Group 2A Mains – Daily Practice 10 (11 November 2026)

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Questions

1. Consider the following statements about Chola administration and architecture:
1. The Uttaramerur inscriptions of Parantaka I describe the kudavolai system of choosing members of the village assembly.
2. Rajendra I made Gangaikonda Cholapuram his capital.
3. The Brihadisvara (Peruvudaiyar) temple at Thanjavur was built by Rajendra I.
Which of the above are correct?

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

2. Match the Tamil literary works (List I) with their authors (List II):
(a) Silappathikaram – 1. Kambar
(b) Manimekalai – 2. Ilango Adigal
(c) Kamba Ramayanam – 3. Paranjothi Munivar
(d) Thiruvilaiyadal Puranam – 4. Seethalai Sathanar

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

3. Assertion (A): In 1806 the Indian sepoys at the Vellore Fort rose in revolt.
Reason (R): The Company's new dress regulations, which banned caste and religious marks on the forehead and the wearing of earrings and made a new type of turban compulsory, deeply angered the sepoys.

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 freedom struggle in Tamil Nadu in chronological order:
1. Vanchinathan shot dead Collector Ashe at Maniyachi railway station
2. The Vedaranyam Salt Satyagraha was held under Rajaji's leadership
3. The Madras Mahajana Sabha was founded
4. Annie Besant launched the Home Rule League

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

5. Which of the following regarding Thanthai Periyar E.V. Ramasamy is NOT correct?

A. He was born at Erode in 1879
B. In 1925 he started the weekly 'Kudi Arasu'
C. In 1938 he was elected President of the Justice Party
D. At the Salem conference of 1944 the Justice Party was renamed 'Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam'

6. Consider the following statements about the Directive Principles of State Policy:
1. They are contained in Part IV of the Constitution, in Articles 36 to 51.
2. They can be enforced directly through the courts.
3. Article 40 directs the State to take steps to organise village panchayats.
4. Article 44 directs the State to endeavour to secure a Uniform Civil Code throughout the territory of India.
Which of the above are correct?

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

7. Match the Constitutional Amendments (List I) with their main content (List II):
(a) 7th Amendment (1956) – 1. Special status of National Capital Territory (NCT) for Delhi
(b) 69th Amendment (1991) – 2. 10% reservation for the economically weaker sections (EWS)
(c) 44th Amendment (1978) – 3. Reorganisation of States on linguistic lines; abolition of the Part A, B, C, D classification of States
(d) 103rd Amendment (2019) – 4. Removal of the right to property from the list of Fundamental Rights

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

8. Assertion (A): The writ jurisdiction of the High Courts is wider than that of the Supreme Court.
Reason (R): Under Article 226 the High Courts can issue writs not only for the enforcement of Fundamental Rights but also 'for any other purpose'.

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 Prime Minister and the Union Council of Ministers is NOT correct?

A. The total number of ministers, including the Prime Minister, must not exceed 15% of the total membership of the Lok Sabha (91st Amendment, 2003)
B. The other ministers are appointed by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister
C. A person who is not a Member of Parliament can remain a minister for up to one year without becoming a member
D. The Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha

10. Which Article of the Constitution provides for the office of the Attorney General of India?

A. Article 74
B. Article 76
C. Article 78
D. Article 80

11. Consider the following statements about human blood:
1. Persons with blood group AB are called 'universal recipients'.
2. Haemoglobin contains iron.
3. Mature human red blood cells have a nucleus.
Which of the above are correct?

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

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12. Match the physical quantities (List I) with their SI units (List II):

(a) Electric charge – 1. Henry

(b) Magnetic flux – 2. Candela

(c) Luminous intensity – 3. Coulomb

(d) Inductance – 4. Weber

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

13. Assertion (A): Ice floats on water.

Reason (R): The density of ice is greater than that of water.

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 input / output devices is NOT correct?

A. The keyboard and the mouse are input devices

B. The monitor and the printer are output devices

C. A touch screen works both as an input device and as an output device

D. A scanner is an output device that turns files in the computer into printed pages

15. For which discovery was C.V. Raman awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930?

A. Scattering of light (the Raman effect)

B. The photoelectric effect

C. Radioactivity

D. Superconductivity

16. Consider the following statements on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012:

1. Under the Act, any person below 18 years of age is a 'child'.

2. The Act applies only to girl children.

3. The Act provides for Special Courts for the speedy trial of cases.

Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 1 and 3 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

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17. Match the Five-Year Plans (List I) with their main objective / approach (List II):
(a) First Five-Year Plan – 1. Faster and more inclusive growth
(b) Second Five-Year Plan – 2. Heavy industries (Mahalanobis model)
(c) Fifth Five-Year Plan – 3. Priority to agriculture and irrigation
(d) Eleventh Five-Year Plan – 4. Removal of poverty and self-reliance

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

18. Assertion (A): Under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, a consumer can also file a complaint electronically.
Reason (R): The Act set up the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA).

