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**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, JULY 2025**  
**Third Semester**  
**M.A. Philosophy**  
**M23PH03DE –Philosophy of Sreenarayanaguru**  
**(2023 July admissions)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Max Marks: 70**

**Section A**

**Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.**

1. Who is the author of Mandukya Karika?
2. In which Upanishad does the mahavakya, *prajnanam brahman* appear?
3. In which year was the famous temple entry proclamation made?
4. Which is the Sanskrit term for superimposition?
5. Give the name of the final chapter of *Darsanamala*?
6. In which work does guru use logic as the tool to criticize the institution of caste?
7. "This is the model place where all live in brotherhood, without caste distinctions or animosity." To which social revolution are the words associated with?
8. What was the aim of Parliament of Religions held at Aluva in 1924?
9. Who established *nizhal thangals* (shadow halls)?
10. What is Samkhya theory of evolution known as?
11. Who founded the Sadhu Jana Paripalana Yogam?
12. What does the word '*atmasahodarar*' signify?
13. In which work does Guru express compassion as the highest ethical principle?
14. Who started *vivekodayam*?
15. Who is the author of *The World Education Manifesto*?

**(1X10=10)**

**Section B**

**Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.**

16. What do you mean by desuperimposition?
17. What is the epistemological method used in Darsanamala?

18. What are the three states of experience described in Atmopadesa satakam?
19. What is the ultimate goal of human life according to Nirvana darsanam?
20. What does guru mean by silent observer in the self?
21. What is the three-point formula prescribed by guru for societal development?
22. Explain social humanism in guru's philosophy.
23. Explain how guru challenged the Brahmanical authority.
24. Explain vivartha vada.
25. Examine the nature of genuine knowledge as expounded in Atmopadesa Sathakam.

(2X5=10)

### Section C

**Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.**

26. Write a note on guru's introspective methodology for self-realization.
27. Examine the notion of caste as conceived by Sree Narayana Guru.
28. Give an account of the social evils that existed in Kerala which prompted Sree Narayana Guru to bring about radical reforms.
29. Discuss how Sree Narayana Guru upheld Gurukula system as an ideal education model.
30. Write a short note on SNDP Yogam.
31. Examine the significance of R Shanker's educational reforms.
32. Bring out the significance of Upanishadic Mahavakyas.
33. Write a note on Guru's devotional literature.

(4X5=20)

### Section D

**Answer any three of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.**

34. Evaluate the role of Sree Narayana Guru in Kerala Renaissance.
35. Examine how Sree Narayana Guru's educational reforms bring about significant changes for the marginalized communities in Kerala.
36. "True humanism aligns reason with compassion." Comment on the statement with reference to Sree Narayana Guru's philosophy.
37. Discuss the concept of universal brotherhood as the central theme of Sree Narayana Guru's ethical philosophy.
38. Write an essay on Sree Narayana Guru's philosophy as an exposition of Advaita philosophy.
39. Examine the role of Guru's philosophy as a model for contemporary society.

(10X3=30)