Group 2A Mains – Daily Practice 1 (2 November 2026)

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Questions

1. Arrange the following organisations / movements in chronological order of their origin:
1. Self-Respect Movement
2. Madras Mahajana Sabha
3. Justice Party (South Indian Liberal Federation)
4. Madras Native Association

A. 2, 4, 3, 1
B. 4, 2, 3, 1
C. 4, 3, 2, 1
D. 2, 4, 1, 3

2. Consider the following statements about the Vellore Mutiny:
1. It broke out on 10 July 1806.
2. The sons of Tipu Sultan were then held captive in the Vellore Fort.
3. Following the mutiny, the Governor of Madras, William Bentinck, was recalled.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

3. Match the following (excavation site – district / territory):
(a) Arikamedu – 1. Sivagangai
(b) Adichanallur – 2. Puducherry
(c) Keezhadi – 3. Erode
(d) Kodumanal – 4. Thoothukudi

A. (a)-2, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-3
B. (a)-2, (b)-1, (c)-4, (d)-3
C. (a)-4, (b)-2, (c)-1, (d)-3
D. (a)-2, (b)-4, (c)-3, (d)-1

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4. Assertion (A): Maraimalai Adigal launched the Tani Tamil Iyakkam (Pure Tamil Movement) in 1916.
Reason (R): He wanted to free Tamil from the dominance of Sanskrit by using pure Tamil without Sanskrit words.

A. Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
B. Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)
C. (A) is true but (R) is false
D. (A) is false but (R) is true

5. Which of the following about the Thirukkural is NOT correct?

A. It has 133 chapters with 10 couplets in each chapter
B. The Book of Porul (Wealth) has 70 chapters
C. Among the three books, the Book of Inbam (Love) has the largest number of chapters
D. It is one of the Pathinenkeezhkanakku works

6. Consider the following statements regarding Panchayati Raj in Tamil Nadu:
1. The President of a Village Panchayat is directly elected by the voters.
2. The Chairman of a Panchayat Union is directly elected by the voters.
3. Under the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994, meetings of the Grama Sabha are convened by the President of the Village Panchayat.
Which of the above is/are correct?

A. 1 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

7. Match the following (revenue official – responsibility):
(a) Village Administrative Officer – 1. Head of the revenue division; Sub-Divisional Magistrate powers
(b) Revenue Inspector – 2. Head of the taluk office
(c) Tahsildar – 3. Supervises villages at the firka (revenue circle) level
(d) Revenue Divisional Officer – 4. Maintains village accounts (including adangal)

A. (a)-4, (b)-2, (c)-3, (d)-1
B. (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-2, (d)-1
C. (a)-4, (b)-3, (c)-1, (d)-2
D. (a)-4, (b)-3, (c)-2, (d)-1

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8. Assertion (A): The Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu also functions as the Secretary to the State Cabinet.
Reason (R): The office of the Chief Secretary is created under Article 166 of the Constitution of India.

A. Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
B. Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)
C. (A) is true but (R) is false
D. (A) is false but (R) is true

9. Match the following (Tamil Nadu Government agency – main function):
(a) Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA) – 1. Developing industrial parks / estates
(b) ELCOT – 2. Rural and urban water supply and drainage
(c) SIPCOT – 3. Agency implementing the State's e-governance projects (e-Sevai)
(d) TWAD Board – 4. IT Special Economic Zones (ELCOSEZ)

A. (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-2
B. (a)-4, (b)-3, (c)-1, (d)-2
C. (a)-3, (b)-1, (c)-4, (d)-2
D. (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-2, (d)-1

10. Arrange the following Tamil Nadu Government welfare schemes in the chronological order of their launch:
1. Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme
2. Cradle Baby Scheme
3. Pudhumai Penn Scheme
4. Amma Unavagam

A. 2, 3, 4, 1
B. 4, 2, 3, 1
C. 2, 4, 3, 1
D. 2, 4, 1, 3

11. Consider the following statements about computer memory:
1. RAM is volatile; its contents are lost when the power is switched off.
2. Data in an EPROM chip can be erased by exposing it to ultraviolet light.
3. An EEPROM chip can be erased only after removing it from the circuit.
4. A PROM can be programmed only once by the user.
Which of the above statements are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1, 2 and 4 only
C. 2, 3 and 4 only
D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

12. Match the Windows commands (List I) with their Linux equivalents (List II):
List I (Windows) – List II (Linux)
(a) dir – 1. rm
(b) cls – 2. cp
(c) copy – 3. clear
(d) del – 4. ls
Codes: (a) (b) (c) (d)

A. 3 4 2 1
B. 4 3 1 2
C. 4 3 2 1
D. 2 3 4 1

13. Consider the following statements about genetically modified crops:
1. Golden rice is genetically engineered to produce β-carotene (a precursor of vitamin A) in the grain.
2. Inside the bacterium Bacillus thuringiensis, the Bt toxin protein exists in its active form.
3. The alkaline pH of the insect gut converts the Bt toxin into its active form.
Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 and 3 only
B. 1 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

14. Assertion (A): Pathogens such as HIV can be detected by PCR at an early stage of infection, even before symptoms appear.
Reason (R): PCR amplifies very small quantities of the pathogen's nucleic acid many times.

A. Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
B. Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)
C. (A) is true but (R) is false
D. (A) is false but (R) is true

15. Which of the following is NOT correct regarding nuclear reactors?

A. The moderator slows down fast neutrons; heavy water and graphite are used as moderators
B. Control rods of cadmium or boron absorb neutrons and control the chain reaction
C. The reactors at Kudankulam in Tirunelveli district are of the heavy-water PHWR type
D. The Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) is located at Kalpakkam

16. Arrange the following Tamil Nadu Government schemes in the chronological order of their launch:

1. Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai scheme

2. Puratchi Thalaivar MGR Nutritious Meal Programme

3. Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme

4. Tamil Puthalvan scheme

A. 2, 3, 4, 1

B. 3, 2, 1, 4

C. 2, 1, 3, 4

D. 2, 3, 1, 4

17. Consider the following statements on women empowerment:

1. The women's Self Help Group movement in Tamil Nadu began in 1989 in Dharmapuri district with IFAD assistance.

2. Mahalir Thittam is implemented by the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women (TNCDW).

3. The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 protects only legally wedded wives.

Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 1 and 2 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

18. Match the Census 2011 indicators of Tamil Nadu (List I) with their values (List II):

(a) Sex ratio (females per 1000 males) – 1. 80.09%

(b) Density of population (per sq km) – 2. 15.61%

(c) Literacy rate – 3. 996

(d) Decadal population growth (2001–2011) – 4. 555

Codes: (a) (b) (c) (d)

A. 3 4 1 2

B. 4 3 1 2

C. 3 4 2 1

D. 1 2 3 4

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19. Consider the following statements on agriculture in Tamil Nadu:
1. Tamil Nadu presented its first separate Agriculture Budget in the Assembly for the year 2021–22.
2. In 2019, Tamil Nadu became the first State to enact a law on contract farming based on the Centre's Model Contract Farming Act.
3. The first Uzhavar Sandhai (farmers' market) was started at Madurai in 1999.
Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

20. Which of the following regarding marginalised groups is NOT correct?

A. Tamil Nadu was the first State to set up a Transgender Welfare Board, in 2008
B. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 provides 4% reservation in government posts for persons with benchmark disabilities
C. The Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act prohibits employment of children below 14 years (except helping the family enterprise after school hours)
D. Under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, a senior citizen is a person aged 65 years or above

21. Match the dams (List I) with the rivers on which they are built (List II):
(a) Mettur dam – 1. Thenpennai
(b) Bhavanisagar dam – 2. Vaigai
(c) Sathanur dam – 3. Cauvery
(d) Vaigai dam – 4. Bhavani
Codes: (a) (b) (c) (d)

A. 4 3 1 2
B. 3 4 1 2
C. 3 1 4 2
D. 2 4 1 3

22. Assertion (A): Most of Tamil Nadu receives only low rainfall during the South-West monsoon.
Reason (R): With respect to the South-West monsoon, Tamil Nadu lies in the rain-shadow region of the Western Ghats.

A. Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
B. Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)
C. (A) is true but (R) is false
D. (A) is false but (R) is true

23. Consider the following statements on the Biosphere Reserves of Tamil Nadu:
1. The Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, notified in 1986, was India's first biosphere reserve.
2. The Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve is the first marine biosphere reserve in South and South-East Asia.
3. The Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve lies entirely within Tamil Nadu.
Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 2 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

24. Arrange the following disasters that struck Tamil Nadu in chronological order:
1. Cyclone Gaja
2. Indian Ocean Tsunami
3. Cyclone Vardah
4. Chennai floods

A. 2, 3, 4, 1
B. 2, 4, 3, 1
C. 4, 2, 3, 1
D. 2, 4, 1, 3

25. Which of the following regarding the Disaster Management Act, 2005 is NOT correct?

A. The Prime Minister is the Chairperson of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
B. The Chief Minister is the Chairperson of the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA)
C. The District Collector is the Chairperson of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA)
D. The State Revenue Minister is the Chairperson of the State Executive Committee

Answers with explanations

1. **B) 4, 2, 3, 1** – Madras Native Association – 1852; Madras Mahajana Sabha – 1884; Justice Party (SILF) – 1916; Self-Respect Movement – 1925. Hence 4, 2, 3, 1.

2. **D) 1, 2 and 3** – All three are correct: the mutiny broke out on 10 July 1806; Tipu's family was confined in the fort; Governor William Bentinck and Commander-in-Chief Cradock were recalled for the new dress/turban regulations.

