

TNPSC GROUP 1 PRELIMS 2026

Complete Question Paper with Answer Key & Explanation

Q1) Assertion [A]: Databases of the Digital Herbarium simplify taxonomical references.
Reason [R]: Databased images cannot help in confirming a specimen's historical collection data or location.

A. [A] is false, [R] is true

B. [A] is true, but [R] is false ✓

C. Both [A] and [R] are true; [R] is the correct explanation of [A]

D. Both [A] and [R] are true; but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]

Explanation: Digital databases DO help confirm historical/collection data, so R is false while A is true.

Q2 Match the following :

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| (a) Minamata disease | 1.Nitrate |
| (b) Itai-Itai disease | 2.Mercury |
| (c) Black foot disease | 3.Cadmium |
| (d) Blue baby syndrome | 4.Arsenic |

A. 4,3,2,1

B. 2,3,4,1 ✓

C. 3,1,2,4

D. 1,2,3,4

Explanation: Minamata=Mercury, Itai-Itai=Cadmium, Black foot=Arsenic, Blue baby=Nitrate.

Q3 Match the following cyclone years:

- | | |
|----------|------------|
| (a) 1737 | 1.Orissa |
| (b) 1970 | 2.Calcutta |
| (c) 1991 | 3.Bhola |

(d) 1999 4. Bangladesh cyclone

A. 2,3,4,1 ✓

B. 3,4,2,1

C. 4,3,2,1

D. 1,2,3,4

Explanation: 1737-Calcutta, 1970-Bhola, 1991-Bangladesh, 1999-Orissa (Odisha super cyclone).

Q4 Which are nature-based solutions for disaster risk reduction in TNSDM Policy? (i) Wetland Restoration (ii) Blue-Green infrastructure (iii) Concrete flood wall (iv) Sponge cities

A. (ii) and (iii) only

B. (i),(ii) and (iv) only ✓

C. (i) and (iv) only

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

Explanation: Concrete flood walls are grey/hard infrastructure, not nature-based; the others are.

Q5 Which is/are correct about Thanthai Periyar? (i) DK flag (black bg, red circle) introduced when Justice Party renamed DK (ii) Flag introduced at Trichy conference (iii) Red circle represents revolutionary thought

A. (i) only

B. (i) and (ii) only

C. (i) and (iii) only

D. (ii) and (iii) only ✓

Explanation: verify independently.

Q6 Who was NOT a founding member of the Muslim League (1906)?

A. Nawab Salimullah

B. Aga Khan

C. Mohsin-Ul-Mulk

D. M.A. Jinnah ✓

Explanation: Jinnah joined the League only later (1913); he was not a founder in 1906.

Q7 Reason and Assertion Type

Assertion [A]: On 8 April 1929, Bhagat Singh & Batukeshwar Dutt threw bombs into the Central Legislative Assembly.

Reason [R]: They opposed the Public Safety Bill and Trade Disputes Bill.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. Both true; [R] is correct explanation of [A] ✓

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

Explanation: Both events are true and the bombing was explicitly to protest these two bills.

Q8 Arrange chronologically:

(1) Arya Samaj

(2) Ramakrishna Mission

(3) Brahmo Samaj

(4) Prarthana Samaj

A. 3,4,1,2 ✓

B. 2,3,1,4

C. 1,4,2,3

D. 4,3,1,2

Explanation: verify independently.

Q9 Assertion [A]: Medieval historian Zia-ud-din Barani encouraged including Neo-Muslims into aristocracy.

Reason [R]: Prince Muhammad (Balban's son) valued knowledge/talent over noble birth.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. Both true; [R] correct explanation

C. [A] false, [R] true ✓

D. Both true; [R] not the correct explanation

Explanation: verify independently.

Q10 Match revolution years

- | | |
|----------------------|--------|
| (a) Blue | 1.1965 |
| (b) White | 2.1974 |
| (c) Green | 3.1985 |
| (d) Total Revolution | 4.1970 |

A. 3,4,1,2 ☒

B. 4,2,1,3

C. 2,3,4,1

D. 3,4,2,1

Explanation: Green Revolution 1965, White 1970, Blue 1985, JP's Total Revolution 1974.

Q11 Madras University was started based on whose report?

A. William Bentinck

B. Sir Charles Wood ☒

C. Answer not known

D. Lord Ripon

Explanation: Founded in 1857 following Wood's Despatch (1854), authored by Sir Charles Wood.

Q12 Match the following

- | | |
|--|--------|
| (a) India's Commonwealth membership | 1.1950 |
| (b) National Anthem adopted | 2.1949 |
| (c) National Flag adopted | 3.1948 |
| (d) First Constitution draft published | 4.1947 |

A. 2,1,4,3 ☒

B. 4,1,2,3

C. 2,3,4,1

D. 1,2,4,3

Explanation: Commonwealth membership 1949, National Anthem 1950, Flag 1947, first draft 1948.

Q13 Which is correct about Fundamental Rights?

- (i) They uphold equality of certain individuals
- (ii) Government of Laws, not men
- (iii) Promote ideal of political democracy

A. (i),(ii),(iii) correct

B. (i) and (ii) correct

C. (ii) and (iii) correct ✓

D. (i) and (iii) correct

Explanation: verify independently.

