DEPARTMENT OF MODERN INDIAN LANGUAGES
ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY.

Syllabus for Ph. D Entrance Test for Session 2017-2018
Subject: MALAYALAM

Maximum marks: 80
Duration: 2 hours

SECTION-A: Objective type Multiple Choice Questions. (1 x 40 = 40 Marks)

I. Research Methodology:
What is research? Aims and Types of research; Literary research; research & criticism; Types of research- Theoretical research, Applied research, Descriptive research, Historical research.
Methods of research: Induction method, Deduction method, Historical method, Comparative method
Research writing: research topic; Hypothesis, introduction, conclusion, references; Bibliography, abbreviations;
Research in Malayalam: Early research works in Malayalam. Research studies language and literature. Formal research studies in Universities. New areas of research studies in Malayalam

II. Subject Specific: (1 x 10 = 10 Marks)
Malayalam language- Origin and Development, Dialects of Malayalam- Standard language- Sandhi & Samasa; Sabdalankara, & Arthalankara; Samskrita meters and Dravida metres

SECTION-B: Descriptive type questions
III. Area of Specialization: (3 x 10 = 30 Marks)
History of Malayalam literature:
1. Pattu& Manipravalam, Gadha, Kilippattu ,Thullal & Kathakali literature
   Missionary prose and development of prose literature
2. Modern Malayalam poetry, Malayalam Novel and Malayalam short stories
3. Malayalam Drama, Malayalam criticism and Malayalam Folk literature.

- After qualifying the test candidates have to appear for presentation cum interview.