

1. Choose the correct statement/s about characters or makeup types of **kathakali** ?

1. Pacha is used to portray noble male characters like kings
2. Kathi is used for demonic characters
3. kari for arrogant and evil characters

(a) 1 only

(b) 2, 3

(c) 1, 2

(d) 1, 2, 3

Correct Choice: **(a)**

Solution:

Mainly there are five makeup types in kathakali; which are pacha, kathi, kari thadi, and minukku. Here the statement about pacha is correct.

The pacha with its predominant green colour is used to portray noble male characters like kings and divine beings. These characters have a mix of satvic (pious) and rajsik (kingly) nature. The satvic element facilitates immense possibility for the artiste to explicate his acting talents. Characters like Lord Krishna and Lord Rama are examples for pacha .

Kathi characters are arrogant and evil but have a streak of valour in them. Though their make-up is basically green, denoting that they are high born, a red mark like an upturned moustache or knife is painted on the cheek to show that they are evil. They also have white knobs on the tips of their noses and on their foreheads, which add to their evil nature. Ravana, the demon king is a typical kathi character in Kathakali.

Kari is used for demonic characters, portraying the most gruesome figures on the Kathakali stage. Their faces are jet-black with dotted red and white markings on them. Minukku vesham symbolizes gentleness and high spiritual qualities (like saints), which are in sharp contrast to the preceding four classes.

2. Consider the statements about Kerala Kalamandalam

1. It is established in 1930
2. It is founded by Kunchan Nambiar
3. Vice chancellor is Dr. T . K . Narayanan

Which are the correct statements ?

(a) 1, 2, 3

(b) 2, 3

(c) 1, 3

(d) 1, 2

Correct Choice: **(c)**

Solution:

Kerala kalamandalam founded by Vallathol narayana menon. Dr. T . K . Narayanan is the vice chancellor of deemed kerala kalamandalam university. It is a center for learning performing arts located at Cheruthuruthy in Thrissur on the banks of Bharathapuzha river.

3. On which day a kathakali yogam in Kerala made an appeal to central government to commemorate as National Day for Kathakali ?

(a) October 14

(b) October 15

(c) October 16

(d) October 17

Correct Choice: **(c)**

Solution:

The renowned poet Vallathol born on 1878 october 16. By considering his contributions to develop Kathakali as a artform October 16 is selected for kathakali day.

4. Who among the following is an exponent of Mohiniyattam ?

(a) Sonal Mansingh

(b) Sunanda Nair

(c) Kelucharan Mohapatra

(d) Kottakkal shivaraman

Correct Choice: **(b)**

Solution:

Exponents of Mohiniyattam are Sunanda Nair, Kalamandalam Kalyanikutti Amma, Gopika varma etc.

Sonal Mansingh - Bharatanatyam

Kelucharan Mohapatra - Odissi

Kottakkal Shivaraman - Kathakali

5. In which year Koodiyattam is recognised by UNESCO as a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity ?

- (a) 2000 (b) 2001
(c) 2005 (d) 2007

Correct Choice: (b)

Solution:

Koodiyattam is the only art form from Kerala included in this list. UNESCO usually considered monuments and heritage sites, and this was the first art form recognized for its exceptional value.

6. Which art form is composed by King Manavedan ?

- (a) Ramanattam (b) Krishnanattam
(c) Chakyar koothu (d) Nangyar koothu

Correct Choice: (b)

Solution:

The art form Krishnanattam was composed by King Manavedan of Kozhikode. He wrote 'krishnageethi' based on the Jayadeva's Gitagovindam. This work in Sanskrit presents the story of Lord Krishna and Krishnanattam originated from this.

7. Which of the following dance form originated based on Jayadeva's Gitagovindam ?

- (a) Krishnanattam (b) Ashtapadiyattam
(c) Ramanattam (d) Kathakali

Correct Choice: (b)

Solution:

The art form Ashtapadiyattam ceased to exist decades ago. Now many attempts are going on to revive this art form.

8. Consider the statements about the Pattu movement (pattu literature) in Kerala ?

1. Ramacharitham is considered as the first poetry in Pattu
2. It is believed as Cheeraman is the author of Ramacharitham
3. Ramacharitham is written based on Yudha kanda of Ramayana

Pick out the correct statements ?

- (a) 1, 2 (b) 2, 3
(c) 1, 2, 3 (d) 1, 3

Correct Choice: (c)

Solution:

Pattu is considered as the first literature type in Malayalam. Ramacharitham is written in 13th century. Yudha kanda is the 6th of seven kandas (divisions) of Ramayana. The writings of Pattu movement strictly obeyed the rules.

