional certificate (STUDENTS APPLYING FOR MA ONLINE SHOULD SUBMIT NOTARIZED COPIES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES AND MARK SHEETS)**

SECULAR STUDIES

Educational Program	Board/University	Location/Place	Month/Year attended	Graduated Yes / No	Year of Graduation
10*					
12*					

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Educational Program	Name and Place of the Institution	Accredited/ Affiliated to	Month/Year attended	Graduated Yes / No	Year of Graduation

Thesis or research topic written for Theological Studies (if any

.....

Are you applying to any other seminary, or planning for any other educational programs? Yes No

What study program?

Where?

IV. REFERENCES

(Give names and complete address of three persons whom you have selected as your references. See the attached letter from the Registrar. The reference forms need to be sent directly to our office in a sealed envelope from the people recommending you)

Form 1 - PASTOR OR CHURCH LEADER REFERENCE *

Name: Address:
Phone:.....Mobile:.....Email:.....

Form 2 - MENTOR OR A PERSON WHO INFLUENCED YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE *

Name: Address:
Phone:.....Mobile:.....Email:.....

Form 3 - COLLEGE OR SEMINARY PROFESSOR OR HEAD OF INSTITUTION/ORGANIZATION (for Seminary Applicants Only)

Name: Address:
Phone:.....Mobile:.....Email:.....

Form 4 - EMPLOYER (for Applicants with work experience only)

Name: Address:
Phone:Mobile:Email :.....

ACADEMIC/ PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

		Name of the program	Year of Joining	Year of Completion
1	Class X			
2	Class XII			
3	Diploma			
4	Degree			
5	Degree			
6	Degree			
7	Degree			

ATA Registration Number:
(Asia Theological Association)

V. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Do you have a sponsor for your study? No Yes (Specify who.....)

(Attach a financial guarantee letter from your sponsor)

If you do not have a sponsor who will support you financially while at seminary?

How much monthly financial support will you receive while at seminary? Rs \$..... (For international students)

Are you able to meet the financial requirements for your studies? Yes No

Explain.....

VI. FAMILY INFORMATION

ABOUT PARENTS

Father's Name:

Occupation:

Mother's Name:

Occupation:

Contact Address:

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.....

Telephone: Mobile Number:

Email:

Are your parents' believers in Jesus Christ? Yes No

ABOUT SPOUSE

(only for married applicants - copy of marriage certificate must be enclosed with Application)

Name..... Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Nationality:

State:

Occupation

Mother Tongue: Academic/professional:

Occupation: Place of Work:

Is your spouse supportive of your Theological Study? Yes No

Is your spouse applying for study at ETS? Yes No

Do you require family accommodation at ETS? Yes No

(You may contact the office with request for family quarters in advance)

Name and age of children (if applicable):

1:

2:

3:

4:

Do you require admission for children at the Asian Christian High School of ACA? Yes No

If 'yes' which class/classes:

VII. SPIRITUAL IDENTITY

Religious faith at birth:

Year of Christian conversion:

Have you taken believer's (Immersion) baptism: Yes No

Has God called you to His service: Yes No Not sure

If 'Yes' into what area of Christian service do you think God has called you?

Specify:

What are you planning to do after your studies at ETS-ACA?

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.....

Spiritual gifts:

Special talents: in music in arts in sports, any other.....

Hobbies/interests

Did you read the doctrinal statement of ETS? Yes No

Do you agree with the doctrinal statement of ETS? Yes No

If there are areas of disagreements, state the areas of disagreement

If there are areas in which you have not formed an opinion, state those areas

VIII. WORK EXPERIENCE

[Enclose any relevant work experience certificates with application.]

List types of secular employment / business you were engaged in:

1 _____
.....

2 _____
.....

3 _____
.....

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If 'yes' position & work:

Have you actively participated in any Christian organization or ministry? Yes No

If 'yes' specify place & position.....

