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# FIRST SEMESTER (CUFYUGP) DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2024

Islamic History

## ISH 1CJ 102—EXCERPTS FROM THE ISLAMIC HERITAGE OF KERALA

(2024 Admission onwards)

Time: Two Hours

Maximum: 70 Marks

#### Section A

Answer **all** questions.

Each question carries 3 marks.

Ceiling 24 marks.

- 1. Analyze the importance of Cheraman Perumal's conversion to Islam and how has this narrative been used to promote religious harmony in Kerala.
- 2. Describe the significance of the 'Pandu pandu payakkappal' song. How does this reflect the maritime history of Malabar?
- 3. Explain the role of the Portuguese in transforming the economic landscape of Malabar. What impact did this have on the Muslim trading communities?
- 4. Evaluate Zainudhin Makhdoom's 'Tahrid' as a historical document of resistance. What themes are described in the text?
- 5. Assess the political motivations of Ali Musliyar in resisting British rule. What were the primary drivers behind his involvement in the rebellion?
- 6. Discuss the role of religious syncretism in Kerala, with reference to the *Ayyappa* and *Vavar* tradition. How has this story contributed to peaceful co-existence.
- 7. Estimate the relationship between Sufi saints and local Hindu traditions in Kerala. How did these interactions help foster communal harmony.
- 8. Examine how Malabar highlights the cultural interactions between Muslim traders and local communities.
- 9. Consider the significance of *Chandanakkudam* festival. How does this festival demonstrate cultural symbiosis with the local Hindu traditions?
- 10. Critically evaluate the origin of *Thottampattu* in the context of Kerala's ritual traditions.

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#### Section B

Answer all questions.

Each question carries 6 marks.

Ceiling 36 marks.

- 11. Inspect excerpts from *Thuhfatul Mujahidin* on the social system of Malabar. What insights does this text offer into the conditions faced by the Muslim community during its early days in Kerala?
- 12. Compare the themes of resistance in Fathul Mubin and Cherurpadappatu. What similarities and differences can be identified in their portrayals?
- 13. Investigate the contributions of Umar Qadi to the social life of the Mappilas. How did he balance religious activism with political resistance?
- 14. Explore the role of the Zamorin in promoting religious harmony. How did the relationship between the Zamorin and Muslims affect co-existence?
- 15. Scrutinize the significance of the relationship between Kunhyin Musliyar and Mangattachan. What impact did their stories have on the communities?
- 16. Estimate the arguments presented on the article 'An Abode of Islam under a Hindu King'. How does-this provide insight into Muslim-Hindu relations?
- 17. Measure the key trends in religious practice among the Mappilas, as explored by Roland E Miller. How do these trends reflect the adaptation of Islam in Kerala?
- 18. Clarify the symbolic significance of *Ali Chamundi Theyyam* in reflecting Mappila Muslim participation in local rituals.

### **Section C**

Answer any **one** question.

The question carries 10 marks.

- 19. Summarize Kumaranasan's Duravastha. How does the poem reflect the challenges of caste and inequality in early  $20^{th}$  Century Kerala?
- 20. Sums up the role of the Kunjali Marakkars in resisting the Portuguese. What strategies did they employ to challenge Portuguese dominance at sea?

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