Group 2A Mains – Daily Practice 4 (5 November 2026)

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Questions

1. Consider the following statements about the Anglo-French rivalry (Carnatic Wars):
1. The First Carnatic War ended with the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle in 1748.
2. In the Battle of Wandiwash (1760), Sir Eyre Coote defeated the French commander Count de Lally.
3. The Third Carnatic War ended with the Treaty of Paris in 1763.
4. In the Battle of Adyar (St. Thome) in 1746, the army of Nawab Anwaruddin defeated the French force.
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

2. Arrange the following socio-religious reform organisations in the chronological order of their founding:
1. Arya Samaj
2. Brahmo Samaj
3. Ramakrishna Mission
4. Vallalar's Samarasa Vedha Sanmarga Sangam (later Samarasa Suddha Sanmarga Sathya Sangam)

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

3. Which of the following regarding the Justice Party (South Indian Liberal Federation) is NOT correct?

A. The first Justice Party ministry formed in 1920 was headed by A. Subbarayalu Reddiar
B. The first Communal Government Order (G.O. 613) on reservation in government appointments was issued in 1921
C. Women were given the right to vote in the Madras Presidency in 1921
D. The Justice Party won the 1937 provincial elections and formed the ministry

4. Match the following (Thirukkural couplet – principle it lays down):
(a) 'Karka kasadarak karpavai katrapin nirka atharkuth thaga' – 1. Delegation: entrusting a task to the person fit to do it
(b) 'Ennith thuniga karumam thunindhapin ennuvam enbadhu izhukku' – 2. All are equal by birth; distinction arises only from one's deeds
(c) 'Idhanai idhanaal ivanmudikkum endraaindhu adhanai avankan vidal' – 3. Learn thoroughly, then live up to what is learnt
(d) 'Pirappokkum ella uyirkkum sirappovva seithozhil vetrumai yaan' – 4. Deliberate fully before undertaking any action

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

5. Consider the following statements about women of Tamil Nadu in the freedom struggle and social reform:
1. Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy was unanimously elected Deputy President of the Madras Legislative Council.
2. Anjalai Ammal of Cuddalore took part in the Neill Statue Satyagraha.
3. Thillaiyadi Valliammai took part in Gandhi's satyagraha in Ceylon (Sri Lanka).
4. Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar wrote the novel 'Dasigal Mosavalai alladhu Mathi Petra Minor' exposing the devadasi system.
Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

6. Consider the following statements about the Vice-President of India:
1. He is elected by an electoral college consisting of the members of both Houses of Parliament, including nominated members.
2. He is the ex officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
3. He can be removed by a resolution of the Rajya Sabha passed by a majority of all its then members and agreed to by the Lok Sabha.
4. Disputes regarding his election are inquired into and decided by the High Court.
Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

7. Match the following (writ – purpose):
(a) Habeas Corpus – 1. Asks by what authority a person holds a public office
(b) Mandamus – 2. Forbids a lower court from exceeding its jurisdiction
(c) Prohibition – 3. Directs that a person unlawfully detained be produced before the court
(d) Quo Warranto – 4. Commands a public official to perform a legal duty

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

8. Which of the following regarding the Governor of a State is NOT correct?

A. Under Article 155, the Governor is appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal
B. A person must have completed 30 years of age to be appointed Governor
C. Under Article 213, the Governor may promulgate an ordinance when the Legislature is not in session
D. Under Article 200, the Governor may reserve a Bill passed by the Legislature for the consideration of the President

9. When the number of Grama Sabha meetings in Tamil Nadu was raised from four to six a year (2022), which of the following was one of the two days added?

A. 26 January (Republic Day)
B. 15 August (Independence Day)
C. 2 October (Gandhi Jayanti)
D. 22 March (World Water Day)

10. Assertion (A): The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly must be summoned to meet at least once in six months.
Reason (R): Article 174 of the Constitution provides that six months shall not intervene between the last sitting in one session and the first sitting in the next session.