How did you come to know about this course

.....

IX. HEALTH INFORMATION

Blood group: Height Weight

Any chronic illness/physical disability Allergies.....

Have you ever been under psychiatric care? Yes (Give details on a separate sheet) No

Are you on any prolonged medicinal use? Yes (Give details on a separate sheet) No

Do you have any problem with vision or hearing? Yes (Give details on a separate sheet) No

Do you use tobacco? Yes No Intoxicants Yes No Narcotics Yes No

Do you suffer from sleeplessness? Yes No

Any other medical problems:

Attach a medical fitness certificate obtained from an authorized physician along with the application

X. CHECK LIST FOR APPLICANT

<input type="checkbox"/> All questions answered	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious Autobiography enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/> All certificates / documents enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Letter enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/> Notarized copies of certificates & mark sheets (Online MA applicants only)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Government Issued ID (Preferably Aadhaar for Indians)	

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered for processing.

I promise, in submission to the Holy Spirit's guidance, that if admitted to the ACA ETS I will at all times conduct myself as a Christian, faithfully and diligently apply myself to the studies as required by the seminary curriculum, promptly meet all financial and other obligations, and carefully observe the rules and regulations as set forth by the seminary and its faculty. All the above mentioned information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Name:

Date: Signature:

FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FORM

I, _____, the undersigned hereby declare that I am aware of the fee structure of ETS-ACA and I will be paying the fees at the account section without fail.

The mode of payment shall be (Tick the appropriate):

- Cash
- Cheque
- NEFT/IMPS/UPI
- DD
- Other (specify) _____

I would like to clear my financial commitment (Tick the appropriate):

- On every month
- Beginning of each semester
- For the entire academic year

I am

- Self-supported
- Supported by church/organization/institution/Government/NGO
- Sponsored by an individual

PS: Please produce a financial guarantee letter from your sponsor/supporter.

Declaration: I hereby declare that the details furnished above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and I undertake to inform you of any changes therein, immediately. In case any of the above information is found to be false or untrue or misleading or misrepresenting, I am aware that I may be held liable for it.

Name..... Sign.....
Date.....

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Kindly answer the following questions with regard to your Christian experience. Answer them in a separate sheet of paper and attach it to you application form.

1. When were you saved? Give a description of your conversion experience?
2. How long you are a member in your present church? Briefly explain your involvement in your local church.
3. What experience and success you enjoyed in various forms of Christian service, including personally leading others to Christ, preaching or teaching the Word of God and exercising leadership in the past?
4. What is your spiritual gift/s, and how do you use them?
5. How have you recognized God's call? Why do you want to consider Christian ministry?
6. Why do you desire to do the theological course with Evangelical Theological Seminary?
7. What do you plan to do after your theological training?

Handwritten notes at the top of the page, including a title and introductory text.

Handwritten text on a horizontal line.

Handwritten text enclosed in a rectangular box.

- 1. **Introduction**
- 2. **Methodology**
- 3. **Results**
- 4. **Discussion**
- 5. **Conclusion**
- 6. **References**
- 7. **Appendix**
- 8. **Bibliography**
- 9. **Index**
- 10. **Summary**

- Well related to other In good terms with others. Generally mingles with all
 Is related to some favorites. Cannot get along with all. unknown

9. Purpose in life

- Has definite goals/purposes. Has general goals. Ambitious but no definite goals
 Vague No purpose at all. unknown

10. Ability to communicate (both verbal and written)

- Exceptional Above Average. Average. Below Average. Poor
 unknown

11. Teachability (Willingness to receive instruction)

- Eager to receive instruction Willing to receive instruction Open minded
 Highly Opinionated Rigid, Argumentative. unknown

12. Perseverance in completing a given task

- Persist even under Adversity. Persists in most circumstances
 Needs Encouragement to persevere Gives up Easily. No perseverance
 unknown

