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**Entrance Examination for Admission to the P.G. Courses in the
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MANUSCRIPTOLOGY AND PALAEOGRAPHY

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General Instructions

1. The Question Paper is having 100 Objective Questions, each carrying one mark.
2. The answers are to be (✓) 'tick marked' **only** in the "**Response Sheet**" provided.
3. **Negative marking : 0.25 marks** will be deducted for each wrong answer .

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

To be filled in by the Candidate

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Choose appropriate answer from the options in the questions.

(100 × 1 = 100 marks)

1. Who among the following discovered Bhasandakas?
 - A. Pandit Ganapathishastrikal
 - B. Attur Krishnapisharody
 - C. Mahakavi Ulloor
 - D. C.P. Achyuta Monon

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2. What are the names of the chapters in Leelathilakam?

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| A. Sargam | B. Kandam |
| C. Silpa | D. Udyotam |

3. Which of the following is a book related to Buddhism

- A. Perumal Thirumozhi
- B. Āryamañjuśrī-mūlakalpa
- C. Tolkappiyam
- D. Mooshakavamsam

4. In which magazine was Leelathilakam first published?
 - A. Mangalodayam
 - B. Bhashaposhini
 - C. Vidyavinodini
 - D. Rasikaranjini
5. What is a key purpose of manuscript cataloging?
 - A. Enhancing readability
 - B. Facilitating access
 - C. Increasing value
 - D. Modernizing content
6. Who discovered and published the 'Padyaratnam'?
 - A. Dr. PK Narayana Pillai
 - B. B.R. Narayana Panicker
 - C. Sahita Panchanan PK Narayana Pillai
 - D. None of the above
7. Who wrote the commentary Deepika on Nalacharith?
 - A. A.R Rajaraja Varma
 - B. M.H Shastrikal
 - C. Deshamangalamthu Warriar
 - D. Panmana Ramachandran Nair
8. Which of the following coins was in circulation in Travancore?
 - A. Veerarayan
 - B. Pagoda
 - C. Puthan
 - D. Varahan
9. Which inscription mentions Kanthalur Shala?
 - A. Parthivapuram inscription
 - B. Tharisappally inscription
 - C. Kandiur inscription
 - D. Veeraraghavapattayam

10. Whose work is Bhashacharitham?
- A. Sankaran Nambiar B. P Govindapillai
C. N Krishna Pillai D. Mahakavi Ulloor
11. Who is the author of Duryodhana Vadham Attakatha?
- A. Irayimman Thambi
B. Vayakara Aryan Moosath
C. Muringoor Sankaran Potti
D. Kottarathil Sankunni
12. Whose work is Introduction to Indian Textual Criticism?
- A. S.M. Katre B. S.R. Bhandatkar
C. M.A. Stein D. Freedom Bowers
13. Whose work is Venvaroham?
- A. Vadasseri Parameswaran B. Sangrama Madhavan
C. Kelallur Chomathiri D. Sankaranarayanan
14. What is the subject of 'Manushyalayachandrika'?
- A. Ayurveda B. Grammar
C. Astronomy D. Architecture
15. Which of the following is not a Mahakavya?
- A. Malayavilasam B. Chitrayogam
C. Keshaviyam D. Sreeyesuvijayam
16. Which of the following institute published The Critical Edition of Mahabharata – Edited by V.S. Sukhtankar?
- A. ORI & MSS Library, University of Kerala
B. The Adyar Library and Research Centre
C. Oriental Institute Library, Vadodara
D. Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute Pune

17. What does Palimpsest mean?
- A. Manuscript erased and rewritten
 - B. Manuscript with illuminations
 - C. Manuscript with gilded edges
 - D. Manuscript written in multiple languages
18. Who among the following wrote a study on the Rigveda?
- A. Kapil Kapoor
 - B. Sir William Jones
 - C. Charles Wilkins
 - D. Max Müller
19. What is colophon?
- A. Opening Statement of a manuscript
 - B. Decorative pattern in a manuscript
 - C. Closing statement of a manuscript
 - D. Type of manuscript binding
20. Which of the following is a Manipravala work?
- A. Kannasaramayanam
 - B. Ramacharitham
 - C. Thiruvunizhalmala
 - D. Ananthapuravarnanam
21. Which category does 'Kerala Pazhama' belongs to?
- A. Epic
 - B. History
 - C. Travelogue
 - D. Architecture
22. Who adapted the music of Mohiniyattam into Carnatic music style?
- A. Mahakavi Vallathol
 - B. Swathi Thirunal
 - C. Irayimman Thampi
 - D. Karthika Thirunal

