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மூன்று மணித்தியாலம்
Three hours

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மேலதிக வாசிப்பு நேரம் - 10 நிமிடங்கள்
Additional Reading Time - 10 minutes

Use additional reading time to go through the question paper; select the questions and decide on the questions that you give priority in answering.

Saivanery I

Instructions :

- * Answer **all** questions.
- * In each of the questions **1 to 40**, pick one of the alternatives (1), (2), (3), (4) which is **correct or most appropriate**.
- * Mark a cross (X) on the number corresponding to your choice in the answer sheet provided.
- * Further instructions are given on the back of the answer sheet. Follow them carefully.

- The book that is popular among Sri Lankan Hindus and is read daily during the Vinayakasasti vratha days is
(1) Sivarathri puranam. (2) Ekathasi puranam.
(3) Pillaiyar kathai. (4) Kanthapuram.
- The neethimozhi 'Eyalvathu karavel' was given to us by
(1) Kachiyappar. (2) Thiruvalluvar. (3) Ulakanathar. (4) Auvaiyar.
- What are the tools that help the emancipation of souls?
(1) Viputhi, Uruthirakkam and Panchadcharam (2) Thanu, Karanam and Bhuvanam
(3) Manam, Vakku and Kayam (4) Prathiyadcham, Anumanam and Aapthavakiyam
- The Pooja that takes place in Sivalayas on Thiruvathirai as the last day is
(1) Varaluxmy vratham. (2) Vilakkeedu.
(3) Thirukarthigai vratham. (4) Thiruvembavai.
- Kriyas that are mentioned in Sasthra texts to resolve the deficiencies of nithiya poojas are
(1) Kamiya kiriyas. (2) Prayachitha kiriyas.
(3) Naimithiya kiriyas. (4) Karshana kiriyas.
- What are included in the ninth Thirumurai?
(1) Thiruvasakam and Thirukkovaaiyar (2) Thiruvisaippa and Thirumanthiram
(3) Thiruppallandu and Thiruvasakam (4) Thiruvisaippa and Thiruppallandu
- The temple where the Thirupathigam which begins with "Kootrayinavaru..." was sang by Thirunavukkarasar is
(1) Thiruveezhimilalai. (2) Thiruveerattaneswaram.
(3) Thiruthillai. (4) Thiruvaarur.
- The festival that is related to the demon Naragasuran is
(1) Kaman pandikai. (2) Chithirai varudapirappu.
(3) Deepavali. (4) Thaipongal.
- The book of hymns (Thothiranool) that says "Man sumanthu kooli kondu akkoval moththundu..." is
(1) Thirumanthiram. (2) Periyapuram.
(3) Thevaram. (4) Thiruvasakam.

10. Theedchai that is given to a person to attain the status as 'Saivasamayi' is
 - (1) Samaya theedchai.
 - (2) Viseda theedchai.
 - (3) Nirvana theedchai.
 - (4) Saambava theedchai.
11. The temple where poojas are performed by the vira saiva kurumar known as 'Sangamar' is
 - (1) Keerimalai Naguleswaram.
 - (2) Kokkaddicholai Thanthonreeswaram.
 - (3) Oddusuttan Thanthonreeswaram.
 - (4) Mannar Thiruketheeswaram.
12. How the services done to God and devotees are called?
 - (1) Pasupunniyam
 - (2) Pathipunniyam
 - (3) Saivatharmam
 - (4) Sanathanatharmam
13. The God who is called as 'Shethra palakar' is
 - (1) Kaaththavarayar.
 - (2) Iyanar.
 - (3) Vairavar.
 - (4) Muniyappar.
14. What is the Mukthi that is received by doing 'Sariyai thondu'?
 - (1) Saloka mukthi
 - (2) Sameepa mukthi
 - (3) Saarupa mukthi
 - (4) Sayuchiya mukthi
15. A consecration (Prathistai) to remove calamities such as death or other incidents of impurity that occur in a temple where worship is taking place is
 - (1) Anaavarthanam.
 - (2) Aavarthanam.
 - (3) Punaraavarthanam.
 - (4) Antharitham.
16. The group that is related to Suntharar is
 - (1) Thambiran thozhar, Vanrondan and Palaravayar
 - (2) Thirunavalur, Thirumunaipadi and Palaravayar
 - (3) Thiruvarur, Maruneeckiyar and Thambiran thozhar
 - (4) Thirunavalur, Aalaalasuntharar and Vanrondan
17. The meaning 'to guide the way to obtain the emancipation state of union with God through the attainment of wisdom' is given by
 - (1) Vedas.
 - (2) Sivagamas.
 - (3) Bagavatgita.
 - (4) Mahapuraanas.
18. What is the group that having the folk arts which are performed only in folk worship?
 - (1) Koothu, Kavadi and Karagam.
 - (2) Karagam, Thaala Isai and Dance.
 - (3) Drama, Dance and Music.
 - (4) Sculpture, Koothu and Kavadi.
19. What is the kovil built by the King Chenpakkapperumal in Nallur the capital city?
 - (1) Nallur Kailasanathar kovil
 - (2) Nallur Sattanathar kovil
 - (3) Nallur Kanthaswamy kovil
 - (4) Nallur Veeramakaali Amman kovil
20. The Murugan Temple where Thiruchsenthoor purana 'Padanam' takes place is
 - (1) Nallur Kanthaswamy kovil.
 - (2) Mandoor Kanthaswamy kovil.
 - (3) Maviddapuram Kanthaswamy kovil.
 - (4) Verugal Chithira Velayuthar kovil.
21. 'Kiriya Neri' means
 - (1) external activities done by body focused on the holy figure (uruwam) of God Shiva.
 - (2) done by focusing God Shiva's holy form of aruvuruwam by the mind.
 - (3) done by focusing God Shiva's holy form of aruvam through internal activities.
 - (4) worshipping God Shiva with wisdom who is beyond all three forms.

