Group 2A Mains – Daily Practice 13 (14 November 2026)

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Questions

1. Consider the following statements about the Sangam age:
1. Tolkappiyam is the oldest extant Tamil grammar.
2. According to the tradition recorded in the commentary on Iraiyanar Agapporul, the three Sangams were held at Then Madurai, Kapadapuram and Madurai.
3. 'Pattinappalai', which describes Kaveripoompattinam, was composed by Kapilar.
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 journals (List I) with the persons associated with them (List II):
(a) Swadesamitran – 1. Dr T.M. Nair
(b) India (Tamil weekly) – 2. Thiru. V. Kalyanasundaranar
(c) Desabhakthan – 3. G. Subramania Iyer
(d) Justice (English daily) – 4. Subramania Bharathi

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

3. Assertion (A): The Indian National Congress rejected the proposals of the Cripps Mission of 1942.
Reason (R): Instead of immediate freedom, the proposals offered only Dominion status after the war, and also allowed provinces not accepting the new constitution to stay out.

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. Morley–Minto Reforms (Indian Councils Act)

2. Surat split in the Congress

3. Announcement of the annulment of the Partition of Bengal

4. Founding of the All-India Muslim League at Dacca

A. 2, 4, 1, 3

B. 4, 1, 2, 3

C. 4, 2, 1, 3

D. 1, 4, 2, 3

5. Which of the following regarding the Maruthu brothers is NOT correct?

A. They ruled the Sivaganga country

B. In June 1801 they issued the Tiruchirappalli Proclamation (Jambudweepa Proclamation) against the British

C. They were hanged at Tiruppattur (Sivaganga) on 24 October 1801

D. They were hanged at Kayathar in 1799

6. Consider the following statements about the anti-defection law (Tenth Schedule):

1. The Tenth Schedule was added by the 52nd Constitutional Amendment (1985).

2. The 91st Amendment (2003) deleted the exception for a 'split' by one-third of the members.

3. The decision of the Presiding Officer on disqualification cannot be reviewed by the courts.

Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 1 and 2 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

7. Match the Parts of the Constitution (List I) with their subject (List II):

(a) Part IX – 1. The Panchayats

(b) Part IXA – 2. Elections

(c) Part XIV – 3. The Municipalities

(d) Part XV – 4. Services under the Union and the States

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

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

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

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

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8. Assertion (A): A Money Bill can be introduced only in the Lok Sabha.
Reason (R): The Rajya Sabha can withhold a Money Bill for a maximum of only 14 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

9. Which of the following regarding the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is NOT correct?

A. Its Chairman and members are appointed by the President
B. Members hold office for six years or until the age of 65, whichever is earlier
C. After retirement, the Chairman of the UPSC can be appointed Chairman of a State Public Service Commission
D. The Commission presents an annual report to the President, which is laid before Parliament

10. Which Article of the Constitution provides for the Goods and Services Tax Council?

A. Article 246A
B. Article 269A
C. Article 280
D. Article 279A

11. Consider the following statements about defects of the human eye:
1. Myopia (short-sightedness) is corrected using a concave lens.
2. Hypermetropia (long-sightedness) is corrected using a convex lens.
3. Presbyopia is caused by the elongation of the eyeball.
Which of the above are correct?

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

12. Match the natural substances (List I) with the acid present in them (List II):
(a) Vinegar – 1. Lactic acid
(b) Tamarind – 2. Oxalic acid
(c) Tomato – 3. Acetic acid
(d) Curd – 4. Tartaric acid

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

13. Assertion (A): The heating element of an electric iron is made of the alloy nichrome.
Reason (R): Nichrome has high resistivity and a high melting point, and does not oxidise easily at high temperatures.

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 the periodic classification of elements is NOT correct?

A. Mendeleev arranged the elements on the basis of their atomic mass
B. The modern periodic law is based on atomic number
C. The modern periodic table has 18 groups and 7 periods
D. The noble gases are placed in Group 1

15. Which Indian scientist invented the 'crescograph', an instrument to measure the growth of plants?

A. C.V. Raman
B. Jagadish Chandra Bose
C. Prafulla Chandra Ray
D. Meghnad Saha

16. Consider the following statements on the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015:
1. A child aged 16 to 18 alleged to have committed a heinous offence may be tried as an adult after a preliminary assessment by the Juvenile Justice Board.
2. The Act provides for a Child Welfare Committee in every district.
3. Under the Act, every person below 21 years of age is a 'child'.
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 agricultural 'revolutions' (List I) with the produce they are associated with (List II):

(a) Green Revolution – 1. Oilseeds

(b) Blue Revolution – 2. Eggs / poultry

(c) Yellow Revolution – 3. Foodgrains

(d) Silver Revolution – 4. Fisheries

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

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

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

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

18. Assertion (A): Direct taxes are generally regarded as progressive taxes.

Reason (R): In income tax, the rate of tax rises in slabs as income rises.

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 NITI Aayog is NOT correct?

