Group 2A Mains – Daily Practice 3 (4 November 2026)

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Questions

1. Consider the following statements about the Polygar (Palayakkarar) rebellions:
1. Veerapandiya Kattabomman was hanged at Kayathar on 16 October 1799.
2. The Tiruchirappalli Proclamation of 1801 (Jambudweepa Proclamation) was issued by the Marudhu brothers.
3. Puli Thevar was the Palayakkarar of Panchalankurichi.
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

2. Assertion (A): The headquarters of the Theosophical Society was shifted to Adyar, Madras, in 1882.
Reason (R): The Theosophical Society was founded in New York in 1875 by Madame Blavatsky and Colonel Olcott.

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

3. Match the following (freedom fighter – associated event):
(a) C. Rajagopalachari – 1. Home Rule League in Madras (1916)
(b) Tiruppur Kumaran – 2. Vedaranyam Salt Satyagraha (1930)
(c) Annie Besant – 3. Died holding the national flag (1932)
(d) Namakkal Kavignar V. Ramalingam Pillai – 4. The song 'Kathiyindri raththamindri yuthamondru varuguthu'

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

4. Arrange the following events in chronological order:

1. Vaikom Satyagraha

2. Justice Party renamed 'Dravidar Kazhagam' (Salem conference)

3. Founding of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK)

4. First Provincial Self-Respect Conference at Chengalpattu

A. 1, 2, 4, 3

B. 4, 1, 2, 3

C. 1, 4, 3, 2

D. 1, 4, 2, 3

5. Which of the following regarding Sangam literature is NOT correct?

A. Purananuru is an Akam work that sings of love life

B. Ettuthokai is a collection of eight anthologies

C. Pathuppattu consists of ten long poems (idylls)

D. Tolkappiyam is the earliest extant Tamil grammar work

6. Consider the following statements about Fundamental Duties:

1. Fundamental Duties were added by the 42nd Amendment (1976) on the recommendation of the Swaran Singh Committee.

2. The eleventh duty – that parents provide opportunities for education to children aged 6 to 14 – was added by the 86th Amendment (2002).

3. Fundamental Duties are justiciable, that is, directly enforceable through courts.

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

7. Assertion (A): In Tamil Nadu, elections to Panchayats are conducted by the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission and not by the Election Commission of India.

Reason (R): Article 243K vests the superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls for, and the conduct of, all Panchayat elections in the State Election Commission.

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

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8. Powers of the President – match the following (Article – subject):
(a) Article 72 – 1. Financial emergency
(b) Article 123 – 2. Power to grant pardons
(c) Article 356 – 3. Power to promulgate ordinances
(d) Article 360 – 4. Failure of constitutional machinery in a State (President's Rule)

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

9. Which of the following regarding Parliament is NOT correct?

A. Tamil Nadu elects 18 members to the Rajya Sabha
B. One-third of the members of the Rajya Sabha retire every second year
C. A Money Bill can be introduced only in the Lok Sabha
D. The Rajya Sabha can withhold a Money Bill for a maximum of 30 days

10. Which Article of the Constitution empowers Parliament to regulate by law all matters relating to the acquisition and termination of citizenship?

A. Article 5
B. Article 9
C. Article 11
D. Article 14

11. Consider the following statements about vaccines:
1. BCG is a live attenuated vaccine.
2. The tetanus vaccine is a toxoid vaccine.
3. The Hepatitis B vaccine is produced by recombinant DNA technology using yeast.
4. The Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) contains killed (inactivated) poliovirus.
Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

12. Match the following (polymer – monomer):
(a) PVC – 1. Isoprene
(b) Teflon – 2. Ethylene
(c) Natural rubber – 3. Vinyl chloride
(d) Polythene – 4. Tetrafluoroethylene

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

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13. Assertion (A): Virus-free plants can be obtained even from a virus-infected plant through meristem culture.
Reason (R): Even when a plant is infected with a virus, its apical and axillary meristems are free of the virus.

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

14. Which of the following regarding DNA fingerprinting and ELISA is NOT correct?

A. The DNA fingerprinting technique was developed by Alec Jeffreys
B. ELISA detects disease only by amplifying the nucleic acid of the pathogen
C. DNA fingerprinting is based on differences in repetitive DNA sequences called VNTRs
D. ELISA works on the principle of antigen–antibody interaction

15. In a Geographic Information System (GIS), which data model represents geographic features as a grid of equal-sized cells (pixels)?

A. Raster data
B. Vector data
C. Attribute data
D. Metadata

16. Consider the following statements on the economy of Tamil Nadu:
1. The services sector has the largest share in the State's Gross State Value Added (GSVA).
2. As per the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI), Tamil Nadu has the largest number of factories in India.
3. The largest share of the State's own tax revenue comes from State excise on liquor.
Which of the above are correct?