22. What is the group that is related to Bagavatgita?
 (1) Pali language, Archunan and Gnanayogam
 (2) Pali language, Upathesam and Thiripitakam
 (3) Dammapadam, Upathesam and Krishna paramathma
 (4) Sanskrit language, Krishna paramathma and Archunan
23. Souls that are called as 'Viggnanakalar' are
 (1) those who are filled with scientific knowledge.
 (2) those who are with only anava malam.
 (3) those who are with the two malams anavam and kanmam.
 (4) those who are with the three malams anavam, kanmam and mayai.
24. 'Karanam' that is mentioned in Panchangam is
 (1) half of the thithi.
 (2) based on the waxing and waning of moon.
 (3) the time taken by moon to pass each star.
 (4) the time it takes for the sun to enter a zodiac sign until it leaves that sign.
25. What is the reason for assigning the name 'Siththira Puththiran'?
 (1) because born on full moon day of the month siththirai
 (2) because fulfil the task of calculating sinful deeds and virtues deeds
 (3) because being a helper to Ematharmaraja
 (4) because born from the drawn picture on a golden plate
26. From the following what is the incident related to Thilakavathiyar?
 (1) Staying at Thiruvathigai madam and performing services
 (2) Had a happy married life
 (3) Accepting the concepts of Samanar and following it
 (4) Healing the veppunoi of Marunikkiyar
27. A text (Saarbunool) related to Sivagnanapotham is
 (1) Vinavenpa. (2) Sivaprakasam.
 (3) Sivagnana sithiyar. (4) Kodikkavi.
28. The best way to worship God is
 (1) growing flower gardens.
 (2) bathing every day.
 (3) doing sivathiyanam.
 (4) rendering services in temples.
29. 'Thanthirangal' denotes
 (1) the agamas of the Saktha religion.
 (2) the agamas of Ganapathyam.
 (3) the agamas of Vaishnavism.
 (4) the agamas of Saivism.
30. The text where 'Vidivaam alavum vilakku anaiya mayai...' mentioned is
 (1) Sivagnanapotham. (2) Sivaprakasam.
 (3) Thiruvardupayan. (4) Unmai villakkam.
31. Yogas related with values in attanga yogas are
 (1) Iyamam and Niyamam. (2) Aasanam and Pranayamam.
 (3) Prathiyakaram and Tharanai. (4) Thiyanam and Samathi.
32. The place that is called as 'Manipallavam' is
 (1) Nallur. (2) Manthai.
 (3) Nayinativu. (4) Trincomalee.

