

DANCE (KATHAKALI) CODE-061
SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER
CLASS XII (2026-27)

Time: 2 hours

Max Marks: 30

General Instructions

Read the following instructions carefully.

1. There are 16 questions in this question paper with internal choice.
2. SECTION A consists of 8 multiple-choice questions carrying 1 mark each (Attempt all Question)
3. SECTION B consists of 5 short answer questions carrying 2 marks each (Attempt all Question).
4. SECTION C consists of 3 long answer questions carrying 6 marks each (Attempt any two).

S.N.	SECTION-A	MARKS
1.	How many eye exercises are there in Kathakali? a) 08 b) 10 c) 06 d) 07	1
2.	Which one of the following percussion instruments is used in Kathakali? a) Mizhavu b) Thabala c) Maddalam d) Thimila	1
3.	Who is the originator of Kathakali? a) Swathy Thirunal b) Kottarakkara Thamburan c) Irayimman Thambi d) Mukunda Raja	1

*There is no change in the Question Paper Design and Assessment Pattern for Academic Session 2026-27.

4.	Who is the author of Dakshayagam Aattakkatha? a) Kottayam Thamburan b) Karthika Thirunal c) Kapindran d) Irayimman Thambi	1
5.	Abhinaya was taken from which Veda? a) Rigveda b) Samaveda c) Yajurveda d) Adharvaveda	1
6.	How many basic footworks (Kaal saadhakam) are there in Kathakali? a) 6 b) 9 c) 5 d) 2	1
7	How many vocalists are there in a Kathakali performance? a) 3 b) 2 c) 1 d) 4	1
8.	Who wrote Natyashastram? a) Vedavyasan b) Valmiki c) Bharata muni d) Shukracharya	1
	SECTION-B	
9.	(A) Name the Navarasas. (OR) (B) Write a short note on Guru Chengannur Raman Pillai.	2

10.	(A) Name all the Aattakathas authored by Kottarakkara Thaburan. (OR) (B) Write the names of the basic hand gestures in Kathakali.	2
11.	(A) Write the names of rhythms used in Kathakali. (OR) (B) Which are <i>chadagukal</i> in a Kathakali performance?	2
12.	(A) Name any four important art forms from Keralam other than Kathakali. (OR) (B) Write the Hasthalakshanadeepika Sloka.	2
13.	(A) Name four characters from Keechakavatham aattakatha. (OR) (B) Name the puranas from which themes were taken for Kathakali.	2
	SECTION-C Attempt any two questions from the given options	
14.	Write a note on Indian Classical dances.	6
15.	Write an essay about Kathakali.	6
16.	Describe Poothana Moksham Aattakatha.	6