# Group 2A Mains – Daily Practice 6 (7 November 2026)

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## Questions

**1. Consider the following statements about reforms during the East India Company's rule:**
**1. Following the recommendations of Wood's Despatch (1854), the University of Madras was established in 1857.**
**2. Sati was abolished in 1829 by Governor-General Lord William Bentinck.**
**3. The Charter Act of 1813 ended the Company's monopoly of trade with China.**
**Which of the above are correct?**

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

**2. Match the Tamil writers of the freedom-struggle era (List I) with their works (List II):**
**(a) Subramania Bharathi – 1. Pandiyan Parisu**
**(b) Namakkal Kavignar V. Ramalingam Pillai – 2. Alai Osai**
**(c) Bharathidasan – 3. Malaikkallan (novel)**
**(d) Kalki R. Krishnamurthy – 4. Panchali Sabatham**

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

**3. Assertion (A): C. Rajagopalachari did not take part in the Quit India Movement of 1942.**
**Reason (R): Rajaji was the first Congress Premier of the Madras Presidency (1937–39).**

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

**4. Arrange the following events in the territorial evolution of Tamil Nadu in chronological order:**

**1. Andhra State was carved out of Madras State**

**2. Tiruttani taluk was transferred from Andhra Pradesh to Madras State under the Andhra Pradesh and Madras (Alteration of Boundaries) Act, 1959**

**3. The Madras Province (former Madras Presidency) became 'Madras State' when the Constitution came into force**

**4. The Kanyakumari taluks and part of Shencottah taluk were transferred from Travancore-Cochin to Madras State under the States Reorganisation Act**

A. 4, 1, 2, 3

B. 2, 1, 3, 4

C. 3, 1, 4, 2

D. 4, 1, 3, 2

**5. Which of the following regarding Arignar Anna is NOT correct?**

A. He was born at Kancheepuram in 1909

B. He launched the Tamil weekly 'Dravida Nadu' in 1942

C. In 1967 he directly succeeded K. Kamaraj as Chief Minister

D. He died in office as Chief Minister in February 1969

**6. Consider the following statements about Centre–State and inter-State relations:**

**1. The Inter-State Council under Article 263 was set up by a Presidential order in 1990.**

**2. Under Article 262, Parliament may by law exclude the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court over inter-State river water disputes.**

**3. The Southern Zonal Council, of which Tamil Nadu is a member, is a constitutional body.**

**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

**7. Match the constitutional offices / bodies (List I) with the Articles that provide for them (List II):**

**(a) Advocate General of a State – 1. Article 315**

**(b) Finance Commission – 2. Article 148**

**(c) Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (CAG) – 3. Article 280**

**(d) Public Service Commissions for the Union and the States – 4. Article 165**

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

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

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

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

**8. Assertion (A): The Union Territory of Puducherry has a Legislative Assembly.**
**Reason (R): Article 239A empowers Parliament to create by law a Legislature and a Council of Ministers for the Union Territory of Puducherry.**

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. Which of the following regarding the emergency provisions is NOT correct?**

A. The 44th Amendment (1978) replaced 'internal disturbance' with 'armed rebellion' in Article 352
B. President's Rule under Article 356 can be extended indefinitely with the approval of Parliament
C. A proclamation of National Emergency must be approved by both Houses of Parliament within one month
D. A Financial Emergency under Article 360 has never been proclaimed so far

**10. Which Constitutional Amendment Act lowered the voting age from 21 to 18 years?**

A. 42nd Amendment
B. 44th Amendment
C. 73rd Amendment
D. 61st Amendment

**11. Consider the following statements about antibiotics:**
**1. Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin from the fungus Penicillium notatum in 1928.**
**2. Streptomycin, obtained from the bacterium Streptomyces griseus, was the first antibiotic effective against tuberculosis.**
**3. Antibiotics cure viral diseases such as the common cold and influenza.**
**Which of the above are correct?**

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

**12. Match the multimedia file types (List I) with their nature (List II):**
**(a) MIDI – 1. Video file**
**(b) PNG – 2. Usually uncompressed audio file**
**(c) MP4 – 3. Stores only musical-instrument instructions (notes), not the actual sound**
**(d) WAV – 4. Image file with lossless compression**

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

**13. Assertion (A): Edible vaccines are produced in transgenic plants.**
**Reason (R): Like injectable vaccines, edible vaccines essentially require cold-chain storage.**

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 the Central Processing Unit (CPU) is NOT correct?**

A. The Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU) performs calculations such as addition and subtraction and logical operations such as comparison
B. The Control Unit co-ordinates and directs operations among memory, the ALU and input/output devices
C. The Control Unit stores data and programs permanently
D. Registers are very fast, small temporary storage locations inside the CPU

**15. National Mathematics Day, observed on 22 December, commemorates the birth anniversary of whom?**

A. Srinivasa Ramanujan
B. Sir C.V. Raman
C. Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar
D. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