9. Match the following

Poet	Work
1. Malayinkeezhu Madhavan	A. Kannassa Ramayanam
2. Vellangalloor Sankaran	B. Bhagavad Gita (malayalam)
3. Niranathu Raman	C. Bharathamala

- (a) 1-B, 2-C, 3-A (b) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C
(c) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C (d) 1-A, 2-C, 3-B

Correct Choice: (a)

Solution:

Bharathamala is written based on Mahabharata. Kannassa Ramayanam is considered as the first complete Ramayana in Malayalam literature.

10. Find the ancient triumvirate (pracheena kavithrayam) from the following ?

1. Vallathol
2. Ezhuthachhan
3. Cherusseri
4. Kunchan Nambiar

(a) 1, 2, 3

(b) 2, 3, 4

(c) 1, 3, 4

(d) 1, 2, 4

Correct Choice: **(b)**

Solution:

The ancient triumvirate poets was chosen in the basis of Bhakthi Margam (Religious Way). Modern triumvirate - Vallathol, Ulloor, Kumaranasan. The modern triumvirate poets were chosen on the basis of Social Activism.

11. Who was the winner of first Jnanpeeth award ?

(a) S. K. Pottekkatt

(b) M. T. Vasudevan Nair

(c) Thakazhi

(d) G. Shankarakuruppu

Correct Choice: **(d)**

Solution:

Jnanpeeth award winners from Kerala

1965 - G. Shankarakuruppu

1984 - Thakazhi

1986 - S. K. Pottekkatt

1995 - M. T. Vasudevan Nair

2007 - O. N. V Kurup

2019 - Akkitham

12. Which book's english translation is 'Tales of Athiranipadam' ?

(a) Oru Theruvinte Kadha

(b) Oru Deshathinte Katha

(c) Simhabhoomi

(d) Kappirikalude Naattil

Correct Choice: **(b)**

Solution:

All are works of S. K. Pottekkatt. Simhabhoomi and Kappirikalude Naattil are travelogues. Oru Deshathinte Katha won the Kendra Sahitya Academy Award in 1972, and the Jnanpith Award in 1980.

13. Choose the wrong pair/s of Autobiography ?

1. Ente Kadha – Madhavikutti

2. Ormayude Olangalil – Thakazhi

3. Kaviude kalppadukal – P. Kunjiraman Nair

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) 2, 3

(d) 1, 3

Correct Choice: **(b)**

Solution:

Ormayude Olangalil is the Autobiography of G. Shankarakuruppu. Thakazhi's Autobiography is Ormayude theerangalil. Other important autobiographies are, C. Kesavan's Jeevitha Samaram, Mannathu Padmanabhan's Ente Jeevitha Smaranakal, K. P. Kesava Menon's Kazhijakaalam.

14. Match the Following

Writer	Known as
1. Kerala Valmiki	A. A. R. Rajarajavarma
2. Kerala Vyasan	B. Vallathol
3. Kerala Kalidasan	C. Keralavarma Valiyakoyi Thampuran
4. Kerala Panini	D. Kodungalloor Kunjikkattan Thampuran

(a) 1-C, 2-A, 3-D, 4-B

(b) 1-D, 2-A, 3-C, 4-B

(c) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D

(d) 1-B, 2-D, 3-C, 4-A

Correct Choice: (d)

Solution:

Vallathol is known as Kerala Valmiki for his rendition of Valmiki's Ramayana into Malayalam. Keralavarma Vallyakoyi Thampuran Known as kerala kalidasa as he translated Kalidasa's Sakunthalam to Malayalam as Abhijnana Sakunthalam.

15. The first Malayalam feature film that won the President's Gold Medal was in the year ----

(a) 1970

(b) 1965

(c) 1966

(d) 1971

Correct Choice: (b)

Solution:

Chemmeen is a 1965 Indian Malayalam-language romance film, based on the novel of the same name by Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai. It was adapted into a screenplay by S. L. Puram Sadanandan, directed by Ramu Kariat, and produced by Babu Ismail Sait under the banner Kanmani Films.

16. Find the wrong statement/s ?

1. First mahakavyam in Malayalam is Veenapoovu.
2. First historic novel is Marthandavarma
3. First cyber novel is Nritham

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) 3 only

(d) 1, 2

Correct Choice: (a)

Solution:

First mahakavyam in Malayalam is Ramachandra Vilasam written by Azhakath E. Padmanabha Kurup. Marthandavarma is written by C. V. Raman pillai. Nritham by M. Mukundan.

