Group 2A Mains – Daily Practice 15 (16 November 2026)

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Questions

1. Consider the following statements about the Vijayanagara Empire:
1. It was founded in 1336 by Harihara and Bukka of the Sangama dynasty.
2. Krishnadevaraya composed the 'Amuktamalyada' in Telugu.
3. The Battle of Talikota (1565) marked the beginning of the peak period of Vijayanagara.
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 treaties (List I) with the wars they ended (List II):
(a) Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle (1748) – 1. Second Anglo-Mysore War
(b) Treaty of Madras (1769) – 2. First Carnatic War
(c) Treaty of Salbai (1782) – 3. First Anglo-Maratha War
(d) Treaty of Mangalore (1784) – 4. First Anglo-Mysore War

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

3. Assertion (A): An Indian ruler who accepted Lord Wellesley's Subsidiary Alliance had to station British troops in his territory and bear their cost.
Reason (R): The Nizam of Hyderabad was the first to accept the Subsidiary Alliance (1798).

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. Government of India Act, 1935

2. Dandi March

3. Second Round Table Conference

4. Communal Award

A. 2, 3, 4, 1

B. 3, 2, 4, 1

C. 2, 4, 3, 1

D. 1, 2, 3, 4

5. Which of the following regarding Velu Nachiyar is NOT correct?

A. She was the daughter of the Sethupathi ruler of Ramanathapuram

B. Her husband Muthu Vaduganatha Thevar was killed in the battle at Kalaiyarkoil in 1772

C. She recovered Sivagangai in 1780 with the help of Hyder Ali

D. She was hanged by the British at Kayathar in 1799

6. Consider the following statements about the Governor of a State:

1. The Governor is appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal.

2. A person appointed as Governor must have completed 35 years of age.

3. The same person may be appointed Governor of two or more States.

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 features of the Constitution (List I) with the countries from which they were borrowed (List II):

(a) Fundamental Rights – 1. Ireland

(b) Directive Principles of State Policy – 2. Germany (Weimar Constitution)

(c) Concurrent List – 3. United States of America

(d) Suspension of Fundamental Rights during an Emergency – 4. Australia

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

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

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

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

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8. Assertion (A): The right to privacy is part of the right to life and personal liberty under Article 21.
Reason (R): In Justice K.S. Puttaswamy (2017), a nine-judge bench of the Supreme Court held privacy to be a fundamental right.

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 a State Public Service Commission is NOT correct?

A. It is provided for under Article 315
B. Its Chairman and members can be removed from office by the Governor
C. Its Chairman and members are appointed by the Governor
D. It presents its annual report to the Governor

10. Which Article of the Constitution states that the official language of the Union shall be Hindi in the Devanagari script?

A. Article 348
B. Article 345
C. Article 343
D. Article 351

11. Consider the following statements about the human heart:
1. The human heart has four chambers.
2. The pulmonary artery carries deoxygenated blood to the lungs.
3. The tricuspid valve lies between the left atrium and the left ventricle.
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 plant hormones (List I) with their main functions (List II):
(a) Auxin – 1. Promotes cell division
(b) Gibberellin – 2. Closure of stomata and dormancy
(c) Cytokinin – 3. Apical dominance and phototropism
(d) Abscisic acid – 4. Stem elongation and bolting

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

13. Assertion (A): A swimming pool filled with water appears shallower than it really is.
Reason (R): Light passing from water into air bends away from the normal (refraction).

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 cyber security is NOT correct?

A. 'Phishing' means stealing passwords or bank details through fake e-mails or messages
B. A 'firewall' monitors and filters the traffic coming into and going out of a network
C. A 'Trojan horse' copies itself and spreads to other computers over a network without any action by the user
D. 'Ransomware' encrypts a victim's files and demands payment to release them

15. E.K. Janaki Ammal, who worked at the Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore, is known for her work in:

A. Nuclear physics
B. Plant cytogenetics and sugarcane breeding
C. Mathematics
D. Ornithology

16. Consider the following statements about the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act:
1. It gives a transgender person the right to a self-perceived gender identity.
2. It provides for a National Council for Transgender Persons.
3. It was enacted in 2014, the year of the NALSA judgment.
Which of the above are correct?