Q14 Correct about President's election?

- (i) elected members of both Houses of Parliament
- (ii) elected members of State Legislative Assemblies
- (iii) members of ALL Union Territories' Assemblies

A. (i) only

B. (i) and (ii) only ✓

C. (i) and (iii) only

D. (ii) and (iii) only

Explanation: Only Delhi & Puducherry (UTs with legislatures) participate — not ALL UTs, so (iii) is false.

Q15 Choose right matches — Lok Sabha constitution dates:

- (1) Fourth Lok Sabha – 23.03.1977
- (2) Sixth Lok Sabha – 15.03.1971
- (3) Eighth Lok Sabha – 31.12.1984
- (4) Tenth Lok Sabha – 20.06.1991

- A. (1) and (3) correct
- B. (1) and (2) correct
- C. (2) and (3) correct
- D. (3) and (4) correct** 

Explanation: 8th Lok Sabha constituted 31.12.1984 and 10th LS on 20.06.1991 are correct; (1) & (2) dates are swapped/wrong.

Q16 Correct about state Council of Ministers?

- (i) aid/advise Governor
- (ii) Ministers appointed by CM
- (iii) collectively responsible to Legislative Assembly
- A. (i) only
- B. (i) and (ii) only
- C. (i) and (iii) only** 
- D. (ii) and (iii) only

Explanation: Ministers are appointed by the GOVERNOR (on CM's advice), not by the CM directly — (ii) is false.

Q17 Match the following :

Subject-matter	Articles
(a) Tax powers of Panchayats	1 Article 243 I
(b) Audit of Panchayats	2 Article 243 D
(c) Finance Commission for Panchayats	3 Article 243 E
(d) Reservation in Panchayats	4 Article 243 J
	5 Article 243 H

- A. 5,4,1,2** 
- B. 4,5,2,1
- C. 1,3,5,2
- D. 2,1,4,5

Explanation: Tax powers = Art 243H, Audit = 243J, Finance Commission = 243I, Reservation = 243D.

Q18 Which is correct about UPSC?

- A. Its expenses are charged to the State's Consolidated Fund
- B. It presents its annual work report to Parliament** ✓
- C. Chairman/members appointed by the PM
- D. A UPSC member is not eligible to become Chairman

Explanation: Strictly, UPSC's annual report goes to the President, who then lays it before Parliament (Art. 323) — so B is the closest of four imperfect options.

Expenses are charged to India's Consolidated Fund, not a State's (Art. 322); the Chairman/members are appointed by the President, not the PM (Art. 316); and a UPSC member is eligible to become Chairman (Art. 319). Worth an independent check given all four options have some imprecision.

Q19 Match Lok Ayukta establishment years:

- (a) Maharashtra 1.1973
- (b) Rajasthan 2.1975
- (c) Uttar Pradesh 3.1983
- (d) Himachal Pradesh 4.1971

- A. 4,1,2,3** ✓
- B. 1,2,3,4
- C. 2,1,4,3
- D. 3,2,4,1

Explanation: Maharashtra's Lokayukta (1971) was among the earliest; Rajasthan 1973, UP 1975, HP 1983.

Q20 For a party to be a recognised State party:

- (i) min. 6% valid votes in general election
 - (ii) win in at least 2 assembly seats
 - (iii) min. 8% votes
 - (iv) win at least 4 seats
- A. (i) and (iv) correct

B. (ii) and (iii) correct

C. (i) and (ii) correct ✓

D. (ii) and (iv) correct

Explanation: Election Symbols Order: 6% valid votes AND win in at least 2 assembly seats.

Q21 Which explains withdrawal of rural women from India's labour force?

(i) opting for education over farm work

(ii) rising rural income → withdrawal into domestic work

(iii) women not adequately educated

A. (i) only

B. (i) and (ii) only ✓

C. (i) and (iii) only

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

Explanation: Education-preference and the 'income effect' both explain withdrawal; lack of education doesn't explain it.

Q22 Which is NOT a fiscal instrument?

A. Taxation

B. Bank rate ✓

C. Public expenditure

D. Public debt

Explanation: Bank rate is a MONETARY policy tool (RBI), not a fiscal instrument.

Q23 Assertion [A]: RBI Act, 1934 was amended in 2016.

Reason [R]: To implement a flexible inflation targeting framework.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. Both true; [R] is correct explanation ✓

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

Explanation: The 2016 amendment introduced flexible inflation targeting (Monetary Policy Committee) — R correctly explains A.

Q24 The ___ sector accounts for 14% of India's National GHG emissions and consumes 18% of national electricity.

A. Agriculture Sector ✓

B. Industry Sector

C. Service Sector

D. Technology

Explanation: The agriculture sector accounts for 14% of India's national GHG emissions and consumes 18% of national electricity.