17. Consider the statements about Sculpture of Kerala

1. The temples of Kerala contain exquisite sculptures in stone which exhibit influences such of Pandya, Chola, and Vijayanagara
2. 8th century sculptures found in cave temple at Kaviyoor

Which of them is/are correct ?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) both are correct

(d) both are wrong

Correct Choice: (c)

Solution:

Rock cut sculptures of Vizhinjam is also of 8th CE. The figures of deities and animals and of dance scenes on the walls and balustrades of temples are typical of the temple sculpture of Kerala. The Trikkodithanam Vishnu temple (11th CE) is noted for its two Yazhi panels depicting two types of ancient Kerala dances, Kudaikuthu and Kudakuthu. The Parasurama shrine at Tiruvallam has interesting panels depicting animals like elephants and lions. The Siva temple at Kandiur has exquisite stone sculptures depicting puranic legends and myths.

18. In which district the only one Parasurama Temple of Kerala is located ?

(a) Thiruvananthapuram

(b) Thrissur

(c) Kollam

(d) Pathanamthitta

Correct Choice: (a)

Solution:

Tiruvallam Sree Parasurama Swami Temple is one of the most ancient temples of South India. It is situated on the banks of Karamana River near Thiruvallam, Thiruvananthapuram. It is the only temple in Kerala dedicated to Lord Parasurama.

19. Find the wrong statement/s about Jadayu nature park ?

1. It is situated at Pathanamthitta
2. It is the largest bird statue in the world.
3. It is designed by Rajiv Anchal

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) 1, 2

(d) 3 only

Correct Choice: (a)

Solution:

Jadaya nature park is situated in Chadayamangalam of Kollam district. Suresh Gopi is the brand ambassador of the park. The first Jadaya Shilpa Puraskaram won by Nedumudi Venu.

20. Which is the wrong pair of painting that can be seen in palace ?

1. Gajendra Moksham painting – Krishnapuram Palace
2. Girija Kalyanam – Mattanchery Palace

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) both are correct

(d) both are wrong

Correct Choice: (c)

Solution:

Krishnapuram Palace is in Kayamkulam and built by Marthandavarma. Mattanchery Palace built by Portuguese in 16th CE.

21. identify the district from the tourist spots ?

1. Thumboli Beach
2. Pandavan Rock
3. Marari Beach

(a) Alappuzha

(b) Thrissur

(c) Thiruvananthapuram

(d) Kollam

Correct Choice: (a)

Solution:

Pandavan Rock, one of the popular tourist attractions has derived its name from the Pandavas of Mahabharata. It is believed that they stayed inside this cave during the time of their exile. Other important tourist spots in Alappuzha are Pathiramanal Island, Alappuzha Light House and Thottapally beach.

22. Which is the only Tribal Gramapanchayathu in Kerala ?

(a) Udumbanchola

(b) Edamalakkudi

(c) Attapadi

(d) Nilambur

Correct Choice: (b)

Solution:

Wayanad has the highest number of tribals. Idukki and Palakkad districts are the next two that make up most of the native tribal people groups in the state. The Paniya (Paniyar) are the largest of the major tribes. There are other tribal communities in the Kasargod district in the state of Kerala known as Mavilan.

23. Choose the correct statements about Edakkal caves ?

1. It is in Ambukuthi Hills.
2. It is discovered by Fred Fawcett.
3. It is one of the oldest caves in Kerala

(a) 1, 2

(b) 2, 3

(c) 1, 3

(d) 1, 2, 3

Correct Choice: (d)

Solution:

Edakkal caves is in Wayanadu district. It is discovered in 1890. Edakkal caves are famous for its pictorial paintings (cave paintings), which are considered to be of 6000 B.C.

24. Identify the district from the following statements ?

1. Land of 'Theyyams'
2. Mentioned as 'Naura' in Ptolemy's books
3. Land of Looms and Lores

(a) Kannur

(b) Kasargod

(c) Thrissur

(d) Malappuram

Correct Choice: (a)

Solution:

Kannur is a coastal district in Kerala. It was once an ancient trading port. Housed in a former palace, the Arakkal Museum highlights Kerala's one Muslim royal family.

25. Find out the regional languages spoken in Kasargod district ?

1. Tulu
2. Byari
3. Bashe

(a) 1, 2

(b) 1, 3

(c) 2, 3

(d) 1, 2, 3

Correct Choice: (d)

Solution:

Kasargod is the district where most number of regional languages are spoken. They are Tulu, Byari(bear), Bashe, Kannada, Marathi and Konkani.

