

B.A HISTORY III SEM CORE 1

HISTORY OF MODERN KERALA

QUESTION BANK

1. The earliest settlers of Kerala were
 - a) Brahmins
 - b) Kshatriyas
 - c) Proto-Negroids
 - d) None of the above
2. The famous Kerala born Indian philosopher of 9th cent AD
 - a) Sankaraachaarya
 - b) Sree Narayana Guru
 - c) Kautilya
 - d) None of the above
3. Excavation work for the ancient Kerala city of Mahodayapuram is going on in
 - a) Kannur
 - b) Kasarkod
 - c) Thiruvananthapuram
 - d) Kodungalloor
4. Which one of the following Christian saint is believed to have visited Kerala in the 1st cent?
 - a) St. Thomas
 - b) St. Peter
 - c) St. Paul & St. Peter
 - d) Mar Dionysius
5. Which one of the following Kerala King is believed to have visited Mecca and converted to Islam?
 - a) Zamuthiri
 - b) Konathiri
 - c) Cheraman Perumal
 - d) None of the above
6. The first European to visit Kerala was from
 - a. England
 - b. Portugal
 - c. France
 - d. None of the above
7. Mamankam was held along the banks of
 - a) Bharatha Puzha
 - b) Periyar
 - c) Chaliyar
 - d) None of the above
8. Which one of the following custom was abolished by Sree Kerala Varma in 1696?

- a) Mannappedi
 - b) Pulappedi
 - c) Untouchability
 - d) Both (a) and (b)
9. Which one of the following was a Christian missionary group in Kerala
- a) LMS
 - b) CMS
 - c) BEM
 - d) All the above
10. The first Malayalam-English dictionary was prepared by the missionary named
- a) W. T. Ringletaube
 - b) Henry Baker
 - c) Rev. J. Dawson
 - d) Herman Gundert
11. Sree Narayana Guru was born in
- a) Chempazanthi
 - b) Aruvipuram
 - c) Varkala
 - d) Aluva
12. The Aruvipuram Siva prathishta by Sree Narayana Guru was in the year
- a) 1888
 - b) 1889
 - c) 1890
 - d) 1891
13. Sree Naryana Guru had close contacts with
- a) Chattampi Swamikal
 - b) Gandhiji
 - c) Tagore
 - d) All the above
14. Who said that Sree Narayana Guru was a Paramaacharya of modern India?
- a) Gandhiji
 - b) Nehru
 - c) Ulloor S. Parameshwara Aiyar
 - d) None of the above
15. Sadhujana Paripaalana Sangham was founded by
- a) Ayyankali
 - b) Sree Narayana Guru
 - c) Chattampi Swamigal
 - d) None of the above
16. Pulaya Mahasabha was instituted by
- a) Sree Narayana Guru
 - b) Chattampi Swamikal
 - c) Ayyankali
 - d) None of the above
17. Who among the following was called as 'Pulaya Raj' by Gandhiji?
- a) Sree Narayana Guru

- b) Chattampi Swamikal
- c) Ayyankali
- d) None of the above.

18. Who urged the Pulaya Women to get rid of “kallu mala” for proper upper clothes?

- a) Sree Narayana Guru
- b) Chattampi Swamikal
- c) Ayyankali
- d) None of the above

19. Who is associated with the movement ‘misra-bhojanam’?

- a) Ayyankali
- b) Chattampi Swamikal
- c) Sahodaran Ayyappan
- d) None of the Above

20. Vidya Poshini Sabha was founded by

- a) Sahoraran Ayyappan
- b) Sree Narayan Guru
- c) Chattampi Swamikal
- d) None of the above

21. SNDP Yogam was founded by

- a) Sree Narayana Guru
- b) Dr. Palpu
- c) Kumaranasan
- d) None of the above

22. The Nair Service Society was founded by

- a) Sree Narayana Guru
- b) Chattampi Swamikal
- c) Mannath Padmanaabhan
- d) None of the above

23. Yogakshema Sabha was a social movement among

- a) Namboothiris
- b) Ezhavas
- c) Nairs
- d) Christians

24. The social reformist drama ‘adukkaliyil ninnum arangathekku’ was a product of

- a) K. T. Muhammed Bashir
- b) N. N. Pillai
- c) E.M. Sankaran Namboothiripad
- d) V. T. Bhattathirippad