A. It was set up on 1 January 2015, replacing the Planning Commission

B. The Prime Minister is its Chairperson

C. Its Governing Council includes the Chief Ministers of all States and of Union Territories with legislatures

D. Allocating funds to the States is its main function

20. What is the age limit for joining the Atal Pension Yojana?

A. 18 to 40 years

B. 18 to 50 years

C. 21 to 45 years

D. 25 to 60 years

21. Consider the following statements on Indian rivers:

1. The Narmada and the Tapi flow westward into the Arabian Sea.

2. The Godavari is the longest river of peninsular India.

3. The Mahanadi rises in the Western Ghats.

Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 1 and 2 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

22. Match the GI-tagged products of Tamil Nadu (List I) with the places they are associated with (List II):

(a) Silk saree – 1. Palani

(b) Malli (jasmine) – 2. Thanjavur

(c) Panchamirtham – 3. Madurai

(d) Art Plate – 4. Kancheepuram

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

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

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

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

23. Assertion (A): The western coastal plain of India is narrower than the eastern coastal plain.

Reason (R): The Western Ghats run continuously and very close to the west coast.

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 solar system is NOT correct?

A. Mercury is the planet closest to the Sun

B. Jupiter is the largest planet of the solar system

C. Mars is known as the 'Blue Planet'

D. Venus rotates on its axis in the direction opposite to most planets (east to west)

25. Consider the following statements on the coast of Tamil Nadu:

1. Pamban Island (Rameswaram) is linked to the mainland by the Pamban bridges.

2. The chain of shoals called Adam's Bridge (Rama Setu) lies between Dhanushkodi and Talaimannar in Sri Lanka.

3. The Palk Strait separates Tamil Nadu from the Maldives.

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:

5, 11, 23, 47, 95, ?

A. 181

B. 189

C. 191

D. 193

27. If 40% of a number is 72, what is 75% of that number?

A. 135
B. 120
C. 144
D. 150

28. If ₹1,800 is divided among A, B and C in the ratio 2 : 3 : 4, how much does C get?

A. ₹600
B. ₹400
C. ₹900
D. ₹800

29. How many times in a day (24 hours) do the hour hand and the minute hand of a clock coincide?

A. 24
B. 22
C. 21
D. 23

30. In how many years will a sum of money double itself at 12.5% per annum simple interest?

A. 6 years
B. 10 years
C. 8 years
D. 12 years

Answers with explanations

1. **B) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. Pattinappalai, one of the Pathupattu (Ten Idylls), was composed by Kadiyalur Uruthirangannanar and sings of the Chola king Karikalan, so 3 is wrong. Kapilar composed 'Kurinjippattu'.

2. **C) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-2, (d)-1** – Swadesamitran – G. Subramania Iyer (Tamil paper started in 1882, a daily from 1899); the weekly 'India' (1906) – edited by Bharathi; Desabhakthan (1917) – edited by Thiru. Vi. Ka.; 'Justice' (1917) – the English daily of the Justice Party, edited by Dr T.M. Nair.

3. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true and (R) explains (A). The Congress rejected the offer because of post-war Dominion status, the right of provinces to opt out (feared as opening the door to partition) and the absence of real power over defence. The Quit India Movement followed in August 1942.

4. **C) 4, 2, 1, 3** – Muslim League – December 1906 (Dacca); Surat split – December 1907; Morley–Minto Reforms – 1909 (separate electorates for Muslims); annulment of the Partition of Bengal – announced at the Delhi Durbar, December 1911. Hence 4, 2, 1, 3.

5. **D) They were hanged at Kayathar in 1799** – It was Veerapandiya Kattabomman who was hanged at Kayathar on 16 October 1799. The Maruthu brothers (Periya Marudhu and Chinna Marudhu) were hanged at Tiruppattur on 24 October 1801, at the end of the South Indian Rebellion (1800–01).

6. **B) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. In Kihoto Hollohan (1992) the Supreme Court held that the Presiding Officer's decision is subject to judicial review, so 3 is wrong. Now only a merger supported by two-thirds of the legislature party is exempt.

7. **A) (a)-1, (b)-3, (c)-4, (d)-2** – Part IX – Panchayats (Articles 243–243O, 73rd Amendment); Part IXA – Municipalities (243P–243ZG, 74th Amendment); Part XIV – Services under the Union and the States (Articles 308–323, including the Public Service Commissions); Part XV – Elections (Articles 324–329).

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). Under Article 109 a Money Bill must be introduced in the Lok Sabha (on the President's recommendation – Article 117); the rule that the Rajya Sabha must return it within 14 days with recommendations is a separate provision. Whether a Bill is a Money Bill is decided by the Speaker (Article 110(3)).

9. **C) After retirement, the Chairman of the UPSC can be appointed Chairman of a State Public Service Commission** – Under Article 319(a) the Chairman of the UPSC, on ceasing to hold office, is ineligible for any further employment under the Union or a State. The rest are correct: appointment – Article 316; term of 6 years / age 65; annual report – Article 323.

10. **D) Article 279A** – Article 279A, inserted by the 101st Constitutional Amendment (2016), provides for the GST Council, chaired by the Union Finance Minister. Article 246A – special power to make laws on GST; 269A – IGST on inter-State trade; 280 – Finance Commission.

