Group 2A Mains – Daily Practice 2 (3 November 2026)

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Questions

1. Arrange the following European settlements on the Tamil coast in the chronological order of their establishment:

1. The French at Pondicherry

2. The Danes at Tranquebar (Tharangambadi)

3. The English at Madras (Fort St. George)

4. The Dutch at Pulicat (Pazhaverkadu)

A. 4, 3, 2, 1

B. 2, 4, 3, 1

C. 4, 2, 3, 1

D. 4, 2, 1, 3

2. Consider the following statements about the Anglo-Mysore Wars:

1. The First Anglo-Mysore War ended with the Treaty of Madras in 1769.

2. The Second Anglo-Mysore War ended with the Treaty of Mangalore in 1784.

3. Tipu Sultan was killed in the Third Anglo-Mysore War.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 1 and 2 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

3. Which of the following regarding the Swadeshi Movement in Tamil Nadu is NOT correct?

A. V.O. Chidambaram started the Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company in 1906

B. The arrest of V.O.C. and Subramania Siva in March 1908 was followed by riots in Tirunelveli and Tuticorin

C. In 1911 Vanchinathan shot dead Ashe at Maniyachi railway station

D. Ashe, who was shot dead, was then the District Collector of Madurai

4. Match the following (journal – associated person):
(a) Swadesamitran – 1. Thanthai Periyar
(b) India (weekly) – 2. Thiru. V. Kalyanasundaranar
(c) Kudi Arasu – 3. G. Subramania Iyer
(d) Navasakthi – 4. Subramania Bharathi

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

5. Assertion (A): The government headed by Arignar Anna gave legal validity to Self-Respect marriages by amending the Hindu Marriage Act.
Reason (R): The government headed by Arignar Anna renamed Madras State as 'Tamil Nadu'.

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

6. Consider the following statements regarding the Tamil Nadu Legislature:
1. The Tamil Nadu Legislative Council was abolished with effect from 1 November 1986.
2. Under Article 169 of the Constitution, Parliament may abolish the Legislative Council of a State if the State Assembly passes a resolution by special majority.
3. At present, the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has 235 members, including one nominated Anglo-Indian member.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

7. Directive Principles of State Policy – match the following (Article – subject):
(a) Article 40 – 1. Protection of environment, forests and wildlife
(b) Article 44 – 2. Early childhood care and education for children below 6 years
(c) Article 45 – 3. Uniform civil code for citizens
(d) Article 48A – 4. Organisation of village panchayats

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

8. Which of the following regarding the Chief Minister and the State Council of Ministers is NOT correct?

A. Ministers hold office during the pleasure of the President

B. The total number of Ministers, including the Chief Minister, shall not exceed 15% of the total strength of the Legislative Assembly

C. Article 163 provides for a Council of Ministers headed by the Chief Minister to aid and advise the Governor

D. Article 167 makes it the duty of the Chief Minister to communicate the decisions of the Council of Ministers to the Governor

9. Assertion (A): The 74th Constitutional Amendment added the Twelfth Schedule containing 18 subjects for urban local bodies.
Reason (R): The 73rd Constitutional Amendment added the Eleventh Schedule containing 29 subjects for Panchayats.

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

10. Consider the following statements about the Preamble to the Constitution of India:
1. The words 'Socialist', 'Secular' and 'Unity' were added by the 42nd Amendment (1976).
2. The Preamble has been amended only once so far.
3. In the Kesavananda Bharati case (1973), the Supreme Court held that the Preamble is a part of the Constitution.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 1 and 2 only

C. 1 and 3 only

D. 2 and 3 only

11. Consider the following statements about electrochemical cells and batteries:
1. The Leclanché cell (dry cell) is a primary cell.
2. In the lead–acid accumulator, dilute sulphuric acid is used as the electrolyte.
3. The lithium-ion battery is a rechargeable secondary cell.
4. In an electrochemical cell, oxidation takes place at the cathode.
Which of the statements given above are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 2 and 4 only

C. 1, 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

12. Match the following (vitamin – deficiency disease):
(a) Ascorbic acid – 1. Scurvy
(b) Thiamine – 2. Beriberi
(c) Calciferol – 3. Rickets
(d) Retinol – 4. Night blindness

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

13. Which of the following regarding network topologies is NOT correct?

A. In a star topology, failure of the central hub/switch brings down the whole network
B. A mesh topology requires the least amount of cabling
C. In a bus topology, all devices share a single backbone cable
D. In a ring topology, each device is connected to two neighbouring devices, forming a closed loop

14. Assertion (A): A strong-smelling substance, ethyl mercaptan, is added to domestic LPG. Reason (R): Propane and butane, the main components of LPG, are odourless, so an odorant is added to help detect leaks.

