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மூன்று மணித்தியாலம்
Three hours

Saivaneri I

Note :

- 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 God that is praised by the periyapurāna line of 'Ulagelamunam thōthakariyavan...' is
(1) God Siva. (2) Nārāyanan. (3) Ārumugan. (4) Nānmugan.
- The nāyanār who sang as "Sivanodu okkum deivam thēdinumillai..." is
(1) Sēkkiār. (2) Mānikkavāsakar. (3) Thirumūlar. (4) Sēnthanār.
- Our visible Gods are
(1) God Siva and Goddess Pārvathi. (2) Mother and Father.
(3) Thirumāl and Laxumi. (4) Murugan and Valli.
- The ritual that is mentioned as 'Vithunāl' in panchanga is
(1) Eārmangalam. (2) Āyutha poojah.
(3) Poli sadangu. (4) Mulaippu sadangu.
- The philosophy that the bride and bridegroom giving opportunity to each other for the good life in marriage ritual is
(1) stepping on the grinding stone. (2) retrieving the ring.
(3) changing garlands. (4) wearing of 'thāli'.
- The nāyanār who is praised as 'Ulavārap padayāli' is
(1) Thirunavukkarasar. (2) Suntharamūrthi nāyanār.
(3) Thirugnana Sampanthar. (4) Mānikkavāsakar.
- The fast that was observed by Goddess Parvathi to obtain the left-half of God Siva is
(1) Pankuni Uththara fast. (2) Kēthāragowry fast.
(3) Kandasasti fast. (4) Mārkalī Thiruvāthirai fast.
- The nāyanār who wore garland made of kondrai flower from the God's head is
(1) Eripaththar. (2) Echchathaththan.
(3) Kannappar. (4) Visārasarumar.
- The thirumurai that contains the prabandas sung by Kāraikkāl ammayār is
(1) 7th thirumurai. (2) 9th thirumurai. (3) 11th thirumurai. (4) 12th thirumurai.
- The first person of Saiva Sandānam is
(1) Thirunanthi thevar. (2) Meikanda thevar.
(3) Sanagar. (4) Sanāthanar.

11. The person who established Sivathondan centres in Jaffna, Batticaloa and Chenkalady is
 (1) Kadayir swamikal. (2) Yōgar swamikal.
 (3) Sellappā swamikal. (4) Sellathurai swamikal.
12. The function that celebrates the first day of Thatshināyanam is
 (1) Thai Pongal. (2) Deepawali. (3) April New Year. (4) Ādipirappu.
13. What are the kanmēnthiriyangal?
 (1) nātham, vinthu, sathākyam, ēsuram and suththaviththai.
 (2) kālam, niyathi, kalai, viththai and arāgam.
 (3) vākku, vāyu, pāni, pādham and ubaththam.
 (4) taste, light, worry, sound and smell.
14. The temple that was worshipped by King Rāvana and his mother was
 (1) Thirukōneswaram. (2) Munneswaram. (3) Naguleswaram. (4) Thirukethēshwaram.
15. The Scholarly text that explains clearly the blessings of god and their uses is
 (1) Kodikkavi. (2) Unmai vilakkam. (3) Vināvenbā. (4) Thiruvārūtpayan.
16. A purāna written in Sri Lanka describing glory of the temples is
 (1) Thirukarasai purānam. (2) Siva purānam.
 (3) Sivarathry purānam. (4) Eākāthasi purānam.
17. The variety of the Thevārams of Thirunavukkarasar are
 (1) Thūthu and Mālainātru. (2) Thiruviruththam and Thiruththāndagam.
 (3) Thiruvembāvai and Thiruppāvai. (4) Thiruththondathogai and Anthāthi.
18. The purānam that contains six volumes from Urpaththi kāndam to Thatsa kāndam is
 (1) Kantha purānam. (2) Periya purānam.
 (3) Thiruvāthavūradikal purānam. (4) Thiruvilayadal purānam.
19. The prabanda that is sung by Kumarakurubarar requesting the blessing of Saraswathi devi is
 (1) Abirāmi anthāthi. (2) Saraswathi anthāthi.
 (3) Meenāthchi ammai pillaitthamil. (4) Sakalalākāvallimālai.
20. What is considered as the parikkiraha power of God?
 (1) Ānavam. (2) Kanmam. (3) Māyai. (4) Thirōdhayē.
21. The titcai that is attained last by those who obtained religious titcai and special titcai is
 (1) nayana titcai. (2) nirvāna titcai. (3) mānasa titcai. (4) yoga titcai.
22. The text that is considered as the oldest Hindu text in Tamil medium available in Sri Lanka is
 (1) Yālpāna vaibava mālai. (2) Pararāsasekaram.
 (3) Sarasōthi mālai. (4) Segarāsasekara mālai.
23. The year that Saiva vithya viruthi Sangam was established is
 (1) 1879. (2) 1902. (3) 1915. (4) 1924.
24. In what period was Eākātasi purānam created in Sri Lanka?
 (1) Anuradhapura period. (2) Pollonnaruwa period.
 (3) Dutch period. (4) British period.
25. The ritual that is done to overcome the shortcomings in the nithya pooja is called
 (1) Kāmiga kiriyai. (2) Ānmātha kiriyai.
 (3) Sāyarattai. (4) Naimiththiya kiriyai.
26. The period that Temples served as stores, institutions that providing employment opportunities and banks giving loans is
 (1) Sanga period. (2) Chōla period. (3) Pallava Period. (4) Nāyakkar period.
27. The first activity that farmers carry out when they start their work is called
 (1) mulappu sadangu. (2) poli sadangu. (3) Eārmangala sadangu. (4) Āyutha pooja.