26. Find out the correct statement/s about ' J. C. Daniel ' ?

1. He is the father of Malayalam Cinema
2. He directed the film ' Vigatha Kumaran '

(a) only 1

(b) only 2

(c) both are correct

(d) none

Correct Choice: (c)

Solution:

Vigatha Kumaran is the first Malayalam film directed by J C Daniel in 1928. The film ' Celluloid ' directed by Kamal is based on the life of Daniel. Prithviraj acted the character of Daniel in the film.

27. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct ?

1. The film ' Meenamasathile Sooryan ' is based on keezhariyoor bomb case
2. Malabar rebellion is the main theme of the film ' 1921 '

(a) only 1

(b) only 2

(c) both

(d) none

Correct Choice: (b)

Solution:

The film ' Meenamasathile Sooryan ' is based on ' kayyur revolt ' and directed by Lenin Rajendran. 1921 directed by I. V. sasi.

28. Which of the following is/are not a winner of National award for best actress ?

1. Sheela
2. Sarada
3. Sobhana
4. Urvasi

(a) 4 only

(b) 1, 4

(c) 3, 4

(d) 1, 3

Correct Choice: (b)

Solution:

Sarada won the award in 1968, 1972, 1977. Sobhana won in 1993 for the film Manichitrathazhu.

29. The book ' Gopuranadayil ' is which type of writing ?

(a) Novel

(b) Drama

(c) Short Story

(d) Poem

Correct Choice: (b)

Solution:

The drama ' Gopuranadayil ' is written by M. T. Vasudevan Nair. It won Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award for Drama in 1985. Parinayam is the other Play by M. T.

30. Which of the statements about ' Cheraman Juma Masjid ' are correct ?

1. It is in Thrissur
2. First Muslim shrine erected in Indian subcontinent
3. It is built by Malik Ibn Dinar

(a) 1, 2, 3

(b) 1, 2

(c) 1, 3

(d) 2, 3

Correct Choice: (a)

Solution:

Cheraman Juma Majsid is included in the Muziris Heritage Project and it is the first mosque in India. Built in 629 AD by Malik Ibn Dinar it is located in the district of Thrissur.

31. Choose the correct pair/s of book and main character ?

1. Sreedharan – Oru Theruvinte Kadha
2. Kokkanchara Mariyam – Alahayude Penmakal
3. Appukili – Khasakkinte Ithihasam

(a) 1, 2, 3

(b) 3 only

(c) 2, 3

(d) 1, 3

Correct Choice: (c)

Solution:

Sreedharan - Oru Dhesathinte Kadha - S. K. Pottekad
 Kokkanchara Mariyam - Alahayude Penmakal - Sara Joseph
 Appukili - Khasakkinte Ithihasam - O. V. Vijayan
 Omanchi - Oru Theruvinte Kadha - S. K. Pottekad

32. Find the correct statements ?

1. Thalayodu wrote by Thakazhi based on Vaikom Satyagraha
2. Uroob wrote ' Sundarikalum Sundaranmarum ' based on Malabar Lahala
3. Amritham thedi written by Malayattoor Ramakrishnan on First war of Independence

(a) 1, 2, 3

(b) 1, 3

(c) 2, 3

(d) 1, 2

Correct Choice: (c)

Solution:

Thalayodu is written based on Punnappa Vayalar revolt. Sundarikalum Sundaranmarum won the Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award. Malayattoor Ramakrishnan's notable works are Yanthram, Verukal and Yakshi.

33. Find out the wrong statements about Kumaranasan ?

1. He described as 'Viplavathinte Shukranakshathram' by Dr. M Leelavati
2. Ashan Smarakam is located at Thonnakkal
3. His writing Veenapoovu first published in Mitavadi newspaper

(a) 2 only

(b) 1 only

(c) 3 only

(d) All are correct

Correct Choice: (b)

Solution:

Joseph Mundasseri described Kumaranasan as 'Viplavathinte Shukranakshathram'. Thonnakkal is in Thiruvananthapuram. Kumaranasan is one of the modern triumvirate poets of Kerala and a disciple of Sree Narayana Guru.