23. The first Chambukavamy in the Malayalam language is :
A. Unniyachee Charitham
B. Unnichiruthevee Charitham
C. Bhasha Naishadham Chambuk
D. Unniyadee Charitham
24. "Kadavallur Anyonyam" is a competitive examination based on which subject?
A. Mimamsa
B. Tharkka sastra
C. Rigveda
D. Yajurveda
25. Who among the following reported Edakkal Caves?
A. E. Hultsch
B. Fred Fawcett
C. Philip Lake
D. William Logan
26. The national emblem of India, the Lion Capital of Ashoka, was discovered at which of the following site?
A. Sanchi
B. Lumbini
C. Sarnath
D. Bodh Gaya
27. Whose work is Shukasandesham?
A. Sukumara Kavi
B. Lakshmidasan
C. Uddanda Shastri
D. Kalidasa
28. Which process corrects textual errors?
A. Recension
B. Conflation
C. Glossing
D. Emendation
29. Who among the following translated the Bhagavad Gita into Malayalam?
A. Madhava Panicker
B. Ezhuthachan
C. Ramapurathu Warriar
D. Rama Panicker

30. The script used to write Sanskrit terms and edicts in ancient times in Kerala?
- A. Vattezhuthu
 - B. Granthaksharam
 - C. Malayarzhma
 - D. Kolezhuthu
31. Which work was written as per the wishes of King Udayavarman of Kolathunadu?
- A. Ramacharitam
 - B. Chandrotsavam
 - C. Krishnagatha
 - D. Ramayanam Champu
32. The instrument 'Mizhavu' is used in which of the following art form?
- A. Theyyam
 - B. Kathakali
 - C. Chakyarkooth
 - D. Mohiniyattam
33. In which year was the Udayamperoor Synod held?
- A. 1599
 - B. 1717
 - C. 1653
 - D. 1524
34. Who among the following did not participate in the Vaikom Satyagraha?
- A. K Kelappan
 - B. TK. Madhavan
 - C. TR. Krishnaswamy Iyer
 - D. Pattom Thanupillai
35. Which of the following was related to Smarthavicharam in Kerala?
- A. Agnyadhanam
 - B. Kandannirikkal
 - C. Swaroopam Chollal
 - D. Atmamkodukkal
36. Where is the Kerala Folklore Academy located?
- A. Kannur
 - B. Ernakulam
 - C. Thiruvananthapuram
 - D. Thrissur

37. Who founded the Aluva Advetashramam in 1913?
- A. Chattambi Swamikal
 - B. Sreenarayana Guru
 - C. Swami Agamananda
 - D. Brahmananda Shivayogi
38. The instrument “Chandravalayam” was used when singing which poem.
- A. Ashtapadi
 - B. Thottampattu
 - C. Ramakathappattu
 - D. Kaikottikkalipattatu
39. Which of the following pairs is correct?
- A. Kavi Ramayanam – Kerala Varma
 - B. Kavi Samajam – Kandhathil Varghese Mappila
 - C. Text Book Committee – Mahakavi Ulloor
 - D. Balakaleshavadam - Kumaranasan
40. Who was the first to translate Abhijnashakuntalam into English?
- A. Sir William Jones
 - B. KM. Ganguli
 - C. Sir Charles Wilkins
 - D. KM Munshi
41. Who gave the Title of Mahatma to Gandhi?
- A. Rabindranath Tagore
 - B. CR Das
 - C. Jawaharlal Nehru
 - D. Vinoba Bhave
42. AL Basham’s book The Wonder that was India belongs to which category?
- A. Spiritual
 - B. History
 - C. Literature
 - D. Philosophy
43. Who composed the National song of India, Vande Mataram?
- A. Subashchandra Bose
 - B. Gandhiji
 - C. Gopal Krishna Gokhale
 - D. Bankim Chandra Chatterjee

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51. What is Paleography?
- A. Study of old paintings
 - B. Study of ancient writing
 - C. Study of ancient coins
 - D. Study of inscriptions
52. Whose book is Indian Epigraphy?
- A. D.C. Sircar
 - B. Romila Thapar
 - C. DD Kosambi
 - D. Ram Sharan Sharma
53. Which ancient script was used in Mesopotamia for record-keeping?
- A. Brahmi
 - B. Cuneiform
 - C. Hieroglyphs
 - D. Greek
54. Which country is known for the earliest use of oracle bone inscriptions?
- A. China
 - B. India
 - C. Mesopotamia
 - D. Persia
55. What was the common shape of Indus Valley seals?
- A. Triangular
 - B. Circular
 - C. Rectangular
 - D. Square
56. Which mythical animal is commonly depicted on Indus Valley seals?
- A. Tiger
 - B. Cow
 - C. Lion
 - D. Unicorn
57. Who discovered the Vazhappally copper plate inscription?
- A. T.A Gopinatha Rao
 - B. K.G Shesha Iyer
 - C. Srinivasa Sastri
 - D. Elamkulam Kunjanpillai