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. Arrange the following awards received by scientists with Tamil Nadu roots in chronological order:
1. Venkatraman Ramakrishnan – Nobel Prize in Chemistry
2. C.V. Raman – Nobel Prize in Physics
3. Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar – Nobel Prize in Physics
4. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam – Bharat Ratna

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

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16. Match the Tamil Nadu Government education initiatives (List I) with their main objective (List II):

(a) Naan Mudhalvan – 1. Bridging COVID-period learning loss through volunteers

(b) Illam Thedi Kalvi – 2. Foundational literacy and numeracy for classes 1 to 3

(c) Ennum Ezhuthum – 3. 7.5% preferential reservation in medical admission for government school students

(d) 2020 Act (government school students) – 4. Skill development and employability training for college students

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

A. 4 2 1 3

B. 1 4 2 3

C. 4 1 2 3

D. 3 1 2 4

17. Consider the following statements on health schemes of Tamil Nadu:

1. 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' was launched in 2021 at Samanapalli village in Krishnagiri district.

2. Under 'Innuyir Kaappom – Nammai Kaakkum 48', free treatment for the first 48 hours is given only to residents of Tamil Nadu who hold a Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance card.

3. Under the Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme, a pregnant woman receives a total of ₹18,000 (including nutrition kits).

Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 and 3 only

B. 1 and 2 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

18. Which of the following regarding laws on crimes against women and children is NOT correct?

A. The Dowry Prohibition Act was enacted in 1961

B. Under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, every workplace with 10 or more employees must constitute an Internal Committee

C. Section 80 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 deals with dowry death occurring within seven years of marriage

D. Under the POCSO Act, 2012, only a person below 16 years of age is a 'child'

19. Consider the following statements on agricultural marketing:
1. The electronic National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) was launched in 2016 and its lead implementing agency is NABARD.
2. Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) can be registered as Producer Companies under the Companies Act.
3. The Central Sector Scheme for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs was launched in 2020.
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. Assertion (A): Tamil Nadu attained replacement-level fertility (TFR 2.1) earlier than most major Indian States.
Reason (R): Rising female literacy, a strong public health network and a sustained family-welfare programme in Tamil Nadu brought down fertility.

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

21. Match the places (List I) with the mineral / power resource found there (List II):
(a) Neyveli – 1. Petroleum and natural gas
(b) Kanjamalai (Salem) – 2. Bauxite
(c) Shevaroy Hills – 3. Iron ore
(d) Narimanam (Cauvery basin) – 4. Lignite
Codes: (a) (b) (c) (d)

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

22. Consider the following statements on the Tiger Reserves of Tamil Nadu:
1. Kalakkad–Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve is the first Tiger Reserve of Tamil Nadu.
2. Srivilliputhur–Megamalai Tiger Reserve was notified in 2021 as the fifth Tiger Reserve of Tamil Nadu.
3. Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve is located in the Nilgiris district.
Which of the above are correct?

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

23. Assertion (A): The Western Ghats region of Tamil Nadu is part of the 'Western Ghats and Sri Lanka' biodiversity hotspot.
Reason (R): A region qualifies as a biodiversity hotspot if it has at least 1,500 endemic vascular plant species and has lost at least 30% of its original habitat.

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

24. Which of the following regarding international climate agreements is NOT correct?

A. COP28 was held in 2023 at Dubai, United Arab Emirates
B. India has announced that it will achieve net-zero emissions by 2050
C. The first Global Stocktake under the Paris Agreement was concluded at COP28
D. The Paris Agreement aims to hold the rise in global temperature well below 2°C and to pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5°C

25. Arrange the following transport developments in Tamil Nadu in chronological order:
1. Opening of the first stretch of Chennai Metro Rail
2. Commissioning of Ennore Port (now Kamarajar Port)
3. First railway line of South India (Royapuram – Wallajah Road)
4. Opening of the first phase of Chennai MRTS

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

26. Find the next number in the series:
3, 7, 15, 31, 63, ?

A. 125
B. 126
C. 129
D. 127

27. In a certain code language CHENNAI is written as DIFOOBJ. How is MADURAI written in that code?

A. NBEUSBJ
B. NBEVSBJ
C. NBDVSBJ
D. LZCTQZH

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28. A and B together can finish a work in 12 days. A alone can finish it in 20 days. In how many days can B alone finish the work?

A. 8 days
B. 24 days
C. 30 days
D. 32 days

29. Pointing to a man, Kavitha said, "He is the son of the only son of my grandfather (father's father)." How is the man related to Kavitha?

A. Uncle
B. Father
C. Cousin
D. Brother

30. Ravi walks 6 km towards the North from a point, turns right and walks 8 km, then turns right again and walks 12 km. How far and in which direction is he now from the starting point?

A. 10 km, South-East
B. 10 km, North-East
C. 14 km, South-East
D. 10 km, South-West

Answers with explanations

1. **C) 4, 2, 3, 1** – Dutch – Pulicat (1609–10; Fort Geldria 1613), Danes – Tranquebar (1620), English – Madras (land grant 1639; fort 1644), French – Pondicherry (1673–74). Hence 4, 2, 3, 1.

2. **B) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. The Third War ended with the Treaty of Seringapatam (1792), in which Tipu lost half his territory; Tipu was killed in 1799 in the Fourth War at Srirangapatna.

3. **D) Ashe, who was shot dead, was then the District Collector of Madurai** – Robert Ashe was the Collector of Tirunelveli (shot on 17 June 1911), not Madurai. The other three are correct.

