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Questions

1. **AGGS-2021** In 1925 E.V. Ramasamy left the Congress because:
1. He could not follow the Gandhian ideology.
2. Congress was overwhelmingly dominated by the Brahmin leaders.
Which of the reasons given above is/are correct?
(A) 1 only (B) 2 only
(C) Both 1 and 2 (D) Neither 1 nor 2
2. **ADGS-2021** The person who has been called by the nickname "Jail Bird" (Sirai Paravai)
(A) Periyar E.V. Ramasamy (B) Bharathiyar
(C) Siva Subramaniam (D) P. Subbarayan
3. **TNPSC-2022** In 2021, the Government of Tamil Nadu has decided to celebrate the birth anniversary of Thanthai Periyar as the
(A) Women's Development Day (B) Tamil Awareness Day
(C) Social Justice Day (D) Dravida Day
4. **TNPSC-2022** Assertion (A): E.V. Ramasamy was one of the great social reformers of the twentieth century in Tamil Nadu.
Reason (R): He started the Self-Respect Movement in an attempt to safeguard the downtrodden communities.
(A) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A) (B) (A) is true, but (R) is false
(C) Both (A) and (R) are false (D) Both (A) and (R) are true
5. **TNPSC-2022** Which of the following statements is false about E.V. Ramasamy?
(A) E.V. Ramasamy is known as "Hero of Vaikkam" (B) He accepted the "Gurukula" system
(C) He was the founder of the Self-Respect Movement (D) He accepted the Self-Respect Marriage



6. **SURVEYOR DRAFTSMAN-2022** Arrange it in chronological order:
1. Under the leadership of E.V. Ramasamy, Justice Party was reorganised as 'Dravidar Kazhagam'
 2. E.V. Ramasamy elected as president of Justice Party when he was in jail
 3. E.V. Ramasamy organised Dravida Nadu conference demanding separate and independent 'Dravida Nadu'
 4. The Congress won the Madras Legislative Assembly election
- (A) 1 3 2 4 (B) 3 4 1 2
(C) 4 2 3 1 (D) 2 1 3 4
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7. **REPORTER-2022** The Erode plan of E.V. Ramasamy consisted of the following:
1. Extension of life insurance for all
 2. Free education for all
 3. Abolition of untouchability
 4. Nationalisation of essential industrial factors
- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only
(C) 1, 2 only (D) 1, 2, 3, 4
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8. **EO-GIII-2022** Who is popularly called as the Prophet from the South?
- (A) Rajaji (B) V.O. Chidambaram
(C) Periyar E.V. Ramasamy (D) Bharathiar
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9. **EO-2022** Which of the following statements is/are correct with regard to EVR Periyar?
- (i) EVR Periyar was responsible for the establishment of Khadi Vastralayam
 - (ii) EVR Periyar served as the President of Spinners Association
 - (iii) He was a member of District Board
 - (iv) He was the Chairman of Erode Municipal Council
- (A) (i) and (ii) only (B) (i), (ii) and (iii) only
(C) (ii) and (iii) only (D) All the above
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10. **GROUP-1-2022** Arrange the following events associated with Periyar in chronological order:
1. Vaikom Satyagraha
 2. Non-Co-operation Movement
 3. Kallukadai Mariyal (toddy shop picketing)
 4. Leader of Chennai Congress Committee
- (A) 2, 3, 4, 1 (B) 2, 4, 3, 1
(C) 2, 1, 3, 4 (D) 4, 2, 3, 1
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11. **GROUP-1-2021, ADGS-2021, Forest Apprentice (G-6)-2022** Thanthai Periyar passed resolutions for the welfare of women in the Suyamariyathai (Self-Respect) conference at
- (A) Madras (B) Coimbatore
(C) Salem (D) Chengalpet