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 Tamil Nadu as per the 2011 Census is NOT correct?

A. The sex ratio was 996 females per 1,000 males
B. The literacy rate was about 80%
C. Among the districts, Kanniyakumari had the highest literacy rate
D. The population of Tamil Nadu exceeded 10 crore

20. Under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), health cover of up to what amount is given per family per year?

A. ₹1 lakh
B. ₹2 lakh
C. ₹5 lakh
D. ₹10 lakh

21. Consider the following statements on the climate of Tamil Nadu:
1. Tamil Nadu receives the largest share of its annual rainfall from the North-East monsoon.
2. During the South-West monsoon, most of Tamil Nadu lies in the rain-shadow region of the Western Ghats.
3. The North-East monsoon season is from June to September.
4. January and February form the winter season.
Which of the above are correct?

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

22. Match the wildlife / bird sanctuaries of Tamil Nadu (List I) with the districts in which they are located (List II):

(a) Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary – 1. Nilgiris

(b) Mudumalai Tiger Reserve – 2. Erode

(c) Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary – 3. Chengalpattu

(d) Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve – 4. Tirunelveli

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

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

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

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

23. Assertion (A): Mangrove forests protect coastal areas from the impact of storm surges and tsunamis.

Reason (R): Their dense network of roots reduces the speed and force of the waves.

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 types of rocks is NOT correct?

A. Granite is an igneous rock

B. Limestone is changed into marble, a metamorphic rock

C. Sandstone is a sedimentary rock

D. Basalt is a sedimentary rock formed by the deposition of sand

25. Consider the following statements on the industrial centres of Tamil Nadu:

1. Tiruppur is known for the export of knitwear.

2. Sivakasi is known for fireworks, matches and printing.

3. The Salem Steel Plant of the Steel Authority of India (SAIL) is at Salem.

4. Karur is called the 'Manchester of South India'.

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

26. Find the next number in the series:

2, 3, 5, 8, 12, 17, ?

A. 22

B. 23

C. 24

D. 25

27. What is the compound interest on ₹10,000 at 10% per annum for 2 years, compounded annually?

A. ₹2,000
B. ₹2,010
C. ₹2,100
D. ₹2,200

28. The sum of the present ages of a father and his son is 50 years. Five years ago, the father's age was 7 times the son's age. What is the father's present age?

A. 40
B. 35
C. 42
D. 45

29. A man travels from A to B at 60 km/h and returns from B to A by the same route at 40 km/h. What is his average speed for the whole journey?

A. 50 km/h
B. 45 km/h
C. 52 km/h
D. 48 km/h

30. How many numbers from 1 to 100 are divisible by both 4 and 6?

A. 6
B. 8
C. 12
D. 16

Answers with explanations

1. **C) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. The Brihadisvara (Peruvudaiyar) temple at Thanjavur was built by Rajaraja I (completed in 1010 CE), not by Rajendra I. So 3 is wrong.

2. **D) (a)-2, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-3** – Silappathikaram – Ilango Adigal; Manimekalai – Seethalai Sathanar (the two are called the 'twin epics'); Kamba Ramayanam – Kambar; Thiruvilaiyadal Puranam – Paranjothi Munivar (the 64 divine sports of Lord Shiva at Madurai).

3. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true, and the sepoys' anger at the new dress regulations, which they saw as an attack on their religious and social customs, was the immediate cause of the Vellore Mutiny of 10 July 1806. So (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

4. **B) 3, 1, 4, 2** – Madras Mahajana Sabha – May 1884; killing of Ashe – 17 June 1911; Annie Besant's Home Rule League – September 1916; Vedaranyam Salt Satyagraha – April 1930. Hence 3, 1, 4, 2.

5. **D) At the Salem conference of 1944 the Justice Party was renamed 'Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam'** – At the Salem conference of 1944 the Justice Party was renamed 'Dravidar Kazhagam'; the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam was founded by Arignar Anna in 1949. The other three are correct.

6. **A) 1, 3 and 4 only** – 1, 3 and 4 are correct. Under Article 37 the Directive Principles are not enforceable by any court, though they are fundamental in the governance of the country. So 2 is wrong.

7. **B) (a)-3, (b)-1, (c)-4, (d)-2** – 7th Amendment – reorganisation of States following the States Reorganisation Act, 1956; 69th Amendment – special status for Delhi through Article 239AA; 44th Amendment – the right to property was removed and made a legal right under Article 300A; 103rd Amendment – 10% reservation for EWS.

8. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true. Under Article 32 the Supreme Court issues writs only for the enforcement of Fundamental Rights, whereas Article 226 lets the High Courts issue them for other legal rights as well. So (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

9. **C) A person who is not a Member of Parliament can remain a minister for up to one year without becoming a member** – Under Article 75(5) a minister who is not a Member of Parliament for any period of six consecutive months ceases to be a minister at the end of that period, not one year. The other three are correct (Articles 75(1A), 75(1) and 75(3)).