4. **A) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-2** – Swadesamitran – G. Subramania Iyer (1882); India – edited by Bharathi (1906); Kudi Arasu – Periyar (1925); Navasakthi – Thiru. Vi. Ka. (1920).

5. **B) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true, but the renaming is not the reason for the marriage law. The law (inserting Section 7-A) flowed from the Self-Respect idea of marriage without priests and rituals.

6. **C) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. The 104th Constitutional Amendment (2020) ended Anglo-Indian nomination; the Assembly now has only 234 elected members.

7. **D) (a)-4, (b)-3, (c)-2, (d)-1** – Art. 40 – village panchayats; Art. 44 – uniform civil code; Art. 45 – early childhood care (86th Amendment, 2002); Art. 48A – environment (42nd Amendment, 1976).

8. **A) Ministers hold office during the pleasure of the President** – Under Article 164(1), State Ministers hold office during the pleasure of the Governor, not the President. The 15% cap (minimum 12) came by the 91st Amendment (2003).

9. **B) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true, but they are separate amendments (both passed in 1992, in force 1993); (R) does not explain (A).

10. **D) 2 and 3 only** – The 42nd Amendment added 'Socialist', 'Secular' and 'Integrity'; 'Unity' was already there. So 1 is wrong; 2 and 3 are correct.

11. **C) 1, 2 and 3 only** – 1, 2 and 3 are correct. Oxidation occurs at the anode and reduction at the cathode, so 4 is wrong.

12. **A) (a)-1, (b)-2, (c)-3, (d)-4** – Ascorbic acid = vitamin C (scurvy); thiamine = B1 (beriberi); calciferol = D (rickets); retinol = A (night blindness).

13. **B) A mesh topology requires the least amount of cabling** – In a full mesh every device links to every other device [n(n-1)/2 links], so it needs the MOST cabling and is the costliest.

14. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true and (R) explains (A): the odourless gas could leak unnoticed, so mercaptan (ethanethiol) is added as a warning smell.

15. **D) 2, 3, 4, 1** – C.V. Raman – 1930 (Raman effect); Chandrasekhar – 1983 (Chandrasekhar limit); Kalam – Bharat Ratna 1997; Ramakrishnan – 2009 (ribosome structure).

16. **C) 4 1 2 3** – Naan Mudhalvan (2022) – skilling of college students; Illam Thedi Kalvi (2021) – remedying COVID learning loss; Ennum Ezhuthum (2022) – FLN for classes 1–3; the 2020 Act – 7.5% reservation in medical admission for government school students.

17. **A) 1 and 3 only** – Statement 2 is wrong: all road-accident victims within Tamil Nadu – including people from other States and foreigners, with or without a CMCHIS card – get free treatment in empanelled hospitals for the first 48 hours.

18. **D) Under the POCSO Act, 2012, only a person below 16 years of age is a 'child'** – Section 2(1)(d) of the POCSO Act defines a child as any person below 18 years, not 16.

19. **B) 2 and 3 only** – Statement 1 is wrong: e-NAM (April 2016) is implemented by the Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC), not NABARD. Statements 2 and 3 are correct.

20. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Tamil Nadu reached replacement-level TFR (2.1) well before most major States; NFHS-5 puts it at 1.8. Female education, health infrastructure and family welfare drove this, so R explains A.

21. **D) 4 3 2 1** – Neyveli (Cuddalore) – lignite; Kanjamalai – iron ore (magnetite); Shevaroy Hills (Yercaud) – bauxite; Narimanam – petroleum and natural gas.

22. **B) 1 and 2 only** – Kalakkad–Mundanthurai (1988) is the first; Srivilliputhur–Megamalai (2021) the fifth. Sathyamangalam (2013) is in Erode district, not the Nilgiris – statement 3 is wrong.

23. **C) (A) is true but (R) is false** – A is true. R is false: under the Conservation International criteria, a hotspot must have lost at least 70% of its original habitat, not 30%.

24. **B) India has announced that it will achieve net-zero emissions by 2050** – At COP26 in Glasgow (2021) India announced a net-zero target year of 2070, not 2050.

25. **C) 3, 4, 2, 1** – Royapuram–Wallajah Road railway (1856) → MRTS Beach–Chepauk (1995) → Ennore Port (2001) → Chennai Metro (2015).

26. **D) 127** – Each term = previous term × 2 + 1. 63 × 2 + 1 = 127.

27. **B) NBEVSBJ** – Each letter is shifted one place forward (+1): M → N, A → B, D → E, U → V, R → S, A → B, I → J = NBEVSBJ.

28. **C) 30 days** – B's one-day work = 1/12 − 1/20 = (5 − 3)/60 = 1/30, so B alone takes 30 days.

29. **D) Brother** – The only son of her paternal grandfather is Kavitha's father; her father's son is her brother.

30. **A) 10 km, South-East** – Net displacement: 8 km East and 12 − 6 = 6 km South; distance = $\sqrt{(8^2 + 6^2)}$ = 10 km, towards the South-East.

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