12. **GROUP-1-2021** Who stated "Man is born free, self-respect is his birthright, social justice ensures social equality"?
- (A) Thanthai Periyar (B) B.G. Tilak
(C) Kamaraj (D) Omanthurar
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13. **GROUP-1-2021** A Chief Minister supported by Thanthai Periyar challenged: "Show me a person who died because a lower caste doctor wrongly injected or show me a building that collapsed because it was built by a low caste engineer". It was
- (A) Omandur Ramasamy (B) Kamarajar
(C) Arignar Anna (D) Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi
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14. **GROUP-1-2021** Thanthai Periyar wanted people to consider the following as equal to their lives
- (A) Independence for the motherland (B) The family honour
(C) Self-respect (D) Rational faculty
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15. **ACF-2023** _____ travelled to Soviet Union and was admired by its speedy progress through five year plans and through the application of modern science and technologies.
- (A) Singaravelu (B) Jeevanandam
(C) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru (D) E.V. Ramaswamy
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16. **CSSE-2023** In which year did Periyar E.V.R. publish an English magazine under the title "Revolt"?
- (A) 1925 (B) 1928
(C) 1933 (D) 1934
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17. **CSSE-2023** Who is the author of the book 'Why the Woman is Enslaved'?
- (A) Singaravelar (B) Muthulakshmi Ammaiyar
(C) Periyar (D) Neelambikai Ammaiyar
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18. **VETERINARY ASSISTANT-2023** Who is called the Rousseau of Tamil Nadu?
- (A) Rajaji (B) Sathyamorthy
(C) C.N. Annadurai (D) Thanthai Periyar
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19. **LIBRARY-2023** Why did E.V. Ramaswamy Periyar quit the Congress party?
- (A) Having quarrel with Gandhi (B) Having quarrel with C. Rajagopalachari
(C) Separate dining for Brahmin and non-Brahmin students in Congress-sponsored schools (D) Having quarrel with V.V.S. Iyer
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20. **CESGS-2023** Which of the following magazines is not associated with Periyar E.V.R.?
- (A) Kudi Arasu (B) Puratchi
(C) Desabakthan (D) Revolt
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21. **CESGS-2023, CESS-2023** Choose the correct statement from the following
1. Periyar had participated in the non-cooperation programme as a congressman.
 2. The Justice party held the self-respecting wedding
 3. Periyar title was conferred by UNESCO
 4. He ran the 'Liberation' press in English
- (A) 1 is correct (B) 2 and 4 are correct
(C) 1 and 2 are correct (D) 2, 3, 4 are correct
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22. **JA-2023** _____ session of 1944 changed the name of Justice Party into Dravidar Kazhagam.
- (A) Trichy (B) Salem
(C) Virudhunagar (D) Erode
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23. **Research Assistant-2023** The Maharaja of Travancore issued the Temple Entry proclamation as a result of _____.
- (A) Champaran Satyagraha (B) Bardoli Satyagraha
(C) Channar Revolt (D) Vaikom Satyagraha
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24. **Junior Analyst-2023** E.V.R Periyar started Dravida Kazhagam in
- (A) 1944 (B) 1945
(C) 1947 (D) 1951
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25. **Combined Accounts-2024, CAGS-2022** EVR Periyar declared the demand of Dravidian land during the year
- (A) 1934 (B) 1939
(C) 1949 (D) 1969
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26. **Combined Accounts-2024** Which of the following was not advocated by Periyar?
- (A) Respect for husband (B) Defiance of religious and caste rituals
(C) Rejection of Mangalsutra (D) Equal responsibility for child care
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27. **Group 2 & 2A-2024** Arrange the following events in chronological order about E.V.R.
- (1) He became the President of Justice Party
 - (2) He joined Congress
 - (3) He became President of Tamil Nadu Congress Committee
 - (4) He organised Vaikom Satyagraha
- (A) (2), (4), (3), (1) (B) (4), (1), (3), (2)
(C) (2), (3), (4), (1) (D) (3), (1), (4), (2)
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28. **Group 1-2024** Who is certified as, "Socrates of South Asia" by UNESCO, a unit organization of United Nations?
- (A) Arignar Anna (B) Karmaveerar Kamarajar
(C) Rajaji (D) E.V. Ramasamy
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29. **Group 1B & 1C-2024** Which of the following statements are true about Periyar E.V.R.?
- (i) EVR encouraged Sinhalese to launch a major offensive against the Tamils
 - (ii) He eradicated the evils of untouchability, inequality and distinctions based upon sex.
 - (iii) He worked for destruction of the institutions of caste, religion and Zamindari System.
- (A) (ii) and (iii) only (B) (i) and (iii) only
(C) (i) and (ii) only (D) (ii) only
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30. **APP Grade II-2025** Who warned "K. Kamaraj that resignation from Chief Ministership was political suicide"?
- (A) C. Rajagopalachari (B) E.V. Ramaswamy
(C) Lal Bahadur Sastri (D) Jawaharlal Nehru
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31. **APP Grade II-2025** Arrange the following events in chronological order about Periyar E.V. Ramasamy
- (1) Founded Self Respect Movement
 - (2) President of Justice party
 - (3) Participated Vaikom Sathyagraha
 - (4) Demand for separate Dravida Nadu
- (A) (2), (1), (4), (3) (B) (3), (1), (4), (2)
(C) (3), (1), (2), (4) (D) (1), (2), (3), (4)
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32. **APP Grade II-2025** Match the following:
- (a) Rousseau of Tamil Nadu - 1. T.M. Nair
 - (b) Dakshina Gandhi - 2. C. Rajaji
 - (c) Anglophile - 3. M.N. Subburaman
 - (d) Madurai Gandhi - 4. Periyar E.V. Ramasamy
- (A) 4 2 1 3 (B) 4 2 3 1
(C) 2 4 1 3 (D) 2 4 3 1



