

Kerala PSC - Village Field Assistant (VFA)

Culture (Kerala Art, Festivals & Literature) - 30 MCQs with Answers

Questions

1. Which Kerala art form was proclaimed a UNESCO Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity?

- (A) Kathakali
- (B) Mohiniyattam
- (C) Kutiyattam
- (D) Theyyam

2. Who founded the Kerala Kalamandalam in 1930?

- (A) Kumaranasan
- (B) Vallathol Narayana Menon
- (C) G. Sankara Kurup
- (D) Ulloor S. Parameswara Iyer

3. Ramanattam, the forerunner of Kathakali, was created by:

- (A) Kottarakkara Thampuran
- (B) Kottayam Thampuran
- (C) Kunchan Nambiar
- (D) Swathi Thirunal

4. Ottamthullal was created by:

- (A) Thunchath Ezhuthachan
- (B) Cherusseri
- (C) Kunchan Nambiar
- (D) Unnayi Warriar

5. Which art form is called the 'Poor man's Kathakali'?

- (A) Ottamthullal
- (B) Chakyar Koothu
- (C) Padayani
- (D) Thirayattam

6. Mohiniyattam is traditionally a solo dance performed by:

- (A) Men
- (B) Women
- (C) Children only
- (D) Both men and women together

7. Thrissur Pooram was started by:

- (A) Marthanda Varma
- (B) Sakthan Thampuran
- (C) Zamorin
- (D) Swathi Thirunal

8. Thrissur Pooram is held at which venue?

- (A) Guruvayur Temple
- (B) Padmanabhaswamy Temple
- (C) Vadakkumnathan Temple grounds
- (D) Sabarimala

9. Theyyam is mainly performed in:

- (A) South Travancore
- (B) North Malabar
- (C) Idukki
- (D) Alappuzha

10. The Nehru Trophy Boat Race is held in which lake?

- (A) Vembanad at Kumarakom
- (B) Ashtamudi
- (C) Punnamada
- (D) Sasthamkotta

11. The Aranmula Uthrittathi Vallamkali is held on the river:

- (A) Periyar
- (B) Pamba
- (C) Bharathapuzha
- (D) Kabani

12. Onam is celebrated in which Malayalam month?

- (A) Karkidakam
- (B) Medam
- (C) Chingam
- (D) Makaram

13. Pulikali, the tiger dance, is famous in which district?

- (A) Thrissur
- (B) Kozhikode
- (C) Kollam
- (D) Palakkad

14. Attukal Pongala, a festival of women devotees, is in:

- (A) Kochi
- (B) Thiruvananthapuram
- (C) Kottayam
- (D) Kannur

15. The Vadakkan Pattukal (northern ballads) are associated with:

- (A) Kalaripayattu heroes
- (B) Boat songs
- (C) Temple rituals only
- (D) Harvest songs

16. Chavittunatakam is associated with which community?

- (A) Nairs
- (B) Latin Christians
- (C) Muslims
- (D) Ezhavas

17. Oppana is a folk art associated with:

- (A) Muslim weddings
- (B) Temple festivals
- (C) Harvest
- (D) Christian feasts

18. Margamkali is an art form of:

- (A) Syrian Christians
- (B) Muslims
- (C) Tribals
- (D) Namboothiris

19. Thiruvathirakali is traditionally performed by:

- (A) Women
- (B) Men
- (C) Children
- (D) Priests

20. In Kutiyattam, male performers mainly belong to which community?

- (A) Chakayar
- (B) Panan
- (C) Nair
- (D) Pulaya

21. The literary text used in Kathakali is called:

- (A) Attakatha
- (B) Kilippattu
- (C) Vanchippattu
- (D) Thiruvathirapattu

22. Kerala Kalamandalam is situated at:

- (A) Cheruthuruthy
- (B) Kottayam
- (C) Kollam
- (D) Payyannur

23. The headquarters of the Kerala Sahitya Akademi is at:

- (A) Thiruvananthapuram
- (B) Thrissur
- (C) Kochi
- (D) Kozhikode

24. Who was the first Malayali to win the Jnanpith Award?

- (A) Thakazhi
- (B) S.K. Pottekkatt
- (C) G. Sankara Kurup
- (D) M.T. Vasudevan Nair

