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Questions (125)

1. Which body set up a committee headed by retired judge V. Bharathidasan in Oct 2026 to oversee the Chidambaram Nataraja temple's administration?

(A) Supreme Court of India
(B) HR&CE Department
(C) Tamil Nadu Cabinet
(D) Madras High Court

2. Among the Pancha Bhoota Sthalams, which element does the Chidambaram Nataraja temple represent?

(A) Earth
(B) Water
(C) Air
(D) Space (Akasha)

3. 'Thiruvasagam', which the court said devotees may sing at the Kanaka Sabha, was composed by

(A) Thirunavukkarasar
(B) Sundarar
(C) Manikkavasagar
(D) Sekkizhar

4. Which Chola king is credited with covering the Chit Sabha of the Chidambaram temple with gold?

(A) Parantaka I
(B) Rajaraja I
(C) Rajendra I
(D) Kulothunga I

5. The 108 karanas sculpted on the gopurams of the Chidambaram temple are described in which text?

(A) Natya Shastra
(B) Silappathikaram
(C) Arthashastra
(D) Tholkappiyam

6. Which company group is the primary strategic investor in the proposed mega shipyard at Thoothukudi?

(A) Samsung Heavy Industries
(B) Hanwha Ocean
(C) Mitsubishi Heavy Industries
(D) HD Hyundai (HD KSOE)

7. NSHIP-TN, the SPV for the Thoothukudi shipyard, is a joint venture of VOC Port and which Tamil Nadu agency?

(A) SIPCOT
(B) TIDCO
(C) Tamil Nadu Maritime Board
(D) ELCOT

8. The 'Gross Tonnage' (GT) used to state shipbuilding capacity measures a ship's

(A) Weight of cargo it can carry
(B) Weight of water displaced
(C) Maximum speed
(D) Total internal volume

9. Which long-term vision aims to make India one of the world's top five shipbuilding nations by 2047?

(A) Sagarmala Programme
(B) Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047
(C) Bharatmala Pariyojana
(D) PM Gati Shakti

10. Thoothukudi, the shipyard site, is called the 'Pearl City' because of its

(A) Pearl-inlay handicrafts
(B) Gulf of Mannar pearl fishery
(C) Pearl-shaped islands
(D) Artificial pearl factories

11. After the October 2026 order, what is the upper age limit for general-category candidates in TNPSC Group-I?

(A) 37 years
(B) 35 years
(C) 34 years
(D) 42 years

12. Under Article 316, who appoints the Chairman and members of a State Public Service Commission?
(A) The Governor
(B) The President
(C) The Chief Minister
(D) Chief Justice of High Court

13. Part XIV of the Indian Constitution deals with
(A) Elections
(B) Finance, property, contracts
(C) Services under Union & States
(D) Official language

14. Who can remove a member of a State Public Service Commission on the ground of misbehaviour?
(A) The Governor
(B) The President
(C) State Legislature
(D) The High Court

15. Which province of British India was the first to set up a provincial Public Service Commission, in 1929?
(A) Bengal
(B) Bombay
(C) Madras
(D) Punjab

16. In which Swiss town will the WEF Annual Meeting of January 2027, to be attended by CM Vijay, be held?
(A) Davos
(B) Geneva
(C) Zurich
(D) Lausanne

17. Who founded the World Economic Forum in 1971 (then the European Management Forum)?
(A) Kofi Annan
(B) Christine Lagarde
(C) Klaus Schwab
(D) Jeffrey Sachs

18. Which of the following reports is published by the World Economic Forum (WEF)?
(A) Global Gender Gap Report
(B) World Development Report
(C) Human Development Report
(D) World Economic Outlook

19. Which is Tamil Nadu's nodal agency for investment promotion and single-window facilitation?
(A) TN Industrial Investment Corp.
(B) Guidance Tamil Nadu
(C) TN Infrastructure Board
(D) StartupTN

20. What is the capital of Switzerland, the country that hosts the WEF headquarters?
(A) Zurich
(B) Geneva
(C) Basel
(D) Bern

21. Which district is NOT among those where the eight industrial projects approved on 29 Oct 2026 will come up?
(A) Kancheepuram
(B) Chengalpattu
(C) Tirunelveli
(D) Coimbatore

22. Which Article provides for a Council of Ministers headed by the Chief Minister to aid and advise the Governor?
(A) Article 154
(B) Article 163
(C) Article 74
(D) Article 167

23. 'Agrotech', 'Meditech' and 'Geotech' are segments of which sector, one of those in the approved projects?
(A) Life sciences
(B) Technical textiles
(C) Electronics
(D) Aerospace

24. Erode, one of the project districts, holds a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for which produce?
(A) Cardamom
(B) Pepper
(C) Banana
(D) Turmeric

25. Which town in Krishnagiri district, on the Karnataka border, is a major automobile and electronics hub?
(A) Ambur
(B) Vaniyambadi
(C) Dharmapuri
(D) Hosur

26. As per MNRE, over 70% of India's contracted green hydrogen volume is earmarked for:
(A) Exports
(B) Fertiliser plants
(C) Oil refineries
(D) City gas distribution

27. The 'H2Global' auction mechanism, under which AM Green won a green ammonia supply deal, is an initiative of:
(A) Japan
(B) South Korea
(C) Germany
(D) Netherlands

28. Which catalyst is used in the manufacture of ammonia by the Haber process?
(A) Platinum
(B) Iron
(C) Nickel
(D) Vanadium pentoxide

29. Numaligarh Refinery, one of the refineries to get green hydrogen under SIGHT, is in which State?
(A) West Bengal
(B) Assam
(C) Odisha
(D) Arunachal Pradesh

30. Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd (CPCL), which runs the Manali refinery in Chennai, is a subsidiary of:
(A) Indian Oil (IOCL)
(B) Bharat Petroleum (BPCL)
(C) ONGC
(D) GAIL

31. Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia, named Vice Chief of the Air Staff, currently heads which command?
(A) Western Air Command
(B) Southern Air Command
(C) Eastern Air Command
(D) Training Command

32. The National Defence Academy (NDA), of which Walia is an alumnus, is located at:
(A) Khadakwasla, Pune
(B) Dehradun
(C) Wellington, Nilgiris
(D) Ezhimala, Kerala

33. The IAF's 'TACDE' (Tactics and Air Combat Development Establishment), once commanded by Walia, is at:
(A) Jamnagar
(B) Hyderabad (Dundigal)
(C) Gwalior
(D) Bidar

34. Who is the only Indian Air Force officer to be awarded the Param Vir Chakra?
(A) Abhinandan Varthaman
(B) Rakesh Sharma
(C) Ajjamada B. Devayya
(D) Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon

35. The Indian Air Force's 'Air Force Administrative College' is located in which Tamil Nadu city?
(A) Tambaram
(B) Thanjavur
(C) Avadi
(D) Coimbatore

36. Which body gave final approval on 28 Oct 2026 for 8 Next Generation Corvettes for the Navy?
(A) Defence Acquisition Council
(B) Cabinet Committee on Security
(C) National Security Council
(D) Chiefs of Staff Committee

37. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), which will build five of the eight corvettes, is based in:
(A) Visakhapatnam
(B) Mumbai
(C) Kolkata
(D) Kochi

38. The unit 'knot', used for the speed of ships, is equal to one:
(A) Mile per hour
(B) Kilometre per hour
(C) Metre per second
(D) Nautical mile per hour

39. India's anti-submarine stealth corvettes built by GRSE under 'Project 28' belong to which class?
(A) Kamorta class
(B) Talwar class
(C) Shivalik class
(D) Kolkata class

40. The naval air station 'INS Parundu', which watches the Gulf of Mannar and Palk Strait, is located at:
(A) Uchipuli, Ramanathapuram
(B) Arakkonam, Ranipet
(C) Thoothukudi
(D) Nagapattinam

41. Which Union Ministry launched 'Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 4.0' on 28 Oct 2026?
(A) Ministry of Education
(B) Youth Affairs and Sports
(C) Social Justice & Empowerment
(D) Health and Family Welfare

42. Section 4 of COTPA, 2003 prohibits:
(A) Tobacco advertising
(B) Sale to minors
(C) Smoking in public places
(D) Packs without warnings

43. The PECA law of 2019, enforced under TFYC 4.0, bans:
(A) Hookah bars
(B) Beedi manufacture
(C) Electronic cigarettes
(D) Chewing tobacco

44. Which international treaty on tobacco control, made under the WHO, did India ratify in 2004?
(A) Stockholm Convention
(B) WHO FCTC
(C) Rotterdam Convention
(D) Minamata Convention

45. In 2013, the Tamil Nadu government banned gutka and pan masala under which law?
(A) COTPA, 2003
(B) NDPS Act, 1985
(C) Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940
(D) Food Safety & Stds Act, 2006

46. Sikkim's first 'Himalayan Yak Festival' (Oct 2026) was held in which valley?
(A) Spiti Valley
(B) Gnathang Valley
(C) Ziro Valley
(D) Dzukou Valley

47. Where is the ICAR–National Research Centre on Yak located?
(A) Leh, Ladakh
(B) Dirang, Arunachal
(C) Gangtok, Sikkim
(D) Karnal, Haryana

48. What is the scientific name of the domestic yak?
(A) Bos grunniens
(B) Bos indicus
(C) Bubalus bubalis
(D) Bos gaurus

49. Which Article of the Constitution contains special provisions for Sikkim?
(A) Article 371A
(B) Article 371G
(C) Article 371H
(D) Article 371F

50. The Toda tribe of the Nilgiris are traditionally herders of which animal?
(A) Yak
(B) Sheep
(C) Buffalo
(D) Camel

51. As recommended by the 57th GST Council, what change was made to GST on delivery services via e-commerce platforms?
(A) Raised from 5% to 18%
(B) Fully exempted
(C) Cut 18% to 5% (no ITC)
(D) Cut to 12% (with ITC)

52. Under Section 9(5) of the CGST Act, who pays GST on services supplied via e-commerce platforms by unregistered suppliers?
(A) The consumer
(B) The e-commerce operator
(C) The delivery partner
(D) The State Government

53. Who is the ex-officio Secretary of the GST Council?
(A) Union Finance Secretary
(B) Union Revenue Secretary
(C) Chairman, CBIC
(D) Chief Economic Adviser

54. Under the Constitution's definition of GST, which item is kept outside GST?
(A) Tobacco products
(B) Gold
(C) Mobile phones
(D) Alcoholic liquor (human use)

55. Which department administers State GST (SGST) in Tamil Nadu?
(A) Commercial Taxes Department
(B) Registration Department
(C) Revenue Administration Dept
(D) Treasuries & Accounts Dept

56. In which national park was the new flowering plant 'Osbeckia assamensis' (Oct 2026) discovered?
(A) Kaziranga
(B) Nameri
(C) Manas
(D) Dibru-Saikhowa

57. The genus Osbeckia belongs to which plant family?
(A) Acanthaceae
(B) Melastomataceae
(C) Orchidaceae
(D) Fabaceae

58. The Bengal florican, a Critically Endangered bird of the Terai–Assam grasslands, is a type of –
(A) Crane
(B) Stork
(C) Bustard
(D) Pheasant

