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Arignar Anna (C.N. Annadurai)

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The exam name and year are given in [] at the start of every question. Attempt the questions first without looking at the answers, then check with the answer section at the end.

Questions

1. **ARGS-2020** Natarajan Annadurai was popularly called as Arignar Anna by whom?
(A) Bharathidasan (B) Mahatma Gandhi
(C) E.V. Ramaswamy (D) Bharathiar
2. **ADGS-2021** C.N. Annadurai assumed power as Chief Minister in the year
(A) 1967 (B) 1969
(C) 1968 (D) 1966
3. **PSHY-2022** The scheme of "Padiyarisi" was introduced during whose time?
(A) Rajaji (B) Bakthavatsalam
(C) Kamaraj (D) C.N. Annadurai
4. **TNPSC-2022** Who published the book "Romapuri Ranigal"?
(A) C. Rajagopalachari (B) C.N. Annadurai
(C) M. Karunanidhi (D) M.G. Ramachandran
5. **TNPSC-2022** Match the plays of C.N. Annadurai with their themes
(a) Velaikari - 1. Tracing the origin of crime to poverty
(b) Oor Iravu - 2. Appeal for prohibition
(c) Needhi Dhevan Mayakkam - 3. About various social forces working at cross purposes
(d) Nalla Thambi - 4. The contradictions and inconsistencies in Kamban's delineation of various characters in Ramayana
(A) 3 1 4 2 (B) 2 4 3 1
(C) 1 2 3 4 (D) 3 4 2 1
6. **G-6 Forest Apprentice-2022** "You should not praise me. It is the teacher and the scientists who are more important than a politician." Who said this?
(A) Kamaraj (B) Jawaharlal Nehru
(C) C.N. Annadurai (D) Jayaprakash Narayan



