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Questions (55)

1. Which of these is NOT among the Sivaji Ganesan films added to the NFAI collection in Oct 2026?
(A) Thiruvilayadal
(B) Thiruvarutchelvar
(C) Thillana Mohanambal
(D) Parasakthi

2. Who directed all three of these films?
(A) K. Balachander
(B) A.P. Nagarajan
(C) B.R. Panthulu
(D) A. Bhimsingh

3. The National Film Archive of India (NFAI), set up in 1964, is located in
(A) Mumbai
(B) Chennai
(C) Pune
(D) Kolkata

4. Which was Sivaji Ganesan's debut film?
(A) Parasakthi (1952)
(B) Manohara (1954)
(C) Andha Naal (1954)
(D) Kappalottiya Thamizhan (1961)

5. Which film won Sivaji Ganesan the Best Actor award at the 1960 Afro-Asian Film Festival in Cairo?
(A) Kappalottiya Thamizhan
(B) Karnan
(C) Navarathri
(D) Veerapandiya Kattabomman

6. Which body runs the OCMMS online system in Tamil Nadu?
(A) Central Pollution Control Board
(B) Department of Environment
(C) Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
(D) SIPCOT

7. Dr V.K. Rajeev, who opened the help desk, holds which portfolio?
(A) Industries
(B) Environment and Climate Change
(C) Forests
(D) Information Technology

8. Under which Act was the Central Pollution Control Board set up?
(A) Water Act 1974
(B) Environment Act 1986
(C) Air Act 1981
(D) Forest Conservation Act 1980

9. What does EPR stand for?
(A) Environmental Protection Rule
(B) Effluent Pollution Register
(C) Extended Producer Responsibility
(D) Emission Prevention Regulation

10. Under the CPCB categorisation, which category of industries needs no pollution consent?
(A) Red
(B) Orange
(C) Green
(D) White

11. At which place's Wildlife Week closing ceremony was the wildlife ambulance launched?
(A) Vandalur Zoo
(B) Guindy Children's Nature Park
(C) Pallikaranai Marsh
(D) Vedanthangal

12. What is the name of the Tamil Nadu Forest Department app on which snake-rescue volunteers register?
(A) Naagam
(B) Kaaval Uthavi
(C) SARPA
(D) Meetpu

13. Guindy National Park, inside the city, is best known for which animal?
(A) Nilgiri tahr
(B) Lion-tailed macaque
(C) Blackbuck
(D) Gaur

14. 'To protect forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife, and to have compassion for living creatures' – which Article contains this Fundamental Duty?

(A) Article 48A
(B) Article 21
(C) Article 39(b)
(D) Article 51A(g)

15. Which sea turtle species comes to nest on Tamil Nadu's coast in December–March?

(A) Leatherback
(B) Olive Ridley
(C) Green turtle
(D) Hawksbill

16. Which body introduced the 'Garuda Map' app?

(A) Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD)
(B) AP Tourism Development Corporation
(C) IRCTC
(D) ISRO

17. In the 'Garuda Vahana Seva', the key day of the Brahmotsavam, Garuda is the mount of which deity?

(A) Shiva
(B) Vishnu
(C) Murugan
(D) Ganesha

18. Tirumala lies in which hill range?

(A) Nallamala
(B) Javadhu Hills
(C) Shevaroy Hills
(D) Seshachalam Hills

19. Which town came to Tamil Nadu from Andhra in 1960 after the northern border struggle led by Ma. Po. Sivagnanam?

(A) Tirupati
(B) Chittoor
(C) Tiruttani
(D) Puttur

20. Tirumala lies in which Andhra Pradesh district, formed in 2022?

(A) Tirupati
(B) Chittoor
(C) Nellore
(D) Annamayya

21. Jewar (Noida International) Airport is in which district of Uttar Pradesh?

(A) Ghaziabad
(B) Gautam Buddh Nagar
(C) Bulandshahr
(D) Aligarh

22. What is the IATA code of Noida International Airport?

(A) NIA
(B) JWR
(C) DXN
(D) NOI

23. Jewar airport was developed by a subsidiary of an airport company from which country?

(A) Germany
(B) Singapore
(C) France
(D) Switzerland

24. 'Airways' are placed in which list of the Constitution?

