Group 2A Mains – Daily Practice 9 (10 November 2026)

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Questions

1. Consider the following statements about Pallava literature and art:
1. Mahendravarman I wrote the Sanskrit satirical play 'Mattavilasa Prahasanam'.
2. The Shore Temple at Mamallapuram was built by Narasimhavarman II (Rajasimha).
3. The Kailasanatha temple at Kanchipuram was built by Mahendravarman I.
Which of the above are correct?

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

2. Match the Tamil literary works (List I) with their authors (List II):
(a) Seevaka Chinthamani – 1. Pugazhendi Pulavar
(b) Kalingathu Parani – 2. Jayamkondar
(c) Periya Puranam – 3. Thiruthakkathevar
(d) Nala Venba – 4. Sekkizhar

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

3. Assertion (A): Among the Ettuthogai anthologies, Kurunthogai, Natrinai and Ainkurunuru are classed as Agam (akam) works.
Reason (R): Their theme is the inner life – love and family 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

4. Arrange the following events of the Justice Party and Self-Respect Movement era in chronological order:

1. The South Indian Liberal Federation (Justice Party) was founded

2. Periyar launched the Self-Respect Movement

3. The Justice Party government issued the first Communal G.O.

4. The Vaikom Satyagraha began

A. 1, 4, 3, 2

B. 3, 1, 2, 4

C. 1, 3, 2, 4

D. 1, 3, 4, 2

5. Which of the following regarding V.O. Chidambaram Pillai is NOT correct?

A. He was born at Ottapidaram in 1872

B. In 1906 he started the Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company at Nagapattinam

C. He is honoured as 'Kappalottiya Tamizhan'

D. In the Coimbatore Central Jail he was made to pull the oil press (chekku)

6. Consider the following statements about Fundamental Duties:

1. The 42nd Amendment (1976) added Fundamental Duties to the Constitution on the recommendation of the Swaran Singh Committee.

2. The Fundamental Duties are contained in Article 51A in Part IV-A of the Constitution.

3. At present there are eleven Fundamental Duties.

4. Like Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties can be enforced directly through the courts.

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 Articles of the Constitution (List I) with the rights they provide (List II):

(a) Article 17 – 1. Right to constitutional remedies

(b) Article 21A – 2. Prohibition of employing children below 14 in factories, mines and hazardous work

(c) Article 32 – 3. Abolition of untouchability

(d) Article 24 – 4. Free and compulsory education for children of 6 to 14 years

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

8. Assertion (A): The Vice-President of India is the ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
Reason (R): The Vice-President is elected by the members of the Rajya Sabha alone.

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 73rd Constitutional Amendment (Panchayats) is NOT correct?

A. Not less than one-third of the seats in Panchayats must be reserved for women (Article 243D)
B. The term of a Panchayat is five years from the date appointed for its first meeting (Article 243E)
C. The State Election Commissioner is appointed by the Governor (Article 243K)
D. The Amendment added the Twelfth Schedule containing 29 subjects

10. Which Article of the Constitution provides for the creation or abolition of Legislative Councils in the States?

A. Article 168
B. Article 169
C. Article 171
D. Article 170

11. Consider the following statements about vitamin-deficiency diseases:
1. Deficiency of Vitamin C causes scurvy.
2. Deficiency of Vitamin K causes night blindness.
3. Deficiency of Vitamin D causes rickets in children.
Which of the above are correct?

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

12. Match the Internet protocols / services (List I) with their functions (List II):
(a) HTTP – 1. Sending e-mail
(b) SMTP – 2. Translating domain names into IP addresses
(c) FTP – 3. Transferring web pages between a browser and a web server
(d) DNS – 4. Transferring files between computers

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

13. Assertion (A): Sound travels faster in air than in solids such as steel.
Reason (R): Sound waves are mechanical waves and need a material medium to travel.

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 computer memory is NOT correct?

A. 1 megabyte (MB) = 1,024 gigabytes (GB)
B. RAM is volatile memory; its data is lost when the power is switched off
C. Data stored in ROM is not lost when the power is switched off
D. Cache memory is faster than the main memory (RAM)

15. Who is honoured as the Father of the Indian space programme?

A. Homi J. Bhabha
B. Satish Dhawan
C. Vikram Sarabhai
D. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

16. Consider the following statements on the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005:
1. Physical, sexual, verbal and emotional, and economic abuse are all treated as 'domestic violence' under the Act.
2. The State Government appoints Protection Officers under the Act.
3. Only married women can seek relief under the Act; women in a relationship in the nature of marriage (live-in) are not covered.
Which of the above are correct?

