

UPSC Mains Malayalam Syllabus PAPER – I (Answers must be written in Malayalam)

Section-A

Unit 1-Early phase of Malayalam Language:

- 1.1 Various theories: origin from proto Dravidian, Tamil, Sanskrit.
- 1.2 Relation between Tamil and Malayalam: Six nayas of A.R. Rajarajavarma.
- 1.3 Pattu school-definition, Ramacharitam, later pattu works-Niranam works and Krishnagatha.

Unit 2-Linguistic features of:

- 2.1 Manipravalam-definition. Language of early manipravala works- Champu, Sandesakavya, Chandrotsava, minor works. Later Manipravala works-medieval Champu and Attakkatha.
- 2.2 Folklore-Southern and Northern ballads, Mappila songs.
- 2.3 Early Malayalam prose- B h a s h a k a u t a l i y a m , Brahmandapuram, Attaprakaram, Kramadipika and Nambiantamil.

Unit 3-Standardisation of Malayalam:

- 3.1 Peculiarities of the language of Pana, Kilippattu and Tullal.
- 3.2 Contributions of indigenous and European missionaries to Malayalam.
- 3.3 Characteristics of contemporary Malayalam : Malayalam as administrative language. Language of scientific and technical literature-media language.

Section-B

Literary History

Unit-4 Ancient and Medieval Literature:

- 4.1 Pattu-Ramacharitam, Niranam works and Krishnagatha.
- 4.2 Manipravalam-early and medieval manipravala works including attakkatha and champu.
- 4.3 Folk literature.
- 4.4 Kilippattu, Tullal and Mahakavya.

Unit 5- Modern Literature-Poetry:

- 5.1 Venmani poets and contemporaries.
- 5.2 The advent of Romanticism-Poetry of Kavitraya i.e., Asan, Ulloor and Vallathol
- 5.3 Poetry after Kavitraya.
- 5.4 Modernism in Malayalam poetry.

Unit 6- Modern Literature-Prose:

- 6.1 Drama
- 6.2 Novel
- 6.3 Short story
- 6.4 Biography, travelogue, essay and criticism.

UPSC Mains Malayalam Syllabus PAPER – II (Answers must be written in Malayalam)

This paper will require first-hand reading of the texts prescribed and is designed to test the candidate's critical ability.

Section-A

Unit 1

- 1.1 Ramacharitam-Patalam 1.
- 1.2 Kannassaramayanam-Balakandam first 25 stanzas.
- 1.3 Unnulisandesam-Purvabhagam 25 slokas including Prastavana
- 1.4 Mahabharatham Kilippattu- Bhishmaparvam.

Unit 2

- 2.1 Kumaran Asan-Chintavisthayaya Sita.
- 2.2 Vailoppilli-Kutiyozhikkal.
- 2.3 G. Sankara Kurup-Perunthachan.
- 2.4 N.V. Krishna Variar-Tivandiyile Pattu.

Unit 3

- 3.1 ONV -Bhumikkoru Charamagitam
- 3.2 Ayyappa Panicker-Kurukshetram.
- 3.3 Akkittam-Pandatha Messanthi
- 3.4 Attur Ravivarma-Megharupan.

Section-B

Unit 4

- 4.1 O. Chanthu Menon-Indulekha
- 4.2 Thakazhy-Chemmin.
- 4.3 O V Vijayan-Khasakkinte Ithihasam.

Unit 5

- 5.1 MT Vasudevan Nair-Vanaprastham (Collection).
- 5.2 N S Madhavan-Higvitta (Collection).
- 5.3 C J. Thomas-1128-il Crime 27.

Unit 6

- 6.1 Kuttikrishna Marar-Bharataparyatanam
- 6.2 M. K Sanu-Nakshatrangalute snehabhajanam
- 6.3 V.T. Bhattathirippad-Kannirum Kinavum.