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MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KOTTAYAM
MGU-UGP (HONOURS) Regular EXAMINATION October 2025
Third SEMESTER
Multi-Disciplinary Courses (MDC) - MG3MDCENG200 - LITERATURE AND
KERALA RENAISSANCE
(2024 ADMISSION ONWARDS)

Duration: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 50

Remember(K), Understand(U), Apply(A), Analyse(An), Evaluate(E), Create(C), Skill(S), Interest(I) and Appreciation(Ap)

Students should attempt at least one question from each course outcome to enhance their overall outcome attainability.

Part A

MCQ

Answer all questions

Each question carries **1** mark

1. Who was the co-founder and the first president of the Nair Service Society? [K] / [CO1]
 - a). Ayyankali
 - b). C.Krishnan
 - c). K. Kelappan
 - d). T.K. Madhavan
2. What is the central aim of the Dakshayani Velayudhan Award? [U] / [CO1]
 - a). To promote Dalit literature
 - b). To empower women through recognition of their contributions
 - c). To honour political leaders
 - d). To support caste-based organizations
3. Name the newspaper published by Sahodaran Ayyappan [K] / [CO1]
 - a). Sahodaran
 - b). Young India

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| c). Harijan | d). Deshabimani | |
| 4. The Cochin Pulaya Maha Sabha was formed following: | | [K] / [CO1] |
| a). The Kayal Sammelanam | b). The Kallumala Samaram | |
| c). The Panthibhojanam | d). The Ezhava Memorial | |
| 5. Ayya Vaikundar was originally born as --- | | [K] / [CO1] |
| a). Muthukutty | b). Subharayan | |
| c). Narayana Guru | d). Sundaram Pillai | |
| 6. Which of the following statement about Arattupuzha Velayudha Panicker is 'incorrect'? | | [U] / [CO1] |
| a). He challenged the domination of upper castes | | |
| b). He opposed the agricultural labourers' strike | | |
| c). He established the first Kathakali yogams for the avarna community | | |
| d). He was a master of Kalaripayattu | | |
| 7. Name the philosophy that deeply influenced Sree Narayana Guru. | | [K] / [CO1] |
| a). Buddhism | b). Jainism | |
| c). Advaita Vedanta | d). Daoism | |
| 8. Name the organization founded by Ayyankali | | [K] / [CO1] |
| a). SNDP Yogam | b). Yogakshema Sabha | |
| c). Nair Service Society | d). Sadhu Jana Paripalana Sangham | |
| 9. Who was known as the “Kerala Gandhi” and participated actively in the Vaikom Satyagraha? | | [K] / [CO1] |
| a). T. K. Madhavan | b). K. Kelappan | |
| c). Mannath Padmanabhan | d). P. Krishna Pillai | |
| 10. Savarna Procession was organised to support which social movement? | | [U] / [CO1] |

- a). Vaikom Satyagraha b). Guruvayur Satyagraha
- c). Kallumala Samaram d). Villuvandi Samaram

11. The statement by Sree Narayana Guru on the Aruvipuram idol emphasized: [U] / [CO1]

- a). The exclusivity of Brahminical rituals
- b). The superiority of one caste over another
- c). The absurdity of caste restrictions and universality of God
- d). The need for political negotiation

12. Who was the editor of Swadeshabhimani when it was banned by the Travancore government? [K] / [CO1]

- a). Vakkom Moulavi b). Ramakrishna Pillai
- c). C.Kesavan d). T.K. Madhavan

13. Which organization managed the Pidiyari collection? [U] / [CO1]

- a). Dharma Sabha of Kerala b). Deepika Sabha
- c). Kerala Social Reform Sabha d). Unnimishihayude Dharma Sabha

14. Who secured the freedom of enslaved families on Munroe Island? [U] / [CO1]

- a). Rev. Benjamin Bailey b). Rev. Joseph Peet
- c). Rev. Norton d). Rev. Charles Mead

15. Which reform initiative, besides widow remarriage, was Parvathi Nenmenimangalam actively involved in? [U] / [CO1]

- a). Land reforms b). Inter-caste dining
- c). Education of Dalits d). Anti-liquor campaigns

16. Where did the poet mention his people lived since long ago in the poem 'No Alphabet in Sight' [K] / [CO2]
- a). Tamil Nadu b). Andhra Pradesh
- c). Kerala d). Bihar
17. According to the "Song of Onam", what was the status of men and women during Maveli's reign? [An] / [CO2]
- a). Men were dominant b). Both were equally free
- c). Women were inferior d). Only men had access to education
18. According to "Anukampa Dasakam", what continues to endure even after the human body perishes? [U] / [CO2]
- a). Wealth b). Compassion and Mercy
- c). Fame of Kings d). Rituals
19. What was Madhavi's main defence in the impersonation trial? [U] / [CO3]
- a). Letters from her husband
- b). Her memory of the visitors and their details
- c). Testimony of her mother
- d). The broker's statement
20. How old was Ponnamma when she gave her account in the text "Profiles from the Past .." [K] / [CO3]
- a). 70 b). 76 c). 80 d). 86

[1x20 = 20]

Part B

SHORT ESSAY

Answer any **6** questions

Each question carries **5** marks

21. Describe the key demands of the Ezhava Memorial and their importance in the struggle against caste discrimination. [U] / [CO1]
22. Discuss the author's use of realism in the novel Saraswativijayam. To what extent does the novel reflect actual [U] / [CO2]

conditions of its time?

23. Examine the role of the legal system in the novel *Saraswativijayam*. What does it represent about the possibility of social change from within the existing system? [A] / [CO2]
24. How does Kumaran Asan use contrast between purity and impurity to critique social norms in "Chandalabhikshuki"? [A] / [CO2]
25. In the play "From the Kitchen to the Stage", how do the neighbours and women react to the sudden stopping of the marriage? [An] / [CO2]
26. How did Bhargavi Amma pursue education and find work? [K] / [CO3]
27. Which books and authors does Devaki recall reading during her childhood and early youth? [K] / [CO3]
28. Examine the social and cultural barriers that Mary Lukose encountered in her pursuit of medical education and how she overcame them. [U] / [CO3]
29. Write a short essay on the "winds of change" that reached Mookkuthala in 1931. [U] / [CO3]

[5x6 = 30]