# Group 2A Mains – Daily Practice 8 (9 November 2026)

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## Questions

**1. Consider the following statements about archaeological excavations in Tamil Nadu:**
**1. Mortimer Wheeler, who excavated Arikamedu in 1945, found Roman Arretine ware there.**
**2. The Archaeological Survey of India's excavation at Keezhadi began in 2014–15 under K. Amarnath Ramakrishna.**
**3. Mortimer Wheeler was the first to excavate at Adichanallur.**
**Which of the above are correct?**

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

**2. Match the social reformers (List I) with their contributions (List II):**
**(a) Iyothee Thass Pandithar – 1. The journal 'Paraiyan' (1893)**
**(b) Rettaimalai Srinivasan – 2. Madras Labour Union (1918)**
**(c) M. Singaravelar – 3. The weekly 'Oru Paisa Tamizhan' (1907)**
**(d) Thiru.Vi.Ka. – 4. India's first May Day celebration (1923, Madras)**

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

**3. Assertion (A): The Thirukkural is extolled as 'Ulaga Podhumarai' (the universal scripture).**
**Reason (R): The Thirukkural is divided into three books – Aram, Porul and Inbam.**

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 relating to the anti-Hindi agitations and language policy in chronological order:**

**1. The Official Languages Act was enacted**

**2. Rajaji's ministry issued the order making Hindi compulsory in 125 secondary schools**

**3. The two-language policy resolution was passed in the Tamil Nadu Assembly**

**4. Natarasan and Thalamuthu died in custody during the first anti-Hindi agitation**

A. 2, 4, 1, 3

B. 4, 1, 2, 3

C. 1, 2, 4, 3

D. 2, 1, 4, 3

**5. Which of the following regarding Vallalar Ramalinga Adigal is NOT correct?**

A. He was born at Marudur near Chidambaram

B. He established the Sathya Gnana Sabai at Chidambaram

C. In 1867 he set up the Sathya Dharma Salai (free feeding house) at Vadalur

D. His songs are compiled as the 'Thiruvarutpa'

**6. Consider the following statements about the election of the President of India:**

**1. Nominated members of the Rajya Sabha do not vote in the election of the President.**

**2. The election is held by proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, through secret ballot.**

**3. The elected members of the Legislative Assemblies of the National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Union Territory of Puducherry are also part of the electoral college for the President.**

**4. A person who has once held the office of President is not eligible for re-election to that office.**

**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

**7. Match the Schedules of the Constitution (List I) with their contents (List II):**

**(a) First Schedule – 1. The 22 recognised languages**

**(b) Seventh Schedule – 2. Disqualification on grounds of defection**

**(c) Eighth Schedule – 3. Names and territories of the States and Union Territories**

**(d) Tenth Schedule – 4. Union, State and Concurrent Lists**

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

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

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

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

**8. Assertion (A): The Speaker of the Lok Sabha does not vote in the first instance, but exercises a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.**
**Reason (R): The members of the Lok Sabha elect one among themselves as Speaker.**

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 74th Constitutional Amendment (urban local bodies) is NOT correct?**

A. Wards Committees must be constituted in municipalities with a population of three lakh or more (Article 243S)
B. A District Planning Committee must be constituted in every district (Article 243ZD)
C. A Metropolitan Planning Committee must be constituted for every Metropolitan area (Article 243ZE)
D. A Nagar Panchayat is constituted for the largest urban areas

**10. Which Article of the Constitution states that the executive power of the State shall be vested in the Governor?**

A. Article 153
B. Article 163
C. Article 166
D. Article 154

**11. Consider the following statements about the schedule under India's Universal Immunisation Programme:**
**1. BCG vaccine is given at birth (up to one year of age).**
**2. The birth dose of Hepatitis B vaccine is to be given within 24 hours of birth.**
**3. The first dose of Measles–Rubella (MR) vaccine is given at 9–12 months of age.**
**4. The Pentavalent vaccine protects against five diseases – diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio and measles.**
**Which of the above are correct?**

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

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**12. Match the types of computer network (List I) with their coverage (List II):**
**(a) PAN – 1. A network spread across countries and continents (e.g. the Internet)**
**(b) LAN – 2. A network spread across a city**
**(c) MAN – 3. A person's devices linked within a few metres, e.g. by Bluetooth**
**(d) WAN – 4. Computers within a building or campus**

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

**13. Assertion (A): For the same light output, an LED lamp consumes more electrical energy than an incandescent bulb.**
**Reason (R): In an incandescent bulb most of the electrical energy is wasted as heat.**

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 modulation is NOT correct?**

A. In amplitude modulation (AM), the amplitude of the carrier wave is varied according to the signal
B. FM is less affected by noise than AM
C. In frequency modulation (FM), the amplitude of the carrier wave is varied according to the signal
D. Modulation superimposes a low-frequency signal on a high-frequency carrier wave so that it can be sent over long distances

**15. Through whose play did the word 'robot' first come into use?**

A. Karel Čapek
B. Isaac Asimov
C. Joseph Engelberger
D. Alan Turing

**16. Consider the following statements on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016:**
**1. The Act specifies 21 types of disabilities.**
**2. A specified disability of 40% or more is a 'benchmark disability'.**
**3. Acid attack victims are not included in the list of disabilities under the Act.**
**Which of the above are correct?**