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

17. Match the committees (List I) with the areas they examined (List II):
(a) Narasimham Committee – 1. Measurement of poverty
(b) Raja Chelliah Committee – 2. Financial / banking sector reforms
(c) C. Rangarajan Expert Group (report 2014) – 3. Insurance sector reforms
(d) R.N. Malhotra Committee – 4. Tax reforms

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

18. Assertion (A): Under the Right to Information Act, 2005, information concerning the life or liberty of a person must be provided within 48 hours.
Reason (R): The general time limit for providing information under the Act is 30 days.

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 monetary policy tools of the Reserve Bank of India is NOT correct?

A. Repo rate – the rate at which the RBI gives short-term loans to commercial banks against government securities
B. Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) – the share of their net demand and time liabilities (NDTL) that banks must keep as cash with the RBI
C. Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) – the share that banks must maintain in liquid assets such as cash, gold and approved government securities
D. To control inflation, the RBI usually reduces the repo rate

20. A Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana account must be opened in the name of a girl child before she reaches what age?

A. 10 years
B. 5 years
C. 12 years
D. 18 years

21. Consider the following statements on the rivers of Tamil Nadu:
1. The Thamirabarani rises in the Pothigai hills and joins the Gulf of Mannar near Punnaikayal.
2. The Mettur Dam (Stanley Reservoir) is built across the Cauvery in Salem district.
3. The Palar rises in Tamil Nadu and flows into Karnataka.
4. The Kollidam branches off from the Cauvery at Mukkombu (Upper Anicut) near Tiruchirappalli.
Which of the above are correct?

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

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22. Match the hill stations of Tamil Nadu (List I) with the districts in which they are located (List II):

(a) Yercaud – 1. Coimbatore

(b) Kodaikanal – 2. Tirupattur

(c) Yelagiri – 3. Salem

(d) Valparai – 4. Dindigul

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

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

23. Assertion (A): Black soil is well suited to the cultivation of cotton.

Reason (R): Black soil has a high capacity to retain moisture for a long time.

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 layers of the Earth's atmosphere is NOT correct?

A. Weather phenomena such as clouds and rain occur mostly in the troposphere

B. The ozone layer lies mostly in the stratosphere

C. In the troposphere, temperature rises as altitude increases

D. The ionosphere reflects radio waves back to the Earth

25. Consider the following statements on the energy resources of Tamil Nadu:

1. The Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant is in Tirunelveli district.

2. Neyveli is known for its lignite mines.

3. The Muppandal wind farm is in Thoothukudi district.

Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 1 and 2 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

26. Find the next number in the series:

3, 7, 15, 31, 63, ?

A. 125

B. 126

C. 129

D. 127

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27. What is the simple interest on ₹5,000 at 8% per annum for 3 years?

A. ₹1,000
B. ₹1,200
C. ₹1,240
D. ₹1,500

28. A can complete a piece of work in 12 days and B can complete the same work in 24 days. In how many days will they complete it working together?

A. 6
B. 9
C. 8
D. 18

29. In a certain code language CAT is coded as 24. How is DOG coded in that language?

A. 26
B. 24
C. 25
D. 27

30. In a row of 40 students, Ravi is 12th from the left. What is his position from the right?

A. 28
B. 29
C. 30
D. 27

Answers with explanations

1. **B) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. The Kailasanatha temple at Kanchipuram was built by Narasimhavarman II (Rajasimha), not by Mahendravarman I. So 3 is wrong.

2. **A) (a)-3, (b)-2, (c)-4, (d)-1** – Seevaka Chinthamani – Thiruthakkathevar (one of the five great epics); Kalingathu Parani – Jayamkondar (on the Kalinga war of Kulothunga I); Periya Puranam – Sekkizhar (lives of the 63 Nayanmars); Nala Venba – Pugazhendi Pulavar.

3. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true; they are called Agam works because they sing of the inner life – love and family life. Hence (R) explains (A). In the Ettuthogai, Purananuru and Pathitruppathu are Puram works.

4. **D) 1, 3, 4, 2** – Justice Party – November 1916; first Communal G.O. – 16 September 1921; Vaikom Satyagraha – 30 March 1924 (Periyar, who took part, was hailed as 'Vaikom Veerar'); Self-Respect Movement – 1925. Hence 1, 3, 4, 2.

5. **B) In 1906 he started the Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company at Nagapattinam** – The Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company was started in 1906 at Thoothukudi (Tuticorin), not Nagapattinam. The other three are correct.

6. **C) 1, 2 and 3 only** – 1, 2 and 3 are correct. Fundamental Duties cannot be enforced directly through the courts as Fundamental Rights can, so 4 is wrong. The original ten duties became eleven when the 86th Amendment (2002) added Article 51A(k).

7. **D) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-2** – Article 17 – abolition of untouchability; 21A – free and compulsory education for children of 6 to 14 years; 32 – right to constitutional remedies (called by Ambedkar the 'heart and soul' of the Constitution); 24 – prohibition of child labour.