59. The 'pygmy hog', captive-bred and released into Assam's grasslands, is the world's smallest –
(A) Deer
(B) Rhinoceros
(C) Wild cat
(D) Wild pig

60. Where in Tamil Nadu is the Southern Regional Centre of the Botanical Survey of India (BSI)?
(A) Chennai
(B) Madurai
(C) Udhagamandalam
(D) Coimbatore

61. The Sirpur archaeological site, added to UNESCO's Tentative List, lies in which district of Chhattisgarh?
(A) Raipur
(B) Bastar
(C) Mahasamund
(D) Bilaspur

62. The 7th-century Lakshmana temple at Sirpur is famous as an early temple built mainly of –

(A) Granite
(B) Brick
(C) Sandstone
(D) Marble

63. Between the 5th and 12th centuries CE, Sirpur was the capital of which ancient region?

(A) Kalinga
(B) Dakshina Kosala
(C) Vidarbha
(D) Magadha

64. Which body evaluates nominated cultural sites and advises UNESCO on the World Heritage List?

(A) ICOMOS
(B) IUCN
(C) ICCROM
(D) WWF

65. Which Tamil Nadu site is on UNESCO's Tentative List but is not yet a World Heritage Site?

(A) Brihadisvara, Thanjavur
(B) Mahabalipuram monuments
(C) Nilgiri Mountain Railway
(D) Chettinad village clusters

66. Which UAE honour was conferred on Captain Smit Machchhar for his courage in October 2026?

(A) First Class Order of Zayed II
(B) Order of Zayed
(C) Order of Abdulaziz Al Saud
(D) Order of the Nile

67. Which Indian Prime Minister received the 'Order of Zayed', the UAE's highest civilian honour, in 2019?

(A) Manmohan Singh
(B) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
(C) Indira Gandhi
(D) Narendra Modi

68. Which India–UAE trade agreement has been in force since 1 May 2022?

(A) ECTA
(B) TEPA
(C) CEPA
(D) CECA

69. The BAPS Hindu Mandir opened by PM Modi in February 2024 is in which emirate?

(A) Abu Dhabi
(B) Dubai
(C) Sharjah
(D) Ras Al Khaimah

70. At which State function is Tamil Nadu's 'Anna Medal for Gallantry', for life-saving bravery, presented?

(A) Independence Day
(B) Tamil Nadu Day
(C) Gandhi Jayanti
(D) Republic Day

71. Which dairy co-operative built the Bharat Bovine Breeding and Research Centre opened at Bhildi in Banaskantha?

(A) Amul (Kaira)
(B) Sabar Dairy
(C) Dudhsagar Dairy
(D) Banas Dairy

72. Kankrej cattle exported to Brazil gave rise to which breed there?

(A) Nelore
(B) Guzerá
(C) Gyr
(D) Hereford

73. In the 'IVF' part of ET-IVF technology, where does fertilisation take place?

(A) Inside the uterus
(B) Inside the oviduct
(C) Outside the body, in a lab
(D) Inside the ovary

74. The famous draught breed 'Kangayam' is native to which region of Tamil Nadu?

(A) Cauvery delta
(B) Sivaganga–Ramanathapuram
(C) Nilgiris
(D) Kongu region

75. The dual-purpose (milk and draught) native breed 'Kankrej' has its home tract in which region?
(A) Rann of Kutch (Guj–Raj)
(B) Malwa plateau (MP)
(C) Coastal Andhra
(D) Haryana–Punjab

76. Which publisher's 2026 'World's 100 Best Museums' list ranked the Bihar Museum 9th?
(A) Lonely Planet
(B) Worth a Journey
(C) Tripadvisor
(D) Condé Nast Traveller

77. The 'Didarganj Yakshi', the Bihar Museum's star exhibit, is generally assigned to which period?
(A) Gupta
(B) Mauryan
(C) Pala
(D) Shunga

78. India's oldest museum, founded by the Asiatic Society in 1814, is located in which city?
(A) Kolkata
(B) Chennai
(C) Mumbai
(D) New Delhi

79. The Government Museum, Chennai, famous for its Amaravati Buddhist sculptures, is located at –
(A) Mylapore
(B) Guindy
(C) Egmore
(D) Adyar

80. When is International Museum Day observed every year?
(A) 18 May
(B) 18 April
(C) 27 September
(D) 19 November

81. UNEP's 'Nature's Comeback' report (Oct 2026) cited India's Ganges dolphin recovery programme as a:
(A) Champions of the Earth award
(B) Ramsar Site
(C) UNESCO Biosphere Reserve
(D) World Restoration Flagship

82. What is the scientific name of the Ganges river dolphin, India's National Aquatic Animal?
(A) Orcaella brevirostris
(B) Platanista gangetica
(C) Gavialis gangeticus
(D) Dugong dugon

83. The Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary is in which State?
(A) Uttar Pradesh
(B) West Bengal
(C) Bihar
(D) Assam

84. Along with UNEP, which body leads the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030)?
(A) UNDP
(B) FAO
(C) UNESCO
(D) WMO

85. The Ganges river dolphin is the 'State aquatic animal' of which State?
(A) Bihar
(B) West Bengal
(C) Assam
(D) Odisha

86. Which Gulf of Finland coastal town has Google's data centre, built in an old paper mill bought in 2009?
(A) Helsinki
(B) Espoo
(C) Hamina
(D) Tampere