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

17. Assertion (A): As per AISHE 2021–22, Tamil Nadu's Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education (18–23 years) is far above the national average.
Reason (R): GER is calculated as the total enrolment in a level of education, regardless of age, divided by the population of the official age-group for that level.

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

18. Match the Tamil Nadu Government schemes (List I) with their beneficiaries / objective (List II):

(a) NEEDS (New Entrepreneur-cum-Enterprise Development Scheme) – 1. Concrete houses in place of huts in rural areas

(b) UYEGP (Unemployed Youth Employment Generation Programme) – 2. Educated first-generation entrepreneurs

(c) Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme – 3. Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs

(d) Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam – 4. Subsidised self-employment loans for unemployed youth

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

A. 2 3 4 1

B. 4 2 3 1

C. 2 4 3 1

D. 3 4 2 1

19. Arrange the following related to population control in chronological order:

1. National Population Policy

2. Launch of the National Family Planning Programme

3. Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PNDT) Act

4. Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act

A. 2, 4, 1, 3

B. 4, 2, 3, 1

C. 2, 3, 4, 1

D. 2, 4, 3, 1

20. Which of the following regarding vital statistics is NOT correct?

A. Crude Birth Rate (CBR) is the number of live births in a year per 1,000 women of reproductive age

B. Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) is the number of infants dying before completing one year of age per 1,000 live births

C. Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) is expressed per 1,00,000 live births

D. The Sample Registration System (SRS), which gives annual vital statistics, is run by the Office of the Registrar General of India

21. Consider the following statements on the relief of Tamil Nadu:

1. Doddabetta in the Nilgiris district is the highest peak of Tamil Nadu.

2. Anaimudi, the highest peak of South India, lies in Tamil Nadu.

3. The Kolli Hills in Namakkal district are part of the Eastern Ghats.

Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 1 and 2 only

C. 1 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

22. Match the bird sanctuaries (List I) with the districts in which they are located (List II):
(a) Vedanthangal – 1. Nagapattinam
(b) Koonthankulam – 2. Sivaganga
(c) Point Calimere (Kodiakkarai) – 3. Chengalpattu
(d) Vettangudi – 4. Tirunelveli
Codes: (a) (b) (c) (d)

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

23. Which of the following regarding industries of Tamil Nadu is NOT correct?

A. Coimbatore is called the 'Manchester of South India'
B. Ariyalur district is the leading centre of the cotton spinning and knitwear industry
C. The Salem Steel Plant produces stainless steel
D. Chennai is called the 'Detroit of Asia' for its automobile industry

24. Assertion (A): Thermal pollution occurs in water bodies near coastal thermal power stations such as Ennore and Thoothukudi.
Reason (R): Water used for cooling is discharged at a higher temperature, which lowers the dissolved oxygen in water and harms aquatic life.

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

25. Consider the following statements on biodiversity conservation:
1. The Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur, is an example of ex-situ conservation.
2. National parks and wildlife sanctuaries are in-situ conservation methods.
3. Seed banks are an in-situ conservation method.
Which of the above are correct?

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

26. If 15 August 2026 is a Saturday, what day of the week will 26 January 2027 be?

A. Monday
B. Wednesday
C. Tuesday
D. Sunday

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27. 4 : 20 :: 7 : ?

A. 56

B. 49

C. 63

D. 42

28. Find the odd one out:

A. TVY

B. BDF

C. HJL

D. NPR

29. Statements: All pens are books. Some books are tables.
Conclusions:
I. Some pens are tables.
II. Some tables are books.
Which conclusion(s) follow(s)?

A. Only I

B. Only II

C. Both I and II

D. Neither I nor II

30. In how many different ways can the letters of the word CHENNAI be arranged?

A. 5040

B. 720

C. 2520

D. 1260

Answers with explanations

1. **C) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. Puli Thevar was the Palayakkarar of Nerkattumseval; Panchalankurichi was Kattabomman's palayam. So 3 is wrong.

2. **B) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true, but the Society's founding in New York does not explain why its headquarters moved to Adyar. Hence (R) is not the explanation of (A).

3. **B) (a)-2, (b)-3, (c)-1, (d)-4** – Rajaji – Tiruchi-to-Vedaranyam salt march (1930); Tiruppur Kumaran – died holding the flag during the Civil Disobedience Movement (1932); Annie Besant – Home Rule League (1916); Namakkal Kavignar – marching song of the salt satyagraha.

4. **D) 1, 4, 2, 3** – Vaikom Satyagraha – 1924; Chengalpattu Self-Respect Conference – 1929; Dravidar Kazhagam at the Salem conference – 1944; DMK – 1949. Hence 1, 4, 2, 3.

