

**PROVISIONAL ANSWER KEY**

Paper: 066 - The Kerala Forest Act and Rules - Law

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Question1:-Which of the following is not a forest produce?

- A:-Timber from Private Land
- B:-Sand from Reserve Forest
- C:-Timber from Reserve Forest
- D:-Sand from Private Land

Correct Answer:- Option-D

Question2:-What is the minimum punishment of imprisonment for trespass into reserve forest under Kerala Forest Act 1961?

- A:-One year
- B:-Six months
- C:-3 months
- D:-1 month

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question3:-Who can be the appellate authority in 61A confiscation?

- A:-District judge having jurisdiction over the area
- B:-Conservator of Forests in charge of the circle
- C:-High Court of Kerala
- D:-Head of Forest Force

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question4:-What is the percentage of amount to be collected as Forest Development Tax?

- A:-10
- B:-3
- C:-5
- D:-15

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question5:-Who can be the Officer authorized under 61 A of KFA?

- A:-Range Forest Officer
- B:-Deputy Range Officer
- C:-Assistant Conservator of Forests
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question6:-Who can notify check post for checking forest produce as per KFPT rule?

- A:-Chief Conservator of Forests
- B:-Government of Kerala
- C:-Government of India
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question7:-What is One Time Payment under saw mill rule 2021?

- A:-It is a life time license fee for wood based industries
- B:-Charge levied for new license to unit started after 30-10-2002
- C:-Penalty for late renewal of license
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question8:-What is the minimum radial distance limit prescribed for saw mills in municipality area from Reserve Forest?

- A:-5 km
- B:-10 km
- C:-No limit
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question9:-Who is the officer to carry out periodical inspection of sawmill once in 6 months?

- A:-Section Forest Officer
- B:-Beat Forest Officer
- C:-Range Forest Officer
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question10:-Who is the Chair person of State Level Committee constituted under sawmill rule 2021?

- A:-Head of Forest Force
- B:-Forest Secretary
- C:-Chief Secretary
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question11:-Which of the following is a forest produce under Kerala Forest Produce (Fixation of Selling Price) Act, 1978?

- A:-Teak
- B:-Rose Wood
- C:-Sandal
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-D

Question12:-For which of the following purpose, Forest Resources Development fund shall be utilised as per rule?

- A:-Increasing productivity of forests
- B:-Increasing the extent of the plantation
- C:-All the above
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question13:-Who is the Authorized Officer under Kerala Preservation of Trees Act, 1986?

- A:-Chief Conservator of Forests
- B:-Range Forest Officer
- C:-Divisional Forest Officer
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question14:-Which of the following is not a specified tree under Kerala Promotion of Tree Growth in non forest area Act, 2005?

- A:-Kampakam

- B:-Vellakil
- C:-Anjily
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question15:-Which of the following category of wood based industries can be permitted at a place within 5 km from Forests?

- A:-Rubber wood
- B:-Coconut tree
- C:-Small scale wood industries
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question16:-What is the application fee for restoration of license after cancellation?

- A:-Rs. 1,000
- B:-Rs. 10,000
- C:-Rs. 20,000
- D:-Rs. 25,000

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question17:-Under which of the circumstances mentioned below, Authorized Officer can not refuse a request from land owner for cutting permission of sandal tree standing in private land?

- A:-Tree is dead
- B:-Tree stands danger to life and property
- C:-The area where tree stands is to be cleared for house construction
- D:-All the above

Correct Answer:- Option-D

Question18:-Permissible quantity of sandal oil in possession to private person

- A:-1 ml
- B:-10 ml
- C:-100 ml
- D:-1000 ml

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question19:-Which of the following is an offence compoundable under Kerala Forest Act?

- A:-Wrongful seizure
- B:-Wrongful arrest
- C:-Unlawfully affixing mark used by Forest Officer to timber
- D:-Illicit felling of tree from reserve forest

Correct Answer:- Option-D

Question20:-What are the circumstances in which a Forest Officer can arrest a person without warrant?

- A:-Refuses to give name and residence
- B:-Giving false address
- C:-Chance of absconding
- D:-Any of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-D

Question21:-Which of the following is not sandal wood as per Section 47 A of Kerala Forest Act?

- A:-Sandal wood oil
- B:-Leaves of sandal tree
- C:-Seed of sandal tree
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question22:-Who is competent to release arrested person on bond as per Kerala Forest Act?

- A:-Dy RFO in charge of Forest Station
- B:-Range Forest Officer
- C:-Both of the above
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question23:-The Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (Act 4 of 1962) came into force on

- A:-18-01-1962
- B:-01-01-1961
- C:-01-01-1977
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question24:-Under which Section of Kerala Forest Act, 1961 abetment is punishable?