87. With which country does Finland share its longest land border?
(A) Sweden
(B) Russia
(C) Norway
(D) Estonia

88. Finland became NATO's 31st member in 2023. Which country joined as the 32nd member in 2024?
(A) Sweden
(B) Ukraine
(C) Austria
(D) Switzerland

89. Finland's Loviisa power plant, with which Google signed a 22-year power deal, is of which type?
(A) Coal
(B) Hydroelectric
(C) Wind
(D) Nuclear

90. Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google and Alphabet, was born in which Tamil Nadu city?
(A) Chennai
(B) Coimbatore
(C) Madurai
(D) Tiruchirappalli

91. SBI's 'CyRIS', launched in Mumbai in Oct 2026, is a Centre of Excellence for which field?
(A) Green finance
(B) Rural credit
(C) Cybersecurity
(D) MSME lending

92. Which is India's national nodal agency for protecting Critical Information Infrastructure (CII)?
(A) CERT-In
(B) NCIIPC
(C) I4C
(D) NATGRID

93. Which malware encrypts a computer's data and demands payment to release it?
(A) Phishing
(B) Spyware
(C) Adware
(D) Ransomware

94. 'Quantum-safe' (post-quantum) cryptography is mainly designed to resist attacks by:
(A) Quantum computers
(B) Electromagnetic pulses
(C) Satellite jamming
(D) Optical-fibre tapping

95. Tamil Nadu's State Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (TN-S4C), set up in Chennai in Aug 2026, mirrors which central body?
(A) CBI
(B) NCRB
(C) I4C
(D) NIA

96. Which country topped the WJP Rule of Law Index 2026?
(A) Norway
(B) Denmark
(C) Finland
(D) New Zealand

97. Where is the World Justice Project (WJP), which publishes the Rule of Law Index, headquartered?
(A) Geneva
(B) The Hague
(C) London
(D) Washington, D.C.

98. Which Article of the Constitution guarantees 'equality before the law' and 'equal protection of the laws'?
(A) Article 14
(B) Article 19
(C) Article 21
(D) Article 32

99. Which British jurist systematically explained the concept of the 'Rule of Law'?
(A) Montesquieu
(B) John Locke
(C) A.V. Dicey
(D) Jean-Jacques Rousseau

100. Which is Tamil Nadu's main agency for investigating corruption by public servants?
(A) DVAC
(B) Q Branch CID
(C) Economic Offences Wing
(D) Crime Branch CID

101. Aboard which spacecraft did Indian-origin NASA astronaut Anil Menon reach the ISS in July 2026?
(A) Crew Dragon
(B) Starliner
(C) Orion
(D) Soyuz MS-29

102. Which Indian-origin astronaut has carried out the most spacewalks?
(A) Kalpana Chawla
(B) Raja Chari
(C) Anil Menon
(D) Sunita Williams

103. Which space station did Rakesh Sharma, the first Indian in space, visit in 1984?
(A) Mir
(B) Skylab
(C) Salyut 7
(D) Tiangong

104. Who performed the world's first spacewalk (EVA), in March 1965?
(A) Alexei Leonov
(B) Yuri Gagarin
(C) Neil Armstrong
(D) Ed White

105. Who became the first Indian to visit the International Space Station, on the Axiom-4 (Ax-4) mission in 2025?
(A) Shubhanshu Shukla
(B) Prasanth Nair
(C) Ajit Krishnan
(D) Angad Pratap

106. Pasumpon, Muthuramalinga Thevar's birthplace and memorial site, is in which district?
(A) Sivaganga
(B) Ramanathapuram
(C) Virudhunagar
(D) Madurai

107. Muthuramalinga Thevar, a close associate of Netaji, built up which party in Tamil Nadu?
(A) Swatantra Party
(B) Justice Party
(C) Congress Socialist Party
(D) All India Forward Bloc

108. Whom did Subhas Chandra Bose defeat in the 1939 Congress presidential election?
(A) Pattabhi Sitaramayya
(B) Rajendra Prasad
(C) Maulana Azad
(D) J.B. Kripalani

109. Who led the July 1939 temple entry of the oppressed classes into the Madurai Meenakshi Amman temple?
(A) C. Rajagopalachari
(B) A. Vaidyanatha Iyer
(C) E.V. Ramasamy
(D) K. Kamaraj

110. Which British-era law, branding communities as 'born criminals', did Thevar campaign against?
(A) Rowlatt Act
(B) Vernacular Press Act
(C) Ilbert Bill
(D) Criminal Tribes Act

111. In which city was the 1st International Savings Bank Congress (1924), which gave rise to World Thrift Day, held?
(A) Geneva
(B) Paris
(C) Milan
(D) Brussels

112. India marks Thrift Day on 30 Oct, not the global 31 Oct, because 31 Oct is the
(A) Indira Gandhi death anniversary
(B) RBI's foundation day
(C) United Nations Day
(D) National Statistics Day

113. The 'National Small Savings Fund' (NSSF), where small-savings collections are credited, is kept in which account?

(A) Public Account of India
(B) Consolidated Fund of India
(C) Contingency Fund of India
(D) Consolidated Fund of State

114. Which authority notifies the interest rates of small-savings schemes such as PPF and NSC every quarter?

(A) Reserve Bank of India
(B) Union Ministry of Finance
(C) SEBI
(D) Department of Posts

115. The thrift kural 'Aakaaru alavittithaayinum kedillai pokaaru akalaak kadai' is in which chapter (adhikaram)?

(A) Eekai (Charity)
(B) Valiyarithal (Knowing strength)
(C) Seinnandri Arithal (Gratitude)
(D) Kalvi (Learning)

116. 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas', observed every 31 October, marks the birth anniversary of whom?

