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**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 2026**

**Fourth Semester**

**M.A. Economics**

**M23EC12DC – Kerala Economy  
(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. What was the main economic challenge faced by Kerala when it was formed in 1956?
2. Define GSDP.
3. What does the Kerala Model of Development emphasize?
4. Name the decade when Kerala experienced high remittance inflows from abroad.
5. What is meant by agricultural crisis in Kerala?
6. Define fiscal deficit.
7. State one objective of the Kerala Start-Up Mission.
8. What is the current status of Kerala's literacy rate as per Census 2011?
9. Name any one renewable energy source developed in Kerala.
10. What does WPI stand for?
11. State one feature of Kerala's service sector.
12. What is meant by brain drain?
13. Define fiscal federalism.
14. Name one environmental challenge faced by Kerala.
15. What is the Kudumbashree programme focused on?

**(1X10=10)**

**Section B**

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

16. Explain why Kerala was considered poor in the 1960s despite its human development.
17. Describe the structural transformation of Kerala's economy since 1956.
18. State the role of remittances in Kerala's economic development.

19. Discuss the concept of the Kerala Model of Development and its key features.
20. What are the main sources of revenue for the Kerala government?
21. Describe the agricultural crisis in Kerala and its impact on the state economy.
22. Examine the role of the IT sector in Kerala's industrial development
23. Mention the fiscal challenges faced by Kerala and their causes.
24. Differentiate between migration and reverse migration in Kerala context.
25. What are the important recommendations of fifteenth finance Commission?

**(2X5=10)**

### **Section C**

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

26. Trace the growth trends of Kerala's economy from 1956 to the present day, highlighting major turning points.
27. Explain the major sectors of Kerala's economy and their current contribution to GSDP.
28. Discuss Kerala's achievements and challenges in the health sector.
29. Analyse the role of education in shaping Kerala's development trajectory.
30. Discuss the concept and relevance of decentralised planning in Kerala.
31. Explain the role of KIIFB in infrastructure development in Kerala.
32. Discuss unemployment and underemployment issues in Kerala despite high literacy.
33. Explain the role of local self-government in disaster management in Kerala.

**(4X5=20)**

### **Section D**

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

34. Critically evaluate the Kerala Model of Development. Discuss its successes, limitations, and its relevance in the context of contemporary challenges.
35. Analyse the structural transformation of Kerala's economy from agriculture-dependent to service-sector-led. Discuss the implications for employment and growth.
36. Examine the fiscal crisis of Kerala. What are the major factors contributing to it, and what measures can be adopted to ensure fiscal sustainability?
37. Discuss the contemporary challenges of unemployment, poverty, and inequality in Kerala despite high human development indicators. Suggest policy measures to address these issues.
38. Evaluate the role of decentralisation and grassroots planning in Kerala's development. How has it contributed to the state's socio-economic progress?
39. Examine the recent floods and landslides happened in Kerala and analyze adaptation and mitigation responses towards the disasters.

**(10X3=30)**