Daily subject quiz – Tamil Nadu (15-11-2026)

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Questions

1. Who was the first woman Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?

A. J. Jayalalithaa

B. V.N. Janaki Ramachandran

C. Sathiyavani Muthu

D. Rukmini Lakshmipathi

2. Consider the following statements:

1. The Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission has its headquarters in Chennai.

2. Elections to the panchayats and municipalities in Tamil Nadu are conducted by the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission.

3. The State Election Commissioner is appointed by the Governor.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 1 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

3. Match the rulers (List I) with their capitals (List II):

(a) Early (Sangam) Cholas – 1. Gangaikonda Cholapuram

(b) Pandyas – 2. Kanchipuram

(c) Pallavas – 3. Uraiyur

(d) Rajendra Chola I – 4. Madurai

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

4. Assertion (A): The Mettur Dam (Stanley Reservoir) is built across the river Cauvery.

Reason (R): The Cauvery rises at Talakaveri in the Kodagu district of 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

5. Dhanushkodi, at the south-eastern tip of Pamban Island, is in which district?

A. Thoothukudi

B. Ramanathapuram

C. Pudukkottai

D. Nagapattinam

6. Consider the following statements:

1. The Karthigai Deepam festival is famous at Tiruvannamalai.

2. The Chithirai festival, with the celestial wedding of Meenakshi and Sundareswarar, is celebrated at Madurai.

3. The Mahamaham festival at Kumbakonam is held once in 12 years.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 1 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

7. Match the towns of Tamil Nadu (List I) with the names by which they are popularly known (List II):

(a) Coimbatore – 1. Pearl City

(b) Thoothukudi – 2. City of a thousand temples

(c) Sivakasi – 3. Manchester of South India

(d) Kanchipuram – 4. 'Little Japan'

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

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

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

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

8. Assertion (A): Udhagamandalam (Ooty) remains cool even in the summer months.

Reason (R): It lies at a high altitude of about 2,200 metres above sea level in the Nilgiris.

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 was the first tiger reserve to be declared in Tamil Nadu?

A. Mudumalai

B. Anamalai

C. Kalakkad–Mundanthurai

D. Sathyamangalam

10. Consider the following statements:

1. The Bhavani is a tributary of the Cauvery.

2. The Noyyal flows through Coimbatore and Tiruppur districts.

3. The Amaravathi is a tributary of the Vaigai.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 1 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

Answers with explanations

1. **B) V.N. Janaki Ramachandran** – V.N. Janaki Ramachandran became Chief Minister in January 1988 after the death of M.G. Ramachandran and held office for about three weeks. J. Jayalalithaa first became Chief Minister in 1991. Rukmini Lakshmipathi was the first woman minister of the Madras Presidency (1946).

2. **D) 1, 2 and 3** – All three are correct. Under Articles 243K and 243ZA the State Election Commission, headed by a State Election Commissioner appointed by the Governor, conducts elections to panchayats and municipalities; elections to Parliament and the Assembly are conducted by the Election Commission of India. The State Public Service Commission is provided for in Article 315.

3. **C) (a)-3, (b)-4, (c)-2, (d)-1** – The Sangam-age Cholas ruled from Uraiyur (with Puhar as their port); the Pandyas from Madurai (port Korkai); the Pallavas from Kanchipuram (port Mamallapuram); Rajendra Chola I built a new capital, Gangaikonda Cholapuram, after his northern expedition to the Ganga.

4. **B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A** – Both statements are true, but R does not explain A – where a river rises does not explain where a dam is built on it. The Mettur Dam in Salem district was completed in 1934; the Cauvery enters Tamil Nadu near Hogenakkal and falls into the Bay of Bengal near Poompuhar.

5. **B) Ramanathapuram** – Dhanushkodi is in Ramanathapuram district, at the tip of Pamban (Rameswaram) Island facing Sri Lanka across the Palk Strait. The town was destroyed by the cyclone of December 1964.

6. **D) 1, 2 and 3** – All three are correct. At Tiruvannamalai the Maha Deepam is lit on top of the Annamalai hill on Karthigai Deepam day. Madurai's Chithirai festival includes the Meenakshi Thirukalyanam and Kallazhagar's entry into the Vaigai. Mahamaham is a bathing festival at the Mahamaham tank, Kumbakonam, held once in 12 years (last in 2016).

7. **A) (a)-3, (b)-1, (c)-4, (d)-2** – Coimbatore – 'Manchester of South India' (textile mills); Thoothukudi – 'Pearl City' (pearl fishing in the Gulf of Mannar); Sivakasi – 'Little Japan' (fireworks, matches and printing; the name is attributed to Jawaharlal Nehru); Kanchipuram – 'City of a thousand temples'.

8. **A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A** – Both are true and R explains A: temperature falls by about 6.5 °C for every 1,000 m of height (normal lapse rate), so Ooty stays cool

while the plains are hot. Ooty is the headquarters of the Nilgiris district; Doddabetta nearby is the highest peak in Tamil Nadu.

9. **C) Kalakkad–Mundanthurai** – The Kalakkad–Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari districts) was declared in 1988 – the first in Tamil Nadu. Anamalai and Mudumalai followed in 2007, Sathyamangalam in 2013 and Srivilliputhur–Megamalai in 2021, giving the State five tiger reserves.

10. **A) 1 and 2 only** – Statement 3 is wrong: the Amaravathi rises in the Anamalai hills and joins the Cauvery near Karur. The Bhavani joins the Cauvery at Bhavani (Erode district); the Noyyal, which rises in the Velliangiri hills, is also a tributary of the Cauvery. The Vaigai rises in the Varusanadu hills and flows through Theni, Madurai and Ramanathapuram.

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