(A) Union List
(B) State List
(C) Concurrent List
(D) Residuary power

25. Chennai airport's international terminal is named after whom?

(A) K. Kamaraj
(B) C.N. Annadurai
(C) M.G. Ramachandran
(D) Periyar

26. Which Israeli President announced the award for Smit Machchhar?

(A) Benjamin Netanyahu
(B) Naftali Bennett
(C) Isaac Herzog
(D) Reuven Rivlin

27. Smit Machchhar was captain of a flight operated by which airline?
(A) Emirates
(B) flydubai
(C) Air Arabia
(D) Etihad

28. Where did flydubai flight FZ1073 make its emergency landing?
(A) Tabuk, Saudi Arabia
(B) Amman, Jordan
(C) Eilat, Israel
(D) Cairo, Egypt

29. In which year did India establish full diplomatic relations with Israel?
(A) 1950
(B) 1962
(C) 2017
(D) 1992

30. India's first commercial airmail flight, flown by J.R.D. Tata on 15 Oct 1932, ended at which city?
(A) Delhi
(B) Calcutta
(C) Madras
(D) Bangalore

31. In which category did the 'Pandharpur Wari' documentary become India's national winner at AACA 2026?
(A) Best Documentary Series
(B) Best Lifestyle Programme
(C) Best Infotainment Programme
(D) Best Branded Programme

32. Which company made the 'Pandharpur Wari' documentary with Maharashtra's IPRD?
(A) Netflix
(B) Warner Bros. Discovery
(C) National Geographic
(D) Prasar Bharati

33. Which is the presiding deity of the Pandharpur temple?
(A) Vitthal (Vithoba)
(B) Khandoba
(C) Dattatreya
(D) Jyotiba

34. From where does Sant Dnyaneshwar's palanquin set out in the Wari?
(A) Dehu
(B) Paithan
(C) Alandi
(D) Nashik

35. Where did the Bhakti movement originate through the Alvars and Nayanmars?
(A) Maharashtra
(B) Bengal
(C) Kashmir
(D) Tamil Nadu

36. According to WWF's Living Planet Report 2026, by how much did monitored vertebrate populations fall on average?
(A) 52%
(B) 69%
(C) 73%
(D) 85%

37. Which ecosystem's species show the steepest decline?
(A) Freshwater
(B) Marine
(C) Terrestrial
(D) Polar

38. Which region saw the largest (95%) fall in wildlife populations?
(A) Africa
(B) Asia-Pacific
(C) Europe & Central Asia
(D) Latin America & Caribbean

39. Which body produces the 'Living Planet Index' used in the WWF report?
(A) IUCN
(B) Zoological Society of London (ZSL)
(C) UNEP
(D) BirdLife International

40. Which State has the most Ramsar wetlands in India?
(A) Uttar Pradesh
(B) Odisha
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) Gujarat

41. Which agency developed South Korea's first indigenous hypersonic glide vehicle?
(A) Agency for Defense Development (ADD)
(B) Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI)
(C) Samsung Techwin
(D) Hanwha Aerospace

42. 'Hypersonic' means a speed of at least how many times the speed of sound?
(A) Mach 1
(B) Mach 3
(C) Mach 5
(D) Mach 10

43. Which South Korean President observed the hypersonic test?
(A) Yoon Suk-yeol
(B) Moon Jae-in
(C) Park Geun-hye
(D) Lee Jae-myung

44. From where was India's long-range hypersonic missile tested in Nov 2024?
(A) Sriharikota
(B) Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island
(C) Pokhran
(D) Thumba

45. Where in Tamil Nadu is the South Korean firm Hyundai's car plant?
(A) Irungattukottai (Sriperumbudur)
(B) Hosur
(C) Gummidipoondi
(D) Oragadam

46. Under which Governor-General was India Post set up as a separate department in 1854?
(A) Lord Canning
(B) Lord Dalhousie
(C) Lord Wellesley
(D) Lord Ripon

47. In National Postal Week 2026, 12 October is observed as
(A) Mails & Parcels Day
(B) Financial Inclusion Day
(C) Fun with Philately Day
(D) Technology & Innovation Day

48. In which year did India Post launch 'Speed Post'?
(A) 1972
(B) 1995
(C) 2004
(D) 1986

49. In which year was the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) launched?
(A) 2016
(B) 2017
(C) 2018
(D) 2019

50. In which year was the Madras General Post Office established?
(A) 1786
(B) 1854
(C) 1884
(D) 1837

51. What is the theme of World Mental Health Day 2026?
(A) Mental Health is a Universal Human Right
(B) Mental Health at Work
(C) Access to Services
(D) Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change