25. Portuguese trader-traveller by name Vaso da Gama landed at Kerala at

- a) Kozhikoe
- b) Kappad
- c) Kodungalloor
- d) Koilandi

26. The major supporters of Pazzassi Raja were

- a) Brahmins
- b) Kurichiya tribes men

- c) British traders
- d) None of the above

27. The Channar Agitation for the rights of women to wear proper upper clothes was in the year

- a) 1859
- b) 1759
- c) 1880
- d) 1890

28. The basic issue of Malayali Memmorial was

- a) Democratic rights
- b) Right to vote
- c) Right against exploitation
- d) Government jobs

29. The Ezhava Memorial which came 5 years after Malayali Memorial was in the year

- a) 1891
- b) 1896
- c) 1901
- d) 1906

30. Who was instrumental in establishing the Indian National Congress in Kerala?

- a) K. Kelappan
- b) EMS Namboothiripad
- c) K. P. Kesava Menon
- d) None of the above

31. 'Wagon Tragedy' was in the year

- a) 1921
- b) 1922
- c) 1931
- d) 1932

32. 'Mathrubhumi' daily was started by

- a) Kandathil Varghese Mappilai
- b) CMS missionaries
- c) K. P. Kesava Menon
- d) K. Kelappan

33. 'Vaikkaom Satyagraha' was in the year

- a) 1924
- b) 1954
- c) 1964
- d) 1974

34. The 'Savarna Jatha' in association with Vaikkom Satyagraha was led by

- a) Sree Narayan Guru
- b) Mannath Padmanabhan
- c) C. Kesavan
- d) K. Kelappan

35. The Guruvayur Satyagraha was held in the year

- a) 1921-22
- b) 1931-32

- c) 1941-42
 - d) None of the above
36. Punnapra Vayalar Revolt was in the year
- a) 1936
 - b) 1946
 - c) 1956
 - d) 1928
37. The Kayyur incident was in the year
- a) 1931
 - b) 1941
 - c) 1951
 - d) 1928
38. The Karivellur samara was in the year
- a) 1946
 - b) 1936
 - c) 1926
 - d) 1928
39. Travancore Legislative Council was formed in the year
- a) 1888
 - b) 1881
 - c) 1891
 - d) 1889
40. Sri Mulam Praja Sabha (Sri Mulam Popular Assembly) was formed in the year
- a) 1888
 - b) 1904
 - c) 1889
 - d) 1900
41. The State of Kerala was formed on
- a) 14th August 1947
 - b) 15th August 1947
 - c) 1st November 1956
 - d) 15th August 1956
42. Kerala went to her first polls in
- a) August 15th 1947
 - b) January 26th 1950
 - c) March 1957
 - d) None of the above
43. The first Chief Minister of Kerala is
- a) E.M. Sankaran Namboothiripad
 - b) K. P. Kesava Menon
 - c) Panampilli Govinda Menon
 - d) K. Karunakaran
44. The original number of seats in the Kerala Legislative Assembly was
- a) 16
 - b) 20
 - c) 126

d) 140

45. The first leader of opposition of Kerala Legislative Assembly was

- a) P. T. Chacko
- b) E.M.S. Namboothiripad
- c) K. Karunakaran
- d) None of the above

46. The first speaker of Kerala Legislative Assembly was

- a) R. Sankara Narayanan Thampi
- b) K. M. Seethi Sahib
- c) C. H. Mohammed Koya
- d) Alexander Parambithara

47. The first Governor of the State of Kerala

- a) Dr. B. Ramakrishna Rao
- b) V. V. Giri
- c) Ajith Prasad Jain
- d) Bhagvan Sahai

48. The leader of Vimochana Samaram was

- a) K. P. Kesava Menon
- b) K. Kelappan
- c) K. Karunakaran
- d) Mannath Padmanabhan

49. The second Kerala Ministry known as the three party alliance consisted of

- a) Congress, Praja Socialist Party, Muslim League
- b) Congress, CPI, and Muslim League
- c) CPM, Muslim League and Praja Socialist Party
- d) None of the above

50. The chronological order of first three chief Ministers of Kerala is

- a) K. Karunakaran, E. M. Sankaran Namboothiripad, R. Sankar
- b) E. M. Sankaran Namboothiripad, Pattom A Thanu Pillai, R. Sankar
- c) E. M. Sankaran Namboothiripad, K. Karunakaran, R. Sankar
- d) E. M. Sankaran Namboothiripad, R. Sankar, C. Achutha Menon

51. When national emergency was in operation, the Chief Minister of Kerala was

- a) Oommen Chandy
- b) K. Karunakaran
- c) E.M. Sankaran Namboothiripad
- d) C. Achutha Menon

52. Name the Chief Minister who had to resign owing to ISRO espionage case

- a) K. Karunakaran
- b) C. Achutha Menon
- c) P. K. Vasudevan Nair
- d) A. K. Antony

53. The veteran congress leader, K. Karunakaran formed a party in 2005. Name it.

- a) Indian National Congress (K)
- b) Democratic Indira Congress (K)
- c) Indira Congress (K)
- d) Indira Congress

54. In Kerala, the difference in % of votes polled by LDF and UDF had never been more than

- a) 1%
- b) 3%
- c) 5%
- d) 6%.