13. Ability to pursue master's level education

- Exceptional Capable Average With hard work Not able. unknown

14. Leadership Ability

- Good leadership ability Has some leadership Promise Tries but lacks ability
 Makes no effort to lead. No leadership ability unknown

15. Initiating spiritual activity

- Exceptional Above Average Below Average Average Poor
 unknown

16. Gifts for Vocational Christian Ministry

- Exceptional Above Average Below Average Average Poor
 unknown

17. How do you rate him/her while he/she was in the seminary/Bible college?

- Exceptional Above Average Below Average Average Poor
 unknown

18. How is the applicant's research skills?

- Does original research. Has interest in research. Does average
 Plagiarizes. Poor in research unknown

Kindly explain the applicant's use of spiritual gift you have observed:

How do you rate the applicant's personal success in the Christian ministry, if any? Comment:

What do you believe to be the applicant's motivation in applying to ETS, ACA? Comment:

Do you recommend this applicant for theological training in ETS?

- Highly With Reservation I Do Not recommend

If there are additional facts that we should know, please feel free to communicate to the

Registrar: etsadmissions@acaindia.org

Date: _____ Name: _____ Signature: _____



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Jeemangalam, Bagalur P.O, Hosur, Tamil Nadu – 635103

Phone: 04344-255800, 255858, 255851; Email: etsadmissions@acaindia.org

4 REFERENCE FORM FOR AN EMPLOYER (If the applicant has work experience)

Note: Immediate family member of the applicant is not permitted to fill up this form.

The Admission Committee of ETS gives due importance to your reference when considering the applicant's admission to Evangelical Theological Seminary. It is our purpose to admit students who are called by God and academically and spiritually qualified to be part of this training. We greatly appreciate your honest assessment of the applicant.

NAME OF THE APPLICANT: _____

Your Name (In Block Letters): _____ Address: _____

Church/Organization: _____ Position: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please rate the candidate by ticking appropriate box (es) under each of the headings below. If you wish, describe briefly specific instances that Support or interpret your judgment. Do not tick items concerning which you feel uncertain or which you have had no opportunity to observe)

Your relationship with the Applicant: _____

How long you have known the applicant? _____ Since: _____

How Well?

Very Well Rather Well Casually Not Well

1. Physical Fitness

Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average Poor
 unknown

2. Emotional Stability

Maintains balance, self-controlled Sober minded Tense, fearful, worried
 Easily angered, easily frustrated Downhearted, depressed unknown

3. Sociability or Friendliness

Sought by others Well-liked by others Liked by others Tolerated by others
 Avoided by others unknown

4. Maturity for age

Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average Poor
 unknown

5. Money management

Careful, has a budget Talks frequently of debt/financial worries
 Expects others to meet needs Careless. Extravagant unknown

6. Dependability

Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average Poor
 unknown

7. Self Image

- True estimate of self Self-Confident Prompt to boast Insecure
 Inferiority Complex unknown

8. Inter-personal Relationship

- Well related to other In good terms with others. Generally mingles with all
 Is related to some favorites. Cannot get along with all. unknown

9. Ability to finish a given task

- Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average Poor
 unknown

10. Respect for superiors

- Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average Poor
 unknown

11. Perseverance in completing a given task

- Persist even under Adversity. Persists in most circumstances
 Needs Encouragement to persevere Gives up Easily
 No perseverance unknown

12. Team performance

- Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average Poor
 unknown

13. How do you rate him/her as an employee

- Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average Poor
 unknown

14. Ability to handle stress

- Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average Poor
 unknown

15. Loyalty to the institution

- Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average Poor
 unknown

16. Ability to learn new and innovative things

- Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average Poor
 unknown

17. Contributes ideas for development and progress

- Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average Poor
 unknown

18. Has creativity and ability of presentation

- Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average Poor
 unknown

Do you recommend this applicant for theological training in ETS?

- Highly With Reservation I Do Not recommend

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the Registrar: etsadmissions@acaindia.org

Date: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____