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M.A DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 2026

Third Semester

M.A Sociology

M21SO03DE – Sociology of Kerala Society

(2024 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. Mention one characteristic of the matrilineal system in Kerala.
2. State any one feature of the Kerala Model of Development.
3. Which reform movement is associated with the upliftment of Ezhava community?
4. What do you mean by social hierarchy?
5. What is the literal meaning of the term 'Janmam'?
6. Name the author of the botanical work Hortus Malabaricus.
7. Who coined the term 'Dravidian' to refer to the language family of South India?
8. What is people's planning?
9. Which district in Kerala was the center of the Muthanga struggle?
10. What is Sambandham?
11. Who is the author of Adhyatma Ramayanam Kilipaatt?
12. Mention any two anti-caste movements in Kerala?
13. What is privatisation?
14. What is Kalari system?
15. Who advocated 'one caste, one religion, one god for men'?

(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 Janmi-Kudiyan Relations?
17. Explain religious pluralism in Kerala.
18. What was the Kallumala Samaram?
19. List two achievements of the Cochin Praja Mandal.
20. Briefly explain the 'Oath of Coonan Cross' (1653).

21. What is meant by the 'Gulf Boom' in the context of Kerala's economy?
22. What was the immediate cause of the Punnapra-Vayalar upheaval?
23. List two major objectives of the Kerala Agrarian Relations Bill (1957).
24. Mention two contributions of the Portuguese to Kerala.
25. Briefly describe the Chengara land struggle.

(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 the development of Malayalam language and its literary history.
27. Describe the Bhakthi movement in Kerala.
28. Examine the features and social impact of the Vaikom Satyagraha.
29. Explain the functioning of decentralized planning process in Kerala.
30. Explain the caste-based disabilities in Kerala.
31. Write a short note on the Muthanga Land Struggle.
32. Evaluate the impact of Gulf migration on Kerala Society.
33. Trace the rise and decline of Buddhism in Kerala society.

(4X5=20)

Section D

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

34. Trace the evolution of the Janmi system in Kerala and its impact on agrarian relations and social hierarchy.
35. Evaluate the impact of colonial administrative reforms on Kerala society.
36. Critically analyze the religious pluralism and religious harmony in Kerala society.
37. Explain the demographic trends and pattern of Kerala society.
38. Discuss the Peasant struggle as a political mobilisation of the peasantry in Kerala.
39. Define caste and explain the major theories of origin of caste system.

(10X3=30)