Group 2A Mains – Daily Practice 12 (13 November 2026)

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Questions

1. Consider the following statements about the sessions of the Indian National Congress:
1. The first session of the Congress was held at Bombay in 1885 under the presidency of W.C. Bonnerjee.
2. The third session of the Congress was held at Madras in 1887 under the presidency of Badruddin Tyabji.
3. Mahatma Gandhi presided over the Lahore session of 1929, which passed the 'Purna Swaraj' resolution.
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 leaders / poets (List I) with the honorific titles given to them (List II):
(a) Thiru. V. Kalyanasundaranar – 1. Puratchi Kavignar (Revolutionary Poet)
(b) C. Rajagopalachari – 2. Makkal Kavignar (People's Poet)
(c) Bharathidasan – 3. Tamil Thendral
(d) Pattukkottai Kalyanasundaram – 4. Mudharignar (Elder Scholar)

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

3. Assertion (A): The Permanent Settlement was introduced in Bengal by Lord Cornwallis in 1793.
Reason (R): Under the Ryotwari system implemented in the Madras Presidency by Thomas Munro, land revenue was collected directly from the cultivators (ryots).

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. Battle of Plassey

2. Battle of Wandiwash (Vandavasi)

3. Battle of Buxar

4. Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, which ended the First Carnatic War

A. 1, 4, 2, 3

B. 4, 2, 1, 3

C. 4, 1, 3, 2

D. 4, 1, 2, 3

5. Which of the following regarding Thillaiyadi Valliammai is NOT correct?

A. She was arrested during the Quit India Movement (1942)

B. She was born at Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1898

C. She took part in Gandhiji's satyagraha in South Africa and was imprisoned

D. She fell ill in prison and died in 1914 at the age of sixteen

6. Consider the following statements about the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (CAG):

1. Article 148 of the Constitution provides for this office.

2. Appointed by the President, the CAG holds office for 6 years or up to the age of 65, whichever is earlier.

3. The CAG's reports relating to the accounts of the Union are submitted to the President, who causes them to be laid before Parliament.

4. After ceasing to hold office, the CAG is eligible for further office under the Government of India.

Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 2, 3 and 4 only

C. 1, 3 and 4 only

D. 1, 2 and 3 only

7. Match the writs (List I) with their literal meanings (List II):

(a) Habeas Corpus – 1. 'By what authority?'

(b) Mandamus – 2. 'We command'

(c) Certiorari – 3. 'To have the body'

(d) Quo Warranto – 4. 'To be certified / informed'

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

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

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

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

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8. Assertion (A): The Speaker of the Lok Sabha presides over a joint sitting of the two Houses of Parliament.
Reason (R): The joint sitting under Article 108 is meant to resolve a deadlock over ordinary Bills; it does not apply to Money Bills and Constitution Amendment Bills.

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 Election Commission of India is NOT correct?

A. Article 324 of the Constitution deals with the Election Commission
B. The Chief Election Commissioner can be removed from office only in the manner and on the grounds of a Supreme Court judge
C. The Election Commission of India also conducts the elections to Panchayats and Municipalities
D. Since October 1993 the Election Commission has functioned as a multi-member body

10. Which Article of the Constitution enables Parliament to create new All India Services on the basis of a resolution of the Rajya Sabha?

A. Article 309
B. Article 315
C. Article 320
D. Article 312

11. Consider the following statements about the human digestive system:
1. Pepsin, secreted in the stomach, begins the digestion of proteins.
2. Bile is produced in the gall bladder.
3. The villi on the inner wall of the small intestine increase the surface area for absorption.
Which of the above are correct?

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

12. Match the instruments (List I) with what they measure (List II):
(a) Barometer – 1. Humidity of the air
(b) Hygrometer – 2. Earthquake (seismic) waves
(c) Lactometer – 3. Atmospheric pressure
(d) Seismograph – 4. Purity (specific gravity) of milk

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

13. Assertion (A): Diamond does not conduct electricity, but graphite does.
Reason (R): In graphite each carbon atom is bonded to only three other carbon atoms, so it has free (delocalised) electrons.

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 number systems is NOT correct?

A. The binary system has only two digits, 0 and 1
B. The binary form of the decimal number 10 is 1100
C. The base of the hexadecimal system is 16
D. 1 byte = 8 bits

15. For which work did Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar share the 1983 Nobel Prize in Physics?

A. Scattering of light
B. Nuclear fission
C. Physical processes important to the structure and evolution of stars
D. Semiconductors

16. Consider the following statements on the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007:
1. Under the Act, a citizen of India aged 60 years or above is a 'senior citizen'.
2. The Maintenance Tribunal may order a monthly maintenance allowance of up to ₹10,000.
3. A person who has the care of a senior citizen and leaves him / her anywhere with the intention of wholly abandoning him / her is punishable with imprisonment up to three months, or fine up to ₹5,000, or both.
4. An application for maintenance can be filed only by the parent / senior citizen concerned; no one else can file it on his / her behalf.
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

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17. Match the financial / planning bodies (List I) with the year in which they were set up (or got statutory status) (List II):

(a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) – 1. 2015

(b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) – statutory status – 2. 1992

(c) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) – 3. 1935

(d) NITI Aayog – 4. 1990

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

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

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

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

18. Assertion (A): The money the government gets from disinvestment of public sector enterprises is a capital receipt.

Reason (R): Disinvestment reduces the assets of the government.