34. From which of the places in Kerala stone sculptures of Buddha are found ?

1. Karumadi
2. Mavelikkara
3. Maruthukulangara

(a) 1, 2

(b) 2, 3

(c) 1, 3

(d) 1, 2, 3

Correct Choice: (d)

Solution:

Karumadikkuttan is the endearing name of a Buddha statue found in Karumady near Alappuzha. This 3 feet tall, black granite statue, believed to be old as 9th to 14th century. Stone sculptures of Buddha are also found from Pallikkal.

35. Choose the wrong pair/s about descriptions of Temples in Kerala ?

1. Padmanabhaswami Temple – Mural Pagoda
2. Guruvayoor Srikrishna Temple– Dakshina Dwaraka
3. Brass Pagoda – Kottiyoor Mahadeva Temple

(a) 2 only

(b) 1 only

(c) 3 only

(d) 1, 2

Correct Choice: (c)

Solution:

Padmanabhaswami Temple is in Thiruvananthapuram. Thiruvangad Sreerama Temple in Kannur is known as Brass Pagoda. The temple known as Dakshina Varanasi is Kottiyoor Mahadeva Temple, Kannur.

36. Match the following ?

Boat Race	Water body
1. President's Trophy Boat Race	A. Punnamada Lake
2. Nehru Trophy Boat Race	B. Ashtamudi Lake
3. Aranmula Boat Race	C. Pamba River

(a) 1-C, 2-A, 3-B

(b) 1-B, 2-C, 3-A

(c) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C

(d) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C

Correct Choice: (d)

Solution:

Lakes and districts

Punnamada Lake - Alappuzha

Ashtamudi Lake - Kollam

Pamba River - Pathanamthitta

Other important boat races are

Kallada Jalothsavam, also known as Kallada Vallam Kali, is a well known boat race held in Kallada River at Munroe Thuruthu, Kollam. Champakulam Moolam Boat Race is annually held on Pampa River at Champakulam, close to Alappuzha on Moolam day of Midhunam. Payippad Jalotsavom is held on the Payippad River at Payippad Village, Alappuzha.

37. Which is the temple described ?

1. The important festival of the temple is 'Chitra Pournami'
2. An ownership dispute exist in between Kerala and Tamilnadu
3. it is located in Idukki

(a) Mangala Devi Temple

(b) Mannarasala Snake Temple

(c) Thirunakkara Temple

(d) Kandiyoor Mahadeva Temple

Correct Choice: (a)

Solution:

Mannarasala Snake Temple - Alappuzha

Kandiyoor Mahadeva Temple - Alappuzha

Thirunakkara Temple - Kottayam

38. Match the following

Palace	District
1. Thevally Palace	A. Kollam
2. Sakthan Thampuran Palace	B. Thrissur
3. Maipady Palace	C. Kasargod

(a) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C

(b) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C

(c) 1-C, 2-A, 3-C

(d) 1-B, 2-C, 3-A

Correct Choice: (a)

Solution:

All are important tourist spots now. Other important palaces;

China Palace- Kollam

Bolgatty palace - Ernakulam

39. Find out the Fort/s which is/are not located in Kasargod district ?

1. Kanhangad fort
2. Povval fort
3. Kumble fort

(a) 1 only

(b) 1, 2

(c) 3 only

(d) none

Correct Choice: (d)

Solution:

All the forts are in Kasargod. Kanhangad fort is also known as Hosdurg fort. Bekal Fort of Kasargod was built by Shivappa Nayaka of Keladi in 1650 AD, at Bekal. It is the largest fort in Kerala.

40. Match the following ?

	Film
1. First talkie film	A. Moonamathoral
2. First 3-D film	B. Balan
3. First digital film	C. My dear kuttichathan

(a) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C

(b) 1-B, 2-C, 3-A

(c) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C

(d) 1-C, 2-A, 3-B

Correct Choice: (b)

Solution:

The first talkie film Balan is directed by S. Nottani in 1938. Master Aravind got National award for best child artist in the film My dear kuttichathan.

41. Match the following

Film studio	District
1. Udaya	A. Ernakulam
2. Chitranjali	B. Alappuzha
3. Navodaya	C. Thiruvananthapuram

(a) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C

(b) 1-C, 2-B, 3-A

(c) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C

(d) 1-B, 2-C, 3-A

Correct Choice: (d)

Solution:

Udaya is the first film studio in Kerala. The studio Chitranjali inaugurated by government of Kerala in 1980. This is Asia's second largest indoor studio.

