

**KERALA PRESS ACADEMY**  
**Institute of Communication**  
Kakkanad, Kochi – 30

**Sample Question No.1**

Post Graduate Diploma Course in Journalism & Communication  
Entrance Test

(Answer all questions except the translations can be written either in English or in Malayalam.  
Follow the instructions carefully to save your time)

Time 2 ½ hrs

Maximum marks 100

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1. Imaging you are interviewing Omar Muktar, 14 year old son of Abdul Nasser Ma Adani. Write five questions you ask him.

10 Marks
  2. Do you watch news based TV programmes in channels? Write a note on any one of such programmes you like. (not more than a page)

10 Marks
  3. You are asked to introduce our former President, Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Write about him in not more than five paragraphs.

15 Marks
  4. The following persons were in news recently. How and why? Write short notes on each of them (only four sentences needed)

3X5=15 Marks

(a) Faris Abubacker (b) Anil Kumble (c) P.Sainath  
(d) N.Gopaldaswami (e) SobhanaSingh
  5. Identify the persons, Places, Institutions etc. (Write the names only)

10 Marks

(a) He hosts the interview programme titled 'The Devil's Advocate'  
(b) Chief Editor of Janayugam Daily.  
(c) Chief Justice of Kerala High Court.  
(d) Governor of Nagaland.  
(e) This country won the Asian Football Championship recently.  
(f) TV Channel where you can meet the journalist Rajdeep Sardesai.  
(g) Script writer of the film *Arabikkatha*  
(h) Director of the super hit Tamil film *Sivaji*.  
(i) This MP of the DMK is M.Karunanidhi's daughter.  
(j) This film won the national cinema award for the best feature film in 2005.
  6. Identify the Malayalam TV Channels, where you can see the following programmes.

05 Marks

- (a) *Annorikkal* (b) *Haritha Bharatham* (c) *Politrics*  
(d) *E for elephant* (e) *Valkkannadi*

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7. Pick the right answer.

05 Marks

- (i) The magazine published by Centre for Science and Environment.  
(a) The Environ, (b) Ecologist Asia, (c) Sanctuary, (d) Dpwn to Earth
- (ii) *Kadal* is a famous Malayalam short story written by  
(a) O.V.Vijayan, (b) M.T.Vasudevan Nair, (c) T.Padmanabhan, (d) Thakazhi
- (iii) Who played the role of A.K.Gopalan in the recent docufiction titled A.K.G?  
(a) N.Sreekumar, (b) P.Sreekumar, (c) C.Sreekumar, (d) B. Sreekumar
- (iv) David Backham's present football club  
(a) Los Angeless Galaxy, (b) Real Madrid, (c) Manchester United, (d) D.C.United
- (v) Srikrishna Comission report is on  
(a) Gujarat riots, (b) umbai riots 1992-93, (c) Mumbai Serial Blasts 1993,  
(d) Babri Masjid Demolition

8. Translate the following into Malayalam

05 Marks

New Delhi: Protocol officers at the Rashtrapati Bhavan have a peculiar, but pleasant problem on their hands. They have to address the unique needs of India's first citizen's husband, Devi Singh Shekhawat. Shekhawat's entourage will have at least five officials, a senior protocol office, a public relations officer, a personal security officer, a photographer and an attendant.

9. Write short essay on any one of the following. (maximum three pages)

20 Marks

- (a) 60 years of independent India.  
(b) Is Kerala the God's own country?

PS: There will be additional questions on translation from **Malayalam to English.**

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Time 2 ½ hrs

Maximum marks 150

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(A) The following persons were in news recently. Why? Write a short paragraph on **any five** of them.

5x5=25 Marks

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| 1. Nirupama Rao     | 2. Sher Singh Rana | 3. P.T.Usha |
| 4. P.S.Subrahmanyam | 5. P.C..Thomas     |             |

(B) The following places were in news recently. Why? Write on **any five**.