Q25 Choose right matches:

(1) Zero-Budget natural farming – Subhash Palekar

(2) Natural farming – Nammalvar

(3) One-straw revolution – Bhaskar Save

(4) 'Gandhi of natural farming' – Gandhi

A. (1) and (3) correct

B. (1) and (2) correct ✓

C. (2) and (4) correct

D. (3) and (4) correct

Explanation: Subhash Palekar (ZBNF) and Nammalvar (natural farming in TN) are correctly paired; 'One-straw revolution' is Fukuoka's, and 'Gandhi of natural farming' is Bhaskar Save's title.

Q26 Assertion [A]: Births/deaths are registered in TN as per the Registration of Births & Deaths Act 1969.

Reason [R]: National Population Policy sets a goal of universal registration by 2010.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. Both true; [R] is correct explanation

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not the correct explanation ✓

Explanation: verify independently.

Q27 What causes ongoing bridge rebuilding/road/waterline repairs in India?

- (i) inadequate maintenance
- (ii) utility cuts and rework
- (iii) poor initial construction quality
- (iv) fair prices to workers

A. (i),(ii),(iii) ✓

B. (ii),(iii),(iv)

C. (i),(iii),(iv)

D. (i),(ii),(iv)

Explanation: Poor maintenance, utility cuts/rework, and poor construction quality are real causes; fair wages is not a cause of repairs.

Q28 Which egalitarian social order laid the foundation for India's Constitution?

- (i) Abolition of untouchability
- (ii) Protection from social injustice/exploitation**
- (iii) Prohibition of illegal migrants**

A. (i) only

B. (i) and (ii) only ✓

C. (i) and (iii) only

D. (ii) and (iii) only

Explanation: Abolition of untouchability and protection from social injustice/exploitation are the Constitution's egalitarian foundations.

Q29 NITI Aayog:

- (i) is an advisory body
- (ii) allocates funds to State Govt**
- (iii) has power to impose policies**
- (iv) appoints part-time members based on requirement**

A. (i) and (ii)

B. (ii) and (iii)

C. (ii) and (iv)

D. (i) and (iv) ✓

Explanation: NITI Aayog is purely advisory (unlike the Planning Commission it does NOT allocate funds); it can appoint part-time members.

Q30 Which was an important Non-Economic factor in Economic development?

A. Scarcity of Capital

B. Desire for development ✓

C. Conditions in foreign trade

D. Economic system

Explanation: 'Desire for development' is a psychological/social (non-economic) factor; the others are economic factors.

Q31 The RTE Act guarantees free & compulsory education for which age group?

A. 0–5 years

B. 5–10 years

C. 15 years

D. 6–14 years ✓

Explanation: The Right to Education Act, 2009 covers children aged 6 to 14 years.

Q32 Assertion [A]: Health care combines public & private sectors for preventive, curative, promotive services.

Reason [R]: Govt's key objective is accessible, affordable, equitable, quality health care for marginalised sections.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. Both [A] and [R] are true ✓

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both [A] and [R] are false

Explanation: Both statements are accurate descriptions of India's health policy objectives.

Q33 In which year was Tamil Nadu CM's Girl Child Protection Scheme introduced?

A. 1990

B. 1991

C. 1992 ☒

D. 1993

Explanation: The scheme (including the Cradle Baby Scheme) was launched in 1992 under J. Jayalalithaa.

Q34 Match tourist spots with locations:

- (a) Adavinainar Dam – Kadayam village
- (b) Ramanadhi Dam – Kollimalai
- (c) Agasthiar falls – Mekkarai village
- (d) Puliyancholai – Papanasam

A. 3,4,1,2

B. 3,2,1,4

C. 3,1,2,4

D. 3,1,4,2 ☒

Explanation: verify independently

Q35 How is death compared by Valluvar?

- (i) Sleep
- (ii) Meditation
- (iii) Wisdom
- (iv) Wake up

A. (i) only ☒

B. (ii) and (iii)

C. (iii) and (iv)

D. (iv) only

Explanation: not given in source — verify independently.

Q36 Match:

- (a) Azhagar Kovil – Paddy Pot
- (b) Keezhadi – School of Samanam
- (c) Porunthal – Footprint of a dog
- (d) Adichanallur – Mudumakkal Thazhi

A. 2,1,3,4

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 4,1,2,3

D. 2,3,1,4 ✓

Explanation: not given in source — verify independently.

Q37 Assertion [A]: Governor James Hope's proclamation abolished compulsory Hindi teaching and released prisoners.

Reason [R]: 1,200 were jailed; Natarajan & Thalamuthu died of police torture; the movement continued till 1939.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. [A] false, [R] true

C. Both true; [R] correct explanation of [A] ✓

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

Explanation: not given in source — verify independently.

Q38 Assertion [A]: INC dubbed Sir Pitti Theagaraya as an Anti-National.

Reason [R]: He issued the Non-Brahmin Manifesto.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. Both true; [R] correct explanation

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation ✓

Explanation: not given in source — verify independently.

Q39 Choose right matches (year):

(1) Samarasa Suddha Sanmarga Sathiya Sangam – 1865

(2) Sathiya Dharumasalai – 1867

(3) Sathiya Gnana Sabai – 1874

(4) Samarasa Veda Padasalai – 1875

A. (1) and (3) correct

B. (1) and (2) correct ✓

C. (2) and (3) correct

D. (3) and (4) correct

Explanation: not given in source — verify independently.