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

**17. Match the labour-market indicators (List I) with their definitions (List II):**
**(a) Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) – 1. Percentage of unemployed persons in the labour force**
**(b) Worker Population Ratio (WPR) – 2. Ratio of persons aged 0–14 and 65+ to those aged 15–64**
**(c) Unemployment Rate (UR) – 3. Percentage of persons in the labour force (working + seeking work) in the population**
**(d) Dependency ratio – 4. Percentage of employed persons in the population**

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

**18. Assertion (A): Even before the Union amendment of 2005, daughters in Tamil Nadu had been given coparcenary rights in Hindu joint family property.**
**Reason (R): Tamil Nadu amended the Hindu Succession Act in 1989 to give daughters coparcenary rights.**

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 the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 is NOT correct?**

A. A child marriage is voidable at the option of the contracting party who was a child at the time of the marriage (Section 3)
B. Child Marriage Prohibition Officers are appointed by the State Government (Section 16)
C. Offences under the Act are cognizable and non-bailable (Section 15)
D. The Act applies only to Hindus

**20. Under the PM-KISAN scheme, what amount is given every year to eligible farmer families?**

A. ₹6,000 (in three instalments)
B. ₹4,000 (in two instalments)
C. ₹10,000 (in two instalments)
D. ₹12,000 (in four instalments)

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**21. Consider the following statements on biodiversity:**
**1. Variation in genes within a species is genetic diversity.**
**2. Diversity within a particular habitat or community is alpha (α) diversity.**
**3. The difference in species diversity between two different communities or habitats is gamma (γ) diversity.**
**Which of the above are correct?**

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

**22. Match the water / soil pollutants (List I) with the diseases they cause (List II):**
**(a) Excess fluoride in groundwater – 1. Blue baby syndrome (methaemoglobinaemia)**
**(b) Mercury – 2. Itai-itai disease**
**(c) Cadmium – 3. Minamata disease**
**(d) Excess nitrate in drinking water – 4. Fluorosis (damage to teeth and bones)**

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

**23. Assertion (A): Coal is a renewable energy resource.**
**Reason (R): Coal was formed from plant matter buried millions of years ago.**

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 cyclones that affected Tamil Nadu is NOT correct?**

A. Cyclone Thane severely affected Cuddalore district in December 2011
B. Cyclone Michaung caused heavy rain and floods in Chennai in December 2023
C. Cyclone Ockhi (2017) mainly struck Chennai district
D. Cyclone Fengal crossed the coast near Puducherry on 30 November 2024

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**25. Consider the following statements on livestock and dairying:**
**1. 'Operation Flood', the White Revolution programme launched in 1970, was implemented by NABARD.**
**2. Dr Verghese Kurien is honoured as the 'Father of the White Revolution'.**
**3. 'Aavin' is the brand name of the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation.**
**Which of the above are correct?**

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

**26. Find the next number in the series:**
**2, 5, 10, 17, 26, ?**

A. 35
B. 36
C. 39
D. 37

**27. If A : B = 2 : 3 and B : C = 4 : 5, then A : B : C = ?**

A. 8 : 12 : 15
B. 2 : 3 : 5
C. 8 : 12 : 10
D. 6 : 12 : 15

**28. In a certain code language TAMIL is written as LIMAT. How is SALEM written in that code?**

A. MELSA
B. MELAS
C. MLEAS
D. TBMFN

**29. A man is facing North. He turns 90° clockwise, then turns through 180°, and then turns 90° anticlockwise. Which direction is he facing now?**

A. South
B. North
C. East
D. West

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**30. At a meeting, each of 10 persons shakes hands once with every other person. How many handshakes take place in all?**

A. 90

B. 100

C. 55

D. 45

## Answers with explanations

1. **C) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. From 2017–18 (the fourth phase) the Keezhadi excavation has been continued by the Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology. Adichanallur was first dug in 1876 by the German ethnologist F. Jagor, and then from 1899 by Alexander Rea of the Archaeological Survey of India. So 3 is wrong.

2. **C) (a)-3, (b)-1, (c)-4, (d)-2** – Iyothee Thass – 'Oru Paisa Tamizhan' (1907; later 'Tamilan'); Rettaimalai Srinivasan – 'Paraiyan' (1893); Singaravelar – first May Day (1923); Thiru.Vi.Ka. – Madras Labour Union with B.P. Wadia (1918).

3. **B) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true, but the Kural is called 'Ulaga Podhumarai' because it gives values applicable to all humanity without referring to any religion, race or country; its division into three books does not explain this.

4. **A) 2, 4, 1, 3** – Compulsory-Hindi order – 21 April 1938; deaths of Natarasan (15.01.1939) and Thalamuthu (March 1939); Official Languages Act – 1963; two-language resolution – 23 January 1968 (Anna). Hence 2, 4, 1, 3.