28. The nāyanār who sang the thevāram “Annām pālikkum thillaich sitrampalam...” is
 (1) Thirugnana Sampanthar. (2) Thirunāvukkarasar.
 (3) Mānikkavāsakar. (4) Suntharamūrthi nāyanār.
29. The kodimaram in Saiva temples simbolizes,
 (1) God (pathi). (2) Āthma (pasu). (3) Ānavam. (4) Māyēyam.
30. The thērtham that fulfills the rituals (pithirkadan) on behalf of their dead by the Saiva devotees at Baticaloa is
 (1) Kerimalai thērtham. (2) Modara thērtham. (3) Māmānga thērtham. (4) Villūndri thērtham.
31. The temple that is called ‘Vānavan māthevīswaram’ is
 (1) The first Siva temple. (2) The second Siva temple.
 (3) The fifth Siva temple. (4) Thiruthambaleswaram.
32. To which devotee did the God Muruga preach arriving in the form of a Guru?
 (1) Abiramibattar. (2) Kachiyappar. (3) Kālithāsar. (4) Arunakirināthar.
33. One of the primary teachers of Srīlasi Ārumuka Nāvalar is
 (1) Kumārasāmi pulavar. (2) Sinnathambi pulavar.
 (3) Saravanamuthu pulavar. (4) Sabābathi pulavar.
34. The Saiva temple that is believed to have been established on the tomb of Periyānaikutty swamikal is
 (1) Colombo, Modara, Arunasaleswarar Temple. (2) Colombo, Ponnambalavaneswarar Temple.
 (3) Rāmanātheswarar Temple. (4) Nawanātheswarar Temple.
35. What is kept in the mūlasthana of the Vallipuram Ālwar temple?
 (1) Srichakra. (2) Sudarshana Chakra. (3) Sālakkiramam. (4) Garuda.
36. The nāyanār who protected the devotees by healing fever was
 (1) Thirugnana Sampanthar. (2) Thirunāvukkarasar.
 (3) Sandēshwara nāyanār. (4) Sākkiya nāyanār.
37. Who constructed the Colombo Ponnambalavāneswarar temple made of granite?
 (1) Sir Kandaiya Vaithiyathan. (2) Sir Pon. Ramanathan.
 (3) Sir Pon. Arunasalam. (4) Kalāyogi Ānanthakumaraswami.
38. The god that is praised as ‘Abisheka kanthan’ is
 (1) Nallūr Kanthan. (2) Kadirgāma Kanthan.
 (3) Selvasannithi Kanthan. (4) Māvittapura Kanthan.