(A) Rajendra Prasad
(B) B.R. Ambedkar
(C) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
(D) Lal Bahadur Shastri

117. The 'Statue of Unity', the world's tallest statue, stands on Sadhu Bet island in which river?

(A) Narmada
(B) Tapi
(C) Sabarmati
(D) Mahi

118. After the success of which movement did the local women give Vallabhbhai Patel the title 'Sardar'?

(A) Kheda Satyagraha
(B) Champaran Satyagraha
(C) Bardoli Satyagraha
(D) Salt Satyagraha

119. Which committee of the Constituent Assembly was chaired by Sardar Patel?

(A) Advisory Cttee on Fund. Rights
(B) Drafting Committee
(C) Union Powers Committee
(D) Steering Committee

120. Which princely state in present-day Tamil Nadu, ruled by the Tondaimans, merged with the Indian Union in 1948?

(A) Ramanathapuram
(B) Pudukkottai
(C) Sivaganga
(D) Ettayapuram

121. As per the World Bank's Oct 2026 brief, India's extreme poverty rate in 2023 was:

(A) 5.3%
(B) 2.6%
(C) 16.1%
(D) 12.1%

122. The World Bank's current international extreme-poverty line is:

(A) $1.90 a day (2011 PPP)
(B) $2.15 a day (2017 PPP)
(C) $3.00 a day (2021 PPP)
(D) $4.20 a day (2021 PPP)

123. About how many people moved out of poverty in India in 2011–2023, per the World Bank brief?

(A) 171 million
(B) 248.2 million
(C) 496 million
(D) 134 million

124. Which committee's method put India's poverty at 21.9% in 2011-12?

(A) Lakdawala Committee
(B) Tendulkar Committee
(C) Rangarajan Committee
(D) Alagh Committee

125. Per the World Bank brief, about 57% of India's poor live in:

(A) The North-East

(B) The Uttar Pradesh–West Bengal belt

(C) The central tribal belt

(D) The west coast

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Answer key at a glance

1 **D**	2 **D**	3 **C**	4 **A**	5 **A**	6 **D**	7 **A**	8 **D**	9 **B**	10 **B**
11 **A**	12 **A**	13 **C**	14 **B**	15 **C**	16 **A**	17 **C**	18 **A**	19 **B**	20 **D**
21 **C**	22 **B**	23 **B**	24 **D**	25 **D**	26 **A**	27 **C**	28 **B**	29 **B**	30 **A**
31 **C**	32 **A**	33 **C**	34 **D**	35 **D**	36 **B**	37 **C**	38 **D**	39 **A**	40 **A**
41 **D**	42 **C**	43 **C**	44 **B**	45 **D**	46 **B**	47 **B**	48 **A**	49 **D**	50 **C**
51 **C**	52 **B**	53 **B**	54 **D**	55 **A**	56 **C**	57 **B**	58 **C**	59 **D**	60 **D**
61 **C**	62 **B**	63 **B**	64 **A**	65 **D**	66 **A**	67 **D**	68 **C**	69 **A**	70 **D**
71 **D**	72 **B**	73 **C**	74 **D**	75 **A**	76 **B**	77 **B**	78 **A**	79 **C**	80 **A**
81 **D**	82 **B**	83 **C**	84 **B**	85 **C**	86 **C**	87 **B**	88 **A**	89 **D**	90 **C**
91 **C**	92 **B**	93 **D**	94 **A**	95 **C**	96 **B**	97 **D**	98 **A**	99 **C**	100 **A**
101 **D**	102 **D**	103 **C**	104 **A**	105 **A**	106 **B**	107 **D**	108 **A**	109 **B**	110 **D**
111 **C**	112 **A**	113 **A**	114 **B**	115 **B**	116 **C**	117 **A**	118 **C**	119 **A**	120 **B**
121 **B**	122 **C**	123 **C**	124 **B**	125 **B**					

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Answers & explanations

1. (D) Madras High Court – The Madras High Court Bench (30 Oct 2026). In 2014 the Supreme Court had returned the administration to the Dikshitars.

2. (D) Space (Akasha) – Space (Akasha). Earth – Ekambareswarar, Kanchipuram; Water – Thiruvanaikaval; Air – Srikalahasti (Andhra Pradesh).

3. (C) Manikkavasagar – Manikkavasagar; Thiruvasagam is the 8th Thirumurai. Sekkizhar wrote the Periya Puranam (12th Thirumurai).

4. (A) Parantaka I – Parantaka Chola I – hence hailed as 'Ponveynda Cholan'; the hall is therefore called 'Ponnambalam'. Nataraja was the family deity of the Cholas.

5. (A) Natya Shastra – Bharata's Natya Shastra. These dance poses are considered a foundation of Bharatanatyam.

6. (D) HD Hyundai (HD KSOE) – HD KSOE, HD Hyundai's shipbuilding arm. Sonowal met its chairman in Seoul on 28 Oct 2026.

7. (A) SIPCOT – SIPCOT – a 50:50 JV (announced Jan 2026). Minor ports are managed by the Tamil Nadu Maritime Board.

8. (D) Total internal volume – GT is the total internal volume (a dimensionless index). Cargo-carrying weight is called 'Deadweight'.

9. (B) Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 – Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 – target 4.5 million GT a year. Sagarmala (2015) is a port-led development programme.

10. (B) Gulf of Mannar pearl fishery – The Gulf of Mannar pearl fishery. Nearby Korkai was the ancient pearl port of the Pandyas.

11. (A) 37 years – Raised from 32 to 37. For reserved categories it is 42; valid for five years from 30 Oct 2026.

12. (A) The Governor – The Governor. Term is 6 years or till age 62, whichever is earlier.