33. **Special Competitive-2025** Match correctly the Periyar E.V.R. started Newspaper and Journals with their years:
(a) Kudi Arasu - 1. 1935
(b) Puratchi - 2. 1925
(c) Paguththarivu - 3. 1934
(d) Viduthalai - 4. 1933
(A) 2 4 3 1 (B) 2 4 1 3
(C) 4 2 1 3 (D) 1 4 3 2
34. **Special Competitive-2025, EO-G3-2022** Who was the first woman to pay penalty for the violation of salt laws?
(A) Dharmambal (B) Rukmani Lakshmipathi
(C) Muthulakshmi Ammaiyar (D) Muvalur Ramamirtham
35. **Group 1 & 1A-2025** Find out the rightly matched pair/s from the following and choose the correct answer from the code given.
(1) 1925 - Periyar EVR started the periodical 'Kudi Arasu'
(2) 1928 - The English periodical 'Revolt' was started
(3) 1934 - Periyar published 'Viduthalai' as a Tamil Daily Newspaper
(4) 1937 - Periyar brought out the Tamil Weekly 'Pagutharivu'
(A) Only (1) and (2) are correct (B) Only (1) and (3) are correct
(C) Only (1) and (4) are correct (D) Only (1), (2) and (4) are correct
36. **Group 1 & 1A-2025** Assertion [A]: Tamilnadu Women Conference held on 13.11.1938 at Chennai under the leadership of T. Neelambikai Ammaiyar.
Reason [R]: This conference passed a resolution for abolition of caste discrimination and the title "Periyar" was conferred on E.V. Ramasamy by this Tamil Nadu Women Conference.
(A) [A] is true [R] is false (B) [A] is false and [R] is false
(C) [A] is false [R] is true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A] (D) [A] is true and [R] is true
37. **Combined Technical Service-2025** Assertion [A]: Periyar E.V. Ramasamy also toured outside Tamilnadu for caste abolition.
Reason [R]: In 1944, and 1959 he raised slogans of abolition of caste in Bombay and Delhi and won acclaim.
(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] is correct



Answers and Explanations

1. (B) 2 only

Periyar left because the Congress was dominated by Brahmin leaders who rejected communal representation; he had in fact actively followed Gandhian programmes such as khadi and prohibition.

2. (A) Periyar E.V. Ramasamy

Because he was imprisoned many times for his agitations, Periyar was nicknamed 'Sirai Paravai' (Jail Bird).

3. (C) Social Justice Day

Since 2021, Periyar's birthday, 17 September, is observed by the Tamil Nadu Government as 'Social Justice Day'.

4. (A) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)

Periyar is regarded as a great 20th-century social reformer because he founded the Self-Respect Movement (1925) to protect the dignity and rights of the downtrodden.

5. (B) He accepted the "Gurukula" system

Periyar strongly opposed the Cheranmadevi Gurukulam, where Brahmin and non-Brahmin students were served food separately, so saying he accepted the Gurukula system is false.

6. (C) 4 2 3 1

Congress won the Madras Assembly election (1937), Periyar became Justice Party president while in jail (1938), the Dravida Nadu conference was held (1939), and the Justice Party became Dravidar Kazhagam (1944).

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

The Erode Plan (Samadharma programme) of 1932 included socialist goals such as abolition of untouchability, education for all, life insurance for all and nationalisation of key industries.

8. (C) Periyar E.V. Ramasamy

In the 1970 UNESCO citation Periyar was hailed as 'the Prophet of the New Age, the Socrates of South East Asia'; he is thus called the Prophet from the South.

9. (D) All the above

Before and during his Congress days Periyar promoted the Khadi Vastralayam, headed the Spinners' Association, served on the District Board and was Chairman of the Erode Municipal Council.

10. (A) 2, 3, 4, 1

The order is Non-Cooperation Movement (1920), toddy-shop picketing at Erode (1921), President of the Madras Provincial Congress Committee (1922) and Vaikom Satyagraha (1924).

11. (D) Chengalpet

The 1929 Chengalpattu Self-Respect Conference passed resolutions for women's welfare such as property rights, the right to divorce and a higher marriage age.