5. **A) Purananuru is an Akam work that sings of love life** – Purananuru is a Puram work – on war, charity, ethics and kings – not Akam. The other three are correct.

6. **B) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. The Fundamental Duties in Article 51A are non-justiciable – not directly enforceable by courts. So 3 is wrong.

7. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true and (R) explains (A): Article 243K, inserted by the 73rd Amendment, is why Panchayat polls are held by the State Election Commission (Article 243ZA for municipalities).

8. **C) (a)-2, (b)-3, (c)-4, (d)-1** – Article 72 – pardon; 123 – ordinance (when Parliament is not in session); 356 – President's Rule in a State; 360 – financial emergency.

9. **D) The Rajya Sabha can withhold a Money Bill for a maximum of 30 days** – Under Article 109 the Rajya Sabha can hold a Money Bill for at most 14 days, not 30. The other three are correct.

10. **C) Article 11** – Article 11 gives Parliament this power; the Citizenship Act, 1955 was enacted under it. Article 9 says a person who voluntarily acquires foreign citizenship is not an Indian citizen.

11. **B) 1, 2 and 3 only** – 1, 2 and 3 are correct. OPV is a live attenuated vaccine; inactivated poliovirus is used in the injectable IPV. So 4 is wrong.

12. **D) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-2** – PVC – vinyl chloride; Teflon – tetrafluoroethylene; natural rubber – isoprene (cis-1,4-polyisoprene); polythene – ethylene.

13. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true and (R) explains (A): because the meristem is virus-free, culturing it yields virus-free plants (e.g. banana, sugarcane, potato).

14. **B) ELISA detects disease only by amplifying the nucleic acid of the pathogen** – Amplifying nucleic acid is PCR; ELISA detects either the antigen or the antibodies formed against it. So the second statement is wrong.

15. **A) Raster data** – Raster data is made of a grid of cells (pixels) – e.g. satellite images. Vector data represents features as points, lines and polygons.

16. **B) 1 and 2 only** – Services contribute over half of GSVA; Tamil Nadu ranks first in number of factories in the ASI. The largest own-tax source is commercial taxes (incl. GST), not State excise – so 3 is wrong.

17. **B) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)** – A is true: Tamil Nadu's GER is 47.0 against the national 28.4. R is only the definition of GER; it does not explain why Tamil Nadu's GER is high.

18. **C) 2 4 3 1** – NEEDS – educated first-generation entrepreneurs; UYEGP – self-employment for unemployed youth; Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme (2023) – SC/ST entrepreneurs; Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam (2024) – concrete houses replacing rural huts.

19. **D) 2, 4, 3, 1** – National Family Planning Programme – 1952; MTP Act – 1971; PNDT Act – 1994 (renamed PCPNDT in 2003); National Population Policy – 2000. Hence 2, 4, 3, 1.

20. **A) Crude Birth Rate (CBR) is the number of live births in a year per 1,000 women of reproductive age** – CBR is live births in a year per 1,000 mid-year population, not per 1,000 women. The other statements are correct.

21. **C) 1 and 3 only** – Doddabetta (2,637 m) is the highest peak of Tamil Nadu; the Kolli Hills belong to the Eastern Ghats. Anaimudi (2,695 m) is in Idukki district, Kerala – so 2 is wrong.

22. **D) 3 4 1 2** – Vedanthangal – Chengalpattu; Koonthankulam – Tirunelveli; Point Calimere – Nagapattinam; Vettangudi – Sivaganga.

23. **B) Ariyalur district is the leading centre of the cotton spinning and knitwear industry** – Ariyalur, rich in limestone, is a leading centre of the cement industry; knitwear is associated with Tiruppur. The others are correct.

24. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Discharge of heated cooling water by thermal power stations is the cause of thermal pollution; warmer water holds less dissolved oxygen. Hence R correctly explains A.

25. **D) 1 and 2 only** – Zoos, seed banks and gene banks conserve organisms outside their natural habitat (ex-situ); national parks and sanctuaries are in-situ. So 3 is wrong.

26. **C) Tuesday** – Days after 15 August: Aug 16 + Sep 30 + Oct 31 + Nov 30 + Dec 31 + Jan 26 = 164 = 23 weeks + 3 days. Saturday + 3 = Tuesday.

27. **A) 56** – Rule: n × (n + 1). 4 × 5 = 20; 7 × 8 = 56.

28. **A) TVY** – In BDF, HJL and NPR the letters move +2, +2. In TVY the gaps are +2, +3 – so it is the odd one.

29. **B) Only II** – 'Some books are tables' converts to 'Some tables are books', so II follows. Pens and tables need not overlap, so I does not follow.

30. **C) 2520** – 7 letters with N repeated twice. Ways = 7! / 2! = 5040 / 2 = 2520.

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