



Malayalam

Malayalam Syllabus for UPSC Main Examination

Paper-I

Section-A

Unit 1-Early phase of Malayalam Language:

- 1.1 Various theories: origin from proto Dravidian, Tamil, Sanskrit.
- 1.2 Relation between Tamil and Malayalam: Six nayas of A.R. Rajarajavarma.
- 1.3 Pattu school-definition, Ramacharitam, later pattu works-Niranam works and Krishnagatha.

Unit 2-Linguistic features of :

- 2.1 Manipravalam-definition. Language of early manipravala works-Champu, Sandesakavya, Chandrotsava, minor works. Later Manipravala works-medieval Champu and Attakkatha.
- 2.2 Folklore-Southern and Northern ballads, Mappila songs.
- 2.3 Early Malayalam prose-Bhashakautaliyam, Brahmandapuram, Attaprakaram, Kramadipika and Nambiantamil.

Unit 3-Satandardisation of Malayalam

- 3.1 Peculiarities of the language of Pana, Kilippattu and Tullal.
- 3.2 Contributions of indigenous and European missionaries to Malayalam.
- 3.3 Characteristics of contemporary Malayalam : Malayalam as administrative language. Language of scientific and technical literature-media language.

Section-B

Literary History

Unit-4 Ancient and Medieval Literature:

- 4.1 Pattu-Ramacharitam, Niranam works and Krishnagatha.



4.2 Manipravalam-early and medieval manipravala works including attakkatha and champu.

4.3 Folk literature.

4.4 Kilippattu, Tullal and Mahakavya.

Unit 5- Modern Literature-Poerty

5.1 Venmani poets and contemporaries.

5.2 The advent of Romanticism-Poerty of Kavitraya i.e., Asan, Ulloor and Vallathol

5.3 Poetry after Kavitraya.

5.4 Modernism in Malayalam poetry.

Unit 6- Modern Literature-Prose

6.1 Drama

6.2 Novel

6.3 Short story

6.4 Biography, travelogue, essay and criticism.

Paper-II

Section-A

Unit 1

1.1 Ramacharitam-Patalam 1.

1.2 Kannassaramayanam-Balakandam first 25 stanzas.

1.3 Unnunisandesam-Purvabhagam 25 slokas including Prastavana

1.4 Mahabharatham Kilippattu-Bhishmaparvam.,

Unit 2.

2.1 Kumaran Asan-Chintavisthayaya Sita.



2.2 Vailoppilli-Kutiyozhikkal.

2.3 G. Sankara Kurup-Perunthachan.

2.4 N.V. Krishna Variar-Tivandiyile Pattu.

Unit 3

3.1 ONV -Bhumikkoru Charamagitam

3.2 Ayyappa Panicker-Kurukshetram.

3.3 Akkittam-Paudatha Messanthi

3.4 Attur Ravivarma-Megharupan.

Section-B

Unit 4

4.1 O. Chanthu Menon-Indulekha

4.2 Thakazhy-Chemmin.

4.3 O. V. Vijayan-Khasakkinte Ithihasam.

Unit 5

5.1 M.T. Vasudevan Nair-Vanaprastham (Collection).

5.2 N. S. Madhavan-Higvitta (Collection).

5.3 C. J. Thomas-1128-il Crime 27.

Unit 6

6.1 Kuttikrishna Marar-Bharataparyatanam

6.2 M. K Sanu-Nakshatrangalute snehabhajanam

6.3 V.T. Bhattathirippad-Kannirum Kinavum.