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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11. Consider the following statements about nuclear energy:
1. In the Sun, energy is released by nuclear fusion in which hydrogen is converted into helium.
2. The atom bomb is based on an uncontrolled nuclear fission chain reaction.
3. The mass defect in a nuclear reaction is converted into energy according to $E = mc^2$.
4. In thermal-neutron reactors, the main fissile fuel is uranium-238.
Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

12. Which of the following regarding carbohydrates is NOT correct?

A. Lactose on hydrolysis gives glucose and galactose
B. Sucrose is a reducing sugar
C. Maltose is made up of two glucose units
D. Cellulose is a polysaccharide made up of β-glucose units

13. Assertion (A): A Solid State Drive (SSD) accesses data much faster than a Hard Disk Drive (HDD).
Reason (R): An SSD stores data in flash memory with no moving parts, whereas an HDD has spinning platters and a moving read/write head.

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. Match the following (assisted reproductive technology – description):
(a) ZIFT – 1. Transfer of an embryo with more than 8 blastomeres into the uterus
(b) IUT – 2. Direct injection of a sperm into the ovum in the laboratory
(c) GIFT – 3. Transfer of a zygote or early embryo (up to 8 blastomeres) into the fallopian tube
(d) ICSI – 4. Transfer of an ovum from a donor into the fallopian tube of a female who cannot produce ova

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

15. In a Database Management System (DBMS), which of the following SQL commands is a Data Definition Language (DDL) command?

A. INSERT
B. UPDATE
C. CREATE
D. GRANT

16. Consider the following statements on the State Budget:

1. A revenue deficit arises when revenue expenditure exceeds revenue receipts.

2. Grants-in-aid received from the Union Government are capital receipts.

3. Primary deficit is the fiscal deficit minus interest payments.

4. The State's share in Union taxes (tax devolution) is a revenue receipt.

Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 and 3 only

B. 2 and 4 only

C. 1, 3 and 4 only

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

17. Match the State income terms (List I) with their meaning (List II):

(a) Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) – 1. Net State Domestic Product ÷ population of the State

(b) Net State Domestic Product (NSDP) – 2. Value of all final goods and services produced within the State's boundary in a year

(c) Per capita income – 3. GSDP – depreciation (consumption of fixed capital)

(d) Gross State Value Added (GSVA at basic prices) – 4. GSDP – product taxes + product subsidies

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

A. 2 3 1 4

B. 3 2 1 4

C. 2 3 4 1

D. 1 3 2 4

18. Which of the following regarding religious minorities is NOT correct?

A. Under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992, six communities are notified as minorities at the national level

B. The National Commission for Minorities is a constitutional body set up under Article 338 of the Constitution

C. Article 30 gives all minorities, whether based on religion or language, the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice

D. The Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation (TAMCO) gives loans to religious minorities for self-employment and economic development

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19. Consider the following statements on the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA):

1. Priority must be given to women so that at least one-third of the beneficiaries are women.

2. If work is not provided within 15 days of applying, an unemployment allowance must be paid.

3. Work must be provided within a 10 km radius of the applicant's residence; no extra wage is payable if it is provided beyond that.

Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 1, 2 and 3

D. 1 and 2 only

20. Match the types of farming (List I) with their main feature (List II):

(a) Inorganic (chemical) farming – 1. Green manure, panchagavya, bio-fertilisers; no synthetic chemicals

(b) Organic farming – 2. High yield through synthetic fertilisers and pesticides

(c) Contract farming – 3. Crop cultivation and livestock rearing on the same farm

(d) Mixed farming – 4. Agreement with a buyer on price and quantity before sowing

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

A. 2 1 4 3

B. 1 2 4 3

C. 2 1 3 4

D. 4 1 2 3

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

1. Red soil covers the largest area in Tamil Nadu.

2. Laterite soil is formed in areas of high temperature and low rainfall.

3. Alluvial soil is found mainly in the Cauvery delta region.

Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 1 and 3 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

22. Assertion (A): Every year, mechanised fishing is banned for 61 days from 15 April to 14 June along the east coast of Tamil Nadu.

Reason (R): This period is the breeding season of fish, so the ban helps replenish and sustain fish stocks.