5. **B) He established the Sathya Gnana Sabai at Chidambaram** – The Sathya Gnana Sabai was established in 1872 at Vadalur, not Chidambaram. The other three are correct. He stressed Jeeva Karunyam – compassion to all living beings.

6. **C) 1, 2 and 3 only** – 1, 2 and 3 are correct (Articles 54, 55; statement 3 – Explanation to Article 54 added by the 70th Amendment, 1992). Under Article 57 a person who holds or has held the office is eligible for re-election, so 4 is wrong. (Dr Rajendra Prasad was elected twice.)

7. **A) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-2** – First – States and UTs; Seventh – lists dividing powers; Eighth – 22 languages (including Tamil); Tenth – anti-defection (52nd Amendment, 1985).

8. **B) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true; (A) is provided by Article 100(1) and (R) by Article 93. The manner of election does not explain the casting-vote rule. (The equivalent rule for a State Assembly Speaker is Article 189(1).)

9. **D) A Nagar Panchayat is constituted for the largest urban areas** – Under Article 243Q a Nagar Panchayat is for a transitional area (changing from rural to urban); a Municipal Council is for a smaller urban area and a Municipal Corporation for a larger urban area. The other three are correct.

10. **D) Article 154** – Article 154 – executive power of the State vested in the Governor; 153 – a Governor for each State; 163 – Council of Ministers to aid and advise the Governor; 166 – conduct of business of the State Government.

11. **B) 1, 2 and 3 only** – 1, 2 and 3 are correct. The Pentavalent vaccine protects against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, Hepatitis B and Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) – not polio and measles. So 4 is wrong.

12. **A) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-2, (d)-1** – PAN – personal area (a few metres); LAN – building / campus; MAN – city; WAN – countries and continents (the Internet is the largest WAN).

13. **D) (A) is false but (R) is true** – (A) is false: an LED uses far less electrical energy for the same light, which is why schemes such as UJALA promote LED lamps. (R) is true: the filament of an incandescent bulb glows by heating, so most of the energy becomes heat.

14. **C) In frequency modulation (FM), the amplitude of the carrier wave is varied according to the signal** – In FM the frequency of the carrier is varied while its amplitude stays constant; the amplitude is varied in AM. The other three are correct.

15. **A) Karel Čapek** – The word 'robot' came into use through the Czech writer Karel Čapek's play 'R.U.R.' (Rossum's Universal Robots, 1920) (from 'robota' – forced labour). The word 'robotics' was coined by Isaac Asimov.

16. **C) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. Acid attack victims are included among the 21 disabilities (under locomotor disability), so 3 is wrong. The earlier 1995 Act listed only 7 disabilities.

17. **B) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-2** – LFPR – labour force in the population; WPR – employed in the population; Unemployment Rate – unemployed in the labour force (not in the population); Dependency ratio – dependence on the working-age group.

18. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true; the right came through the Hindu Succession (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Act, 1989 (Section 29A), for daughters unmarried at its commencement. Hence (R) explains (A). The Union amendment of 2005 extended the right to daughters across India.

19. **D) The Act applies only to Hindus** – Under Section 1(2) the Act extends to the whole of India and also applies to Indian citizens outside India – not to any one religious group. The other three are correct.

20. **A) ₹6,000 (in three instalments)** – ₹6,000 a year – three instalments of ₹2,000 each, credited by Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to farmers' bank accounts; the Union Government bears the full cost.

21. **D) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. The difference between two communities / habitats is beta (β) diversity; gamma (γ) diversity is the overall diversity of a large geographical region. So 3 is wrong.

22. **B) (a)-4, (b)-3, (c)-2, (d)-1** – Fluoride – fluorosis (long a major problem in Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri districts); mercury – Minamata (Japan); cadmium – Itai-itai (Japan); nitrate – blue baby syndrome.

23. **D) (A) is false but (R) is true** – (A) is false: since coal takes millions of years to form, it cannot be replenished on a human time-scale – it is a non-renewable resource. (R) is true.

24. **C) Cyclone Ockhi (2017) mainly struck Chennai district** – Cyclone Ockhi (November–December 2017) mainly hit Kanyakumari district and Kerala, with heavy loss of fishermen's lives – not Chennai. The other three are correct.

25. **C) 2 and 3 only** – 2 and 3 are correct. Operation Flood was implemented by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB); NABARD itself was set up only in 1982. So 1 is wrong.

26. **D) 37** – Each term is $n^2 + 1$: $1^2 + 1 = 2$, $2^2 + 1 = 5$, … $5^2 + 1 = 26$; next is $6^2 + 1 = 37$. (Differences 3, 5, 7, 9, 11.)

27. **A) 8 : 12 : 15** – Make B equal in both ratios: A : B = 2 : 3 = 8 : 12; B : C = 4 : 5 = 12 : 15. Hence A : B : C = 8 : 12 : 15.

28. **B) MELAS** – The letters of TAMIL are written in reverse order to give LIMAT. Likewise SALEM → MELAS.

29. **A) South** – North → (90° clockwise) East → (180°) West → (90° anticlockwise) South.

30. **D) 45** – Handshakes = ${}^{10}C_2 = (10 \times 9) \div 2 = 45$.


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