13. (C) Services under Union & States – Services under the Union and the States (Articles 308–323); Article 309 – recruitment and conditions of service. Part XV – Elections; Part XVII – Official language.

14. (B) The President – The President – after an inquiry by the Supreme Court (Article 317). The Governor may suspend the member during the inquiry.

15. (C) Madras – Madras – the 'Madras Service Commission' (1929); renamed TNPSC in 1970.

16. (A) Davos – Davos-Klosters, 18–22 Jan 2027. WEF's headquarters is at Cologny near Geneva.

17. (C) Klaus Schwab – German economist Klaus Schwab. It was renamed the 'World Economic Forum' in 1987.

18. (A) Global Gender Gap Report – Global Gender Gap Report – WEF. World Development Report – World Bank; HDR – UNDP; WEO – IMF.

19. (B) Guidance Tamil Nadu – Guidance Tamil Nadu. The TN Global Investors Meet 2024 was held in Chennai on 7–8 January.

20. (D) Bern – Bern; currency, the Swiss franc. WEF's HQ is at Cologny near Geneva; Davos lies in the Alps.

21. (C) Tirunelveli – Tirunelveli is not. Projects: Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, Coimbatore, Krishnagiri, Erode; total ₹3,767 crore.

22. (B) Article 163 – Article 163. Its Union equivalent is Article 74; Article 164(2) makes the Council collectively responsible to the Legislative Assembly.

23. (B) Technical textiles – Technical textiles – 12 segments. The National Technical Textiles Mission was launched by the Ministry of Textiles in 2020.

24. (D) Turmeric – 'Erode Manjal' (turmeric) has a GI tag; Erode is called the 'Turmeric City'.

25. (D) Hosur – Hosur. Ambur and Vaniyambadi (Tirupattur district) are leather-industry centres.

26. (A) Exports – Exports – to buyers in Japan, Germany and South Korea. In all, 23 contracts for over 5.5 lakh tonnes a year.

27. (C) Germany – Germany – its intermediary HINT.CO buys long-term and resells in Europe. AM Green's deliveries begin in 2029.

28. (B) Iron – Iron (molybdenum as promoter). Nickel – hydrogenation of oils; V_2O_5 – sulphuric acid (Contact process); platinum – nitric acid (Ostwald).

29. (B) Assam – Assam (Golaghat district) – set up as an outcome of the 1985 Assam Accord. Digboi in Assam is India's oldest refinery.

30. (A) Indian Oil (IOCL) – Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL). India's largest refinery is Reliance's Jamnagar (Gujarat).

31. (C) Eastern Air Command – Eastern Air Command (HQ Shillong) – since 1 Feb 2026. He takes over as VCAS from Ashutosh Dixit on 1 Nov.

32. (A) Khadakwasla, Pune – Khadakwasla (Pune, Maharashtra) – the joint-services academy. Dehradun has the Indian Military Academy (IMA).

33. (C) Gwalior – Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh); it began at Adampur in 1971. Dundigal has the Air Force Academy; Bidar trains pilots on Hawk jets.

34. (D) Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon – Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon – defended Srinagar airfield in the 1971 war (posthumous). A.B. Devayya got the Maha Vir Chakra (1965).

35. (D) Coimbatore – Coimbatore – it trains officers of the administrative branch. Nearby Sulur hosts Tejas fighter squadrons.

36. (B) Cabinet Committee on Security – The PM-led CCS gives final approval to big defence buys. The DAC had granted this project AoN in 2022.

37. (C) Kolkata – Kolkata (West Bengal); the other 3 go to Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL). Mumbai has Mazagon Dock.

38. (D) Nautical mile per hour – 1 knot = 1 nautical mile per hour = 1.852 km per hour. The new corvettes will do about 30 knots.

39. (A) Kamorta class – Kamorta class – 4 ships; lead ship INS Kamorta (2014). Shivalik is a frigate class; Kolkata a destroyer class.

40. (A) Uchipuli, Ramanathapuram – Uchipuli (Ramanathapuram district) – named INS Parundu in 2009; it also flies UAVs. It is under the Eastern Naval Command.

41. (D) Health and Family Welfare – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; launched by MoS Prataprao Jadhav. A 60-day drive focused on colleges and universities.

42. (C) Smoking in public places – Smoking in public places. Section 5 – advertising ban; Section 6 – no sale to minors or near schools; Section 7 – health warnings.

43. (C) Electronic cigarettes – Electronic cigarettes (Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act) – their production, sale, import, export and advertising are all banned.

44. (B) WHO FCTC – WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) – adopted 2003, in force 2005. Stockholm – persistent organic pollutants; Minamata – mercury.

45. (D) Food Safety & Stds Act, 2006 – Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 – treating chewable tobacco as a food item, the Commissioner of Food Safety renews the ban every year.

46. (B) Gnathang Valley – Gnathang – Pakyong district, near the India–China border, at about 13,500 ft. Spiti – Himachal; Ziro – Arunachal; Dzukou – Nagaland–Manipur.

47. (B) Dirang, Arunachal – Set up in 1989 at Dirang, West Kameng district. Karnal hosts NBAGR and NDRI.

48. (A) Bos grunniens – Bos grunniens (Poephagus grunniens), family Bovidae. Bos indicus – humped cattle; Bubalus bubalis – water buffalo; Bos gaurus – gaur.

49. (D) Article 371F – 371F – Sikkim (36th Amendment, 1975). 371A – Nagaland; 371G – Mizoram; 371H – Arunachal Pradesh.

50. (C) Buffalo – Todas are buffalo herders, and their rituals centre on the buffalo. They are one of Tamil Nadu's six PVTGs.