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

17. Match the economic terms (List I) with their meanings (List II):
(a) Stagflation – 1. A fall in the general price level
(b) Disinflation – 2. A very rapid, out-of-control rise in prices
(c) Deflation – 3. High inflation together with stagnant output and high unemployment
(d) Hyperinflation – 4. A fall in the rate of inflation (prices still rise, but more slowly)

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

18. Assertion (A): The Gram Sabha conducts social audits of works under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme.
Reason (R): Social audits of these works are conducted by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (CAG).

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 Census of India is NOT correct?

A. India's first synchronous Census was held in 1881
B. The Census of 2011 was India's 15th Census
C. 'Census' is an entry in the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule
D. The Census is conducted under the Census Act, 1948

20. The PM SVANidhi scheme, launched in June 2020, gives collateral-free working-capital loans to:

A. Street vendors
B. Handloom weavers
C. Traditional fishermen
D. Rural artisans

21. Consider the following statements about the Himalayan rivers:
1. The Indus rises in Tibet near Lake Mansarovar.
2. The Brahmaputra is known as the 'Tsangpo' in Tibet.
3. The Ganga is formed by the confluence of the Bhagirathi and the Alaknanda at Devprayag.
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 cities of Tamil Nadu (List I) with the rivers on whose banks they stand (List II):
(a) Madurai – 1. Cooum
(b) Tirunelveli – 2. Cauvery
(c) Tiruchirappalli – 3. Vaigai
(d) Chennai – 4. Thamirabarani

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

23. Assertion (A): Coastal towns have a smaller annual range of temperature than towns in the interior.
Reason (R): The sea heats up and cools down more slowly than land and so moderates the temperature.

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 ocean tides is NOT correct?

A. Tides are caused mainly by the gravitational pull of the Moon and the Sun
B. Spring tides occur on full-moon and new-moon days
C. Neap tides occur around the first and third quarters of the Moon
D. At a place, two successive high tides are about 24 hours 50 minutes apart

25. Consider the following statements about irrigation in Tamil Nadu:
1. Wells (including tube wells) account for the largest share of the net irrigated area.
2. Today tanks irrigate a larger area in Tamil Nadu than wells.
3. The Mullaperiyar dam, which feeds the Vaigai basin, is located in Keralam.
Which of the above are correct?

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

26. Find the next number in the series: 6, 11, 21, 36, 56, ?

A. 76
B. 81
C. 86
D. 91

27. A shopkeeper sold an article for ₹450 at a loss of 10%. What was its cost price?

A. ₹540
B. ₹495
C. ₹500
D. ₹505

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28. Two trains 120 m and 80 m long run on parallel tracks in opposite directions at 40 km/h and 32 km/h. How long will they take to cross each other?

A. 10 seconds
B. 8 seconds
C. 12 seconds
D. 15 seconds

29. In what ratio must rice costing ₹40 per kg be mixed with rice costing ₹55 per kg so that the mixture costs ₹45 per kg?

A. 1 : 2
B. 2 : 1
C. 3 : 2
D. 2 : 3

30. What is the smallest number which, when divided by 12, 15 and 20, leaves a remainder of 5 in each case?

A. 125
B. 245
C. 65
D. 55

Answers with explanations

1. **B) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. The brothers Harihara and Bukka founded the empire on the Tungabhadra in 1336. Krishnadevaraya (1509–1529) wrote the 'Amuktamalyada' in Telugu; eight poets known as the 'Ashtadiggajas' adorned his court. At Talikota (1565) a coalition of the Deccan Sultanates defeated Vijayanagara and sacked the capital Hampi – the beginning of the decline, so 3 is wrong.

2. **D) (a)-2, (b)-4, (c)-3, (d)-1** – Aix-la-Chapelle (1748) ended the First Carnatic War (Madras, captured by the French, was returned to the English); the Treaty of Madras (1769) with Hyder Ali ended the First Anglo-Mysore War; Salbai (1782) ended the First Anglo-Maratha War; Mangalore (1784) with Tipu Sultan ended the Second Anglo-Mysore War.