- Answer questions 39 and 40 based on the details from ‘A’ to ‘I’ in the following table.

Saiva religious kuravar	Place of birth	Miracle
A – Thirugnana Sampanthar	D – Thiruvāmūr	G – Changed bricks in to gold slabs.
B – Thirunāvukkarasar	E – Thirunāvalur	H – Shutting the Temple door automatically.
C – Suntharar	F – Sērkāli	I – Floating of the stone slab as a barge.

39. The combination that is related to the person who sang Thrutthondatthogai is
 (1) ADI. (2) BDH. (3) CEG. (4) CFG.
40. The combination that is related to the Saiva religious kuravar who had a title of honour ‘Tharumasēnar’ is
 (1) AEI. (2) BFG. (3) CFH. (4) BDI.

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Saivaneri II

- * Answer five questions including first, second and any other three questions.
- * The first question carries 20 marks, second question carries 16 marks and other questions carry 8 marks each.

1. Write short answers to the following questions.
 - (i) Who wrote Kantha purānam in Tamil?
 - (ii) What is the philosophy that mentions two positions as Sorūbanilai and Thadaththanilai to God?
 - (iii) How does Manikkavasakar mention in Thiruvāsagam that there is 'only one God'?
 - (iv) What is the name of the person who sang the prabanda that is called as 'Parālai Vināyagar Pallu'?
 - (v) Who compiled the Nālāyirath divya prabanda?
 - (vi) Write **two** of the Saivanātpatāngal.
 - (vii) Mention **two** ancient texts that help to learn the history of Thirukketheswaram Temple.
 - (viii) Write **two** names of famous Kannagi Amman temples in Sri Lanka.
 - (ix) "Ānā arivā agalā adiyavarkku vānādar kānātha man".
What is meant by 'Vānādar Kānātha man' here?
 - (x) Mention **two** of the Vithya thaththuvams.
2.
 - (i) Write **two** of the following songs accurately and in correct order.
 - (ii) Write the meaning of the songs you selected.
 - (a) "Vēyuru thōlipangan... "
 - (b) "Sanganithi pathumanithi... "
 - (c) "Thandadun rannaik... "
 - (d) "Aruvamu muruvumāgi... "
 - (e) "Mūvarena iruvarena... "
3. "Srilasri Ārumuga Nāvalar worked very hard for the development of Saivam and Tamil language in 19th Century"
 - (i) What is the name of Srilasri Ārumuga Nāvalar when he was a child? When was he born?
 - (ii) Write **three** texts that Nāvalar wrote, printed and published including glossaries?
 - (iii) Explain briefly, the social services rendered by Nāvalar.
4. "Ālayam tholuvathu Sālavum nandru."
 - (i) What are the names used for the temples which were praised with songs by Saiva religious kuravars?
What are the names used for the temples which were praised with songs by Ālvārs?
 - (ii) For what reasons do the devotees go on pilgrimage tours?
 - (iii) Explain briefly about one of the temples that the devotees go on pilgrimage tours in Sri Lanka and in India.

5. "Pōthiyā nirkkum Thillai pothunatam pōtri! pōtri!"
- What is the other name for Thiruthondar purānam? Who wrote it?
 - Describe briefly, the Sithambara dance of God Siva that was explained in periya purānam.
 - Explain briefly the specialities of Periya purānam.
6. "Oruthiru Murugan Vanthang guthiththanan ulaga muiya."
- What is the name of the kāndam that 'Thirupperu vadivam' is included in Kantha purānam?
 - What are the philosophycal ideas that are expressed in Kantha purānam?
 - Explain briefly one of the important fasts of God Murugan.
7. Write short notes on any **two** of the following.
- Collection of Thirumurai
 - Thaipūsam
 - Yogar Swamikal
 - Values of Saiva religion
 - Rural god worship

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