8. **C) (A) is true but (R) is false** – (A) is true: Article 64. (R) is false: under Article 66 the Vice-President is elected by an electoral college consisting of the members of both Houses of Parliament.

9. **D) The Amendment added the Twelfth Schedule containing 29 subjects** – The 73rd Amendment added the Eleventh Schedule with 29 subjects; the Twelfth Schedule, with 18 subjects, is for urban local bodies (74th Amendment). The other three are correct.

10. **B) Article 169** – Article 169 – Parliament may by law create or abolish a Legislative Council if the State Assembly passes a resolution by a majority of its total membership and not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting; 168 – constitution of State Legislatures; 170 – composition of Assemblies; 171 – composition of Councils.

11. **C) 1 and 3 only** – 1 and 3 are correct. Night blindness is caused by deficiency of Vitamin A; deficiency of Vitamin K delays the clotting of blood. So 2 is wrong.

12. **A) (a)-3, (b)-1, (c)-4, (d)-2** – HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol) – web pages; SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol) – sending e-mail; FTP (File Transfer Protocol) – file transfer; DNS (Domain Name System) – domain name → IP address.

13. **D) (A) is false but (R) is true** – (A) is false: sound travels much faster in solids than in air – about 343 m/s in air (at 20 °C) and more than 5,000 m/s in steel. (R) is true: that is why sound cannot travel through a vacuum.

14. **A) 1 megabyte (MB) = 1,024 gigabytes (GB)** – 1 gigabyte (GB) = 1,024 megabytes (MB); 1 MB = 1,024 kilobytes (KB). The other three are correct.

15. **C) Vikram Sarabhai** – The Indian National Committee for Space Research (INCOSPAR) was set up in 1962 under Vikram Sarabhai; it became ISRO in 1969. Homi J. Bhabha is regarded as the Father of India's nuclear programme.

16. **D) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct (Sections 3 and 8). Under Section 2(f) a 'domestic relationship' includes a relationship in the nature of marriage, so 3 is wrong.

17. **B) (a)-2, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-3** – Narasimham Committee (1991, 1998) – financial / banking sector reforms; Raja Chelliah Committee (1991) – tax reforms; Rangarajan Expert Group (2014) – measurement of poverty; Malhotra Committee (1993) – insurance sector reforms.

18. **B) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true; both are in Section 7(1) – 30 days is the general rule and 48 hours is a special exception for information concerning life or liberty. The general rule does not explain the exception, so (R) does not explain (A).

19. **D) To control inflation, the RBI usually reduces the repo rate** – To control inflation the RBI raises the repo rate; borrowing becomes costlier, which reduces money supply and demand. The other three are correct.

20. **A) 10 years** – The account can be opened in the name of a girl child before she reaches 10 years of age. The scheme was launched on 22 January 2015 as part of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign.

21. **A) 1, 2 and 4 only** – 1, 2 and 4 are correct. The Palar rises in the Nandi Hills area of Karnataka, flows through Andhra Pradesh into Tamil Nadu and joins the Bay of Bengal. So 3 is wrong.

22. **C) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-2, (d)-1** – Yercaud – Salem (Shevaroy Hills); Kodaikanal – Dindigul (Palani Hills); Yelagiri – Tirupattur; Valparai – Coimbatore (Anamalai Hills).

23. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true; because it holds moisture for long, cotton grows well on it even under rain-fed conditions – which is why it is called 'black cotton soil' (regur). Hence (R) explains (A).

24. **C) In the troposphere, temperature rises as altitude increases** – In the troposphere temperature falls as altitude increases (on average by about 6.5 °C per km). The other three are correct.

25. **B) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. The Muppandal wind farm is in Kanniyakumari district (near the Aralvaimozhi pass), so 3 is wrong. Neyveli is in Cuddalore district (NLC India Ltd).

26. **D) 127** – Each term is twice the previous term plus 1: 3 × 2 + 1 = 7, 7 × 2 + 1 = 15, … 63 × 2 + 1 = 127. (Differences 4, 8, 16, 32, 64.)

27. **B) ₹1,200** – Simple interest = Principal × Rate × Time ÷ 100 = 5,000 × 8 × 3 ÷ 100 = ₹1,200.

28. **C) 8** – One day's work = 1/12 + 1/24 = 2/24 + 1/24 = 3/24 = 1/8; so together they finish it in 8 days.

29. **A) 26** – The code is the sum of the alphabetical positions of the letters: C (3) + A (1) + T (20) = 24. Likewise D (4) + O (15) + G (7) = 26.

30. **B) 29** – Position from the right = total – position from the left + 1 = 40 – 12 + 1 = 29.

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