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 Human Development Index (HDI) is NOT correct?

A. The HDI is published by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

B. The first Human Development Report was published in 1990 under the leadership of Mahbub ul Haq

C. It measures three dimensions – a long and healthy life, knowledge, and a decent standard of living

D. The standard of living is measured by GDP per capita at market exchange rates

20. The PM Vishwakarma scheme, launched on 17 September 2023, supports artisans and craftspeople of how many traditional trades?

A. 18

B. 12

C. 25

D. 30

21. Consider the following statements on the Western Ghats:
1. Doddabetta (2,637 m) in the Nilgiris is the highest peak in Tamil Nadu.
2. The Palghat Gap lies between the Nilgiris and the Anaimalai Hills.
3. Anaimudi, the highest peak of South India, is in the Anaimalai region of Tamil Nadu.
4. The Shencottah (Sengottai) Gap links Tenkasi district of Tamil Nadu with Keralam.
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 lakes of Tamil Nadu (List I) with the districts in which they are located (List II):
(a) Pulicat Lake (Tamil Nadu part) – 1. Villupuram
(b) Veeranam Lake – 2. Chengalpattu
(c) Madurantakam Lake – 3. Tiruvallur
(d) Kaliveli (Kazhuveli) Lake – 4. Cuddalore

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)-2, (b)-4, (c)-3, (d)-1

23. Assertion (A): The Earth experiences a cycle of seasons.
Reason (R): The Earth revolves around the Sun with its axis tilted at about 23½° from the perpendicular to the plane of its orbit.

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 latitudes, longitudes and time is NOT correct?

A. The longitude of Indian Standard Time (IST) is 82°30′ East
B. IST is 5 hours 30 minutes ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)
C. The Tropic of Cancer passes through Odisha
D. A difference of one degree of longitude equals a time difference of 4 minutes

25. Consider the following statements on the mineral resources of Tamil Nadu:
1. Salem district is known for its magnesite deposits.
2. The Shevaroy Hills (Yercaud) have bauxite deposits.
3. The limestone deposits of Ariyalur district support the cement industry.
4. The Kanjamalai iron-ore deposits are in Dharmapuri district.
Which of the above are correct?

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

26. Find the next number in the series:
120, 99, 80, 63, 48, ?

A. 40
B. 33
C. 36
D. 35

27. The marked price of an article is ₹1,200. If a discount of 15% is given, what is the selling price?

A. ₹1,080
B. ₹1,020
C. ₹1,050
D. ₹1,000

28. A boat goes downstream at 18 km/h and upstream at 12 km/h. What is the speed of the stream?

A. 6 km/h
B. 2 km/h
C. 3 km/h
D. 15 km/h

29. What is the cost of fencing a rectangular plot 20 m long and 15 m wide at ₹12 per metre?

A. ₹840
B. ₹420
C. ₹3,600
D. ₹700

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30. By a certain rule, (2, 3) → 13 and (4, 5) → 41. Then (6, 7) → ?

A. 42

B. 55

C. 91

D. 85

Answers with explanations

1. **B) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. The Lahore session of 1929, where the Purna Swaraj resolution was passed, was presided over by Jawaharlal Nehru, so 3 is wrong. The first session at Bombay was attended by 72 delegates.

2. **C) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-2** – Thiru. Vi. Ka. – 'Tamil Thendral' (pioneer of the labour movement, editor of 'Navasakthi'); Rajaji – 'Mudharignar'; Bharathidasan – 'Puratchi Kavignar'; Pattukkottai Kalyanasundaram – 'Makkal Kavignar'.

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 Permanent Settlement fixed the revenue through the zamindars; the Ryotwari system was a different method followed in another Presidency, extended while Munro was Governor of Madras (1820–27).

4. **D) 4, 1, 2, 3** – Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle – 1748 (Madras was restored to the English); Plassey – June 1757; Wandiwash – January 1760 (Eyre Coote defeated the French commander Lally); Buxar – October 1764. Hence 4, 1, 2, 3.

5. **A) She was arrested during the Quit India Movement (1942)** – Valliammai died in 1914, so she could not have taken part in the 1942 movement. She was jailed in the 1913 satyagraha against the court ruling that invalidated non-Christian marriages. The other three are correct.

6. **D) 1, 2 and 3 only** – 1, 2 and 3 are correct (reports – Article 151). Under Article 148(4) the CAG is not eligible for any further office under the Union or any State after ceasing to hold office, so 4 is wrong. The CAG can be removed only like a Supreme Court judge.

7. **A) (a)-3, (b)-2, (c)-4, (d)-1** – Habeas Corpus – 'to have the body' (release from unlawful detention); Mandamus – 'we command'; Certiorari – 'to be certified / informed'; Quo Warranto – 'by what authority?'. The Supreme Court issues them under Article 32 and the High Courts under Article 226.