33. Thirugnana Sampanthar sang the pathigam “Thunivalar thingal...” to
 (1) close the opened door of Thirumaraikkadu.
 (2) request gold for his father’s yagam.
 (3) give life to a merchant who was dead by a snake bite.
 (4) cure the daughter of King Kollimalavan who was suffering from the disease Muyalakan.
34. The one who praised about the righteous unbiased religious life as “Naduvu ninrarku anri gnanamum illai...” is
 (1) Suntharar. (2) Sampanthar.
 (3) Thirumoolar. (4) Sekkizhar.
35. Vedas, Agamas, Thevarams and Thiruvacakam are
 (1) Prathiyadcha pramanam. (2) Aapthavakiya pramanam.
 (3) Anumana pramanam. (4) Aithika pramanam.
36. The religious institution which awarded the title ‘Navalar’ to Srilasri Sri Arumuga Navalar and honoured him is
 (1) Thiruvavaduthurai Atheenam. (2) Tharmapura Atheenam.
 (3) Saiva vithiya viruththi sangam. (4) Saiva paripalana sabai.
37. Among the panchabootha temples, the agni thalam is
 (1) Thillai. (2) Thirukkalathi.
 (3) Kanchi. (4) Thiruvannamalai.
- Select the correct answer for each question from 38 to 40 based on the details from A to I given in the following table.

Texts	Kings	Related facts
A – Periyapuranam	D – Prabudathevarajan	G – Possessed by Arudkuravar under the kurunthamaram
B – Siva puranam	E – Anabaya cholan	H – Lord Murugan gave tharsanam at the entrance of the Thiruvannamalai kovil.
C – Kantharanupoothi	F – Arimarthana Pandiyan	I – Explaining the specialities of thirukkootam

38. What is the group that related to Manikkavasagar?
 (1) A F G. (2) B F G. (3) B F H. (4) C F G.
39. What is the group that related to Arunakirinathar?
 (1) B D H. (2) B E H. (3) C D H. (4) C E H.
40. What is the group that related to Sekkilar?
 (1) A D I. (2) A E I. (3) B E I. (4) C E G.

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Saivanery II

- * Answer only **five** questions including **first** and **second** questions.
- * The first question carries **20** marks and other questions including the second question carry **10** marks each.

1. Write short answers to the following questions.
 - (i) What is the reason for giving the special name 'Thennavan prammarayan' to Manikkavasagar?
 - (ii) Mention **two** adored flowers of God (inmalars) mentioned by Swami Vipulananthar?
 - (iii) Write **two** preliminary rituals performed in a wedding ceremony.
 - (iv) Explain the meaning of 'Pirathishtai'.
 - (v) State **two** names of Thiroupathai Amman temples in Sri Lanka.
 - (vi) What is meant by 'Maageswara poosai'?
 - (vii) Write **two** characteristics of souls that are mentioned in Saiva Siddhantham.
 - (viii) Mention **two** Nithya karumankal that saivites should perform.
 - (ix) Write **two** benefits obtained by singing the Thirumurai padalkal with pann.
 - (x) Mention **four** Saiva religious values.
2.
 - (i) Write **two** of the following songs accurately and in correct order.
 - (a) "Naam aarkum kudiyaalom..."
 - (b) "Kattravar vilungum..."
 - (c) "Thoorkkum panuval..."
 - (d) "Meela adimai umakke..."
 - (e) "Sinthikkilen ninru sevikkilen..."
 - (ii) Write the meaning of the songs written in (i) above.
3. "Santhana kuravars had shown that God can be achieved not only in the path of Love but in the path of knowledge too."
 - (i) Mention **two** names of akachanthana achariyars.
 - (ii) Who is called as 'Sakalaakama pandithar'? Mention the names of Siddhantha texts written by him.
 - (iii) Explain briefly the glory of Umapathy sivachariyar and his services to Saiva Siddhantham.

4. “Mannu maamalai makentram athanil
sonna agamam thotruvitharuliyum.”

- Thiruvacakam

- (i) What is the reason for agamas are called as ‘sirappu nool’?
 - (ii) Mention **three** holy faces of God Shiva among the twenty eight faces where sivagamas were emerged.
 - (iii) “Agamas are the criteria (pramanankal) for the kriyas in temples.” Explain this statement briefly.
5. “Saivism is the most ancient religion of Sri Lanka.”
- (i) Mention the temples where thevaram songs were sang in Sri Lanka.
 - (ii) Write **three** services rendering by Saiva paripalana sabai for the upliftment of Saivism.
 - (iii) Explain briefly the antiquity of Saivism in Sri Lanka.
6. “The life style guided by Saivism is related to etiquettes (Aasarams).”
- (i) Write the **two** types of etiquettes.
 - (ii) Mention **three** etiquettes that should be followed in the process of worshipping at home and temples.
 - (iii) Explain briefly what as saivites we have to do to receive the blessings of God.
7. Write short notes on **two** of the following topics.
- (i) Vratangal
 - (ii) Charity (Eekai) in saiva values
 - (iii) Worship of Nagathampiran
 - (iv) Guru linga sankama worship