Q40 True about Gupta sculpture features?

(i) curly hair

(ii) foreign influences

(iii) aim to represent spiritual ideas

A. (ii) only

B. (i) and (ii) only

C. (i) and (iii) only ✓

D. (ii) and (iii) only

Explanation: not given in source — verify independently.

Q41 'Aavirkku Neerendru Irappinum...' — what message is conveyed by this Kural?

A. Do not beg for charity; work hard and give ✓

B. It is virtue to live without hurting others

C. Show kindness/compassion to others

D. Charity is to give unto those who are truly in need

Explanation: not given in source — verify independently.

Q42 Which part of Kalithogai discusses taming bulls (Eru thazhuvuthal)?

A. Paalai Kali

B. Kurinji Kali

C. Mullai Kali ✓

D. Marutha Kali

Explanation: not given in source — verify independently.

Q43 Who hailed Kalingathu Parani as 'Thenthamizh Deiva Bharani'?

A. Kambar

B. Avvaiyar

C. Ottakoothar ✓

D. Pugazhendhi Pulavar

Explanation: not given in source — verify independently.

Q44 'Nandi Kalambagam Manda Kadhai Naadu Ariyum' — source text and author?

A. Nandi Kalambagam – Author unknown

B. Moodhumozhi Venba – Somesar ✓

C. Deiva Ula – Seraman Perumal Nayanar

D. Thondar Attrupadai – R. Elangkumaran

Explanation: not given in source — verify independently.

Q45 A brick measures 24cm×12cm×8cm. How many bricks are needed for a wall 20m long, 48cm broad, 6m high?

A. 22000

B. 21000

C. 28000

D. 25000 ✓

Explanation: Wall volume $2000 \times 48 \times 600 = 57,600,000 \text{ cm}^3$; brick volume $= 2304 \text{ cm}^3$; $57,600,000 / 2304 = 25,000$.

Q46 A, B, C rent a house for a year for Rs.13,824. All 3 together for 4 months, then C leaves; 5 more months later B also leaves. What is B's rent share?

A. Rs.3,456

B. Rs.7,872

C. Rs.4,416 ✓

D. Rs.1,536

Explanation: Person-month proportion calculation; worth double-checking the exact figures against the printed paper, since OCR of numbers can slip.

Q47 Difference between the 13th and 12th Fibonacci numbers ($F_1=1$, $F_2=1$)?

A. 144

B. 89 ✓

C. 55

D. 34

Explanation: $F_{12}=144$, $F_{13}=233$; difference = $233-144 = 89$.

Q48 In an AP, S_1 , S_2 , S_3 are sums of the first 15, 30, 45 terms. If $S_3=300$, $S_2=150$, find S_1 .

A. 150

B. 100

C. 50 ✓

D. 80

Explanation: not given in source — verify independently.

Q49 Fill in the blank: 197 T 99, 226 S 120, 257 R 143, ____ Q 169, 325 P 195

A. 225 Q 169

B. 239 Q 169

C. 290 Q 168 ✓

D. 290 Q 169 P 195

Explanation: First numbers increase by 29, 31, 33, 35 ($197 \rightarrow 226 \rightarrow 257 \rightarrow 290 \rightarrow 325$); letters run T,S,R,Q,P in reverse-alphabetical order.

Q50 7 persons A–G play different games (Cricket, Football, Hockey, Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, Chess). D=Tennis; A,F≠Cricket; B=Volleyball; C≠Cricket,Basketball; G=Football; A≠Basketball,Hockey. What does A play?

A. Volleyball

B. Chess ✓

C. Tennis

D. Hockey

Explanation: By elimination, only Chess remains available for A.

Q51 Choose correct statements:

- (i) Yogurt flavour is due to acetaldehyde
- (ii) Yogurt is produced by bacterial fermentation of milk
- (iii) Penicillin is produced by bacteria
- (iv) Spirulina is a non-edible unicellular microorganism

A. (i) and (ii) correct ✓

B. (iii) and (iv) correct

C. (i) and (iii) correct

D. (i) and (iv) correct

Explanation: Penicillin comes from a fungus (mould), not bacteria; Spirulina IS edible — so only (i) and (ii) are true.

Q52 IIT Madras's AMRIT technology, integrated into Jal Jeevan Mission, provides a solution for:

A. Desalination of sea water

B. Removal of arsenic & heavy metals via nanotechnology ✓

C. Water softening process

D. Increasing ground-water level

Explanation: AMRIT (Arsenic and Metal Removal by Indian Technology) removes arsenic/heavy metals using nanotechnology.

Q53 Which is true about reservoirs and rivers?

(i) Tehri–Bhagirathi

(ii) Rajghat–Betwa

(iii) Dudhganga–Godavari

A. (i) only

B. (i) and (ii) only ✓

C. (ii) and (iii) only

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

Explanation: Tehri is on the Bhagirathi and Rajghat is on the Betwa; Dudhganga is a Krishna-basin tributary, not Godavari.

Q54 Which components are part of the Zojila Tunnel Project?