55. Who among the following had presented the largest number of Budgets in Kerala?

- a) Vakkom Purushothaman
- b) Oommen Chandy
- c) K. M. Mani
- d) Thomas Issac

56. RSP (B) stands for

- a) Revolutionary Socialist Party (Bolshevik)
- b) Revolutionary Socialist Party (Baby John)
- c) Republican Socialist Party (Bolshevik)
- d) Kerala Revolutionary Socialist Party (Baby John)

57. Which front/s had candidates in all Assembly seats in Kerala, in 2011?

- a) United Democratic Front- UDF
- b) Left Democratic Front – LDF
- c) National Democratic Alliance – NDA
- d) All the above

58. The number of votes polled in 2011 Assembly elections is around

- a) 2 crores
- b) 3 crores
- c) 1.75 crores
- d) 2.25 crores

59. Kerala had been under President's rule for

- a) 4 times
- b) 11 times
- c) 12 times
- d) 13 times

60. The longest serving member of the Kerala Assembly is

- a) K. M. Mani
- b) K. R. Gauri
- c) K. Karunakaran
- d) None of the above

61. The Kerala chief Minister who served for the longest period

- a) K. Karunakaran
- b) A. K. Antony
- c) E. K. Nayanar
- d) None of the above

62. Year in which elections were held, but Assembly cannot be constituted:

- a) 1957
- b) 1965
- c) 1966
- d) 1975

63. SNDP is
- a) A caste interest group
 - b) Religious interest group
 - c) Economic interest group
 - d) None of the above
64. The earliest trade union in Kerala:
- a) CITU
 - b) TLS
 - c) TLA
 - d) TCFWU
65. Travancore Labour Association was founded by
- a) Vadapuram Bhava
 - b) R. Sugathan
 - c) T. V. Thomas
 - d) P. N. Krishna Pillai
66. The trade union registered first in Kerala was known as
- a) TLA
 - b) TCFWU
 - c) CITU
 - d) INTUC
67. Which place is known as the granary of Kerala?
- a. Kuttanad
 - b. Wayanad
 - c. Eranad
 - d. None of the above
68. Who among the following is NOT a leader of Punnapra-Vayalar agitation?
- a) T. V. Thomas
 - b) K. C. George
 - c) Varghese Vaidyan
 - d) K. Kelappan
69. Name the Dewan of Travancore associated with the 'American Model' administration?
- a) Sir. C. P. Ramaswami Iyer
 - b) Sir. C. P. Ramaswami Iyyankar
 - c) Sir. C. P. Sankaran Nair
 - d) None of the above
70. The first Land Reform Bill of the State of Kerala was introduced by
- a) E. M. Sankaran Namboothiripad
 - b) T. V. Thomas
 - c) K. V. Thomas
 - d) K. R. Gauri
71. The Industrial relations Bill of the ministry of 1957 was introduced by
- a) E. M. Sankaran Namboothiripad
 - b) T. V. Thomas
 - c) K. V. Thomas
 - d) K. R. Gauri

72. The Education Bill of the first EMS ministry was introduced by
- a) E. M. Sankaran Namboothiripad
 - b) T. V. Thomas
 - c) Joseph Mudasseri
 - d) K. R. Gauri
73. The 'Vimochana Samaram' was to oust
- a) E.M.S. Namboothiripad Ministry
 - b) Sir. C. P. Ramaswami Iyer
 - c) Pattom A. Thanu Pillai ministry
 - d) British rule from Travancore
74. Who was the Chief Minister of the Congress, PSP, Muslim League alliance of 1960?
- a) R. Sankar
 - b) Pattom A. Thanu Pillai
 - c) C. H. Muhammed Koya
 - d) None of the above
75. The Travancore Legislative Council made
- a) Laws
 - b) Rules
 - c) Regulations
 - d) None of the above
76. The Temple entry Proclamation was in the year
- a) 1936
 - b) 1937
 - c) 1947
 - d) 1924
77. The three tier Panchayathi Raj system was introduced in Kerala in the year
- a) 1960
 - b) 1980
 - c) 1994
 - d) None of the above
78. The Commission for backward classes was introduced in Kerala in the year
- a) 1993
 - b) 1995
 - c) 1996
 - d) 2008
79. Vanitha Commission in Kerala was introduced in the year
- a. 1993
 - b. 1995
 - c. 1996
 - d. 2008
80. The total number of Bills passed by the Kerala legislature is close to
- a) 1500
 - b) 2500
 - c) 3500
 - d) 800
81. The first Kerala Legislative Assembly functioned between

