

Kerala PSC - Village Field Assistant (VFA)

Malayalam Literature - 30 MCQs with Answers

Questions

1. **Who wrote the novel 'Indulekha' (1889)?**
 - (A) O. Chandu Menon
 - (B) C.V. Raman Pillai
 - (C) Appu Nedungadi
 - (D) Thakazhi
2. **'Marthandavarma', the historical novel, was written by:**
 - (A) C.V. Raman Pillai
 - (B) Chandu Menon
 - (C) Basheer
 - (D) S.K. Pottekkatt
3. **Who wrote 'Adhyatma Ramayanam Kilippattu'?**
 - (A) Cherusseri
 - (B) Thunchath Ezhuthachan
 - (C) Poonthanam
 - (D) Kunchan Nambiar
4. **'Krishnagatha' was written by:**
 - (A) Cherusseri
 - (B) Ezhuthachan
 - (C) Unnayi Warriar
 - (D) Poonthanam
5. **Which is considered the earliest work in Malayalam?**
 - (A) Ramacharitham
 - (B) Krishnagatha
 - (C) Njanappana
 - (D) Harinamakeerthanam
6. **'Veenapoovu' (The Fallen Flower) was written by:**
 - (A) Vallathol
 - (B) Ulloor
 - (C) Kumaran Asan
 - (D) Changampuzha
7. **'Duravastha' is a poem by:**
 - (A) Kumaran Asan
 - (B) Vallathol
 - (C) Edasseri
 - (D) Vyloppilly
8. **'Ramanan', the pastoral elegy, was written by:**
 - (A) Changampuzha Krishna Pillai
 - (B) Vailloppilli
 - (C) P. Kunhiraman Nair
 - (D) Edasseri

9. Who won the first Jnanpith Award given to a Malayalam writer?

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

10. 'Chemmeen' (1956) was written by:

- (A) Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai
- (B) Uroob
- (C) Basheer
- (D) Kesava Dev

11. 'Randamoozham', the retelling of the Mahabharata through Bheema, was written by:

- (A) O.V. Vijayan
- (B) M.T. Vasudevan Nair
- (C) M. Mukundan
- (D) Basheer

12. 'Khasakkinte Itihasam' was written by:

- (A) O.V. Vijayan
- (B) M. Mukundan
- (C) Anand
- (D) Sethu

13. 'Pathummayude Aadu' was written by:

- (A) Thakazhi
- (B) Vaikom Muhammad Basheer
- (C) Uroob
- (D) Ponkunnam Varkey

14. 'Ente Katha' is the autobiography of:

- (A) Kamala Das
- (B) Sugathakumari
- (C) Balamani Amma
- (D) Lalithambika Antharjanam

15. Which Kerala-born author won the Booker Prize in 1997?

- (A) Arundhati Roy
- (B) Kiran Desai
- (C) Anita Desai
- (D) Kamala Das

16. 'Nalacharitham Aattakatha' was composed by:

- (A) Kottarakkara Thampuran
- (B) Unnayi Warriar
- (C) Kottayam Thampuran
- (D) Irayimman Thampi

17. 'Njanappana' was written by:

- (A) Poonthanam Nambudiri
- (B) Cherusseri
- (C) Ezhuthachan
- (D) Melpathur

18. Who is known as 'Kerala Panini'?

- (A) A.R. Raja Raja Varma
- (B) Kerala Varma Valiya Koil Thampuran
- (C) Vallathol
- (D) Ulloor

19. 'Aadujeevitham' (Goat Days) was written by:

- (A) Benyamin
- (B) Sethu
- (C) Paul Zacharia
- (D) Anand

20. 'Smarakasilakal' was written by:

- (A) Punathil Kunjabdulla
- (B) M. Mukundan
- (C) T. Padmanabhan
- (D) Basheer

21. 'Mayyazhippuzhayude Theerangalil' was written by:

- (A) M. Mukundan
- (B) O.V. Vijayan
- (C) Basheer
- (D) Madhavikutty

22. In which year did Malayalam get classical language status?

- (A) 2008
- (B) 2011
- (C) 2013
- (D) 2016

23. M.T. Vasudevan Nair received the Jnanpith Award in:

- (A) 1984
- (B) 1995
- (C) 2007
- (D) 2019

24. Who won the Jnanpith Award for 2019?

- (A) Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri
- (B) O.N.V. Kurup
- (C) Thakazhi
- (D) Sugathakumari

25. 'Kayar' won Thakazhi the Jnanpith Award. In which year?