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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23. Consider the following statements on irrigation in Tamil Nadu:
1. Wells (open wells and tube wells) are the largest source of the net irrigated area.
2. Tank irrigation is prominent in districts such as Kancheepuram, Ramanathapuram and Sivaganga.
3. The Grand Anicut (Kallanai), built by Karikala Chola, is across the Vaigai river.
Which of the above are correct?

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

24. Match the native cattle breeds of Tamil Nadu (List I) with their home tract (List II):
(a) Kangayam – 1. Cauvery delta (Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam)
(b) Umblachery – 2. Tiruppur–Erode (Kangeyam area)
(c) Pulikulam – 3. Madurai–Sivaganga region
(d) Alambadi – 4. Dharmapuri–Krishnagiri region
Codes: (a) (b) (c) (d)

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

25. Which of the following regarding invasive alien species that threaten biodiversity in Tamil Nadu is NOT correct?

A. Seemai karuvelam (Prosopis juliflora) is native to Central and South America
B. Lantana camara is an invasive shrub that spreads in the forests of the Western Ghats and suppresses native plants
C. Water hyacinth (Eichhornia crassipes) covers water bodies and lowers the dissolved oxygen in water
D. Parthenium (congress grass) is a plant native to the Indian subcontinent

26. In a class of 60 students, 35 like Tamil and 30 like English. 10 students like neither. How many like both?

A. 10
B. 15
C. 20
D. 25

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27. If '+' means '×', '–' means '÷', '×' means '–' and '÷' means '+', what is the value of the following?

18 – 3 + 4 ÷ 6 × 2

A. 26

B. 30

C. 28

D. 22

28. In a row of students, Kumar is 12th from the left and 18th from the right. How many students are there in the row?

A. 30

B. 29

C. 28

D. 31

29. The ratio of the present ages of a father and his son is 7 : 2. After 10 years the ratio will be 9 : 4. What is the father's present age?

A. 40 years

B. 42 years

C. 35 years

D. 30 years

30. In the English alphabet, which letter is 7th to the left of the 10th letter from the right?

A. J

B. K

C. I

D. X

Answers with explanations

1. **B) 1, 2 and 3 only** – 1, 2 and 3 are correct. At Adyar (1746) a small French force defeated the much larger army of Nawab Anwaruddin, so 4 is wrong; the battle showed the superiority of European-trained troops.

2. **C) 2, 4, 1, 3** – Brahmo Samaj – 1828 (Raja Rammohan Roy); Vallalar's Sangam – 1865; Arya Samaj – 1875 (Dayananda Saraswati); Ramakrishna Mission – 1897 (Swami Vivekananda). Hence 2, 4, 1, 3.

3. **D) The Justice Party won the 1937 provincial elections and formed the ministry** – The Justice Party was routed in the 1937 elections; the Congress won 159 of the 215 seats and formed the ministry under Rajaji. The other three are correct.

4. **A) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-2** – Kural 391 (Kalvi) – live by learning; 467 (Therindhu Seyalvagai) – deliberate before acting; 517 (Therindhu Vinaiyadal) – delegate to the right person; 972 (Perumai) – equality by birth.

5. **D) 1, 2 and 4 only** – 1, 2 and 4 are correct. Thillaiyadi Valliammai took part in Gandhi's satyagraha in South Africa, was jailed and died in 1914 – not in Ceylon. So 3 is wrong.

6. **A) 1, 2 and 3 only** – Articles 66, 64 and 67(b) make 1, 2 and 3 correct. Under Article 71, disputes on the election of the President or Vice-President are decided by the Supreme Court, so 4 is wrong.

7. **C) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-2, (d)-1** – Habeas Corpus – produce the detained person; Mandamus – command to perform a duty; Prohibition – stop a lower court exceeding jurisdiction; Quo Warranto – question the right to hold a public office. (Articles 32 and 226)

8. **B) A person must have completed 30 years of age to be appointed Governor** – Article 157 requires a Governor to have completed 35 years of age, not 30. The other three are correct.

9. **D) 22 March (World Water Day)** – As announced by the Chief Minister in the Assembly in April 2022, 22 March (World Water Day) and 1 November (Local Governance Day) were added. 26 Jan, 1 May, 15 Aug and 2 Oct were already Grama Sabha days.

10. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true; the six-month rule of Article 174(1) is exactly why the Assembly must meet again within six months. Hence (R) correctly explains (A).

11. **C) 1, 2 and 3 only** – 1, 2 and 3 are correct. The fuel that undergoes fission with slow (thermal) neutrons is uranium-235, not uranium-238. So 4 is wrong.

12. **B) Sucrose is a reducing sugar** – In sucrose the reducing groups of both glucose and fructose are involved in the glycosidic bond, so it is a non-reducing sugar and does not reduce Fehling's or Tollens' reagent.

13. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true; an HDD must wait for the platter to rotate and the head to move into position, while an SSD accesses data electronically. Hence (R) correctly explains (A).

14. **D) (a)-3, (b)-1, (c)-4, (d)-2** – ZIFT – zygote / up to 8-cell embryo into the fallopian tube; IUT – embryo of more than 8 cells into the uterus; GIFT – donor ovum into the fallopian tube; ICSI – sperm injected directly into the ovum.

15. **C) CREATE** – CREATE (like ALTER and DROP) defines the structure of a table – a DDL command. INSERT and UPDATE are DML (data manipulation); GRANT is DCL (data control).

16. **C) 1, 3 and 4 only** – Statement 2 is wrong: Union grants-in-aid create no liability and reduce no asset, so they are revenue receipts. A State's revenue receipts = own tax + non-tax revenue + share in Union taxes + grants-in-aid. The other three are correct definitions.

17. **A) 2 3 1 4** – GSDP – value of final goods and services produced within the State; NSDP = GSDP – depreciation; per capita income = NSDP ÷ population; GSVA = GSDP – product taxes + product subsidies.

18. **B) The National Commission for Minorities is a constitutional body set up under Article 338 of the Constitution** – The National Commission for Minorities is a statutory body created by the 1992 Act, not a constitutional body; Article 338 relates to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes. The six notified communities: Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains (2014).

19. **D) 1 and 2 only** – Statement 3 is wrong: under Schedule II, work is to be given within a 5 km radius; if given beyond it, 10% extra wages are paid for transport and living expenses. Statement 1 (Schedule II) and statement 2 (Section 7) are correct.

20. **A) 2 1 4 3** – Inorganic farming – synthetic fertilisers and pesticides; organic farming – green manure, panchagavya, bio-fertilisers; contract farming – pre-sowing agreement with a buyer; mixed farming – crops and livestock together.

21. **B) 1 and 3 only** – Statement 2 is wrong: laterite forms under high temperature and heavy rainfall, through leaching. Red soil is widespread in the State, and alluvial soil is mainly in the Cauvery delta.

22. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true and (R) explains (A): the ban stops trawling during the breeding season so that stocks recover. (On the west coast the ban is 1 June – 31 July.)

23. **D) 1 and 2 only** – Statement 3 is wrong: the Grand Anicut is across the Cauvery (Thanjavur district). Wells irrigate more than half of the net irrigated area; tank irrigation is prominent in the northern and southern districts.

24. **C) 2 1 3 4** – Kangayam – Kangeyam area of Tiruppur; Umblachery – Cauvery delta; Pulikulam – Madurai and Sivaganga (Jallikattu breed); Alambadi – Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri.

25. **D) Parthenium (congress grass) is a plant native to the Indian subcontinent** – Parthenium is native to tropical America and is believed to have entered India with imported wheat in the 1950s. The other three are correct statements about invasive alien species.

26. **B) 15** – Students liking at least one = 60 – 10 = 50. Both = 35 + 30 – 50 = 15.

27. **C) 28** – After replacing the signs: 18 ÷ 3 × 4 + 6 – 2 = 6 × 4 + 6 – 2 = 24 + 6 – 2 = 28.

28. **B) 29** – Total = 12 + 18 – 1 = 29 (Kumar is counted in both positions, so subtract 1).

29. **C) 35 years** – (7x + 10) / (2x + 10) = 9/4 → 28x + 40 = 18x + 90 → x = 5. Father = 35, son = 10; check: 45 : 20 = 9 : 4.

30. **A) J** – 10th from the right = (27 – 10) = 17th from the left = Q. 7th to its left = 17 – 7 = 10th = J.

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