25. Raja Ravi Varma, the famous painter, was born at:

- (A) Kilimanoor
- (B) Mavelikara
- (C) Kottayam
- (D) Aranmula

26. Mattancherry Palace is famous for its murals depicting:

- (A) Ramayana scenes
- (B) Buddhist Jatakas
- (C) Christian saints
- (D) Battle scenes

27. The first Malayalam feature film was:

- (A) Balan
- (B) Vigathakumaran
- (C) Neelakuyil
- (D) Chemmeen

28. The first Malayalam talkie film was:

- (A) Balan
- (B) Marthanda Varma
- (C) Jeevithanauka
- (D) Nirmala

29. In Kathakali make-up, noble characters are given which type of face painting?

- (A) Pacha
- (B) Kathi
- (C) Thaadi
- (D) Minukku

30. The International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) is held every year in:

- (A) Kochi
- (B) Thiruvananthapuram
- (C) Kozhikode
- (D) Thrissur

Answer Key

1. **(C) Kutiyattam** - Kutiyattam, the Sanskrit theatre of Kerala, was recognised by UNESCO.
2. **(B) Vallathol Narayana Menon** - Mahakavi Vallathol founded it with Manakkulam Mukunda Raja.
3. **(A) Kottarakkara Thampuran** - Kottarakkara Thampuran composed Ramanattam in the 17th century.
4. **(C) Kunchan Nambiar** - Kunchan Nambiar created Thullal, with satire and humour.
5. **(A) Ottamthullal** - Ottamthullal, because of its simple costume and wide popularity.
6. **(B) Women** - It is a graceful classical dance of Kerala performed by women.
7. **(B) Sakthan Thampuran** - Sakthan Thampuran, the Raja of Cochin, started it around 1798.
8. **(C) Vadakkumnathan Temple grounds** - Held in the Malayalam month of Medam at Thekkinkadu Maidan.
9. **(B) North Malabar** - It is a ritual art of Kannur and Kasaragod districts.
10. **(C) Punnamada** - Punnamada Lake, Alappuzha, in August.
11. **(B) Pamba** - Aranmula is on the Pamba.
12. **(C) Chingam** - Chingam (Aug-Sept); Thiruvonam is the main day.
13. **(A) Thrissur** - Performed on the fourth day of Onam (Nalam Onam).
14. **(B) Thiruvananthapuram** - Attukal Bhagavathy Temple, Thiruvananthapuram.
15. **(A) Kalaripayattu heroes** - They celebrate warriors like Thacholi Othenan and Unniyarcha.
16. **(B) Latin Christians** - A Latin Christian drama form of Kochi and coastal areas.
17. **(A) Muslim weddings** - A bridal group song and dance of Malabar Muslims.
18. **(A) Syrian Christians** - A group dance of the St Thomas Christians.
19. **(A) Women** - It is performed around a lamp on Thiruvathira day.
20. **(A) Chakyar** - Chakyars act; Nangiars play female roles.
21. **(A) Attakatha** - Attakathas are the literary scripts of Kathakali.
22. **(A) Cheruthuruthy** - Cheruthuruthy, Thrissur district, on the banks of the Bharathapuzha.
23. **(B) Thrissur** - Thrissur, the cultural capital of Kerala.
24. **(C) G. Sankara Kurup** - G. Sankara Kurup won it in 1965 for 'Odakkuzhal'.
25. **(A) Kilimanoor** - Kilimanoor Palace, Thiruvananthapuram district.
26. **(A) Ramayana scenes** - Ramayana murals; the palace is also called the Dutch Palace.
27. **(B) Vigathakumaran** - Vigathakumaran (1928) by J.C. Daniel.
28. **(A) Balan** - Balan (1938).
29. **(A) Pacha** - Pacha (green) is for noble heroes; Kathi is for villains.
30. **(B) Thiruvananthapuram** - Organised by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy in Thiruvananthapuram.