10. **B) Article 76** – Article 76 – the President appoints as Attorney General a person qualified to be appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court; 74 – Council of Ministers to aid and advise the President; 78 – duties of the Prime Minister; 80 – composition of the Rajya Sabha.

11. **D) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. Mature human red blood cells have no nucleus, which leaves more room for the oxygen-carrying haemoglobin. So 3 is wrong.

12. **C) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-2, (d)-1** – Electric charge – coulomb (C); magnetic flux – weber (Wb); luminous intensity – candela (cd, one of the seven SI base units); inductance – henry (H).

13. **C) (A) is true but (R) is false** – (A) is true. (R) is false: the density of ice (about 0.92 g/cm^3) is less than that of water, which is why it floats. Water expands when it freezes.

14. **D) A scanner is an output device that turns files in the computer into printed pages** – A scanner is an input device; it converts printed pages and pictures into digital form and sends them into the computer. Printing files is done by a printer. The other three are correct.

15. **A) Scattering of light (the Raman effect)** – C.V. Raman received the 1930 Nobel Prize for his work on the scattering of light and the discovery of the effect named after him, the Raman effect. 28 February, the day the Raman effect was announced, is observed as National Science Day.

16. **B) 1 and 3 only** – 1 and 3 are correct (Sections 2(1)(d) and 28). The POCSO Act is gender-neutral and protects all children, boys and girls alike. So 2 is wrong.

17. **A) (a)-3, (b)-2, (c)-4, (d)-1** – First Plan (1951–56) – priority to agriculture and irrigation (Harrod–Domar model); Second Plan (1956–61) – heavy industries (Mahalanobis model); Fifth Plan (1974–79) – removal of poverty and self-reliance; Eleventh Plan (2007–12) – 'Towards Faster and More Inclusive Growth'.

18. **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). Electronic filing of complaints is allowed by Section 35 of the Act, while the CCPA (Section 10) is a regulator that deals with violations of consumer rights, unfair trade practices and misleading advertisements.

19. **D) The population of Tamil Nadu exceeded 10 crore** – As per the 2011 Census the population of Tamil Nadu was 7,21,47,030 (about 7.21 crore); it did not exceed 10 crore. The other three are correct (literacy 80.09%; Kanniyakumari 91.75%).

20. **C) ₹5 lakh** – PM-JAY gives health cover of up to ₹5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary hospital care. The scheme was launched at Ranchi on 23 September 2018.

21. **B) 1, 2 and 4 only** – 1, 2 and 4 are correct. The North-East monsoon season is from October to December; June to September is the South-West monsoon season. So 3 is wrong. Nearly half of Tamil Nadu's annual rainfall comes from the North-East monsoon.

22. **A) (a)-3, (b)-1, (c)-4, (d)-2** – Vedanthangal – Chengalpattu (Madurantakam taluk); Mudumalai – Nilgiris; Koonthankulam – Tirunelveli; Sathyamangalam – Erode.

23. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true, and mangroves act as a natural barrier precisely because their dense roots absorb the energy of the waves. So (R) is the correct explanation of (A). During the 2004 tsunami, villages behind the Pichavaram mangroves suffered less damage.

24. **D) Basalt is a sedimentary rock formed by the deposition of sand** – Basalt is an igneous rock, formed when lava cools quickly on the Earth's surface. The other three are correct.

25. **C) 1, 2 and 3 only** – 1, 2 and 3 are correct. The city called the 'Manchester of South India' is Coimbatore (spinning mills and textiles); Karur is known for home textiles. So 4 is wrong.

26. **B) 23** – The differences between successive terms are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, rising by one each time; the next difference is 6. So 17 + 6 = 23.

27. **C) ₹2,100** – Amount = $10{,}000 \times (1 + 10/100)^2 = 10{,}000 \times 1.21 = ₹12{,}100$; compound interest = 12,100 – 10,000 = ₹2,100. (Simple interest would be ₹2,000; the extra ₹100 is the second year's interest on the first year's interest of ₹1,000.)

28. **A) 40** – Let the son's age be x; the father's age is 50 – x. Five years ago: $45 - x = 7(x - 5) \Rightarrow 45 - x = 7x - 35 \Rightarrow 8x = 80 \Rightarrow x = 10$. So the father is 40 (check: 35 = 7 × 5).

29. **D) 48 km/h** – For equal distances, average speed = $2xy \div (x + y) = 2 \times 60 \times 40 \div 100 = 48$ km/h. (For example, if the distance is 120 km: 2 hours going, 3 hours returning; 240 ÷ 5 = 48.)

30. **B) 8** – The LCM of 4 and 6 is 12. The multiples of 12 from 1 to 100 are 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, 96 – 8 in all (the whole-number part of 100 ÷ 12 is 8).

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