58. Who wrote the hymn poem Ghanasangham?
- A. Kodungallur Kunjikuttan Thampuran
 - B. Poonthanam
 - C. Vilwamanalathu Swamyar
 - D. Melputhur Narayana Bhattathiri
59. Who wrote the book Grammar of the Malabar Language?
- A. Arnos Pathiri
 - B. Seshagiri Prabhu
 - C. Robert Drummond
 - D. George Mathan
60. The largest tribal group in Kerala is
- A. Paniyar
 - B. Koragar
 - C. Ulladar
 - D. Kanikkar
61. Which famous monument in India is a UNESCO World Heritage Site?
- A. Sun Temple
 - B. Taj Mahal
 - C. Qutub Minar
 - D. Red Fort
62. Which Indian city is known as the cultural capital of India?
- A. Jaipur
 - B. Kolkata
 - C. Chennai
 - D. Varanasi
63. Which traditional Indian painting style is famous in Rajasthan?
- A. Pichwai
 - B. Madhubani
 - C. Miniature
 - D. Warli
64. Which Indian textile is famous for its intricate saree work?
- A. Kanjeeपुरam
 - B. Banarasi
 - C. Chanderi
 - D. Pashmina
65. Which is the largest museum in India?
- A. Indian Museum, Kolkata
 - B. National Museum, New Delhi
 - C. Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad
 - D. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai

66. How many Melakarta ragas are there in Carnatic music?
- A. 8 B. 14
C. 28 D. 72
67. Which of these poems praises Maharaja Marthanda Varma by Kunchan Nambiar?
- A. Shabhapravesham
B. Ghoshayatra
C. Tripura Dahanam
D. Kalyanasaugandhikam
68. In which year did the Kallumala strike take place?
- A. 1912 B. 1921
C. 1915 D. 1886
69. Who wrote a free translation of Ibsen's Rosmer Shom titled Mullakkal Bhavanam?
- A. N Krishna Pillai B. C Narayana Pillai
C. C.J Thomas D. K Damodaran
70. Who wrote the commentary 'Randu Malayala Mamarakal' on the works Harinamakirthanam and Jnanappana?
- A. Prof. G. Balakrishnan Nair
B. Chelanattu Achutha Menon
C. Dr. B.C Balakrishnan
D. Srinivasa Ayyankar
71. Whose autobiography is Dakshinayanam?
- A. Mannathu Padmanabhan
B. Prof. S Guptan Nair
C. V.T Bhattathiripad
D. C Kesavan

72. Where is the palm leaf manuscript of 'Chitraramayana' kept?
- A. ORI & MSS Library, University of Kerala
 - B. Saraswati Mahal Library, Thanjavur
 - C. Rajasthan Oriental Research Institute, Jodhpur
 - D. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Allahabad
73. Restoration of the text of the author in Textual criticism is called
- A. Higher criticism
 - B. Emendation
 - C. Recension
 - D. Heuristics
74. What is Numismatics?
- A. The study and collection of currency, coins and tokens.
 - B. The study of Fort
 - C. Study of ancient texts
 - D. An old printing method
75. The martial dance form Choliya is associated with which state?
- A. Madhya Pradesh
 - B. West Bengal
 - C. Telangana
 - D. Uttarakhand
76. What are the names of the collections of sacred hymns composed in the form of verses and are dedicated to different gods and goddesses in the Vedas?
- A. Brahamanas
 - B. Aranyaks
 - C. Upanishads
 - D. Samhitas
77. A demonic cult that existed during the Sangha period
- A. Thodaikanchi
 - B. Kalavelvi
 - C. Madaleral
 - D. Vetchipor

78. Who among the following translated Kalidasa's Megha Sandesa into Malayalam prose?
- A. Vadakkumkur Rajaraja Varma
 - B. G. Sankara Kurup
 - C. Pandalam Kerala Varma
 - D. Kuttikrishna Marar
79. Which is not among the five great Tamil epics?
- A. Chilapathikaram
 - B. Kundalakesi
 - C. Thiruppavai
 - D. Valayapati
80. Prakriyasawam belongs to which category of work?
- A. Mimamsa
 - B. Grammar
 - C. Tantric
 - D. Vedic
81. In which of the following works is Manigramma mentioned?
- A. Payyannur Patola
 - B. Unniyati Charitham
 - C. Chandrotsavam
 - D. Thirunizhalmala
82. Which instrument is not included in the Panchavadyam?
- A. Timila
 - B. Maddalam
 - C. Illathalam
 - D. Chenda
83. Which architectural style is seen in the temples of Khajuraho?
- A. Dravidian
 - B. Nagara
 - C. Vesara
 - D. Indo-Saracenic
84. Who among the following wrote the commentary on the Brahma Sutra?
- A. Dayananda Saraswati
 - B. Shankaracharya
 - C. Chattampi Swamikal
 - D. Madhavacharya