51. (C) Cut 18% to 5% (no ITC) – Cut from 18% to 5% without input tax credit; it does not cover courier and postal services.

52. (B) The e-commerce operator – The e-commerce operator is deemed the supplier and pays the tax; the same applies to restaurant delivery and cab services.

53. (B) Union Revenue Secretary – The Revenue Secretary is the ex-officio Secretary; the Council's secretariat is in New Delhi.

54. (D) Alcoholic liquor (human use) – Article 366(12A) excludes alcoholic liquor for human consumption; States levy excise duty on it.

55. (A) Commercial Taxes Department – The Commercial Taxes Department (headed by the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes). The Registration Department handles property deeds and stamp duty.

56. (C) Manas – The grasslands of Manas National Park. Kaziranga too became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985.

57. (B) Melastomataceae – Melastomataceae, order Myrtales. Neelakurinji (Strobilanthes kunthiana) belongs to Acanthaceae.

58. (C) Bustard – A bustard (Houbaropsis bengalensis). Its relative, the Great Indian Bustard, is the State bird of Rajasthan.

59. (D) Wild pig – The pygmy hog is the world's smallest wild pig; Manas also has tigers, one-horned rhinos and the Bengal florican.

60. (D) Coimbatore – Coimbatore (1955) – it houses the 'Madras Herbarium'. BSI headquarters: Kolkata, under the Environment Ministry.

61. (C) Mahasamund – Mahasamund district, on the Mahanadi – about 78 km from Raipur. Its ancient name was 'Shripur'.

62. (B) Brick – One of India's earliest, best-preserved brick temples; a Vishnu temple commissioned by Queen Vasata.

63. (B) Dakshina Kosala – South Kosala – ruled by the Sharabhapuriyas and then the Panduvamshis; it peaked under Mahashivagupta Balarjuna.

64. (A) ICOMOS – ICOMOS – cultural sites; IUCN – natural sites; ICCROM – advice on conservation and training.

65. (D) Chettinad village clusters – Chettinad village clusters and Srirangam temple have been on the Tentative List since 2014; the other three are already World Heritage Sites.

66. (A) First Class Order of Zayed II – It is the UAE's second-highest civilian honour. The Order of Abdulaziz Al Saud is Saudi Arabia's; the Order of the Nile is Egypt's.

67. (D) Narendra Modi – Announced in April 2019 and presented in Abu Dhabi on 24 August; it is named after UAE founder Sheikh Zayed.

68. (C) CEPA – CEPA – Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement. ECTA – Australia; TEPA – EFTA nations; CECA – Singapore (2005).

69. (A) Abu Dhabi – Abu Dhabi's first traditional stone Hindu temple, opened on 14 Feb 2024. Abu Dhabi is the UAE's capital.

70. (D) Republic Day – The Chief Minister presents it at the Republic Day function, where the 'Kottai Ameer Communal Harmony Award' is also given.

71. (D) Banas Dairy – Banas Dairy (Palanpur) built it on 127 acres at about ₹325 crore with NDDB's guidance.

72. (B) Guzerá – Guzerá – it also contributed to the American Brahman. Nelore comes from Ongole; Gyr from Gir.

73. (C) Outside the body, in a lab – The embryo formed outside the body is transferred to a surrogate cow's uterus (embryo transfer).

74. (D) Kongu region – Kangayam – Tiruppur and Erode districts (Kongu). Cauvery delta – Umblachery; Sivaganga–Ramanathapuram – Pulikulam.

75. (A) Rann of Kutch (Guj–Raj) – The arid Rann of Kutch area of Gujarat–Rajasthan; silver to dark grey coat. Ongole – coastal Andhra; Hariana – Haryana.

76. (B) Worth a Journey – A Germany-based travel guide; first place went to Mexico City's National Museum of Anthropology.

77. (B) Mauryan – A chauri-bearer in Chunar sandstone with the 'Mauryan polish'; found near Patna in 1917.

78. (A) Kolkata – The Indian Museum, Kolkata. The Government Museum, Egmore, Chennai (1851) is the second oldest.

79. (C) Egmore – Founded in 1851; it also has a fine collection of Chola bronzes.

80. (A) 18 May – By the International Council of Museums (ICOM, Paris) since 1977. 18 April is World Heritage Day; 27 Sept is World Tourism Day.

81. (D) World Restoration Flagship – One of 35 World Restoration Flagships. 'Namami Gange' got the same recognition in Dec 2022 (CBD COP15, Montreal).

82. (B) Platanista gangetica – Platanista gangetica ('susu'). Orcaella brevirostris is the Irrawaddy dolphin (Chilika Lake); Gavialis gangeticus the gharial; Dugong dugon the sea cow.

83. (C) Bihar – Bihar – on the Ganga in Bhagalpur district (1991). The 2025 estimate found the most dolphins in Uttar Pradesh, then Bihar.

84. (B) FAO – FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization, HQ Rome). The Decade was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly.

85. (C) Assam – Assam – it occurs in the Brahmaputra system. 5 October is National Dolphin Day.

86. (C) Hamina – Hamina – cooled with seawater. The new €13 billion plan adds three centres at Kajaani, Muhos and Vaala.

87. (B) Russia – Russia (about 1,340 km). Estonia lies across the Gulf of Finland – no land border.

88. (A) Sweden – Sweden (7 March 2024) – ending about 200 years of neutrality. NATO is headquartered in Brussels.

89. (D) Nuclear – A nuclear plant (Fortum) – about 10% of Finland's electricity. Google will buy up to 50% of its output.

