Daily subject quiz – Tamil Nadu (23-11-2026)

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Questions

1. From which date did Madras State officially become 'Tamil Nadu' under the Madras State (Alteration of Name) Act, 1968?

A. 1 November 1956
B. 14 January 1969
C. 26 January 1968
D. 1 November 1967

2. Consider the following statements about the reorganisation of 1 November 1956:
1. The Agastheeswaram, Thovalai, Kalkulam and Vilavancode taluks of Travancore-Cochin were added to Madras State.
2. Part of the Shenkottai taluk was also transferred to Madras State.
3. The Malabar district of Madras State was transferred to the new State of Kerala.
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

3. Match the State symbols of Tamil Nadu (List I) with what they are (List II):
(a) State bird – 1. Palmyra palm
(b) State tree – 2. Emerald dove
(c) State flower – 3. Tamil Yeoman
(d) State butterfly – 4. Glory lily (Senganthal)

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

4. Which was the first temple 'prasadam' from Tamil Nadu to receive a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, in 2019?

A. Srivilliputhur Palkova

B. Palani Panchamirtham

C. Kovilpatti Kadalai Mittai

D. Tirunelveli Halwa

5. Consider the following statements about the Vaigai river:

1. It rises in the Varusanadu hills of the Western Ghats in Theni district.

2. The city of Madurai stands on its banks.

3. It empties into the Bay of Bengal near Chennai.

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

6. Mayiladuthurai, which became Tamil Nadu's 38th district in 2020, was carved out of which district?

A. Thanjavur

B. Tiruvarur

C. Nagapattinam

D. Cuddalore

7. Assertion (A): The Kodaikanal Solar Observatory is located in the Palani hills of Tamil Nadu.

Reason (R): The Evershed effect – the radial flow of gas in sunspots – was discovered at this observatory in 1909.

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

8. The Vellore Mutiny of sepoys against the East India Company broke out on:

A. 10 May 1857

B. 16 October 1799

C. 10 July 1806

D. 24 October 1801

9. Match the Tamil literary works (List I) with their authors (List II):
(a) Silappathikaram – 1. Seethalai Sathanar
(b) Manimekalai – 2. Sekkizhar
(c) Kamba Ramayanam – 3. Ilango Adigal
(d) Periya Puranam – 4. Kambar

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

10. Consider the following statements about Kanniyakumari:
1. The Vivekananda Rock Memorial was opened in 1970.
2. The Thiruvalluvar statue on the neighbouring rock was unveiled on 1 January 2000.
3. A glass bridge linking the two rocks was opened in December 2024.
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

Answers with explanations

1. **B) 14 January 1969** – The Act passed by Parliament in 1968 came into force on 14 January 1969, when C.N. Annadurai was Chief Minister. 1 November 1956 is the date of the linguistic reorganisation of States.

2. **D) 1, 2 and 3** – All three are correct. The four taluks formed Kanniyakumari district of Madras State; part of Shenkottai went to Tirunelveli district; Malabar went to Kerala. The States Reorganisation Act, 1956 drew these new boundaries.

3. **A) (a)-2, (b)-1, (c)-4, (d)-3** – State bird – Emerald dove; State tree – Palmyra palm; State flower – Glory lily (Senganthal, Gloriosa superba); State butterfly – Tamil Yeoman, declared in 2019. The State animal is the Nilgiri tahr.

4. **B) Palani Panchamirtham** – The Panchamirtham of the Palani Dhandayuthapani Swamy temple (Dindigul district) got the GI tag in 2019 – the first temple prasadam of Tamil Nadu to do so. Srivilliputhur Palkova and Kovilpatti Kadalai Mittai are GI-tagged sweets, not temple prasadams.

5. **A) 1 and 2 only** – Statement 3 is wrong: the Vaigai flows south-east through Theni, Madurai, Sivaganga and Ramanathapuram districts and drains into the sea in Ramanathapuram district, on the Palk Bay side. The Vaigai dam is near Andipatti in Theni district.

6. **C) Nagapattinam** – Mayiladuthurai district was carved out of Nagapattinam district in 2020, taking the number of districts in Tamil Nadu to 38. Earlier in 2019 Tenkasi, Chengalpattu, Tirupathur, Ranipet and Kallakurichi had been formed.

7. **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 observatory, founded on 1 April 1899 and run by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, stands on the Palani hills near Kodaikanal; John Evershed detected the effect there in January 1909.

8. **C) 10 July 1806** – The mutiny broke out at Vellore Fort on 10 July 1806, provoked by new dress and turban regulations; the sons of Tipu Sultan were held in the fort. 10 May 1857 is the Meerut outbreak; 16 October 1799 is the execution of Veerapandiya Kattabomman.

9. **C) (a)-3, (b)-1, (c)-4, (d)-2** – Silappathikaram – Ilango Adigal; Manimekalai – Seethalai Sathanar (the two are called twin epics); Kamba Ramayanam (Ramavataram) – Kambar; Periya Puranam – Sekkizhar, on the lives of the 63 Nayanmars.

10. **D) 1, 2 and 3** – All three are correct. The Vivekananda Rock Memorial was inaugurated in September 1970; the 133-foot Thiruvalluvar statue was unveiled on 1 January 2000; the glass-floored bridge between the statue and the memorial was opened on 30 December 2024.

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