**16. Consider the following statements on the Public Distribution System and food security:**
**1. Tamil Nadu follows a universal Public Distribution System.**
**2. Under the National Food Security Act, 2013, each member of a priority household is entitled to 5 kg of foodgrains a month.**
**3. Tamil Nadu implemented the National Food Security Act from 1 November 2016.**
**4. The Act covers up to 90% of the rural population and up to 75% of the urban population.**
**Which of the 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

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**17. Match the laws relating to marginalised groups (List I) with the year of enactment (List II):**
**(a) Untouchability (Offences) Act (called the 'Protection of Civil Rights Act' since 1976) – 1. 1989**
**(b) Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act – 2. 2013**
**(c) Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act – 3. 1955**
**(d) Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act – 4. 2006**

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

**18. Assertion (A): Despite the 50% ceiling laid down by the Supreme Court in the Indra Sawhney case (1992), Tamil Nadu continues to have 69% reservation in education and public employment.**
**Reason (R): Tamil Nadu Act 45 of 1994, which provides 69% reservation, was placed in the Ninth Schedule by the 76th Constitutional Amendment.**

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

**19. Which of the following is NOT a source of the State Government's own tax revenue?**

A. State Goods and Services Tax (SGST)
B. Corporation tax
C. Stamp duty and registration fees
D. State excise duty

**20. Under the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017, what is the maximum period of paid maternity leave for the first two children?**

A. 26 weeks
B. 12 weeks
C. 24 weeks
D. 52 weeks

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**21. Consider the following statements on the location of Tamil Nadu:**
**1. As per the Union Government's recalculated coastline figures, Tamil Nadu's coastline (about 1,068.69 km) is the second longest among Indian States.**
**2. Kanyakumari, the southern tip of the Indian mainland, lies in Tamil Nadu.**
**3. Tamil Nadu shares its borders with four States – Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.**
**Which of the above are correct?**

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

**22. Match the waterfalls of Tamil Nadu (List I) with the districts in which they are located (List II):**
**(a) Courtallam – 1. Kanniyakumari**
**(b) Hogenakkal – 2. Theni**
**(c) Kumbakkarai – 3. Dharmapuri**
**(d) Thirparappu – 4. Tenkasi**

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

**23. Assertion (A): The beach sands of the Kanyakumari coast (Manavalakurichi) are rich in monazite.**
**Reason (R): Monazite is an important ore of thorium.**

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 the day-time ambient noise limits under the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 is NOT correct?**

A. Industrial area – 75 dB(A)
B. Commercial area – 45 dB(A)
C. Residential area – 55 dB(A)
D. Silence zone – 50 dB(A)

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**25. Consider the following statements on the Ramsar Convention and the wetlands of Tamil Nadu:**

**1. The Ramsar Convention was signed in 1971 at Ramsar, Iran.**

**2. Point Calimere (Kodiakkarai) Wildlife and Bird Sanctuary is a Ramsar site.**

**3. Chennai's Pallikaranai Marsh was designated a Ramsar site in 2022.**

**4. The Ramsar Convention is the convention for the conservation of migratory species.**

**Which of the above are correct?**

A. 1 and 3 only

B. 2 and 4 only

C. 1, 2, 3 and 4

D. 1, 2 and 3 only

**26. Find the next number in the series:**

**2, 6, 12, 20, 30, ?**

A. 40

B. 44

C. 42

D. 36

**27. What is the smaller angle between the hour hand and the minute hand of a clock at 3:40?**

A. 130°

B. 120°

C. 140°

D. 150°

**28. A man buys an article for ₹800 and sells it for ₹920. What is his profit per cent?**

A. 12%

B. 15%

C. 18%

D. 20%

**29. Find the odd one out:**

**17, 23, 29, 35, 41**

A. 23

B. 35

C. 29

D. 41

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**30. Pointing to a girl, Arun said, "Her mother is the only daughter of my mother." How is the girl related to Arun?**

A. Sister
B. Daughter
C. Maternal aunt
D. Sister's daughter (niece)

## Answers with explanations

1. **D) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. The Charter Act of 1813 ended the Company's monopoly of trade with India only (except tea and trade with China); the China trade monopoly ended with the Charter Act of 1833. So 3 is wrong.

2. **D) (a)-4, (b)-3, (c)-1, (d)-2** – Panchali Sabatham (1912) – Bharathi; Malaikkallan – Namakkal Kavignar (the novel was later filmed in 1954); Pandiyan Parisu – Bharathidasan; Alai Osai – Kalki (novel set in the freedom struggle).

3. **B) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true, but (R) does not explain (A). He kept away because he had resigned from the Congress in 1942 over his view that it should come to terms with the Muslim League, and felt the movement would delay a settlement.

4. **C) 3, 1, 4, 2** – Madras State – 26 January 1950; Andhra State – 1 October 1953; Kanyakumari (Agastheeswaram, Thovalai, Kalkulam, Vilavancode) and part of Shencottah – 1 November 1956; Tiruttani – 1 April 1960. Hence 3, 1, 4, 2.

5. **C) In 1967 he directly succeeded K. Kamaraj as Chief Minister** – After Kamaraj resigned under the Kamaraj Plan in 1963, M. Bhaktavatsalam became Chief Minister; Anna succeeded Bhaktavatsalam in 1967. The other three are correct (born 15.09.1909; Dravida Nadu – 8.03.1942; died 3.02.1969).