7. **G-6 Forest Apprentice-2022** Which one of the following is the policy of Anna in Tamil Nadu politics?
- (1) Establish the identity of Tamils
(2) State Autonomy
(3) Co-operative federalism
(4) Scientific Socialism
- (A) (1) only (B) (1), (2) only
(C) (1), (2), (3) only (D) (1), (2), (3), (4) All
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8. **EO-GIII-2022** Name the following work that was not written by C.N. Annadurai
- (A) Ariyamayai (B) Or Iravu
(C) Sorka Vasal (D) Ananda Bodhini
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9. **EO-2022** The title "Kodumudi Kokilam" was conferred on K.P. Sundarambal by
- (A) Arignar Anna (B) Periyar
(C) Karunanidhi (D) M.G.R.
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10. **DPGS-2022** One of the first ideas that Annadurai was keen to implement was that of supplying three kilograms of _____ for a rupee.
- (A) rice (B) sugar
(C) wheat (D) dal
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11. **DPGS-2022** Name the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu during the Second World Tamil Conference held in Chennai.
- (A) Annadurai (B) Kamaraj
(C) Karunanidhi (D) Jayalalitha
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12. **CAGS-2022** _____ is awarded to the BC/MBC/DNC boys and girls who secure the first and second marks in the 12th public examination in each district and pursue their studies in professional colleges in Tamil Nadu.
- (A) Annal Gandhi Memorial Award (B) Perarignar Anna Memorial Award
(C) Muthulaxmi Ammaiyar Memorial Award (D) Thanthai Periyar Memorial Award
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13. **Group-1-2021** Which of the following statements regarding Arignar Anna is / are correct?
- (a) He served as the sub editor of the "Justice" magazine
(b) He became editor for "Viduthalai"
(c) He was associated with activities related to Tamil weekly paper "Mudi Arasu"
- (A) (a) only (B) (a) and (b)
(C) (b) and (c) (D) (a), (b) and (c)
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14. **Veterinary Assistant-2023** Who was the Minister of Agriculture in C.N. Annadurai's ministry?
- (A) Nedunchezian (B) Madhavan
(C) Sadiq Batcha (D) Govindasamy
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15. **Junior Rehabilitation Officer-2023** When was the Madras State renamed as Tamil Nadu and who was appointed as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?
- (A) 1965 Subbarayalu Reddiyar (B) 1967 Kamaraj
(C) 1969 Annadurai (D) 1972 Annadurai
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16. **Library Exam-2023** Which of the following dramas was written by Annadurai?
- (A) Neethi Devan Mayakkam (B) Kadal
(C) Chanakyan (D) Thenali Raman
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17. **Junior Analyst TN Medical Service-2023** Who took measures to discontinue the teaching of Hindi in Government schools in Tamil Nadu?
- (A) C.N. Annadurai (B) Ms. J. Jayalalithaa
(C) M. Karunanidhi (D) M.G. Ramachandran
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18. **Mass Interviewer-2023** Match correctly the authors with their works
- (i) E.V.R. Periyar – 1. Kamalambal Charithiram
(ii) C.N. Annadurai – 2. Padmavathi Charithiram
(iii) Madhavaiah – 3. Kudiyarasu
(iv) Rajam Aiyar – 4. Velaikkari
- (A) 2 3 4 1 (B) 1 2 3 4
(C) 3 2 1 4 (D) 3 4 2 1
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19. **HR&CE EO Grade-1-2024** Who started the journal 'Malai Mani'?
- (A) Annadurai (B) E.V. Ramasamy
(C) Karunanidhi (D) M.G. Ramachandran
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20. **Combined Accounts Service-2024** Which book of C.N. Annadurai was banned in the year 1950?
- (A) Arya Mayai (B) Thee Paravattum
(C) Needhidevan Mayakkam (D) Kumari Kottam
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21. **Group-1-2024** Which of the following is/are wrongly paired?
- (1) Self Respect conference led by Annadurai – Thuraiyur
 - (2) Bharathidasan entitled Annadurai as Arignar – Chennai
 - (3) Justice Party was named as Dravida Kazhagam – Erode
 - (4) Black Shirt Resolution – Salem
- (A) (2) and (3) (B) (3) and (4)
(C) (4) and (2) (D) (3) and (1)
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22. **Combined Technical (IV Post)-2024** Which of the following statements are true about C.N. Annadurai?
- (1) He joined as an editorial staff at 'Viduthalai', a Tamil daily.
 - (2) The Dravida Nadu journal was started by him.
 - (3) His earliest story was published in 1934 in Ananda Vikatan.
- (A) (1) only correct (B) (1) and (2) are correct
(C) (1), (2) and (3) are correct (D) (2) and (3) are correct
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23. **Group 1&1A-2025** Pick out the incorrectly paired from the following:
- (1) 1962 – The Madras State (Alteration of Name) Act was passed by the Parliament
 - (2) 1967 – Perarignar Anna sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
 - (3) 1968 – Perarignar Anna was elected to the Rajya Sabha
 - (4) 1969 – The Madras State (Alteration of Name) Act came into force
- (A) (1) only incorrect (B) (1) and (2) are incorrect
(C) (1) and (3) are incorrect (D) (1) and (4) are incorrect
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24. **Group 1&1A-2025** Assertion [A]: DMK played a leading role in the Anti-Hindi campaign.
Reason [R]: It urged people to unite under the Tamil identity.
- (A) [A] is true, but [R] is false (B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]
(C) [A] is false, [R] is true (D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]
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25. **Group 1&1A-2025** Assertion [A]: C.N. Annadurai was fascinated by the self respect movement, joined the Dravidar Kazhagam Party.
Reason [R]: C.N. Annadurai treated Justice Party and Dravidar Kazhagam equally.
- (A) [A] is true, [R] is false (B) [A] and [R] are true, [R] is correct explanation of [A]
(C) [A] is false, [R] is true (D) [A] and [R] are true, [R] is not correct explanation of [A]
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26. Group 2A Mains RE-2026 Consider the following statements and find the correct statements.

During Perarignar Anna's rule, preferences were given to Tamil language. Many steps were taken by him to incorporate Tamil in different fields.

- (i) Removed 'Satyameva Jayate' from the Government Motto and incorporated the Tamil words 'Vaimaye Vellum' in it.
- (ii) The name board 'Tamilaga Arasu Thalaimai Seyalagam' was opened in St. George Fort for the first time.
- (iii) Measures were taken to write Thirukkural verses on Tamil Nadu Government buses.

- (A) (i) only
- (B) (i) and (iii) only
- (C) (i) and (ii) only
- (D) (i), (ii) and (iii)

27. Group 2A Mains RE-2026 Consider the following statements:

Assertion [A]: Anna introduced their economic policy name as scientific socialism.

Reason [R]: He mentioned that trying to create equality for all is socialism.

- (A) [A] is true but [R] is false
- (B) Both [A] and [R] are true
- (C) [A] is false but [R] is true
- (D) Both [A] and [R] are false



Answers and Explanations

1. (A) Bharathidasan

The revolutionary poet Bharathidasan gave Annadurai the title 'Arignar' (scholar), and so he came to be called 'Arignar Anna'.

2. (A) 1967

After the DMK won the 1967 general election, Anna was sworn in as Chief Minister of Madras State on 6 March 1967.

3. (D) C.N. Annadurai

The 'Padiyarisi' scheme, offering a measure (padi) of rice for one rupee, was introduced when Anna was Chief Minister, implementing the DMK's 1967 election promise on rice.