42. How many times Adoor Gopalakrishnan won National Award for Best Director ?

(a) 2

(b) 3

(c) 4

(d) 5

Correct Choice: (d)

Solution:

1973 - Swayamvaram
1985 - Mukhamukham
1988 - Anantharam
1990 - Mathilukal
2008 - Naalu Pennungal

43. Identify the writer's pen name from the following statement/s ?

1. He wrote ' Rigveda praveshika '
2. He was born in Thrikkannamangalm of Kannur
3. His original name is Venkitachalam

(a) Olappamanna

(b) Vishnunarayanan namboothiri

(c) Sandeepani

(d) Vedabandhu

Correct Choice: (d)

Solution:

Other important books of Vedabandhu are Yavanakavya Thathwangaal and Thandava Lakshanam. He was an Indian linguist, Vedic Scholar, orator, writer, translator, journalist and publisher. He was a scholar in Sanskrit, Malayalam, Hindi and English.

44. Choose the wrong statement about ' Kanthalloor Shala ' ?

1. It was an oldest university in Kollam district
2. Students from Srilanka came there.
3. It is also known as Nalanda of south

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) 3 only

(d) none

Correct Choice: (a)

Solution:

Hundreds of years ago, there existed a university in Thiruvananthapuram, which taught 64 different branches of knowledge. Even atheism featured as one of the subjects. Kanthalloor Sala is believed to have existed between the 9th and 12th centuries. It was ultimately destroyed following regular Chola attacks.

45. Choose the correct statements about ' Mamankam ' ?

1. It held at Tirunavaya on the banks of river Periyar
2. It held once in 12 years
3. The last Mamankam was in 1755

(a) 1, 2, 3

(b) 1, 2

(c) 1, 3

(d) 2, 3

Correct Choice: (d)

Solution:

On the banks of the river 'Bharathapuzha' in Malappuram there is a small village named 'Thirunavaya'. This place was once the capital of the Kingdom of Cochin ruled by 'Perumpadappu Swaroopam', the royal family of 'Cochin' and then ruled by many rulers till it was captured by 'Saamoothiri', king of Kozhikode (Malabar). Thirunavaya was famous for the great 'Mamankam' Festival, The festival and trade fair lasting for 28 days, held once in 12 years, in 'Navamukunda Temple'.

46. Consider the statements about ' Thenmala '

1. It is the India's first planned Ecotourism destination
2. It is in Alappuzha district
3. One of the attraction is Nakshathraavanam

Which of them are correct ?

(a) 1, 3

(b) 1, 2

(c) 2, 3

(d) 1, 2, 3

Correct Choice: (a)

Solution:

Thenmala is in Kollam. It was selected by the World Tourism Organisation as one of the premier Eco-friendly projects in the world. 'Thenmala' translates to 'Honey Hill' because high quality honey is exported from this area.

47. Choose the Novel which is not written by 'Anand' ?

1. Aalkoottam
2. Aarachar
3. Marubhoomikal Undakunnathu
4. Govardhante yathrakal

(a) 1 only

(b) 2, 3

(c) 1, 3

(d) 2 only

Correct Choice: (d)

Solution:

Aarachar is written by K. R. Meera. P. Sachidanandan uses the pseudonym Anand. 'Marubhoomikal Undakunnathu' won the Vayalar Award in 1993.

48. Who is the author of 'Kerala pazhama' ?

(a) Herman Gundart

(b) Vennikkulam Gopalakrishnan

(c) A Sreedhara Menon

(d) Velayudhan Panikkassery

Correct Choice: (a)

Solution:

Hermann Gundert was a German missionary. Gundert compiled a Malayalam grammar book, Malayalabhaasha Vyakaranam in which he developed and constricted the grammar spoken by the Keralites and contributed to work on Bible translations into Malayalam. Kerala pazhama is about 33 years of Keralite history from Vasco da Gama's arrival in 1498.

49. Choose that is not a feature of Kerala Temples ?

1. Srikovil
2. Nalambalam
3. Chuttambalam

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) 3 only

(d) none

Correct Choice: (d)

Solution:

Srikovil is the inner sanctum sanctorum where the deity is installed and worshipped. Nalambalam is a rectangular structure which encloses the shrine and mandapa. Chuttambalam is the outer structure within temple wall. Other features are Namaskara Mandapam, Balithara, Ambalakulam, Thevarapura.

50. The first Neo realistic film in Malayalam is ?

(a) Newspaper Boy

(b) Padayottam

(c) Amma ariyan

(d) Jalachhayam

Correct Choice: (a)

Solution:

Newspaper Boy is a Malayalam language film released in 1955. It is the first neo realistic movie in the language. Film was written and directed by P. Ramdas.