- (A) 1965
- (B) 1984
- (C) 1995
- (D) 2007

26. Which poet is known as 'Muthassi' (grandmother) of Malayalam poetry?

- (A) Sugathakumari
- (B) Balamani Amma
- (C) Kamala Das
- (D) Lalithambika

27. Kerala Sahitya Akademi was established in:

- (A) 1956
- (B) 1960
- (C) 1970
- (D) 1981

28. The Malayalam script is mainly derived from:

- (A) Grantha and Vattezhuthu
- (B) Devanagari
- (C) Persian
- (D) Roman

29. 'Rathrimazha' is a poem by:

- (A) Sugathakumari
- (B) Balamani Amma
- (C) Madhavikutty
- (D) Kamala Surayya

30. 'Atmopadesa Satakam' was written by:

- (A) Sree Narayana Guru
- (B) Chattampi Swami
- (C) Ayyankali
- (D) Vagbhatananda

Answer Key

1. (A) **O. Chandu Menon** - Indulekha by O. Chandu Menon is the first major Malayalam novel.
2. (A) **C.V. Raman Pillai** - C.V. Raman Pillai wrote it in 1891.
3. (B) **Thunchath Ezhuthachan** - Thunchath Ezhuthachan, called the father of modern Malayalam literature.
4. (A) **Cherusseri** - Cherusseri Namboothiri of Kolathunadu.
5. (A) **Ramacharitham** - Ramacharitham by Cheeraman.
6. (C) **Kumaran Asan** - Kumaran Asan, Kavi of Kerala's renaissance.
7. (A) **Kumaran Asan** - Asan's poem on social change in Kerala.
8. (A) **Changampuzha Krishna Pillai** - Changampuzha's Ramanan was hugely popular.
9. (B) **G. Sankara Kurup** - G. Sankara Kurup won in 1965 for Odakkuzhal.
10. (A) **Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai** - A novel on the lives of fisherfolk, by Thakazhi.
11. (B) **M.T. Vasudevan Nair** - M.T. Vasudevan Nair.
12. (A) **O.V. Vijayan** - O.V. Vijayan, a landmark modern Malayalam novel.
13. (B) **Vaikom Muhammad Basheer** - Basheer, known as the 'Sultan of Beypore'.
14. (A) **Kamala Das** - Kamala Das (Madhavikutty).
15. (A) **Arundhati Roy** - Arundhati Roy for 'The God of Small Things'.
16. (B) **Unnayi Warriar** - Unnayi Warriar, a major Kathakali text.
17. (A) **Poonthanam Nambudiri** - A devotional work by Poonthanam.
18. (A) **A.R. Raja Raja Varma** - A.R. Raja Raja Varma wrote Kerala Panineeyam.
19. (A) **Benyamin** - Benyamin, the novel on a Malayali migrant worker.
20. (A) **Punathil Kunjabdulla** - Punathil Kunjabdulla.
21. (A) **M. Mukundan** - M. Mukundan, a novel on Mahe.
22. (C) **2013** - Malayalam was declared a classical language in 2013.
23. (B) **1995** - He received it in 1995.
24. (A) **Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri** - Akkitham received the 55th Jnanpith in 2019.
25. (B) **1984** - Thakazhi was awarded in 1984.
26. (B) **Balamani Amma** - Balamani Amma.
27. (A) **1956** - It was founded in 1956 in Thrissur.
28. (A) **Grantha and Vattezhuthu** - Evolved from the Grantha and Vattezhuthu scripts.
29. (A) **Sugathakumari** - Sugathakumari, who also led the environmental movement.
30. (A) **Sree Narayana Guru** - Sree Narayana Guru's hundred verses of self-instruction.