11. **B) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. Presbyopia arises with age as the ciliary muscles weaken and the eye lens loses flexibility; elongation of the eyeball is a cause of myopia. So 3 is wrong. Bifocal lenses are commonly used for presbyopia.

12. **D) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-2, (d)-1** – Vinegar – acetic acid; tamarind – tartaric acid; tomato – oxalic acid; curd – lactic acid. (Lemon and orange – citric acid; ant sting – methanoic / formic acid.)

13. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true and (R) explains (A). High resistance produces more heat (Joule's law of heating, $H = I^2Rt$) and the high melting point lets the element glow red-hot without melting. Nichrome is an alloy of nickel and chromium (some grades also contain iron). Copper, with low resistivity, is used for connecting wires.

14. **D) The noble gases are placed in Group 1** – The noble gases (helium, neon, argon etc.) are in Group 18; Group 1 holds hydrogen and the alkali metals (lithium, sodium, potassium…). Moseley (1913) showed that atomic number is the fundamental property; the other three statements are correct.

15. **B) Jagadish Chandra Bose** – Jagadish Chandra Bose used the crescograph to magnify and record plant growth many thousand times and showed that plants respond to stimuli. He was also a pioneer of radio (microwave) research and founded the Bose Institute at Calcutta in 1917.

16. **B) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. Under the Act a 'child' is a person who has not completed 18 years, so 3 is wrong. A heinous offence is one carrying a minimum punishment of 7 years' imprisonment. The Child Welfare Committee deals with children in need of care and protection.

17. **C) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-2** – Green Revolution – foodgrains (especially wheat and rice, through high-yielding varieties); Blue Revolution – fisheries; Yellow Revolution – oilseeds; Silver Revolution – eggs / poultry. (White Revolution – milk.)

18. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true and (R) explains (A). Because the rate rises with income, a richer person pays a larger share of income as tax – the meaning of a progressive tax. Indirect taxes such as GST apply the same rate to all, so they weigh relatively more on the poor (regressive in nature).

19. **D) Allocating funds to the States is its main function** – NITI Aayog is a policy think tank; unlike the Planning Commission it has no power to allocate funds to States. It was created by a resolution of the Union Cabinet (it is neither a constitutional nor a statutory body) and promotes cooperative federalism.

20. **A) 18 to 40 years** – The Atal Pension Yojana, launched on 9 May 2015, is open to those aged 18–40; after 60 it gives a guaranteed minimum pension of ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 a month depending on the contribution. From 1 October 2022 income-tax payers cannot join. It is administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

21. **B) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. The Mahanadi rises near Sihawa in Chhattisgarh and flows through Odisha into the Bay of Bengal, so 3 is wrong. The Godavari (about 1,465 km) rises at Trimbakeshwar (Nashik) in Maharashtra and is called the 'Dakshin Ganga'. The Narmada and the Tapi flow through rift valleys.

22. **D) (a)-4, (b)-3, (c)-1, (d)-2** – Kancheepuram silk, Madurai Malli, Palani Panchamirtham and Thanjavur Art Plate all carry the Geographical Indication tag. Palani Panchamirtham received the GI tag in 2019 – the first temple prasadam of Tamil Nadu to get it.

23. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true and (R) explains (A). With the Western Ghats close to the coast, the plain is narrow and its short, swift rivers form estuaries rather than deltas. The Eastern Ghats are broken and lie farther from the sea, so the eastern plain is wide, with the deltas of the Mahanadi, Godavari, Krishna and Kaveri.

24. **C) Mars is known as the 'Blue Planet'** – Mars is called the 'Red Planet' because of the iron oxide in its soil; the 'Blue Planet' is the Earth. Venus has a retrograde (and very slow) rotation. The other three statements are correct.

25. **B) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. The Palk Strait separates Tamil Nadu (India) from northern Sri Lanka; the Maldives are separated from India's Lakshadweep by the Eight Degree Channel. So 3 is wrong. Adam's Bridge separates Palk Bay from the Gulf of Mannar.

26. **C) 191** – Each term is twice the previous term plus 1: 5×2+1 = 11, 11×2+1 = 23, 23×2+1 = 47, 47×2+1 = 95, 95×2+1 = 191.

27. **A) 135** – Number = 72 × 100 ÷ 40 = 180. 75% of 180 = 180 × 75 ÷ 100 = 135.

28. **D) ₹800** – Sum of the ratio terms = 2 + 3 + 4 = 9. C's share = 1,800 × 4 ÷ 9 = ₹800. (A = ₹400, B = ₹600.)

29. **B) 22** – In 12 hours the hands coincide only 11 times (once every 65 5/11 minutes) – between 11 and 1 o'clock they coincide only once, at 12. So in 24 hours they coincide 2 × 11 = 22 times.

30. **C) 8 years** – To double, the interest must equal the principal P. P = P × 12.5 × T ÷ 100 ⇒ T = 100 ÷ 12.5 = 8 years.

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