52. Which organisation started World Mental Health Day in 1992?
(A) World Health Organization
(B) World Federation for Mental Health
(C) UNICEF
(D) Red Cross

53. What is India's 'Tele-MANAS' mental-health helpline number?

(A) 14416 (B) 1098

(C) 112 (D) 104

54. Which Supreme Court judgment laid down the 'rarest of rare' doctrine for the death penalty?

(A) Maneka Gandhi (1978) (B) Kesavananda Bharati (1973)

(C) Bachan Singh (1980) (D) D.K. Basu (1997)

55. In which year was World Homeless Day (10 Oct) first observed?

(A) 2005 (B) 2008

(C) 2015 (D) 2010

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Answers & explanations

1. (D) Parasakthi – The three added: Thiruvilayadal (1965), Thiruvarutchelvar (1967), Thillana Mohanambal (1968). 'Parasakthi' (1952) was Sivaji's first film.

2. (B) A.P. Nagarajan – A.P. Nagarajan, famous for mythological and devotional films. B.R. Panthulu directed 'Veerapandiya Kattabomman'.

3. (C) Pune – Pune, which also hosts the FTII. NFAI was merged into the NFDC in 2022.

4. (A) Parasakthi (1952) – 'Parasakthi' (1952), with dialogue by M. Karunanidhi; its courtroom speech is famous. 'Kappalottiya Thamizhan' is about V.O. Chidambaranar.

5. (D) Veerapandiya Kattabomman – 'Veerapandiya Kattabomman' (1959), on the Panchalankurichi poligar; Sivaji was the first Indian actor to win Best Actor at a foreign festival.

6. (C) Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board – TNPCB handles consent, authorisation and EPR applications online; the help desk is at its Guindy head office.

7. (B) Environment and Climate Change – Minister for Environment and Climate Change (the Pollution Control Board is also under him). The Forest Minister is R.V. Ranjith Kumar.

8. (A) Water Act 1974 – The Water Act 1974 created the CPCB and State boards; they were later given functions under the Air Act 1981 too.

9. (C) Extended Producer Responsibility – Extended Producer Responsibility – makers must collect and recycle their plastic, e-waste and battery waste.

10. (D) White – White – barely polluting; no consent needed, only intimation. Red is the most polluting.

11. (B) Guindy Children's Nature Park – Guindy Children's Nature Park, Chennai – opened in 1959, beside Guindy National Park.

12. (A) Naagam – Volunteers on the 'Naagam' app got kits to rescue snakes safely. 'Kaaval Uthavi' is the police app.

13. (C) Blackbuck – Blackbuck, a grassland antelope; it became a national park in 1976. The Nilgiri tahr, the State animal, lives in the hills.

14. (D) Article 51A(g) – 51A(g) is the citizen's duty; 48A is the State's Directive Principle. Both were added by the 42nd Amendment (1976).

15. (B) Olive Ridley – Olive Ridley – IUCN 'Vulnerable'; mass nesting at Gahirmatha, Odisha. Tamil Nadu's Forest Department guards the eggs and releases the hatchlings.

16. (A) Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) – TTD – it guides pilgrims to darshan routes, laddu counters, lodging, annaprasadam and more in Tirumala–Tirupati.

17. (B) Vishnu – Garuda carries Vishnu. Shiva – Nandi; Murugan – peacock; Ganesha – mouse.

18. (D) Seshachalam Hills – Seshachalam, part of the Eastern Ghats, with seven hills. Javadhu and Shevaroy are in Tamil Nadu.

19. (C) Tiruttani – Tiruttani – part of Tamil Nadu since 1 April 1960 (1959 boundary Act on the Pataskar Commission's advice). Tirupati stayed in Andhra.

20. (A) Tirupati – Tirupati district was formed in April 2022 from parts of Chittoor and Nellore.

21. (B) Gautam Buddh Nagar – Gautam Buddh Nagar district (Noida), near the Yamuna Expressway. Hindon air base is in Ghaziabad.

22. (C) DXN – DXN. Delhi is DEL, Chennai MAA, Mumbai BOM.

23. (D) Switzerland – Yamuna International Airport Pvt Ltd of the Zurich Airport group (Switzerland); built on a PPP model.

24. (A) Union List – Union List Entry 29, so renaming an airport needs the Centre's approval – the State can only propose.