85. How many letters did Kerala Panini include in the Malayalam alphabets?
 A. 51 B. 54
 C. 53 D. 50
86. Who is the founder of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)?
 A. BB Lal B. Henry Heras
 C. Alexander Cunningham D. Mortimer Wheeler
87. Which Manipravala work mentions the coin 'Aanayach'?
 A. Naishadham Champu B. Unniyachi Charitham
 C. Unniyati Charitham D. Unnuni Nilisandesham
88. The first document to use the year 'Kollavarsham'
 A. Mampalli Copper plate B. Chokkor Edict
 C. Avittathur Edict D. Tharisapally Copper plate
89. Which of the following was a writing surface made from animal skin in ancient times?
 A. Wax tablet B. Birch bark
 C. Ostraca D. Prschment
90. The Indus Script is primarily classified as :
 A. Alphabetic B. Pictographic
 C. Cuneiform D. Hieroglyphic
91. Who is credited with deciphering the Brahmi script?
 A. Alexander Cunningham B. James Prinsep
 C. John Marshall D. R. Banerji.
92. Keezhadi is an important archaeological site located near which river?
 A. Vaigai B. Kaveri
 C. krishna D. Thamraparni

93. The year of foundation of Kerala Sahitya Akademi is
 A. 1951 B. 1967
 C. 1956 D. 1930
94. Which of the following is the characteristic feature of the Megalithic culture in Kerala?
 A. Rock-cut caves B. Cist burials
 C. Urn burials D. All of the above
95. In which year did Malayalam get the status of a Classical language?
 A. 2010 B. 2012
 C. 2013 D. 2008
96. The discovery of an image of Lokeshwara by M. Foucher with the short inscription "Dakshinapathe Mulavasa Lokanatha" was found from?
 A. Gandhara B. Saranath
 C. Lumbini D. Mathura
97. Which of the following novels is incomplete?
 A. Indulekha B. Saraswati Vijayam
 C. Sarada D. Akbar
98. Whose work is "Jeevakaranyanirupanam"?
 A. Vaikunda Swamikal
 B. Chattampi Swamikal
 C. Swami Aagamananda
 D. Poykayil Kumaragurudevan
99. Where was the Paippalada manuscripts of the Atharvaveda discovered?
 A. Jammu and Kashmir B. Rajasthan
 C. Maharashtra D. Punjab
100. What is the study of book history?
 A. Philology B. Codicology
 C. Orthography D. Exegesis

RESPONSE SHEET

1	A B C D E	26	A B C D E	51	A B C D E	76	A B C D E
2	A B C D E	27	A B C D E	52	A B C D E	77	A B C D E
3	A B C D E	28	A B C D E	53	A B C D E	78	A B C D E
4	A B C D E	29	A B C D E	54	A B C D E	79	A B C D E
5	A B C D E	30	A B C D E	55	A B C D E	80	A B C D E
6	A B C D E	31	A B C D E	56	A B C D E	81	A B C D E
7	A B C D E	32	A B C D E	57	A B C D E	82	A B C D E
8	A B C D E	33	A B C D E	58	A B C D E	83	A B C D E
9	A B C D E	34	A B C D E	59	A B C D E	84	A B C D E
10	A B C D E	35	A B C D E	60	A B C D E	85	A B C D E
11	A B C D E	36	A B C D E	61	A B C D E	86	A B C D E
12	A B C D E	37	A B C D E	62	A B C D E	87	A B C D E
13	A B C D E	38	A B C D E	63	A B C D E	88	A B C D E
14	A B C D E	39	A B C D E	64	A B C D E	89	A B C D E
15	A B C D E	40	A B C D E	65	A B C D E	90	A B C D E
16	A B C D E	41	A B C D E	66	A B C D E	91	A B C D E
17	A B C D E	42	A B C D E	67	A B C D E	92	A B C D E
18	A B C D E	43	A B C D E	68	A B C D E	93	A B C D E
19	A B C D E	44	A B C D E	69	A B C D E	94	A B C D E
20	A B C D E	45	A B C D E	70	A B C D E	95	A B C D E
21	A B C D E	46	A B C D E	71	A B C D E	96	A B C D E
22	A B C D E	47	A B C D E	72	A B C D E	97	A B C D E
23	A B C D E	48	A B C D E	73	A B C D E	98	A B C D E
24	A B C D E	49	A B C D E	74	A B C D E	99	A B C D E
25	A B C D E	50	A B C D E	75	A B C D E	100	A B C D E

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