6. **A) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. Zonal Councils are statutory bodies set up under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956, not constitutional bodies. So 3 is wrong.

7. **D) (a)-4, (b)-3, (c)-2, (d)-1** – Advocate General – 165; Finance Commission – 280; CAG – 148; Public Service Commissions (UPSC, TNPSC) – 315.

8. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true; the Puducherry Assembly exists under the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963, enacted by Parliament under Article 239A (inserted by the 14th Amendment, 1962). Hence (R) explains (A).

9. **B) President's Rule under Article 356 can be extended indefinitely with the approval of Parliament** – President's Rule can be extended only up to a maximum of three years, with Parliament's approval every six months (extra conditions apply beyond one year). The other three are correct.

10. **D) 61st Amendment** – The 61st Amendment Act (1988) amended Article 326 and lowered the voting age for Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections to 18 (in force from 1989).

11. **A) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. Antibiotics act on bacterial targets such as the cell wall and protein synthesis, which viruses lack, so they do not work against viral diseases; misuse drives antimicrobial resistance (AMR). So 3 is wrong.

12. **B) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-2** – MIDI – musical instructions only; PNG – lossless image; MP4 – video; WAV – uncompressed audio.

13. **C) (A) is true but (R) is false** – (A) is true: the gene for a pathogen antigen is introduced into plants such as banana, potato or tomato. (R) is false: freedom from the cold chain and from needles are regarded as the main advantages of edible vaccines.

14. **C) The Control Unit stores data and programs permanently** – Permanent storage is the job of secondary storage (HDD, SSD); the Control Unit fetches and decodes instructions and co-ordinates the other units. The other three are correct.

15. **A) Srinivasa Ramanujan** – Ramanujan was born at Erode on 22.12.1887; his birthday has been observed as National Mathematics Day since 2012. 28 February, the day the Raman Effect was discovered, is National Science Day.

16. **C) 1, 2 and 3 only** – 1, 2 and 3 are correct. The Act covers up to 75% of the rural and up to 50% of the urban population, so 4 is wrong. Tamil Nadu retained its universal PDS even after adopting the Act.

17. **D) (a)-3, (b)-1, (c)-4, (d)-2** – Untouchability (Offences) Act – 1955 (renamed by the 1976 amendment); Prevention of Atrocities Act – 1989; Forest Rights Act – 2006; Manual Scavengers Act – 2013.

18. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true; the 69% quota continues because placing the Act in the Ninth Schedule shielded it. Hence (R) explains (A). (After I.R. Coelho, 2007, Ninth Schedule laws added after 24.04.1973 can still be tested against the basic structure; the challenge to the 69% law is pending in the Supreme Court.)

19. **B) Corporation tax** – Corporation tax is levied by the Union under the Union List; the State's share received on Finance Commission recommendation counts as share in Central taxes, not own tax revenue. The other three are the State's own taxes.

20. **A) 26 weeks** – The 2017 amendment raised the period from 12 weeks (1961 Act) to 26 weeks; from the third child it remains 12 weeks.

21. **D) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. Tamil Nadu has no border with Telangana; it shares land borders only with Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh (the Union Territory of Puducherry also adjoins it). Gujarat has the longest coastline (2,340.62 km); in the recalculation Tamil Nadu moved from third to second place, ahead of Andhra Pradesh.

22. **C) (a)-4, (b)-3, (c)-2, (d)-1** – Courtallam – Tenkasi (Chittar); Hogenakkal – Dharmapuri (Cauvery); Kumbakkarai – Theni (near Periyakulam); Thirparappu – Kanniyakumari district.

23. **B) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true, but monazite being a thorium ore does not explain why it is concentrated on the Kanyakumari coast (waves and currents deposit heavy mineral sands). IREL's plant is at Manavalakurichi.

24. **B) Commercial area – 45 dB(A)** – The day-time limit for a commercial area is 65 dB(A) (night 55). The other three are correct; night limits – industrial 70, residential 45, silence zone (100 m around hospitals, educational institutions and courts) 40.

25. **D) 1, 2 and 3 only** – 1, 2 and 3 are correct. The Ramsar Convention is on wetlands; migratory species are covered by the Bonn Convention (CMS, 1979). So 4 is wrong. Point Calimere became a Ramsar site in 2002.

26. **C) 42** – The terms are n(n + 1): 1×2, 2×3, 3×4, 4×5, 5×6; next is 6×7 = 42. (Differences 4, 6, 8, 10, 12.)

27. **A) 130°** – Angle = |30 × hours – 5.5 × minutes| = |30 × 3 – 5.5 × 40| = |90 – 220| = 130°.

28. **B) 15%** – Profit = 920 – 800 = ₹120; profit % = 120 ÷ 800 × 100 = 15%.

29. **B) 35** – 17, 23, 29 and 41 are prime numbers; 35 = 5 × 7 is composite.

30. **D) Sister's daughter (niece)** – The only daughter of Arun's mother is Arun's sister. Since the girl's mother is Arun's sister, the girl is Arun's sister's daughter (niece).


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