



**Belias**  
Civil Service Academy

**SYLLABUS OF OPTIONAL  
SUBJECTS  
MALAYALAM  
(UPSC CS MAINS)**

## **MALAYALAM**

### **PAPER-I**

**(Answers must be written in Malayalam)**

#### **Section A**

##### **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.

##### **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.

##### **3—Standardisation 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**

##### **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.

##### **5—Modern Literature—Poetry :**

- 5.1 Venmani poets and contemporaries.

5.2 The advent of Romanticism—Poetry of Kavitraya i.e., Asan, Ulloor and Vallathol.

5.3 Poetry after Kavitraya.

5.4 Modernism in Malayalam Poetry.

**6—Modern Literature—Prose :**

6.1 Drama.

6.2 Novel.

6.3 Short story.

6.4 Biography, travelogue, essay and criticism.

**PAPER-II**

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This paper will require first hand reading of the texts prescribed and is designed to test the candidate's critical ability.

**Section A**

**Unit 1**

1.1 Ramacharitam—Patalam 1.

1.2 Kannassaramayanam—Balakandam first 25 stanzas.

1.3 Unnunilisesandesam—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 O. N. V.—Bhumikkoru Charamagitam.

3.2 Ayyappa Panicker—Kurukshestram.

3.3 Akkittam—Pandatha 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.

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