12. (A) Thanthai Periyar

This statement, stressing self-respect and social justice, is attributed to Thanthai Periyar.



13. (B) Kamarajar

Chief Minister Kamarajar, who had Periyar's support, made this challenge in defence of reservation for backward and depressed classes.

14. (C) Self-respect

Periyar's core teaching was that people should value self-respect as dearly as their own lives.

15. (D) E.V. Ramaswamy

Periyar toured the Soviet Union in 1931-32 and was impressed by its rapid progress through five-year plans and modern science and technology.

16. (B) 1928

Periyar started the English journal 'Revolt' in 1928 to spread Self-Respect ideas among English readers.

17. (C) Periyar

'Pen Yen Adimaiyanal' (Why the Woman is Enslaved) was written by Periyar and analyses the causes of women's subjugation.

18. (D) Thanthai Periyar

For awakening society with ideas of equality, liberty and rationalism, Thanthai Periyar is called the 'Rousseau of Tamil Nadu'.

19. (C) Separate dining for Brahmin and non-Brahmin students in Congress-sponsored schools

Separate dining for Brahmin and non-Brahmin students at the Congress-funded Cheranmadevi Gurukulam was one of the key reasons Periyar left the Congress.

20. (C) Desabakthan

Kudi Arasu, Puratchi and Revolt were Periyar's journals, whereas 'Desabakthan' was edited by Thiru. V. Kalyanasundaram (Thiru.Vi.Ka).

21. (A) 1 is correct

Periyar took part in the Non-Cooperation Movement as a Congress member. Self-respect marriages were introduced by the Self-Respect Movement, the title 'Periyar' was given by the Tamil Nadu Women's Conference in 1938, and 'Viduthalai' was a Tamil paper.

22. (B) Salem

At the Salem conference held on 27 August 1944, the Justice Party was renamed Dravidar Kazhagam.

23. (D) Vaikom Satyagraha

The awakening created by the Vaikom Satyagraha (1924-25) led to the Travancore Temple Entry Proclamation issued by the Maharaja in 1936.

24. (A) 1944

Periyar founded the Dravidar Kazhagam in 1944 by renaming the Justice Party at the Salem conference.

25. (B) 1939

Following the anti-Hindi agitation, Periyar raised the demand for a separate 'Dravida Nadu' ('Dravida Nadu for Dravidians') in 1939.



26. (A) Respect for husband

Periyar insisted on equality between men and women and rejected the idea that a wife owes special deference to her husband.

27. (C) (2), (3), (4), (1)

Periyar joined the Congress in 1919, became President of the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee in 1922, led the Vaikom Satyagraha in 1924 and became President of the Justice Party in 1938.

28. (D) E.V. Ramasamy

In 1970 UNESCO honoured Periyar E.V. Ramasamy with a citation calling him 'the Socrates of South-East Asia'.

29. (A) (ii) and (iii) only

Periyar fought against untouchability, gender inequality, caste and religious institutions and the zamindari system; the claim that he encouraged the Sinhalese against Tamils is false.

30. (B) E.V. Ramaswamy

When Kamaraj decided to resign as Chief Minister under the Kamaraj Plan in 1963, Periyar, who supported him, warned that it would be political suicide.

31. (C) (3), (1), (2), (4)

Vaikom Satyagraha 1924, Self-Respect Movement 1925, Justice Party presidency 1938, and the separate Dravida Nadu demand 1939.

32. (A) 4 2 1 3

Periyar was called the 'Rousseau of Tamil Nadu' and N.M.R. Subbaraman the 'Madurai Gandhi'; only option (A) has both (a)-4 and (d)-3.

33. (A) 2 4 3 1

Periyar started Kudi Arasu in 1925, Puratchi in 1933, Pagutharivu in 1934 and Viduthalai in 1935.

34. (B) Rukmani Lakshmipathi

Rukmani Lakshmipathi, who joined the 1930 Vedaranyam Salt Satyagraha, was the first woman to pay a penalty for violating the salt laws.

35. (A) Only (1) and (2) are correct

Kudi Arasu began in 1925 and the English 'Revolt' in 1928. Viduthalai started in 1935 and became a daily in 1937, while Pagutharivu was launched in 1934.

36. (D) [A] is true and [R] is true

The Tamil Nadu Women's Conference held in Madras on 13 November 1938, presided over by Neelambikai Ammaiyar, conferred the title 'Periyar' on E.V. Ramasamy.

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

Periyar travelled to North India in 1944 and 1959 and spoke for caste abolition at backward-class and untouchables' conferences such as those in Lucknow; these tours explain the assertion.