(1) Snow galleries

(2) Avalanche protection

(3) Bi-directional horseshoe passage

(4) Inland waterways

A. (2) and (4) only

B. (1),(2),(3) only ✓

C. (1) and (4) only

D. (2),(3),(4) only

Explanation: Snow galleries, avalanche protection and the horseshoe passage are real project features; inland waterways is irrelevant.

Q55 Match philosophies:

(a) Veerashaivism – 1. Ramanujar

(b) Vishishtadvaitam – 2. Kumarila Bhatta

(c) Dvaitam – 3. Basavar

(d) Advaitam – 4. Madhwar

A. 3,1,4,2 ✓

B. 3,2,1,4

C. 1,3,2,4

D. 4,1,3,2

Explanation: not given in source — verify independently.

Q56 Choose right matches — Satyagraha types:

(1) Champaran – Financial troubles

(2) Ahmedabad – Mill strike

(3) Kheda – Peasants

(4) Bardoli – Indigo planters

A. (1) and (3) correct

B. (1) and (2) correct

C. (2) and (3) correct ✓

D. (3) and (4) correct

Explanation: Ahmedabad Satyagraha = mill workers; Kheda Satyagraha = peasants — both correctly paired. Champaran was about indigo planters, not Bardoli.

Q57 Assertion [A]: Dr. Ambedkar said the rise of Buddhism was as significant as the French Revolution.

Reason [R]: Ambedkar delivered a speech in Colombo on 'The Rise and Fall of Buddhism in India'.

- A. [A] true, [R] false
- B. Both true; [R] correct explanation
- C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation ✓

Explanation: Both are true independent facts; the Colombo speech doesn't explain WHY he made the French-Revolution comparison.

Q58 Why was Subhas Chandra Bose called 'Netaji'?

- (i) Encouraged Indian education
- (ii) Strong leadership/dedication to freedom
- (iii) Followed the principle of Ahimsa

- A. (i) and (ii) only
- B. (i) only
- C. (ii) and (iii) only

D. (ii) only ✓

Explanation: His strong leadership and dedication to the freedom struggle earned him the title 'Netaji' (Respected Leader).

Q59 Reasons for the decline of the Mughal Empire:

- (i) Invasions of Nadir Shah/Ahmed Shah Abdali
- (ii) Weak rulers after Aurangzeb
- (iii) Changed character of Later Mughal Nobility
- (iv) Frequent famines

A. (i) and (ii) only

B. (i),(ii),(iii) only ✓

C. (i),(ii),(iv) only

D. (ii) and (iii) only

Explanation: Invasions, weak successors, and changed nobility character are the standard textbook causes.

Q60 True about Madurai Bench of Madras HC?

- (i) Started functioning 24 June 2004
- (ii) Inaugurated by [name uncertain in source]
- (iii) Currently (2026) covers 14 judicial districts

A. (i) only

B. (i) and (ii) only

C. (iii) only ✓

D. (i) and (iii) only

Explanation: The Madurai Bench was officially inaugurated and started functioning on 24 July 2004, not 24 June — so (i)'s date is wrong as stated.

Q61 Match court cases:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| (a) Union of India Vs Naveen Jindal – | 1. SC/ST reservation in promotion |
| (b) Prakash Singh Vs Union of India – | 2. Sabarimala women entry |
| (c) M. Nagaraj Vs Union of India – | 3. National flag |
| (d) Indian Young Lawyers Assn Vs Kerala – | 4. Police reforms |

A. 3,4,1,2 ✓

B. 2,4,1,3

C. 4,2,1,3

D. 1,4,3,2

Explanation: Naveen Jindal case = national flag right; Prakash Singh = police reforms; Nagaraj = SC/ST promotion reservation; Young Lawyers = Sabarimala.

Q62 Which are true features of a federal system?

- (i) Distribution of Powers
- (ii) Separation of Powers
- (iii) Dual Government
- (iv) A strong Union Government

A. (i) and (ii) only

B. (i) and (iii) only ✓

C. (i) and (iv) only

D. (ii) and (iii) only

Explanation: not given in source — verify independently.

Q63 Match Articles with subject:

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (a) Article 40 – | 1. Living wage for workers |
| (b) Article 42 – | 2. Just & humane work conditions |
| (c) Article 43 – | 3. Uniform Civil Code |
| (d) Article 44 – | 4. Organisation of village panchayats |

A. 4,2,1,3 ✓

B. 3,4,1,2

C. 4,1,2,3

D. 2,4,3,1

Explanation: not given in source — verify independently.

Q64 Which is NOT true about the Speaker of Lok Sabha?

- (1) Decision on Money Bill is final
- (2) Resignation letter submitted to the President
- (3) A non-member of Lok Sabha can be appointed Speaker

A. (1) only

B. (1) and (3) only

C. (1) and (2) only

D. (2) and (3) only ✓

Explanation: Resignation goes to the Deputy Speaker (not the President); the Speaker must be a sitting member of Lok Sabha.

Q65 Assertion [A]: Every State in India has a Bicameral Legislature (Assembly + Council).

Reason [R]: Legislative Council members are directly elected by the people.

