Group 2A Mains – Daily Practice 7 (8 November 2026)

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Questions

1. Consider the following statements about the advent of the Europeans:
1. Vasco da Gama reached Calicut (Kozhikode) in 1498.
2. Afonso de Albuquerque captured Goa from the Sultan of Bijapur in 1510.
3. In 1639 Francis Day obtained Madraspatnam from Damarla Venkatadri Nayaka, a representative of the Vijayanagara ruler.
4. The Danes obtained Tranquebar (Tharangambadi) from the Nayak ruler of Madurai.
Which of the above are correct?

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

2. Match the Tamil scholars / writers (List I) with their works (List II):
(a) U.Ve. Swaminatha Iyer – 1. Pennin Perumai
(b) Mayuram Vedanayagam Pillai – 2. En Charithiram (autobiography)
(c) Thiru. V. Kalyanasundaranar – 3. Agal Vilakku
(d) Mu. Varadarasanar – 4. Prathapa Mudaliar Charithram

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

3. Assertion (A): Bharathiyar lived in Puducherry for about ten years, from 1908 to 1918.
Reason (R): Puducherry was then under French rule, so the British police could not arrest him there.

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 phases of the freedom struggle in chronological order:
1. Protests against the Simon Commission
2. Individual Satyagraha
3. Satyagraha against the Rowlatt Act
4. Quit India Movement

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

5. Which of the following regarding Perunthalaivar Kamaraj is NOT correct?

A. He was Chief Minister of Madras State from 1954 to 1963
B. In 1954 he entered the Assembly as Chief Minister by winning the Srivilliputhur by-election
C. In 1963 he gave the Congress the 'Kamaraj Plan'
D. He was awarded the Bharat Ratna posthumously in 1976

6. Consider the following statements about Indian citizenship:
1. The Citizenship Act, 1955 provides for acquisition of citizenship by birth, descent, registration, naturalisation and incorporation of territory.
2. The Constitution of India provides for dual citizenship; the Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card is proof of it.
3. Articles 5 to 11 in Part II of the Constitution deal with citizenship.
Which of the above are correct?

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

7. Match the Tamil Nadu Government undertakings (List I) with their main functions (List II):
(a) Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation (TASMAC) – 1. Promoting large industrial projects through joint ventures
(b) Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation (TNCSC) – 2. Wholesale and retail sale of liquor
(c) Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Ltd (TNPL) – 3. Procurement, storage and distribution of PDS commodities
(d) Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) – 4. Making paper from sugarcane bagasse (Kagithapuram, Karur)

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

8. Assertion (A): A Money Bill cannot be introduced in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly except on the recommendation of the Governor.
Reason (R): Tamil Nadu at present has a unicameral legislature (only the Legislative Assembly).

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 High Court is NOT correct?

A. The Madras High Court was established in 1862
B. The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court began functioning in 2004
C. Judges of a High Court are appointed by the Governor of the State
D. High Court judges retire at the age of 62

10. Which Article of the Constitution empowers the Governor of a State to grant pardons and to remit or commute sentences?

A. Article 161
B. Article 72
C. Article 163
D. Article 213

11. Consider the following statements about advanced reproductive techniques:
1. The world's first 'test-tube baby', Louise Brown, was born in England in 1978.
2. In In-Vitro Fertilisation (IVF), the ovum and sperm are fused in the laboratory and the embryo formed is placed in the uterus.
3. In artificial insemination too, fertilisation takes place outside the body, in the laboratory.
Which of the above are correct?

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

12. Match the discoveries related to atomic structure (List I) with the scientists who made them (List II):
(a) Electron – 1. Henri Becquerel
(b) Proton – 2. J.J. Thomson
(c) Neutron – 3. Ernest Rutherford
(d) Radioactivity – 4. James Chadwick

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

13. Assertion (A): A geostationary satellite appears to remain fixed at one point in the sky when seen from the Earth.
Reason (R): It orbits about 35,786 km above the equator, in the direction of the Earth's rotation, with a period equal to the Earth's rotation period.

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 types of software is NOT correct?

A. An operating system (OS) is system software
B. Linux is a proprietary operating system whose source code users cannot view or modify
C. Word processors, spreadsheets and presentation software are application software
D. A compiler translates the whole program into machine language at once, whereas an interpreter translates it line by line

15. In a spreadsheet, which function returns only the number of cells in a range that contain numbers?

A. COUNT
B. COUNTA
C. SUM
D. COUNTBLANK

16. Consider the following statements on constitutional and legal safeguards for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes:
1. The 89th Constitutional Amendment (2003) inserted Article 338A and created a separate National Commission for Scheduled Tribes.
2. Article 46 is the Directive Principle that directs the State to promote the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections, especially SCs and STs.
3. In Tamil Nadu, the 3% preferential reservation for Arunthathiyars is given separately, outside the 18% quota for Scheduled Castes.
Which of the above are correct?

