



Mahatma Gandhi University Kottayam

Programme	BA (Hons) English					
Course Name	Knowledge Systems of Kerala					
Type of Course	MDC					
Course Code	MG3MDCENG201					
Course Level	200 - 299					
Course Summary	Knowledge Systems of Kerala aims at familiarizing students with the evolution of knowledge systems in Kerala. Students are introduced to traditional art forms and literature. Students are acquainted with the prominent Renaissance reformers, their notable works, and significant social reform movements.					
Semester	3	Credits			3	Total Hours
Course Details	Learning Approach	Lecture	Tutorial	Practical	Others	
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Pre-requisites, if any	A general awareness of the socio-cultural and historical background of Kerala.					

COURSE OUTCOMES (CO)

CO No.	Expected Course Outcome	Learning Domains *	PO No
1	Understand the evolution of knowledge systems in Kerala	U	2, 3
2	Understand the traditional art forms and literature of Kerala	U	4, 6
3.	Understand the life and works of Kerala Reformers and the major events.	U	3,5
4	Analyse the major philosophical schools and the social reform movements in Kerala.	An	1,6,7

***Remember (K), Understand (U), Apply (A), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C), Skill (S), Interest (I) and Appreciation (Ap)**

COURSE CONTENT				
Content for Classroom transaction (Units)				
Module	Units	Course description	Hrs	CO No.
1 History of Knowledge	1.1	Definition of Kerala as a region- knowledge and knowledge system Ecosystem-based knowledge - Forest Dwellers' Knowledge System - hunting and gathering- Shifting Cultivation - fishing Communities Knowledge system.	8	1
	1.2	Growth of iron technology- copper and bronze smelting- carpentry- vastu vidya- boat building	7	1
2 Arts and Literature	2.1	Tamil heroic poems- traditional chronicles- folklore- heroic ballads- martial practices –Agricultural traditions – Rahmani Tuhfat-al Mujahidin- Varthamanapusthakam	10	2
	2.2	Sanskrit theatre-traditional arts-padayani-theyyam- mudi yettu-kathakali- Mural paintings- grammar – Bhashakautilyam -	5	2
3 Philosophy and Reformation	3.1	Embedded Logic – Sages, Reforms and Advaita Ayya Vaikundar, Thykatt Ayyavu, Chattambi Swamikal, Sree Narayana Guru, Ayyankali, Poykayil Yohannan	8	3

	3.2	What is modern? – Modernisation through Translation - making of a Malayali identity through Translations -Translation and Social change – Print culture and Islamic Reform movements - Sana'ulla Makthi Thangal – Vakkom Moulavi's Islamic Reform through Education.	7	4
4. Teacher Specific Content				



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Teaching and Learning Approach	Classroom Procedure (Mode of transaction) Lecture, Tutorial																
Assessment Types	MODE OF ASSESSMENT A. Continuous Comprehensive Assessment (CCA)- 25 marks In Class Discussion Oral Presentation Multimedia Presentations Open Book exam Assignments																
	B. End Semester Evaluation Written exam: 50 marks, Duration–1.5hrs <table border="1" data-bbox="427 1245 1102 1612"> <thead> <tr> <th>Question Type</th> <th>Word Limit</th> <th>Number of Questions to be answered</th> <th>Marks</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>MCQ</td> <td>NA</td> <td>20 out of 20</td> <td>20 x 1 = 20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Short Essay</td> <td>100 words</td> <td>6 out of 9</td> <td>6 x 5 = 30</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Total Marks</td> <td>50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Question Type	Word Limit	Number of Questions to be answered	Marks	MCQ	NA	20 out of 20	20 x 1 = 20	Short Essay	100 words	6 out of 9	6 x 5 = 30			Total Marks	50
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