3. **A) (a)-2, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-3** – Arikamedu – Puducherry (Indo-Roman trading port); Adichanallur – Thoothukudi (Tamirabarani bank, urn burials); Keezhadi – Sivagangai (urban settlement on the Vaigai); Kodumanal – Erode (Noyyal bank, bead / iron industry).

4. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true; the aim of pure Tamil free of Sanskrit words is exactly why the movement was launched. He even changed his own name from Vedachalam to Maraimalai Adigal.

5. **C) Among the three books, the Book of Inbam (Love) has the largest number of chapters** – Aram has 38, Porul 70 and Inbam 25 chapters; Porul has the most. So the third statement is wrong.

6. **B) 1 and 3 only** – The Village Panchayat President is directly elected; the Panchayat Union Chairman is elected indirectly by the ward members of the union (2 is wrong); Section 3(2-A) of the 1994 Act says every Grama Sabha meeting shall be convened by the Village Panchayat President.

7. **D) (a)-4, (b)-3, (c)-2, (d)-1** – VAO – village accounts; Revenue Inspector – firka; Tahsildar – head of the taluk; RDO – head of the revenue division and Sub-Divisional Magistrate.

8. **C) (A) is true but (R) is false** – The Chief Secretary is the senior-most civil servant and Secretary to the Cabinet – (A) is true. But it is not a constitutional office; Article 166 deals only with the conduct of business of the State Government – (R) is false.

9. **A) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-2** – TNeGA – e-governance / e-Sevai; ELCOT – ELCOSEZ IT zones; SIPCOT – industrial parks; TWAD Board – water supply and drainage.

10. **C) 2, 4, 3, 1** – Cradle Baby Scheme – 1992; Amma Unavagam – 2013; Pudhumai Penn – 5 September 2022; Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai – 15 September 2023. Hence 2, 4, 3, 1.

11. **B) 1, 2 and 4 only** – EEPROM is erased electrically, in-circuit, without removing the chip – so statement 3 is wrong. The other three are correct.

12. **C) 4 3 2 1** – dir ↔ ls (list files), cls ↔ clear (clear screen), copy ↔ cp (copy file), del ↔ rm (delete file).

13. **A) 1 and 3 only** – In the bacterium the Bt toxin exists as an inactive protoxin; it becomes active only in the alkaline gut of the insect. So statement 2 is wrong.

14. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – When the pathogen count is too low for conventional methods, PCR amplifies its DNA/RNA, enabling early detection. Hence (R) correctly explains (A).

15. **C) The reactors at Kudankulam in Tirunelveli district are of the heavy-water PHWR type** – Kudankulam units are Russian-designed VVER-1000 pressurised (light) water reactors, not PHWRs.

16. **D) 2, 3, 1, 4** – Nutritious Meal – 1 July 1982; Breakfast Scheme – 15 Sep 2022 (Madurai); Magalir Urimai Thogai – 15 Sep 2023; Tamil Puthalvan – 9 Aug 2024 (Coimbatore).

17. **B) 1 and 2 only** – The 2005 Act covers any woman in a domestic relationship – wife, woman in a relationship in the nature of marriage, mother, sister etc. So statement 3 is wrong.

18. **A) 3 4 1 2** – Census 2011, Tamil Nadu: sex ratio 996, density 555 per sq km, literacy 80.09%, decadal growth 15.61%.

19. **D) 1, 2 and 3** – First separate agri budget – 14 Aug 2021 (2021–22); TN Agricultural Produce and Livestock Contract Farming and Services Act, 2019 (based on the Centre's Model Act of 2018); first Uzhavar Sandhai – 14 Nov 1999, Anna Nagar, Madurai. All three are correct.

20. **D) Under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, a senior citizen is a person aged 65 years or above** – Section 2(h) of the 2007 Act defines a senior citizen as an Indian citizen aged 60 years or above, not 65.

21. **B) 3 4 1 2** – Mettur (Salem) – Cauvery; Bhavanisagar (Erode) – Bhavani; Sathanur (Tiruvannamalai) – Thenpennai; Vaigai dam (Theni, Andipatti) – Vaigai.

22. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – The SW monsoon winds shed most moisture on the windward (Kerala) side of the Western Ghats; Tamil Nadu on the leeward side gets little. TN's main rainy season is the North-East monsoon (Oct–Dec).

23. **C) 1 and 2 only** – Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve (2001) spreads over both Tamil Nadu and Kerala, so statement 3 is wrong.

24. **B) 2, 4, 3, 1** – Tsunami – 26 Dec 2004; Chennai floods – Nov–Dec 2015; Cyclone Vardah – 12 Dec 2016 (Chennai); Cyclone Gaja – 16 Nov 2018 (landfall near Vedaranyam).

25. **D) The State Revenue Minister is the Chairperson of the State Executive Committee** – Under Section 20 of the Act, the State Executive Committee is chaired by the Chief Secretary of the State, not a Minister.

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