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). Under the Subsidiary Alliance the ruler paid for the British force (later by ceding territory), accepted a British Resident at his court and could not deal with other powers without British consent. That the Nizam of Hyderabad was the first to accept it (1798) is a separate fact, not the reason for (A).

4. **A) 2, 3, 4, 1** – Dandi March – 12 March to 6 April 1930; Second Round Table Conference – September to December 1931 (attended by Gandhiji); Communal Award – 16 August 1932 (Ramsay MacDonald); Government of India Act – August 1935. So 2, 3, 4, 1.

5. **D) She was hanged by the British at Kayathar in 1799** – It was Veerapandiya Kattabomman who was hanged at Kayathar on 16 October 1799. Velu Nachiyar, daughter of Chellamuthu Vijayaragunatha Sethupathi of Ramanathapuram, took refuge at Virupachi after her husband Muthu Vaduganatha Thevar was killed at Kalaiyarkoil (1772), and with Hyder Ali's help and the support of the Marudhu brothers recovered Sivagangai in 1780.

6. **D) 1, 2 and 3** – All three are correct. Article 155 – the President appoints the Governor by warrant under his hand and seal; Article 157 – he must be a citizen of India who has completed 35 years; the proviso added to Article 153 by the 7th Amendment (1956) allows one person to be Governor of two or more States.

7. **C) (a)-3, (b)-1, (c)-4, (d)-2** – Fundamental Rights – the US Bill of Rights; Directive Principles – the Irish Constitution; Concurrent List – Australia; suspension of Fundamental Rights during an Emergency – the Weimar Constitution of Germany.

8. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true and (R) correctly explains (A). On 24 August 2017 a nine-judge bench unanimously held that privacy is intrinsic to the right to life and personal liberty under Article 21 and to the freedoms of Part III, overruling the contrary view in M.P. Sharma (1954) and Kharak Singh (1962).

9. **B) Its Chairman and members can be removed from office by the Governor** – Although the Governor appoints the Chairman and members (Article 316), under Article 317 only the President can remove them; removal for misbehaviour needs an inquiry by the Supreme Court (the Governor can only suspend during the inquiry). Article 315 provides for the Union and State Commissions; under Article 323(2) the annual report goes to the Governor and is laid before the Legislature.

10. **C) Article 343** – Article 343(1) – the official language of the Union is Hindi in Devanagari script, with the international form of Indian numerals. Article 345 – official languages of a State; Article 348 – language of the Supreme Court, High Courts and Acts; Article 351 – directive for the development of Hindi. All are in Part XVII.

11. **B) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. The heart has two atria and two ventricles. The pulmonary artery is the only artery that carries deoxygenated blood. The tricuspid valve lies between the right atrium and right ventricle; on the left is the bicuspid (mitral) valve – so 3 is wrong. The SA node, which starts each heartbeat, is called the natural pacemaker.

12. **A) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-2** – Auxin – apical dominance, phototropism, rooting; Gibberellin – internode elongation, bolting (as in cabbage), seed germination; Cytokinin – cell division, delays leaf senescence; Abscisic acid – stomatal closure, bud and seed dormancy (the 'stress hormone').

13. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true and (R) correctly explains (A). Light going from the denser water into the rarer air bends away from the normal; the eye traces the rays back in straight lines, so the bottom appears raised (apparent depth = real depth ÷ refractive index, about 1.33 for water).

14. **C) A 'Trojan horse' copies itself and spreads to other computers over a network without any action by the user** – A program that copies itself and spreads on its own is a 'worm'. A Trojan horse poses as useful software and gets in when the user installs it; it does not replicate itself. The other three descriptions are correct. CERT-In is India's national agency for cyber-security incidents.

15. **B) Plant cytogenetics and sugarcane breeding** – Botanist E.K. Janaki Ammal (born 1897, Tellicherry) helped develop sweeter hybrid sugarcane varieties at the Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore; she co-authored the 'Chromosome Atlas of Cultivated Plants' (1945) with C.D. Darlington and received the Padma Shri in 1977.

