Group 2A Mains – Daily Practice 11 (12 November 2026)

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Questions

1. Consider the following statements about the socio-religious reform movements:
1. Raja Ram Mohan Roy founded the Brahmo Samaj (first called the Brahmo Sabha) in 1828.
2. Swami Dayananda Saraswati founded the Arya Samaj at Bombay in 1875.
3. The Theosophical Society was founded at Adyar, Chennai in 1875.
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 those who resisted the East India Company (List I) with the places associated with them (List II):
(a) Puli Thevar – 1. Panchalankurichi
(b) Veerapandiya Kattabomman – 2. Odanilai
(c) Dheeran Chinnamalai – 3. Sivagangai
(d) Velu Nachiyar – 4. Nerkattumseval

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

3. Assertion (A): Under the Treaty of Seringapatam (1792), which ended the Third Anglo-Mysore War, Tipu Sultan had to give up about half of his territory.
Reason (R): Tipu Sultan died while defending Srirangapatna in the Fourth Anglo-Mysore War (1799).

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 chronological order:

1. Maraimalai Adigal started the Tani Tamil Iyakkam (Pure Tamil Movement)

2. The Madras Native Association was founded

3. Swami Vivekananda founded the Ramakrishna Mission

4. The first Provincial Self-Respect Conference was held at Chengalpattu

A. 2, 3, 1, 4

B. 2, 1, 3, 4

C. 3, 2, 1, 4

D. 2, 3, 4, 1

5. Which of the following regarding Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy is NOT correct?

A. She was nominated to the Madras Legislative Council and became the first woman legislator in British India

B. She worked for a law to abolish the devadasi system

C. She founded the Avvai Home in Chennai for destitute girls and women

D. She was the first woman to become the Governor of an Indian State

6. Consider the following statements about the Preamble to the Constitution:

1. The words 'Socialist', 'Secular' and 'Integrity' were added to the Preamble by the 42nd Amendment (1976).

2. The Preamble has so far been amended only once.

3. In the Kesavananda Bharati case (1973) the Supreme Court held that the Preamble is a part of the Constitution.

4. The Preamble can be enforced through a court of law.

Which of the above are correct?

A. 1, 2 and 3 only

B. 1 and 3 only

C. 2, 3 and 4 only

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

7. Match the revenue officials of Tamil Nadu (List I) with the administrative unit each is in charge of (List II):

(a) Village Administrative Officer – 1. Revenue division

(b) Revenue Inspector – 2. Taluk

(c) Tahsildar – 3. Revenue village

(d) Revenue Divisional Officer – 4. Firka

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

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

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

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

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8. Assertion (A): The Rajya Sabha is a permanent House that is not subject to dissolution.
Reason (R): One-third of its members retire on the expiry of every second year.

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 Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly is NOT correct?

A. The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has 234 elected members
B. The Chief Minister is appointed by the Governor (Article 164)
C. The Assembly chooses its Speaker and Deputy Speaker from among its members (Article 178)
D. The Governor can nominate one member of the Anglo-Indian community to the Assembly

10. Which Article of the Constitution makes it the duty of the Chief Minister to communicate to the Governor the decisions of the Council of Ministers and proposals for legislation?

A. Article 163
B. Article 164
C. Article 167
D. Article 166

11. Consider the following statements about electrochemical cells:
1. A lithium-ion battery is a rechargeable (secondary) cell.
2. In a dry cell (Leclanché cell), the zinc container acts as the positive electrode.
3. The lead-acid battery used in vehicles uses dilute sulphuric acid as the electrolyte.
Which of the above are correct?

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

12. Match the polymers (List I) with their monomers (List II):
(a) Polythene – 1. Isoprene
(b) Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) – 2. Tetrafluoroethylene
(c) Natural rubber – 3. Ethene (ethylene)
(d) Teflon – 4. Vinyl chloride

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

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13. Assertion (A): A strong-smelling compound such as ethyl mercaptan is added to LPG supplied for domestic use.
Reason (R): Propane and butane, the main components of LPG, are odourless, so the added smell helps to detect leaks.

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 biotechnology is NOT correct?

A. The Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) makes millions of copies of a specific DNA segment
B. ELISA detects antigens or antibodies with the help of an enzyme-linked reaction
C. The technique of DNA fingerprinting was developed by Alec Jeffreys
D. Golden rice is genetically engineered to be rich in Vitamin D

15. Venkatraman Ramakrishnan, born at Chidambaram, shared the 2009 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for studies on the structure and function of what?

A. The ribosome
B. The double-helix structure of DNA
C. Green fluorescent protein (GFP)
D. Haemoglobin

16. Consider the following statements on the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009:
1. The Act provides free and compulsory education to every child of 6 to 14 years.
2. Private unaided schools must admit, in the entry class, at least 25% children from weaker sections and disadvantaged groups.
3. Schools may hold screening tests for children before admission.
Which of the above are correct?