- A:-84
- B:-27
- C:-40
- D:-22

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question25:-What is the reason for a situation where tusk/ivory is not getting the status of Forest produce?

- A:-Not defined in Kerala Forest Act
- B:-No DNA test is available for tusk
- C:-Elephant is available under private ownership also
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question26:-Form IV printed on red paper is used for \_\_\_\_\_.

- A:-Import of timber from other State
- B:-Export of timber to other State
- C:-Transport of timber within the State
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question27:-Pass issued by property mark holder for transport of timber is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A:-Form III white
- B:-Form III yellow
- C:-Form IV white
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question28:-Who is the person to sign on form IV white pass?

- A:-Range Forest Officer
  - B:-Forest Subordinate
  - C:-Merchant who registered property mark
  - D:-None of the above
- Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question29:-The river as per Kerala Forest Act does not include

- A:-Canal
- B:-Backwaters
- C:-Pond
- D:-Stream

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question30:-Which of the following is not true in case of appointment of Forest Settlement Officer?

- A:-FSO shall ordinarily be a person other than Forest Officer
- B:-Forest Officer also can be appointed as FSO
- C:-FSO should be Revenue Officer
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question31:-Forest Settlement Officer is appointed by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A:-Head of Forest Force
- B:-Government
- C:-High Court
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question32:-How many schedules are there in Kerala Forest Act?

- A:-Zero
- B:-1
- C:-2
- D:-3

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question33:-Which of the following involved in forest offence can be confiscated under 61A?

- A:-Vehicle
- B:-Rope
- C:-Cattle
- D:-All the above

Correct Answer:- Option-D

Question34:-Which Section gives indemnity for acts done in good faith in Kerala Forest Act?

- A:-Section 27
- B:-Section 74
- C:-Section 75
- D:-Section 70

Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question35:-Which of the following is a Forest Offence?

- A:-Involving forest produce only
- B:-Offence punishable under Kerala Forest Act, 1961
- C:-Offence inside forest only
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question36:-What is the maximum imprisonment under Kerala Forest Produce Transit Rule, 1975?

- A:-1 year
- B:-2 year
- C:-6 months
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question37:-Which of the following timber is not exempted from transport pass as per Kerala Forest Produce Transit Rule, 1975?

- A:-Acacia
- B:-Vellappine
- C:-Thanni
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-D

Question38:-Which rule of Kerala forest produce transit rule specifies uniformed staff for checking timber in transit?

- A:-Rule 10
- B:-Rule 3
- C:-Rule 9
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question39:-The form of transport pass issued from a sale depot for transport of produce within the limit of town

- A:-Form III Red
- B:-Form III Yellow
- C:-Form III A
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question40:-Which of the following can not be a Private Informer as per Kerala Forest (Regulation of Rewards) Rules, 1995?

- A:-Police Officer
- B:-Revenue Officer
- C:-Forest Officer
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question41:-Which of the following is permissible in a small scale wood industry as per rule?

- A:-Can use resaw not exceeding 5 HP
- B:-Can convert round logs
- C:-Can use band saw below 5 HP
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question42:-What is the OTP for Category I Saw Mill?

- A:-Rs. 50,000
  - B:-Rs. 1 Lakh
  - C:-Rs. 10 Lakh
  - D:-None of the above
- Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question43:-Forest Officer is not permitted to trade as per Section \_\_\_\_\_ of Kerala Forest Act, 1961.

- A:-75
  - B:-27
  - C:-2
  - D:-None of the above
- Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question44:-Section \_\_\_\_\_ of Kerala Forest Act, 1961 gives power to a Forest Officer not below the rank of ACF to release any property seized under Section (52).

- A:-61
  - B:-61(A)
  - C:-62
  - D:-None of the above
- Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question45:-The proceedings for issuing notification of a land as reserve forest is completed under Section of Kerala Forest Act, 1961

- A:-19
  - B:-57
  - C:-4
  - D:-None of the above
- Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question46:-Offences involving \_\_\_\_\_ can not be proceeded under 61A of Kerala Forest Act.

- A:-Timber
  - B:-Sand
  - C:-Charcoal
  - D:-None of the above
- Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question47:-Which is the appellate Court for the claimant to approach when a claim is rejected by Forest Settlement Officer?

- A:-Forest Tribunal
  - B:-District Court
  - C:-High Court
  - D:-None of the above
- Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question48:-Which of the following is not an illegal act by Forest Officer?

- A:-Participate in timber auction of timber for own use with sanction from Government
  - B:-Do Forest Contract work in Karnataka
  - C:-Do cultivation in Forest land for own use
  - D:-None of the above
- Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question49:-What is the maximum imprisonment for destroying a cairn constructed on the boundary of RF?