16. **B) 1 and 2 only** – 1 and 2 are correct. The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act was enacted in 2019 (in force from January 2020), so 3 is wrong; the NALSA v. Union of India judgment (2014) recognised transgender persons as the 'third gender'. Section 4 – right to self-perceived gender identity; Section 16 – National Council. Tamil Nadu set up the Aravanigal (Transgender) Welfare Board in 2008.

17. **D) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-1, (d)-2** – Stagflation – rising prices with stagnation and unemployment (e.g. the oil shocks of the 1970s); disinflation – inflation falling, say from 6% to 4% (prices still rise); deflation – the price level itself falls (negative inflation); hyperinflation – runaway price rise (e.g. Zimbabwe, 2008).

18. **C) (A) is true but (R) is false** – (A) is true; (R) is false. Section 17 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 requires the Gram Sabha to monitor and conduct social audits of all works taken up in the Gram Panchayat. A social audit is an audit by the people, not by the CAG (which does its own statutory audit); State Social Audit Units facilitate it.

19. **C) 'Census' is an entry in the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule** – 'Census' is in the Union List (Entry 69), so the Union Government conducts it. The 1872 Census was not synchronous; the first synchronous Census was in 1881. 2011 was the 15th Census; the coming Census 2027 is the 16th.

20. **A) Street vendors** – PM SVANidhi (Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi) was launched by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on 1 June 2020 to help street vendors hit by the COVID-19 lockdown restart their business; prompt repayment earns a larger next loan, an interest subsidy and cashback on digital transactions.

21. **D) 1, 2 and 3** – All three are correct. The Indus rises near Mansarovar (Tibet) and flows through Ladakh; the Brahmaputra is the Tsangpo in Tibet, the Siang/Dihang in Arunachal Pradesh and the Jamuna in Bangladesh; the Bhagirathi (from the Gangotri glacier) and the Alaknanda meet at Devprayag in Uttarakhand to form the Ganga.

22. **B) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-2, (d)-1** – Madurai – on the Vaigai; Tirunelveli – on the Thamirabarani; Tiruchirappalli – on the Cauvery (Srirangam is an island between the Cauvery and the Kollidam); Chennai – the Cooum (the Adyar also flows through the city).

23. **A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)** – Both are true and (R) correctly explains (A). Water has a high specific heat, so the sea warms and cools slowly; land and sea breezes add to the effect. Coastal places like Chennai therefore have an equable (maritime) climate, while the interior has a more continental climate.

24. **D) At a place, two successive high tides are about 24 hours 50 minutes apart** – Most places get two high tides a day; successive high tides are about 12 hours 25 minutes apart (the lunar day is about 24 hours 50 minutes). Spring tides come when the Sun, Moon and Earth are in line (full and new moon); neap tides when they are at right angles (quarter phases).

25. **C) 1 and 3 only** – 1 and 3 are correct. More than half of Tamil Nadu's net irrigated area is irrigated by wells, followed by canals and tanks – so 2 is wrong (2022-23, Department of Economics and Statistics, Tamil Nadu: open wells 44.2% and tube/bore wells 18.6% – together about 63%; canals 23.4%; tanks 13.7%). The Mullaperiyar dam (1895) across the Periyar in Idukki district, Keralam, is operated by Tamil Nadu under the 999-year lease of 1886; its water is diverted through a tunnel to the Vaigai basin (Theni, Madurai and beyond).

26. **B) 81** – The differences are 5, 10, 15, 20 – the next is 25. So 56 + 25 = 81.

27. **C) ₹500** – At a 10% loss, selling price = 90% of cost price. Cost price = 450 × 100 ÷ 90 = ₹500.

28. **A) 10 seconds** – Opposite directions – relative speed = 40 + 32 = 72 km/h = 72 × 5/18 = 20 m/s. Distance = 120 + 80 = 200 m. Time = 200 ÷ 20 = 10 seconds.

29. **B) 2 : 1** – By alligation: cheaper : dearer = (55 − 45) : (45 − 40) = 10 : 5 = 2 : 1.

30. **C) 65** – LCM of 12, 15 and 20 = 60. The number = 60 + 5 = 65. (125 and 245 also leave remainder 5, but 65 is the smallest; 55 ÷ 12 leaves 7.)

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