8. **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 Speaker presides by virtue of Article 118(4). Only three joint sittings have been held so far – 1961 (Dowry Prohibition), 1978 (Banking Service Commission Repeal) and 2002 (POTA).

9. **C) The Election Commission of India also conducts the elections to Panchayats and Municipalities** – Elections to Panchayats and Municipalities are conducted by the State Election Commissions (Articles 243K, 243ZA). The ECI conducts elections to Parliament, the State Legislatures and the offices of President and Vice-President.

10. **D) Article 312** – Article 312: if the Rajya Sabha, by a resolution supported by two-thirds of the members present and voting, declares it necessary in the national interest, Parliament may create a new All India Service. The Indian Forest Service (IFoS) was created this way in 1966.

11. **A) 1 and 3 only** – 1 and 3 are correct. Bile is produced in the liver and only stored in the gall bladder; it emulsifies fats. So 2 is wrong.

12. **D) (a)-3, (b)-1, (c)-4, (d)-2** – Barometer – atmospheric pressure; hygrometer – humidity; lactometer – purity of milk through its specific gravity; seismograph – seismic waves.

13. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true and (R) explains (A). In diamond each carbon is bonded to four others, leaving no free electrons. Diamond and graphite are both allotropes of carbon.

14. **B) The binary form of the decimal number 10 is 1100** – 10 = 8 + 2, so its binary form is 1010; 1100 is the binary form of 12. The hexadecimal system uses 16 symbols, 0–9 and A–F.

15. **C) Physical processes important to the structure and evolution of stars** – He shared it with William Fowler for theoretical studies of the structure and evolution of stars. The maximum mass of a white dwarf star (about 1.4 solar masses) is called the 'Chandrasekhar limit'. C.V. Raman was his paternal uncle.

16. **C) 1, 2 and 3 only** – 1, 2 and 3 are correct. Under Section 5, if the senior citizen is incapable, any other person or organisation authorised by him / her may apply, and the Tribunal can also act suo motu. So 4 is wrong.

17. **B) (a)-3, (b)-2, (c)-4, (d)-1** – RBI – 1 April 1935 (RBI Act, 1934); SEBI – set up in 1988, statutory under the SEBI Act, 1992; SIDBI – 1990; NITI Aayog – 1 January 2015 (replaced the Planning Commission).

18. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true and (R) explains (A). Receipts that create a liability or reduce assets are capital receipts; in the Budget, disinvestment falls under 'non-debt capital receipts'. Taxes and fees are revenue receipts.

19. **D) The standard of living is measured by GDP per capita at market exchange rates** – The standard of living is measured by GNI per capita in purchasing power parity (PPP) terms. Since 2010 the index is the geometric mean of the three dimension indices.

20. **A) 18** – 18 trades, including carpenter, blacksmith, goldsmith, potter, sculptor, cobbler, mason, barber, washerman and tailor. Collateral-free loans at a concessional 5% interest: up to ₹1 lakh in the first tranche and up to ₹2 lakh in the second.

21. **B) 1, 2 and 4 only** – 1, 2 and 4 are correct. Anaimudi (2,695 m) is in Idukki district of Keralam (Eravikulam National Park), so 3 is wrong. The Coimbatore–Palakkad road and railway pass through the Palghat Gap.

22. **C) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-2, (d)-1** – Pulicat – Tiruvallur (larger part in Andhra Pradesh; India's second largest brackish-water lagoon); Veeranam – Cuddalore (supplies drinking water to Chennai); Madurantakam – Chengalpattu; Kaliveli – Villupuram (declared a bird sanctuary in 2021).

23. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true and (R) explains (A). Because of the tilt, the angle of the Sun's rays and the length of day in each hemisphere change through the year. Distance from the Sun is not the cause – the Earth is nearest the Sun in early January.

24. **C) The Tropic of Cancer passes through Odisha** – The Tropic of Cancer passes through eight States – Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Tripura and Mizoram – not Odisha. The 82°30′ E meridian passes near Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh.

25. **A) 1, 2 and 3 only** – 1, 2 and 3 are correct. Kanjamalai is in Salem district, so 4 is wrong. The Salem Steel Plant also functions in the same district.

26. **D) 35** – $11^2-1 = 120$, $10^2-1 = 99$, $9^2-1 = 80$, $8^2-1 = 63$, $7^2-1 = 48$; so $6^2-1 = 35$. (Differences 21, 19, 17, 15 → next 13.)

27. **B) ₹1,020** – Discount = 1,200 × 15/100 = ₹180; selling price = 1,200 − 180 = ₹1,020.

28. **C) 3 km/h** – Speed of stream = (18 − 12) ÷ 2 = 3 km/h; speed of the boat in still water = (18 + 12) ÷ 2 = 15 km/h.

29. **A) ₹840** – Perimeter = 2 × (20 + 15) = 70 m; cost = 70 × 12 = ₹840. (₹3,600 is the mistake of multiplying the area, 300 sq m, by 12.)

30. **D) 85** – Rule: $a^2 + b^2$. $2^2 + 3^2 = 13$; $4^2 + 5^2 = 41$; so $6^2 + 7^2 = 36 + 49 = 85$.

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