- a) 1957-59
- b) 1960-64
- c) 1967-1970
- d) 1970-77

82. The three tier Panchayathi Raj system was introduced by which constitutional amendment?

- a) 72rd
- b) 74th
- c) 75th
- d) 42nd

83. The approximate number of Gram Panchayaths in Kerala is

- a) 1000
- b) 2000
- c) 3000
- d) 800

84. The approximate number of Block Panchayaths in Kerala is around

- a) 50
- b) 150
- c) 250
- d) 350

85. Kerala shows high development in the field of

- a) Education
- b) Health
- c) Gender parity
- d) All the above

86. In Kerala, Sex Ratio is favourable to

- a) Women
- b) Men
- c) Children
- d) None of the above

87. The 'New Social Movements' are prevalent among

- a) Dalits
- b) Women
- c) Fisherfolk
- d) All the above

88. Leader of Adivasi Gothra Maha Sabha

- a) C. K. Janu
- b) K. C. Rosakkutti
- c) M. Kamalam
- d) None of the above

89. The Child Death Rate/1000 in Kerala is nearly

- a) 14
- b) 40
- c) 73
- d) None of the above

90. Which of the following is/are NGO/s working for women's welfare?

- a) Thanal
- b) SEWA
- c) Anweshi
- d) All the above

91. In which year the Presidential rule in Kerala was enforced for the first time?

- a) 1960
- b) 1959
- c) 1962
- d) 1964

92. Which is the largest fresh water lake in India?

- a) Astamudi
- b) Wular
- c) Kolleru
- d) Vembanad

93. What is the total coastal length of Kerala?

- a) 290Km
- b) 590 Km
- c) 490Km
- d) 440 Km

94. Vasco da Gama landed in Kerala in the year

- a) 1498
- b) 1598
- c) 1600
- d) 1602

95. According to 2011 census data, sex ratio of Kerala is_____?

- a) 1020
- b) 1100
- c) 1084
- d) 1050

96. According to 2011 census data, Population of Kerala is_____?

- a) 33,388,000
- b) 37,388,000
- c) 34,456,000
- d) 41,346,000

97. The Number of Lok Sabha seats in Kerala:

- a) 14
- b) 20
- c) 144
- d) 140

98. On which of the following day Kerala statehood day is observed?

- a) November 1st
- b) December 1st
- c) August 1st
- d) October 1st

99. What is the total number of elected representatives in Kerala legislative assembly?

- a) 120

- b) 140
- c) 155
- d) 160

100. Total number of rivers in Kerala is ____?

- a) 23
- b) 44
- c) 36
- d) 41

ANSWER KEY

- 1. c
- 2. a
- 3. d
- 4. a
- 5. c
- 6. b
- 7. a
- 8. d
- 9. d
- 10. d
- 11. a
- 12. a
- 13. d
- 14. c
- 15. a
- 16. c
- 17. c
- 18. c
- 19. c
- 20. a
- 21. b
- 22. c
- 23. a
- 24. d
- 25. b
- 26. b
- 27. a
- 28. d
- 29. b
- 30. a
- 31. a
- 32. c
- 33. a
- 34. b
- 35. b

36. b
37. b
38. a
39. a
40. b
41. c
42. c
43. a
44. d
45. a
46. a
47. a
48. d
49. a
50. b
51. d
52. a
53. b
54. d
55. c
56. a
57. d
58. c
59. a
60. b
61. c
62. b
63. a
64. c
65. a
66. b
67. a
68. d
69. a
70. d
71. b
72. c
73. a
74. c
75. a
76. a
77. c
78. a
79. b
80. a
81. a

- 82. a
- 83. a
- 84. b
- 85. d
- 86. a
- 87. d
- 88. a
- 89. a
- 90. d
- 91. b
- 92. d
- 93. b
- 94. a
- 95. c
- 96. a
- 97. b
- 98. a
- 99. b
- 100. b