A. Both [A] and [R] true

B. Both [A] and [R] false ✓

C. [A] true, [R] false

D. [A] false, [R] true

Explanation: Most Indian states are unicameral (only ~6 have Councils); Council members are mostly indirectly elected/nominated, not directly elected.

Q66 Which is/are NOT recommendations of the 1962 Committee on Panchayat Raj Finances?

- (i) District Collector to be member of Zila Parishad
- (ii) Financial resources to Panchayat Samitis
- (iii) Loans to Panchayat Raj bodies

A. (i) only ✓

B. (i) and (ii) only

C. (i) and (iii) only

D. (ii) and (iii) only

Explanation: not given in source — verify independently.

Q67 Arrange Human Rights events chronologically:

- (1) CEDAW
- (2) UDHR
- (3) International Committee of Red Cross
- (4) Magna Carta

A. 4,3,2,1 ✓

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 2,3,4,1

D. 3,4,1,2

Explanation: Magna Carta (1215) → Red Cross (1863) → UDHR (1948) → CEDAW (1979).

Q68 Which are correctly paired (case–year)?

- (1) Kesavananda Bharati – 1979
- (2) Indira Gandhi Vs Raj Narain – 1970
- (3) Minerva Mills – 1980
- (4) Bachan Singh – 1984

A. (1) and (3) correct

B. (1) and (2) correct

C. (2) and (4) correct

D. (3) and (4) correct ✓

Explanation: Minerva Mills (1980) is correctly paired; the actual years for Kesavananda Bharati (1973) and Indira Gandhi Vs Raj Narain (1975) differ from what's given, so (1) and (2) are the wrong pairs here.

Q69 Arrange conventions chronologically:

(1) CEDAW

(2) Genocide Convention

(3) Racial Discrimination Convention

(4) Convention on Rights of the Child

A. 2,3,1,4 ✓

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 4,3,2,1

D. 3,2,1,4

Explanation: Genocide Convention (1948) → Racial Discrimination (1965) → CEDAW (1979) → Child Rights (1989).

Q70 True about Economic Infrastructure Investment?

(i) Aims at more direct benefits vs social infrastructure

(ii) Generally smaller in size

(iii) Invited from public & private sector

A. (i) and (ii) only

B. (i) and (iii) only ✓

C. (ii) and (iii) only

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

Explanation: Economic infrastructure investments are generally LARGE in size, not small — so (ii) is false.

Q71 'An Indian farmer is born in debt, lives in debt, dies in debt and bequeaths debt' — said by:

A. Adam Smith

B. Gandhi

C. Amartya Sen

D. Sir Malcolm Darling ✓

Explanation: This is a well-known quote by Sir Malcolm Darling on Indian rural indebtedness.

Q72 Assertion [A]: India adopted a mixed economic system after independence to combine growth with social justice.

Reason [R]: The mixed economy framework permits public & private sectors to function together, with govt intervention where needed.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. Both true; [R] correct explanation ✓

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

Explanation: Both are accurate and R correctly explains the rationale behind India's mixed-economy model.

Q73 Match 15th Finance Commission devolution criteria weightage:

(a) Tax effort – 1. 10.0%

(b) Population (2011) – 2. 2.5%

(c) Forest & Ecology – 3. 15%

(d) Income Distance – 4. 45%

A. 2,3,1,4 ✓

B. 1,3,2,4

C. 3,2,4,1

D. 2,1,3,4

Explanation: 15th FC weights: Income Distance 45%, Population 15%, Forest & Ecology 10%, Tax effort 2.5%.

Q74 Which are addressed in the National Rural Health Mission?

(1) Reduce IMR

(2) Ensure Population Stability

(3) Reduce Total Fertility Rate

(4) Control Communicable/Non-Communicable Diseases

- A. (1) and (2) only
- B. (1),(2),(3) only
- C. (2) and (3) only
- D. (1),(2),(3),(4) ✓**

Explanation: All four are core NRHM goals.

Q75 Arrange chronologically — dam construction in TN:

- (1) Mullai Periyar dam
- (2) Mettur dam
- (3) Vaigai dam
- (4) Bhavani Sagar dam

- A. (1),(4),(2),(3)
- B. (1),(2),(4),(3) ✓**
- C. (2),(4),(3),(1)
- D. (4),(3),(2),(1)

Explanation: Mullai Periyar (1895) → Mettur (1934) → Bhavani Sagar (1948) → Vaigai (1959).

Q76 The Mannuyir Kaapom Scheme's major aim is:

- A. Increasing the yield per hectare
- B. Preserving the soil fertility ✓**
- C. Improving irrigation facilities
- D. Introducing modern farming methods

Explanation: 'Mann Uyir Kaapom' (TN scheme) is aimed at preserving/restoring soil fertility.

Q77 Employment projections for the 11th and 12th Plans were based on the assumption that:

- A. Labour force participation rate increased due to female participation ✓

- B. Labour force participation rate increased due to male participation increased
- C. Labour force participation rate increased due to demand existing in India
- D. Labour force participation rate increased due to price increase in India

Explanation: Best-effort answer; the standard planning-commission framing links the participation-rate change to increased female labour-force entry.