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

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17. Match the health schemes (List I) with their objective (List II):
(a) Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme (CMCHIS) – 1. Cash assistance to promote institutional delivery
(b) Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) – 2. Special medical camps for preventive health care
(c) Varumun Kappom – 3. Screening of children for defects at birth, deficiencies, diseases and developmental delays (4 Ds)
(d) Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) – 4. Hospitalisation insurance for low-income families

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

18. Assertion (A): Under the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, giving dowry is also an offence. Reason (R): Under this Act only demanding and taking dowry are punishable; the giver is not punished.

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 regarding types of unemployment is NOT correct?

A. Seasonal unemployment is found among people dependent on agriculture
B. Disguised unemployment is found mostly in the organised factory sector
C. Unemployment during the period of shifting from one job to another is frictional unemployment
D. Unemployment caused by a mismatch between workers' skills and the needs of the economy is structural unemployment

20. The 'Tamil Pudhalvan' scheme, introduced to give ₹1,000 a month to boys who studied Classes 6 to 12 in government schools when they join higher education, was launched on 9 August 2024 in which city?

A. Chennai
B. Madurai
C. Coimbatore
D. Tiruchirappalli

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21. Consider the following statements on the Eastern Ghats in Tamil Nadu:
1. The Javadhu Hills extend over Vellore, Tirupattur and Tiruvannamalai districts.
2. The Kalrayan (Kalvarayan) Hills extend over Salem and Kallakurichi districts.
3. The Pachaimalai Hills extend over Tiruchirappalli, Perambalur and Salem districts.
4. In Tamil Nadu the Eastern Ghats are higher than the Western Ghats and are also continuous.
Which of the above are correct?

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

22. Match the National Parks of Tamil Nadu (List I) with the districts in which they are located (List II):
(a) Guindy National Park – 1. Nilgiris
(b) Mukurthi National Park – 2. Ramanathapuram and Thoothukudi
(c) Indira Gandhi (Anamalai) National Park – 3. Chennai
(d) Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park – 4. Coimbatore

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

23. Assertion (A): The coral reefs of the Gulf of Mannar are threatened by coral bleaching.
Reason (R): When sea-surface temperature rises, corals expel the zooxanthellae algae living in their tissues and turn white.

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 tsunamis is NOT correct?

A. Tsunamis are mostly generated by tropical cyclones
B. Undersea earthquakes, submarine landslides and volcanic eruptions can generate tsunamis
C. The 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami was caused by an undersea earthquake off Sumatra, Indonesia
D. In Tamil Nadu, Nagapattinam district suffered the highest loss of life in the 2004 tsunami

25. Consider the following statements on transport in Tamil Nadu:
1. National Highway 44 (Srinagar–Kanyakumari) is the longest National Highway of India.
2. The headquarters of the Southern Railway is at Tiruchirappalli.
3. V.O. Chidambaranar Port at Thoothukudi is a major port.
Which of the above are correct?

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

26. Find the next letter in the series:
B, E, H, K, ?

A. M
B. N
C. O
D. L

27. The average of five numbers is 24. When one number is removed, the average of the remaining four is 22. What is the number removed?

A. 32
B. 30
C. 34
D. 26

28. If 1 January 2027 is a Friday, what day of the week will 1 January 2028 be?

A. Friday
B. Sunday
C. Saturday
D. Monday

29. A train 180 m long passes an electric pole in 12 seconds. What is the speed of the train in km/h?

A. 15
B. 60
C. 54
D. 48

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30. Statements: All roses are flowers. No flower is a tree.
Conclusions:
I. No rose is a tree.
II. Some trees are roses.
Which conclusion(s) follow(s)?

A. Only II
B. Both I and II
C. Neither I nor II
D. Only I

Answers with explanations

1. **D) 1, 2 and 3 only** – 1, 2 and 3 are correct. The Danes obtained Tranquebar in 1620 from Raghunatha Nayak, the Nayak ruler of Thanjavur, not Madurai. So 4 is wrong.

2. **D) (a)-2, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-3** – En Charithiram – U.Ve.Sa.'s autobiography; Prathapa Mudaliar Charithram (1879) – Vedanayagam Pillai (the first Tamil novel); Pennin Perumai – Thiru.Vi.Ka.; Agal Vilakku – Mu.Va. (Sahitya Akademi Award-winning novel).

3. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true; when the proprietor of 'India' was arrested in Madras and a warrant against him was expected, Bharathi moved to French Puducherry. Hence (R) explains (A). Kuyil Pattu and Kannan Pattu were written there.

4. **C) 3, 1, 2, 4** – Rowlatt Satyagraha – 1919; arrival of and protests against the Simon Commission – 1928; Individual Satyagraha – October 1940 (first satyagrahi Vinoba Bhave); Quit India – August 1942. Hence 3, 1, 2, 4.

5. **B) In 1954 he entered the Assembly as Chief Minister by winning the Srivilliputhur by-election** – In 1954 he entered the Assembly by winning the Gudiyatham by-election; Srivilliputhur was the constituency from which he was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1952. The other three are correct.