- A:-2 years
  - B:-7 years
  - C:-10 years
  - D:-None of the above
- Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question50:-Which section of Kerala Forest Act gives power of Police Officer to Forest Officer in investigation of forest offences?

- A:-S(66)
  - B:-S(27)
  - C:-S(9)
  - D:-None of the above
- Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question51:-What is the maximum fine for selling a forest produce obtained under S(17) of KFA?

- A:-Rs. 1,000
  - B:-Rs. 500
  - C:-Rs. 200
  - D:-None of the above
- Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question52:-Which Section give power to close land where fire is caused wilfully?

- A:-S(27)
  - B:-S(56)
  - C:-S(31)
  - D:-None of the above
- Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question53:-Which is the act caused to omit S(49) from KFA?

- A:-Wildlife Protection Act, 1972
  - B:-Biological Diversity Act, 2002
  - C:-Kerala Private Forest (Vesting and Assignment Act, 1971)
  - D:-None of the above
- Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question54:-Which one of the following comes under land at the disposal of Government?

- A:-Property of Dewaswom
  - B:-Unoccupied land
  - C:-Land of Jenmies
  - D:-None of the above
- Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question55:-Section \_\_\_\_\_ reiterates the procedure of Section 61A-61F under KFA?

- A:-68
  - B:-47 H
  - C:-42
  - D:-None of the above
- Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question56:-Notice period for selling an unclaimed impounded cattle

- A:-21 days
- B:-7 days
- C:-14 days
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question57:-Which of the following rule defines segnorage rate of timber?

- A:-Kerala Forest Produce Transit Rule
- B:-Kerala Forest (Preservation, Reproduction and Disposal of trees and timber belonging to Government but grown on lands in the occupation of private persons) Rules, 1975
- C:-Kerala Private Forest (Vesting and Assignment) Rules 1974
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question58:-Which Act/Rule give double the penalty prescribed to an offender who committed like offence previously?

- A:-Kerala Forest (Regulation of Sawmills....) Rules, 2021
- B:-KFPT Rule, 1971
- C:-Kerala Land Assignment Rules, 1964
- D:-All the above

Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question59:-What is the renewal period of property mark registration?

- A:-5 years
- B:-3 years
- C:-1 year
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question60:-What is the period of appeal for an order passed under 61 C of KFA?

- A:-30 days
- B:-45 days
- C:-90 days
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question61:-Which Section of KFA gives protection applicable to private land?

- A:-27
- B:-36
- C:-3
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question62:-Arrest without warrant under KFA can be done by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A:-Forest Officer only
- B:-Police Officer Only
- C:-Forest Officer or Police Officer
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question63:-Action to be taken by Forest Officer while noticing an encroachment in forest is

- A:-Report to Collector
- B:-Report to Police
- C:-Eviction of encroachment
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question64:-Which Section of KFA gives protection to Forest Officer against criminal prosecution for act done in good faith?

- A:-62
- B:-74
- C:-75
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question65:-Which Officer in Kerala Forest Department is competent to give search warrant?

- A:-Not below Ranger
- B:-Not below ACF
- C:-Not below Deputy Ranger
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question66:-By which amendment of KFA provision for imposition of minimum punishment in respect of forest offences were made?

- A:-Act 2 of 1993
- B:-Act 4 of 1992
- C:-Act 8 of 2010
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question67:-In which form proclamation under Section 6 is published by Forest Settlement Officer?

- A:-Form A
- B:-Form B
- C:-Form C
- D:-Form D

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question68:-In which form Register of claims is opened by Forest Settlement Officer?

- A:-Form A
- B:-Form B
- C:-Form C
- D:-Form D

Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question69:-To whom application for the issue of passes for removing forest produce other than teak, rose wood, ebony, and sandal wood from private land is to be made as per KFPT rule?

- A:-Thahsildar
- B:-RDO
- C:-Village Officer
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question70:-Form V pass under KFPT rule is issued in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A:-Duplicate
- B:-Triplicate
- C:-Quadruplicate
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question71:-Institutions which impart training in wood processing is included under category \_\_\_\_\_ of Kerala Forest (Regulation of Saw Mills \_\_\_\_\_) Rules 2021.

- A:-I
- B:-V
- C:-IX
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question72:-What is the highest amount of license fee fixed for saw mill or other wood based industry?

- A:-Rs. 50,000
- B:-Rs. 5,000
- C:-Rs. 3,000
- D:-Rs. 30,000

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question73:-Which is the highest OTP fixed as per Kerala Forest (Regulation of Saw Mills \_\_\_\_\_) Rules 2021?

- A:-Rs. 2 Lakhs
- B:-Rs. 1 Lakh
- C:-Rs. 50,000
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question74:-In which form License for saw mill of pre 30th October, 2002 licensed units are issued?