4. (B) C.N. Annadurai

'Romapuri Ranigal' is a work by Anna. Do not confuse it with 'Romapuri Pandiyan', which was written by Karunanidhi.

5. (A) 3 1 4 2

Velaikari shows social forces working at cross purposes, and Oor Iravu traces crime to poverty. Needhi Dhevan Mayakkam criticises Kamban's portrayal of Ramayana characters, and Nalla Thambi pleads for prohibition.

6. (C) C.N. Annadurai

Arignar Anna said that teachers and scientists matter more to society than politicians. He believed that education and science are the basis of social progress.

7. (D) (1), (2), (3), (4) All

Tamil identity, state autonomy, co-operative federalism and scientific socialism were all part of Anna's political ideology.

8. (D) Ananda Bodhini

Ariya Mayai, Oor Iravu and Sorga Vasal are Anna's works. 'Ananda Bodhini' was an early 20th-century Tamil magazine, not a work by Anna.

9. (A) Arignar Anna

Arignar Anna gave singer-actress K.P. Sundarambal, a native of Kodumudi, the title 'Kodumudi Kokilam' (the nightingale of Kodumudi).

10. (A) rice

Supplying rice at three measures for a rupee was a key DMK promise in the 1967 election. Anna began the scheme on a pilot basis once he took office.

11. (A) Annadurai

The Second World Tamil Conference was held in Chennai in January 1968, when Anna was Chief Minister.



12. (B) Perarignar Anna Memorial Award

The 'Perarignar Anna Memorial Award' goes to BC/MBC/DNC students who come first or second in their district in the Class 12 exam and go on to professional colleges.

13. (B) (a) and (b)

Anna was sub-editor of the Justice Party's 'Justice' and editor of Periyar's 'Viduthalai'. The Tamil weekly he worked on was Periyar's 'Kudi Arasu', not 'Mudi Arasu'.

14. (D) Govindasamy

In Anna's cabinet, A. Govindasamy was Minister for Agriculture and Nedunchezian held Education.

15. (C) 1969 Annadurai

Anna's government passed the renaming resolution in 1967, and the name 'Tamil Nadu' took effect on 14 January 1969, while Anna was still Chief Minister.

16. (A) Neethi Devan Mayakkam

'Neethi Devan Mayakkam' is a well-known play by Anna that criticises the characters of Kamba Ramayanam.

17. (A) C.N. Annadurai

In 1968, Anna's government adopted the two-language policy (Tamil and English) in the Assembly and removed Hindi teaching from government schools.

18. (D) 3 4 2 1

Periyar – Kudi Arasu (journal); Anna – Velaikkari; A. Madhavaiah – Padmavathi Charithiram; B.R. Rajam Aiyar – Kamalambal Charithiram.

19. (A) Annadurai

Of the options, Anna is the one associated with the evening paper 'Malai Mani', which he edited; he also ran the journals Dravida Nadu, Kanchi and Home Land.

20. (A) Arya Mayai

Anna's 'Arya Mayai' was banned by the Madras government in 1950, and he was prosecuted and punished for it.

21. (B) (3) and (4)

The Justice Party became the Dravidar Kazhagam at the 1944 Salem conference, not at Erode, and the Black Shirt resolution was not passed at Salem. So pairs (3) and (4) are wrong.

22. (C) (1), (2) and (3) are correct

Anna worked as sub-editor of Periyar's 'Viduthalai' and 'Kudi Arasu', started the weekly 'Dravida Nadu' in 1942, and his first story 'Kokkarakko' appeared in Ananda Vikatan in 1934. All three statements are correct.

23. (C) (1) and (3) are incorrect

The Madras State (Alteration of Name) Act was passed by Parliament in 1968 and came into force on 14 January 1969, while Anna was elected to the Rajya Sabha in 1962. So pairs (1) and (3) are wrong.



24. (B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]

By mobilising people around a shared Tamil linguistic identity, the DMK led the anti-Hindi agitations, notably in 1965; hence the reason correctly explains the assertion.

25. (A) [A] is true, [R] is false

Drawn by the Self-Respect Movement, Anna worked with Periyar and moved the 1944 Salem resolution that renamed the Justice Party as the Dravidar Kazhagam; the claim that he treated the two equally is false.

26. (D) (i), (ii) and (iii)

Under Anna's government the state emblem carried 'Vaimaye Vellum', the 'Tamilaga Arasu Thalaimai Seyalagam' board was put up at Fort St. George, and Thirukkural couplets were displayed in government buses – all three are correct.

27. (B) Both [A] and [R] are true

Anna described the DMK's economic policy as 'scientific socialism' and explained socialism as the effort to bring about equality among all people; both statements are true.