5x5=25 Marks

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| 1. Neher Wali Haveli | 2. Alathiyoor Temple | 3. Silent Valley |
| 4. Mavoor            | 5. Manipur           | 6. Venniyani     |

© Answer **all** the following.

25x1=25 Marks

1. Who is the editor of the Outlook?
2. With which newspaper is cartoonist Gopikrishnan associated?
3. Who is the minister for Public Relations Department in Kerala?
4. Who is the new president of International Olympic Committee?
5. Which country had won the Confederation Cup of Football this year?
6. Which art form did UNESCO recently declared as '*the heritage of human culture*'?
7. From which state was the Union Minister Sri.O.Rajagopal elected to the Parliament?
8. Name the TV programme in Malayalam Language, which is described as the first tele cartoon in India?
9. Who won the national film award for the best actor last year?
10. Which Indian batsman holds the record of highest individual score in test cricket?
11. Expand DPEP?
12. Who is the Vice President of USA?
13. Name the artist, who won the Kerala state film award for the best actress last year?
14. From which constituency was Vakkom Purushothaman, the speaker of Kerala Assembly elected as MLA?
15. Name the author of the famous books like 'The Bachelor of Arts' and 'Waiting for the Mahatma'?
16. Who won the Dada Saheb Phalke award in 1996?

17. Which former sportsperson founded the organization titled 'Tehrik-i-Insaaf or the 'Movement for Justice'?

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18. Which is the capital of Uttaranchal?

19. Name the venue where Indian cricket team had won a test match outside the subcontinent since 1986?

20. Who is the chief minister of West Bengal?

21. In which newspaper did reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein expose the Watergate affair in 1972?

22. Which city will host the Olympics in 2008?

23. Which country recently declared the use of computer illegal?

24. Who is the chairman of Asianet?

25. What is the expansion of RAM in computer terminology?

(D) Answer **any one** of the following questions in one or two paragraphs.

10x1=10 Marks

1. In your opinion which is the best news based Malayalam programme (other than the routine bulletins) in television / radio? Write reasons.

**OR**

2. Write a short note on any newspaper report, which attracted / influenced/disturbed you recently.

(E) Malayalam may be the only India Language, where controversies created by writers exceed their literary contributions. And most of the controversies are based on mere false prestige and egoisms of the individuals. What is your comment on this? Write in **three or four** paragraphs.

15 Marks

(F) Write an essay in not more than 400 words on **any one** of the following themes.

25x1=25 Marks

1. Discuss the economic status of the contemporary society of Kerala. Can Information Technology play a role in revitalizing it?

**OR**

2. "Environmental activism have blocked a lot of developmental activities in Kerala" – Do you agree with this statement? Why?

**OR**

3. TV has become an addiction, rather than a medium for information – What is your opinion?

(G) Translate the following into Malayalam.

10 + 5 = 15

1. In India, since the 90s and the advent of liberalization and globalization, there has been a proliferation of new portfolios. We have full-time fashion correspondents, glamour

correspondents and design correspondents, although my favourite is the eating out correspondent, which I'd love to be. And now we have 11 correspondents covering business in a non-financial daily in a society where less than two percent of the population has investments of any kind. But in spite of these beats, you do not have a single full-time correspondent covering poverty. I cover it but I'm not a full-time employee of any newspaper. In a country that has the largest housing shortage in the world we do not have a full-time correspondent on housing, urban or rural. We do not have a full-time correspondent on education, by which I mean primary education. The guy who has to do primary education is usually saddled with other important portfolios like may be plumbing and poultry farming or whatever else can think of.

2. The army Court of Inquiry into the Tehelka scandal has found evidence to justify criminal proceedings against only one of the five serving officers accused of taking bribes from the dotcom investigators. The other four face disciplinary action, though one of them said he had thrown the wards of money back at the Tehelka team after initially accepting them. This was edited out of the videos, he alleged

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