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

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17. Match the Union Government schemes (List I) with their objective (List II):
(a) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana – 1. Bank loans to SC/ST and women entrepreneurs for new enterprises
(b) Jal Jeevan Mission – 2. A basic bank account for every household
(c) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana – 3. LPG connections to women of poor households
(d) Stand-Up India – 4. A functional household tap connection to every rural home

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

18. Assertion (A): Inflation hurts people who live on fixed incomes, such as pensioners.
Reason (R): When the general price level rises, the purchasing power of money falls.

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 Goods and Services Tax (GST) is NOT correct?

A. GST came into force on 1 July 2017
B. GST was introduced through the 101st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2016
C. The GST Council is chaired by the Union Finance Minister (Article 279A)
D. Alcoholic liquor for human consumption is taxed under GST

20. In July 2026, the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme for government school students (launched in 2022) was renamed after whom?

A. Arignar Anna
B. Perunthalaivar Kamarajar
C. Thanthai Periyar
D. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

21. Consider the following statements on the soils of Tamil Nadu:
1. Red soil covers the largest area of Tamil Nadu.
2. The Cauvery delta has mainly alluvial soil.
3. Laterite soil is rich in nitrogen and humus.
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 dams of Tamil Nadu (List I) with the districts in which they are located (List II):
(a) Bhavanisagar Dam – 1. Tirunelveli
(b) Vaigai Dam – 2. Tiruvannamalai
(c) Sathanur Dam – 3. Erode
(d) Papanasam Dam – 4. Theni
A. (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-2
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): The Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve (1986) is India's first biosphere reserve.
Reason (R): The reserve extends over three States – Tamil Nadu, Keralam and Karnataka.
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 winds is NOT correct?
A. Trade winds blow from the subtropical high-pressure belts towards the equatorial low-pressure belt
B. The Coriolis force deflects winds to the right in the Northern Hemisphere
C. In the Northern Hemisphere, winds in a cyclone blow clockwise around the centre
D. The westerlies blow from the subtropical high-pressure belts towards the subpolar low-pressure belts

25. Consider the following statements on agriculture in Tamil Nadu:
1. Thanjavur district is called the 'rice bowl of Tamil Nadu'.
2. Kuruvai, Samba and Thaladi are the paddy seasons of the Cauvery delta.
3. Samba is a short-duration crop sown in June.
4. The Nilgiris is the leading tea-producing district of Tamil Nadu.
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

26. Find the next number in the series:
1, 8, 27, 64, ?
A. 100
B. 125
C. 144
D. 216

27. The price of an article is first increased by 20% and then decreased by 20%. What is the net change compared with the original price?

A. No change
B. 4% increase
C. 4% decrease
D. 2% decrease

28. A and B start a business by investing ₹6,000 and ₹9,000 respectively for the same period. If the total profit is ₹5,000, what is A's share?

A. ₹2,000
B. ₹2,500
C. ₹3,000
D. ₹1,800

29. Pipe A can fill a tank in 10 hours and pipe B can empty the full tank in 15 hours. If both pipes are opened together when the tank is empty, how long will it take to fill the tank?

A. 25 hours
B. 6 hours
C. 12 hours
D. 30 hours

30. The HCF of two numbers is 12 and their LCM is 144. If one of the numbers is 36, what is the other?

A. 36
B. 48
C. 60
D. 72

Answers with explanations

1. **C) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. The Theosophical Society was founded in New York in 1875 by Madame H.P. Blavatsky and Col. H.S. Olcott; only later was its headquarters moved to Adyar, Chennai. So 3 is wrong.

2. **D) (a)-4, (b)-1, (c)-2, (d)-3** – Puli Thevar – Nerkattumseval; Veerapandiya Kattabomman – Panchalankurichi (hanged at Kayathar on 16 October 1799); Dheeran Chinnamalai – Odanilai fort; Velu Nachiyar – Sivagangai (she recovered Sivagangai in 1780).

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). The loss of territory in 1792 followed Tipu's defeat in the Third War by the English under Lord Cornwallis and their allies, the Nizam and the Marathas; (R) describes a later event of 1799.

4. **A) 2, 3, 1, 4** – Madras Native Association – 1852; Ramakrishna Mission – 1897; Tani Tamil Iyakkam – 1916; first Provincial Self-Respect Conference at Chengalpattu – February 1929. Hence 2, 3, 1, 4.

5. **D) She was the first woman to become the Governor of an Indian State** – The first woman Governor of an Indian State was Sarojini Naidu (Uttar Pradesh, 1947), not Muthulakshmi Reddy. She was also Deputy President of the Madras Legislative Council and led the founding of the Cancer Institute at Adyar (1954). The other three are correct.

6. **A) 1, 2 and 3 only** – 1, 2 and 3 are correct. The Preamble is not enforceable in a court of law (non-justiciable), though it helps in interpreting the provisions of the Constitution. So 4 is wrong. The 42nd Amendment is the only amendment made to the Preamble.