90. (C) Madurai – Madurai; grew up in Chennai and studied at IIT Kharagpur. Google CEO in 2015, Alphabet CEO in 2019; Padma Bhushan 2022.

91. (C) Cybersecurity – Cybersecurity – built on three pillars: THINK, INNOVATE and DEFEND. It was inaugurated by DFS Secretary Sanjay Lohiya.

92. (B) NCIIPC – NCIIPC – Section 70A of the IT Act; a unit of NTRO. CERT-In (Section 70B) responds to cyber-security incidents.

93. (D) Ransomware – Ransomware – e.g. 'WannaCry', which spread worldwide in 2017. Phishing steals data through fake e-mails.

94. (A) Quantum computers – Quantum computers – Shor's algorithm could break public-key encryption such as RSA. The US NIST issued post-quantum standards in Aug 2024.

95. (C) I4C – I4C (Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre). TN-S4C works from the Cyber Crime Wing HQ and handles the 1930 helpline.

96. (B) Denmark – Denmark; Norway 2nd, Finland 3rd. Venezuela is last (143rd); India 88th (0.48).

97. (D) Washington, D.C. – Washington, D.C. – it began in 2006 as an American Bar Association initiative. The Hague hosts the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

98. (A) Article 14 – Article 14 – 'equality before the law' is a British idea; 'equal protection of the laws' comes from the US Constitution.

99. (C) A.V. Dicey – A.V. Dicey – 'Law of the Constitution' (1885). Montesquieu gave the separation of powers; Rousseau wrote 'The Social Contract'.

100. (A) DVAC – Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC), Chennai – under the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988. The State Lokayukta came under a 2018 Act.

101. (D) Soyuz MS-29 – Soyuz MS-29 – 14 July 2026 from Baikonur, Kazakhstan, with Russian cosmonauts Pyotr Dubrov and Anna Kikina.

102. (D) Sunita Williams – Sunita Williams – 9 spacewalks, 62 h 6 min. With the 29 Oct 2026 walk, Anil Menon has 4.

103. (C) Salyut 7 – Salyut 7 – via Soviet 'Soyuz T-11' on 3 Apr 1984 (Interkosmos). Mir was the Soviet/Russian station begun in 1986.

104. (A) Alexei Leonov – Alexei Leonov (USSR) – 'Voskhod 2', 18 March 1965. The first American spacewalk was by Ed White (Gemini 4, June 1965).

105. (A) Shubhanshu Shukla – Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla – lifted off 25 June 2025. All four are Gaganyaan astronaut-designates (named Feb 2024).

106. (B) Ramanathapuram – Ramanathapuram district, near Kamuthi. Thevar Jayanti has been a State function since 1979 (announced by MGR).

107. (D) All India Forward Bloc – Forward Bloc – founded by Bose in May 1939; Thevar was its Tamil Nadu president from 1948. Swatantra Party – Rajaji (1959).

108. (A) Pattabhi Sitaramayya – Pattabhi Sitaramayya was Gandhiji's candidate. Thevar backed Bose at Tripuri; Bose later resigned and formed the Forward Bloc.

109. (B) A. Vaidyanatha Iyer – A. Vaidyanatha Iyer – 8 July 1939; Thevar openly backed it. Rajaji's government passed a temple-entry Act the same year.

110. (D) Criminal Tribes Act – The Criminal Tribes Act (first enacted 1871) was repealed in 1952; those communities became 'Denotified Tribes'.

111. (C) Milan – Milan (Italy) – proclaimed by Prof. Filippo Ravizza. Brussels is the HQ of WSBI, which runs the campaign today.

112. (A) Indira Gandhi death anniversary – Indira Gandhi was assassinated on 31 Oct 1984. UN Day is 24 Oct; National Statistics Day is 29 June.

113. (A) Public Account of India – Public Account – Article 266(2); NSSF since 1 Apr 1999. The Contingency Fund is under Article 267.

114. (B) Union Ministry of Finance – The Union Finance Ministry (Department of Economic Affairs). The Department of Posts only operates these schemes as an agent.

115. (B) Valiyarithal (Knowing strength) – Valiyarithal (chapter 48, Porutpal) – Kural 478: a small income does no harm if spending does not exceed it.

116. (C) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel – Sardar Patel – born 31 Oct 1875 at Nadiad; 2026 is his 151st birth anniversary. The Day has been observed since 2014.

117. (A) Narmada – Narmada – near the Sardar Sarovar Dam; 182 m tall, sculptor Ram V. Sutar, unveiled 31 Oct 2018.

118. (C) Bardoli Satyagraha – Bardoli Satyagraha (1928, Gujarat) – peasants against a land-revenue hike. Kheda (1918) was Patel's first major struggle with Gandhi.

119. (A) Advisory Cttee on Fund. Rights – Advisory Committee on Fundamental Rights, Minorities and Tribal & Excluded Areas. Drafting – Ambedkar; Union Powers – Nehru; Steering – Rajendra Prasad.

120. (B) Pudukkottai – Pudukkottai – last ruler Rajagopala Tondaiman. Ramanathapuram, Sivaganga and Ettayapuram were zamindaris, not princely states.

121. (B) 2.6% – It was 27.1% in 2011; 16.1% is the rate at the $4.20 line.

122. (C) $3.00 a day (2021 PPP) – Since June 2025; $4.20 is the lower-middle-income line.

123. (C) 496 million – 248.2 million is NITI Aayog's MPI figure; 134 million is the rise in employment.

124. (B) Tendulkar Committee – The Rangarajan Committee (2014) estimated 29.5%; it was not adopted.

125. (B) The Uttar Pradesh–West Bengal belt – The brief describes it as a continuous belt.

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