25. (B) C.N. Annadurai – International terminal – Anna Terminal; domestic terminal – Kamaraj Terminal.

26. (C) Isaac Herzog – Isaac Herzog has been Israel's President since 2021. Netanyahu is PM; Rivlin is a former President.

27. (B) flydubai – flydubai FZ1073 – a Boeing 737 MAX 8 from Dubai to Tel Aviv.

28. (A) Tabuk, Saudi Arabia – It landed at Tabuk, Saudi Arabia (Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz Airport).

29. (D) 1992 – 1992 (P.V. Narasimha Rao government). 1950 was recognition only; 2017 was Modi's first PM visit.

30. (C) Madras – Karachi → Bombay → Madras (Tata Air Services), which later became 'Air India'.

31. (D) Best Branded Programme – 'Best Branded Programme'. Best Documentary History went to 'India Today @50'; Best Documentary Series to 'Nithari'.

32. (B) Warner Bros. Discovery – Warner Bros. Discovery, which aired it worldwide on Discovery channels.

33. (A) Vitthal (Vithoba) – Vitthal/Vithoba, worshipped as a form of Krishna; the temple is on the Chandrabhaga (Bhima) river.

34. (C) Alandi – Alandi – site of Dnyaneshwar's samadhi. Sant Tukaram's palanquin leaves from Dehu; Paithan is Eknath's town.

35. (D) Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu in the 6th–9th centuries – 12 Alvars ('Nalayira Divya Prabandham') and 63 Nayanmars ('Thevaram' – Appar, Sambandar, Sundarar).

36. (C) 73% – 73% (1970–2022, 52 years). 85% is freshwater; 69% is terrestrial.

37. (A) Freshwater – Freshwater – 85%; terrestrial 69%; marine 59%. Dams, pollution and water extraction are key drivers.

38. (D) Latin America & Caribbean – Latin America & Caribbean 95%; Africa 80%; Asia-Pacific 49%. Europe's big losses happened before 1970, so its figure is lower.

39. (B) Zoological Society of London (ZSL) – ZSL – the Zoological Society of London. IUCN publishes the 'Red List'.

40. (C) Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu – including Point Calimere, Vedanthangal, Pallikaranai and the Gulf of Mannar. The Ramsar Convention dates from 1971, Iran.

41. (A) Agency for Defense Development (ADD) – ADD is the state defence research agency (like India's DRDO). KARI runs space programmes (the 'Nuri' rocket).

42. (C) Mach 5 – Above Mach 5 is hypersonic; Mach 1–5 is supersonic (e.g. BrahMos, about Mach 2.8–3).

43. (D) Lee Jae-myung – Lee Jae-myung (President since 2025); a president attending a new strike-weapon test is rare.

44. (B) Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island – Odisha's Abdul Kalam Island (formerly Wheeler Island, renamed 2015); a DRDO test. Sriharikota is ISRO's launch site.

45. (A) Irungattukottai (Sriperumbudur) – Irungattukottai – since 1998; Chennai is called the 'Detroit of India'. Hosur has Ashok Leyland, TVS and others.

46. (B) Lord Dalhousie – Lord Dalhousie (1848–56) – post, telegraph and railways all began in his time (first train 1853).

47. (C) Fun with Philately Day – 12 Oct – philately; 13 Oct – financial inclusion; 14 Oct – mails & parcels; 15 Oct – technology & innovation.

48. (D) 1986 – 1986. 1972 saw the PIN code; IPPB came in 2018.

49. (C) 2018 – 1 Sept 2018 – a payments bank; it cannot lend and may accept deposits up to ₹2 lakh.

50. (A) 1786 – 1 June 1786; the present Rajaji Salai building was built in 1884.

51. (D) Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change – 2026 – 'Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change'; 2024 – 'Mental Health at Work'; 2023 – 'Mental Health is a Universal Human Right'.

52. (B) World Federation for Mental Health – The WFMH (1948) began it in 1992; the WHO supports it.

53. (A) 14416 – 14416 – a free 24-hour line since 10 Oct 2022. 1098 is Childline; 112 is the emergency number.

54. (C) Bachan Singh (1980) – Bachan Singh (1980) – the death penalty is constitutional but only for the 'rarest of rare' cases. Machhi Singh (1983) elaborated it.

55. (D) 2010 – 2010; 2026 is the 17th. There is no yearly theme; it aims to spur local action.

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