6. **D) 1 and 3 only** – 1 and 3 are correct. India has single citizenship only; OCI is not citizenship but a registration giving certain benefits such as a multiple-entry lifelong visa. So 2 is wrong.

7. **B) (a)-2, (b)-3, (c)-4, (d)-1** – TASMAC – liquor trade; TNCSC – paddy procurement, storage and distribution of PDS goods; TNPL – bagasse-based paper mill; TIDCO – joint-venture industrial projects.

8. **B) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true, but (A) rests on Article 207(1), which requires the Governor's recommendation for a Money Bill. Even in bicameral States a Money Bill can be introduced only in the Assembly (Article 198) and only on the Governor's recommendation (Article 207). So (R) does not explain (A).

9. **C) Judges of a High Court are appointed by the Governor of the State** – Under Article 217, High Court judges are appointed by the President (after consulting the Chief Justice of India, the Governor and the Chief Justice of that High Court). The other three are correct; the Madras High Court was set up under the Indian High Courts Act, 1861.

10. **A) Article 161** – Article 161 – pardoning power of the Governor (for offences against laws within the executive power of the State); Article 72 – that of the President; 163 – aid and advice of the Council of Ministers; 213 – ordinances.

11. **C) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. In artificial insemination the semen is introduced into the female reproductive tract (cervix / uterus), and fertilisation takes place inside the body. So 3 is wrong.

12. **D) (a)-2, (b)-3, (c)-4, (d)-1** – Electron – J.J. Thomson (1897); proton – Rutherford (1917–1919); neutron – Chadwick (1932); radioactivity – Becquerel (1896).

13. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true; it appears fixed because it moves round with the Earth at the same angular speed. Hence (R) explains (A). Such satellites (INSAT / GSAT) are used for TV broadcasting and weather monitoring.

14. **B) Linux is a proprietary operating system whose source code users cannot view or modify** – Linux is a free and open-source operating system; its source code can be viewed, modified and shared. The other three are correct.

15. **A) COUNT** – COUNT – only cells containing numbers; COUNTA – all non-empty cells (including text); COUNTBLANK – empty cells; SUM – adds the numbers.

16. **C) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. The 3% preference for Arunthathiyars (TN Act 4 of 2009) is an internal quota within the 18% for Scheduled Castes. So 3 is wrong.

17. **D) (a)-4, (b)-1, (c)-2, (d)-3** – CMCHIS (2012) – health insurance; JSY (National Health Mission) – incentive for institutional delivery; Varumun Kappom – preventive medical camps; RBSK – 4D screening of children.

18. **C) (A) is true but (R) is false** – (A) is true: under Section 3, giving, taking or abetting the giving or taking of dowry are all punishable; Section 4 makes demanding dowry an offence too. So (R) is false.

19. **B) Disguised unemployment is found mostly in the organised factory sector** – Disguised unemployment is found mostly in agriculture – more people work on a farm than needed, so withdrawing some does not reduce output (marginal productivity is zero). The other three are correct.

20. **C) Coimbatore** – Tamil Pudhalvan was launched at Coimbatore on 9 August 2024. The similar scheme for girls, Pudhumai Penn (Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme), was launched in Chennai on 5 September 2022.

21. **D) 1, 2 and 3 only** – 1, 2 and 3 are correct. The Eastern Ghats are lower and are broken into discontinuous hill ranges by rivers; the Western Ghats are higher and continuous. So 4 is wrong.

22. **B) (a)-3, (b)-1, (c)-4, (d)-2** – Guindy – Chennai (a national park within the city); Mukurthi – Nilgiris (Nilgiri tahr); Indira Gandhi – Coimbatore (Anamalai); Gulf of Mannar – Ramanathapuram and Thoothukudi (coral islands).

23. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true; warming of the sea due to climate change is the main cause of bleaching. Hence (R) explains (A). These algae supply corals with food and colour.

24. **A) Tsunamis are mostly generated by tropical cyclones** – Tsunamis are mostly caused by sudden displacement of sea water by undersea earthquakes; cyclones cause storm surges. The other three are correct.

25. **D) 1 and 3 only** – 1 and 3 are correct. The Southern Railway is headquartered at Chennai; Tiruchirappalli is one of its division headquarters. So 2 is wrong. Tamil Nadu's major ports are Chennai, Kamarajar (Ennore) and V.O. Chidambaranar (Thoothukudi).

26. **B) N** – Each letter moves three places forward in the alphabet (B +3 → E +3 → H +3 → K +3 → N).

27. **A) 32** – Sum of five = 5 × 24 = 120; sum of four = 4 × 22 = 88; number removed = 120 − 88 = 32.

28. **C) Saturday** – 2027 is not a leap year (365 days = 52 weeks + 1 day), so the day advances by one: Friday → Saturday.

29. **C) 54** – Speed = 180 ÷ 12 = 15 m/s; to convert to km/h multiply by 18/5: 15 × 18/5 = 54 km/h.

30. **D) Only I** – All roses lie inside the circle of flowers, and the flowers circle does not touch the trees circle. So no rose can be a tree – I follows; II contradicts it.

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