- A:-A
- B:-IIA
- C:-IIIA
- D:-IIB

Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question75:-Which rule of KFPT rule gives power to Government to exempt any species of trees from the restriction of movement with pass?

- A:-Rule 3
- B:-Rule 8
- C:-Rule 10
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question76:-What is the time period given to person in charge of timber to remove obstruction causing to waterways?

- A:-24 hours
- B:-48 hours
- C:-72 hours
- D:-1 week

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question77:-The authority to notify selling price of every forest produce for a financial year is

- A:-Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
- B:-Government
- C:-Forest Tribunal
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question78:-Which Section gives provision to sell any property seized under Section 52 with the direction of Magistrate?

- A:-53
- B:-55
- C:-58
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question79:-Who is the Chairman of the Expert Committee constituted as per Section (4) of Kerala Forest Produce (Fixation of Selling Price) Act, 1978?

- A:-Agricultural Production Commissioner
- B:-Head of Forest Force
- C:-KFRI Chairman
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question80:-Which is the first amendment of Kerala Forest Act, 1961?

- A:-Act 23 of 1974
- B:-Act 5 of 1981
- C:-Act 28 of 1973
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question81:-Which amendment of Kerala Forest Act 1961 provided minimum punishment for offences under Section 27 of?

- A:-Act 8 of 1989
- B:-Act 2 of 1993
- C:-Act 8 of 2010
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-B

Question82:-Which amendment was brought in to give sandal wood a special legal status?

- A:-Act 28 of 1973
- B:-Act 23 of 1974
- C:-Act 8 of 2010
- D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question83:-What type of land can be brought under reserve forest in KFA?

- A:-Any private land
- B:-Land owned by group of farmers
- C:-Land at the disposal of Government

D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question84:-Which Section of KFA gives provision to presume forest produce to be the property of Government until the contrary is proved?

A:-52

B:-53

C:-58

D:-69

Correct Answer:- Option-D

Question85:-What is the condition to close right of pasture in a land where fire is caused wilfully?

A:-Collection of penalty

B:-Prior notice

C:-Sufficient land is to be opened for pasture

D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question86:-Which of the following does not come under the definition of cattle as per KFA?

A:-Elephant

B:-Horse

C:-Sambar

D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question87:-Which Section gives provision not to revive rights extinguished in a land even after dereservation?

A:-23

B:-24

C:-25

D:-26

Correct Answer:- Option-D

Question88:-When can we consider honey as forest produce?

A:-When found in or brought from forest

B:-Found in or brought from forest or not

C:-Found in forest

D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question89:-What is the time period fixed after which only magistrate can confiscate the property in which forest offence has been committed and offender is not known?

A:-1 Month

B:-6 Months

C:-1 Year

D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question90:-Which one of the following is not a condition to proceed under 61 A?

A:-Committing Forest offence

B:-Offence should be in respect of Timber, Charcoal, Fire, Wood, Ivory

C:-Offence in relate to property brought from Reserve Forest

D:-Offence in relate to property of Government

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question91:-What reward can be given to a private informer?

A:-Distinguished Service Certificate

B:-Good Service Entry

C:-Certificate of Merits

D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question92:-Quote the Cr PC chapter that provides arrest of a person?

A:-I

B:-III

C:-V

D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question93:-What is the minimum punishment of fine for doing agriculture in a land proposed to be constituted as RF during the period between notifications under Section 4 and 19 of KFA?

A:-Rs. 1,000

B:-Rs. 10,000

C:-Rs. 200

D:-Rs. 500

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question94:-What is the duration of arrest warrant?

A:-Until cancelled by Court or until executed

B:-Until executed

C:-Until executed or until the death of warranted person

D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question95:-Under which Section of Cr PC search warrant is issued?

A:-63

B:-73

C:-83

D:-93

Correct Answer:- Option-D

Question96:-What is the punishment for obliterating any mark placed on any timber by or under the authority of Forest Officer?

A:-Imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both

B:-Imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both

C:-Imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years, or with a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both

D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A

Question97:-Which of the following acts were repealed by Kerala Forest Act, 1961?

A:-The Travancore Cochin Forest Act, 1951

B:-Madras Forest Act, 1882

C:-Madras Wild Elephant Preservation Act, 1873

D:-All the above

Correct Answer:- Option-D

Question98:-Under which section trees standing on land granted for permanent cultivation became the property of land owner in certain cases?

A:-27

B:-36

C:-82

D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question99:-Where to file the appeal against the decision of State Level Committee under Saw Mill Rule 2021?

A:-District Court

B:-Chief Secretary

C:-Regional Office of the Central Government in Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change

D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-C

Question100:-Under which section possession of illegally collected rock from forest is punishable?

A:-27(1)d

B:-27(1)e(iii)

C:-27(1)e(iv)

D:-None of the above

Correct Answer:- Option-A