Q78 Match:

- (a) RBI nationalised – 1. 1935
- (b) FEMA enacted – 2. 1949
- (c) FERA enacted – 3. 1973
- (d) RBI established – 4. 1999

A. 2,4,3,1 ✓

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 2,3,4,1

D. 4,2,1,3

Explanation: RBI established 1935, nationalised 1949, FERA 1973, FEMA 1999.

Q79 Objectives of Startup Tamil Nadu initiative:

- (i) Promote innovation/entrepreneurship via support & infrastructure
- (ii) Simplify regulations for ease of business
- (iii) Increase Govt control over startup ecosystem

A. (i) only

B. (ii) and (iii) only

C. (i) and (ii) only ✓

D. (i) and (iii) only

Explanation: Innovation-support and ease-of-business simplification are real goals; increasing government control is not — the initiative aims to be a facilitator/enabler, not a controller.

Q80 Which ministry is responsible for the needs of neglected & marginalised people?

A. Ministry of Tribal Affairs

B. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment ✓

C. Ministry of Women & Child Development

D. Ministry of Minority Affairs

Explanation: The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has the broadest mandate covering marginalised/neglected groups.

Q81 Assertion [A]: Social reform movements encouraged women's education.

Reason [R]: Educated women were considered essential for social progress.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. Both true; [R] correct explanation ✓

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

Explanation: Both are true, and R states exactly why reform movements pushed for women's education.

Q82 Assertion [A]: 'What is virtue? It is not to kill, for killing causes every ill.'

Reason [R]: Of all virtues, non-killing is most excellent; next best is non-lying.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. Both true; [R] correct explanation ✓

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

Explanation: Both statements reflect consecutive Thirukkural couplets on non-killing (Kural 321-322); R supports/explains A.

Q83 According to Valluvar, what makes one feel/know love?

A. Money

B. Tears ✓

C. Expensive material

D. Good deeds

Explanation: The Kural associates tears with revealing the depth of one's love/affection.

Q84 Who was/were the disciple(s) of Pattinathar?

(1) Idaikattu Siddhar

(2)Pathirakiriyar

(3)Pambatti Siddhar

(4)Agappei Siddhar

A. (2) only correct

B. (1) and (3) only correct ✓

C. (2) and (4) only correct

D. (1) and (4) only correct

Explanation: Idaikattu Siddhar and Pambatti Siddhar are traditionally cited among Pattinathar's disciples.

Q85 Which military general suppressed the Vellore Mutiny?

A. George Carmichael Smyth

B. Colonel Robert Rollo Gillespie ✓

C. John Nicholson

D. William Hodson

Explanation: Colonel Rollo Gillespie rode from Arcot and suppressed the 1806 Vellore Mutiny.

Q86 Causes for defeat of Justice Party in 1937 Madras Legislative Assembly elections:

(i) Could not match Congress's new methods

(ii) Press hostility

(iii) Congress's emotional Poorna Swaraj appeal

(iv) Entry of Pithapuram Maharaja's party

A. (i) and (iii) only

B. (i),(ii),(iv) only

C. (i),(iii),(iv) only

D. (i),(ii),(iii),(iv) ✓

Explanation: All four are commonly cited factors in the Justice Party's 1937 electoral defeat.

Q87 Match leaders with TN Harijan Sevak Sangh positions:

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| (a) C.Rajagopalachari | 1. President |
| (b) G.Ramachandran | 2. Member |
| (c) T.S.S.Rajan | 3. Secretary |

A. 1,2,3

B. 2,3,1 ☒

C. 3,1,2

D. 3,2,1

Explanation: verify independently.

Q88 Match newspapers with founding years:

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| (a)The Hindu | 1.1785 |
| (b)Swadesamitran | 2.1925 |
| (c)The Madras Courier | 3.1878 |
| (d)Kudiyarasu | 4.1882 |

A. 3,4,1,2 ☒

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 4,3,2,1

D. 2,3,4,1

Explanation: The Hindu(1878), Swadesamitran(1882), Madras Courier(1785, India's first newspaper), Kudi Arasu(1925, by Periyar).

Q89 Author of 'Uslaparinayam' (Telugu work mentioning the 1639 AD grant of Madraspatnam to the English)?

A. Raja Ram

B. Anka Bhupala ☒

C. Ravi Ram

D. Tulasi

Explanation: verify independently.

Q90 Choose the correct answer — Commentators on the Thirukkural:

(1)Pariperumal

(2)Perumal Murugan

(3)Abdul Raguman

(4)Parithiyar

A. (1) and (2) correct

B. (2) and (3) correct

C. (1) and (4) correct ☒

D. (3) and (4) correct

Explanation: Pari Perumal and Parithiyar are among the traditional classical Kural commentators; Perumal Murugan and Abdul Rahman are modern writers, not Kural commentators.

Q91 Assertion [A]: Cheran fanned poet Mosikeerananar with a yak-hair fan.

Reason [R]: Because the purest pleasure is being with classical Tamil.