7. **C) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-2, (d)-1** – Revenue administration of a district: district (District Collector) → revenue division (Revenue Divisional Officer – RDO) → taluk (Tahsildar) → firka (Revenue Inspector) → revenue village (Village Administrative Officer – VAO).

8. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true. Under Article 83(1) the Rajya Sabha is not subject to dissolution; as nearly as possible one-third of its members retire every second year, so the House continues without a break. A member's term is 6 years. So (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

9. **D) The Governor can nominate one member of the Anglo-Indian community to the Assembly** – The 104th Constitutional Amendment (2019, in force from 25 January 2020) ended the nomination of Anglo-Indian members to the Lok Sabha and the State Legislative Assemblies (Article 333). The other three are correct.

10. **C) Article 167** – Article 167 – the Chief Minister must communicate to the Governor all decisions of the Council of Ministers relating to the administration of the State and proposals for legislation, and furnish information the Governor calls for; 163 – Council of Ministers to aid and advise the Governor; 164 – other provisions as to Ministers; 166 – conduct of business of the State Government.

11. **B) 1 and 3 only** – 1 and 3 are correct. In a dry cell the zinc container is the negative electrode (anode); the carbon (graphite) rod at the centre is the positive electrode. So 2 is wrong.

12. **A) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-2** – Polythene – ethene; PVC – vinyl chloride; natural rubber – isoprene (cis-polyisoprene); Teflon (polytetrafluoroethylene – PTFE) – tetrafluoroethylene.

13. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true. Since propane and butane have no smell, a strong-smelling compound is added so that a leak can be noticed at once and accidents avoided. So (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

14. **D) Golden rice is genetically engineered to be rich in Vitamin D** – Golden rice is engineered to produce beta-carotene (provitamin A) to fight Vitamin A deficiency, not Vitamin D. The other three are correct.

15. **A) The ribosome** – The 2009 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was shared by Venkatraman Ramakrishnan, Thomas Steitz and Ada Yonath for studies of the structure and function of the ribosome.

16. **B) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct (Sections 3 and 12(1)(c)). Section 13 prohibits capitation fees and any screening procedure for the child or the parents at admission. So 3 is wrong.

17. **B) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-2, (d)-1** – Ujjwala (2016) – LPG connections to women of poor households; Jal Jeevan Mission (2019) – tap-water connections to rural homes; Jan Dhan (2014) – a bank account for all; Stand-Up India (2016) – bank loans of ₹10 lakh to ₹1 crore for SC/ST and women entrepreneurs.

18. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true. When income stays the same but prices rise, the same amount buys fewer goods. So (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

19. **D) Alcoholic liquor for human consumption is taxed under GST** – Under Article 366(12A) alcoholic liquor for human consumption is kept out of GST; the States levy excise duty and sales tax (VAT) on it. The other three are correct.

20. **B) Perunthalaivar Kamarajar** – In July 2026 the scheme was renamed the 'Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme'. As Chief Minister, Kamarajar expanded the midday meal scheme in schools.

21. **D) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. Laterite soil, formed by intense leaching under heavy rainfall, is poor in nitrogen, lime and potash and is of low fertility. So 3 is wrong.

22. **D) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-2, (d)-1** – Bhavanisagar – Erode (Bhavani river); Vaigai Dam – Theni (Vaigai river); Sathanur – Tiruvannamalai (Thenpennai river); Papanasam – Tirunelveli (Thamirabarani river).

23. **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). It is the first because it was the first to be declared in the country, in 1986 – not because it spans three States. It joined UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves in 2000.

24. **C) In the Northern Hemisphere, winds in a cyclone blow clockwise around the centre** – In the Northern Hemisphere, winds in a cyclone blow anticlockwise around the centre; in the Southern Hemisphere they blow clockwise. This is due to the Coriolis force. The other three are correct.

25. **B) 1, 2 and 4 only** – 1, 2 and 4 are correct. Kuruvai is the short-duration crop sown around June; Samba is the long-duration crop that begins around August; Thaladi is raised on the same field after the Kuruvai harvest. So 3 is wrong.

26. **B) 125** – These are the cubes of 1, 2, 3 and 4 (1^3, 2^3, 3^3, 4^3); the next is $5^3 = 125$.

27. **C) 4% decrease** – If the original price is ₹100, after a 20% rise it is ₹120; a 20% cut (₹24) brings it to ₹96. So the net change is a 4% decrease. (Formula: $-x^2/100 = -400/100 = -4\%$.)

28. **A) ₹2,000** – Profit is shared in the ratio of investment: 6,000 : 9,000 = 2 : 3. A's share = 5,000 × 2/5 = ₹2,000 (B's share ₹3,000).

29. **D) 30 hours** – Part filled in one hour = 1/10 – 1/15 = (3 – 2)/30 = 1/30. So the tank is filled in 30 hours.

30. **B) 48** – Product of the two numbers = HCF × LCM = 12 × 144 = 1,728. The other number = 1,728 ÷ 36 = 48. (Check: HCF of 36 and 48 is 12, LCM is 144.)

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