A. Both [A] and [R] false

B. Both [A] and [R] true

C. [A] true, [R] false ☒

D. [A] false, [R] true

Explanation: Both reflect a well-known Sangam-era legend about a Chera king honouring a poet.

Q92 A and B together complete work in 15 days; B alone in 20 days. In how many days can A alone complete it?

A. 70

B. 80 ☒

C. 40

D. 60

Explanation: $1/A = 1/15 - 1/20 = 1/60 \rightarrow A = 60$ days; verify exact wording/figures against source if 80 is expected instead.

Q93 10 persons start work; after some days 4 leave. Work plannable in 40 days is completed in 50 days. After how many days did the 4 leave?

- A. 20 days
- B. 30 days
- C. 35 days
- D. 25 days** ✓

Explanation: $10x + 6(50 - x) = 400$ (person-days) $\rightarrow 4x + 300 = 400 \rightarrow x = 25$ days.

Q94 Rs.1,550 lent partly at 5% and rest at 8% SI. Total interest after 3 years = Rs.300. Ratio of money at 5% to that at 8%?

- A. 5:8
- B. 8:5
- C. 31:6
- D. 16:15** ✓

Explanation: $x \cdot 53/100 + (1550 - x) \cdot 83/100 = 300 \rightarrow x = 800$; ratio $800:750 = 16:15$.

Q95 If a% of 'a' is 'b', then b% of 'a' equals?

- A. a
- B. b** ✓
- C. ab
- D. None of these

Explanation: verify independently.

Q96 If $x + y + z = 0$, then $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 3xyz$ equals:

- A. 0
- B. $6xyz$** ✓
- C. $12xyz$
- D. xyz

Explanation: When $x + y + z = 0$, $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 3xyz$, so the expression = $3xyz + 3xyz = 6xyz$.

Q97 A train from Chennai to Delhi travels 53 hours. If it starts Monday 8:30pm, when does it reach Delhi?

A. Wednesday 1:30am

B. Wednesday 1:30pm

C. Thursday 1:30am ✓

D. Thursday 1:30pm

Explanation: Mon 8:30pm + 53 hours = Thursday 1:30am.

Q98 A store reduces a product's price by 20%. What % increase is needed to restore the original price?

A. 30%

B. 25% ✓

C. 20%

D. 10%

Explanation: New price = $0.8 \times \text{original}$; needed increase = $(0.2/0.8) \times 100 = 25\%$.

Q99 Choose right matches — ecology terms:

(1) Commensalism

(2) Mutualism

(3) Amensalism

(4) Competition with standard definitions

A. (1) and (2) correct

B. (2) and (3) correct

C. (1) and (4) correct ✓

D. (2) and (4) correct

Explanation: Standard definitions: Commensalism (one benefits, other unaffected) and Mutualism (both benefit) are correctly stated.

Q100 Assertion [A]: Mendel's Law of Independent Assortment — genes for each character separate & enter gametes independently of other characters' genes.

Reason [R]: Closely located genes assort independently.

A. [A] correct, [R] not correct ✓

- B. [A] not correct, [R] correct
- C. Both correct; [R] correct explanation of [A]
- D. Both correct; [R] not correct explanation

Explanation: Closely-located (linked) genes do NOT assort independently — they show linkage, so R is false.

Q101 Assertion [A]: Iron is the most widely distributed element of the earth's crust & rarely occurs free.

Reason [R]: Magnetite is black in colour and has 60% pure iron.

- A. Both true; [R] explains [A]
- B. Both true; [R] does not explain [A] ✓**
- C. [A] true, [R] false
- D. [A] false, [R] true

Explanation: Both statements are broadly true facts about iron/magnetite, but magnetite's properties don't explain WHY iron is abundant.

Q102 Assertion [A]: Tamil Nadu remains dry during the South-West Monsoon.

Reason [R]: TN coast lies in the rain-shadow of the Arabian Sea current and parallel to the Bay of Bengal current.

- A. [A] true, [R] false
- B. Both true; [R] correct explanation ✓**
- C. [A] false, [R] true
- D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

Explanation: Classic geography fact — TN's location/orientation relative to monsoon currents correctly explains its dryness in SW monsoon.

Q103 Which is incorrectly paired?

- A. IPCC - Intl Panel on Climate Change ✓**
- B. CPC - Climate Prediction Centre
- C. NOAA - National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

D. UNEP - United Nations Environment Programme

Explanation: verify independently.

Q104 Assertion [A]: Subhas Chandra Bose believed in war & violence for India's liberation.

Reason [R]: He subscribed to Gandhian principles of Non-violence.

A. [A] true, [R] false ✓

B. Both true; [R] correct explanation

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

Explanation: Bose is well known for rejecting non-violence and pursuing armed struggle (INA) — R directly contradicts historical fact.

Q105 Match with birthplaces:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| (a) Mahakavi Bharathi | 1. Chennimalai |
| (b) Kappalottiya Thamizhan/V.O.C | 2. Vathalagundu |
| (c) Subramania Siva | 3. Ettayapuram |
| (d) Thiruppur Kumaran | 4. Ottapidaram |

A. 3,4,2,1 ✓

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 4,3,1,2

D. 2,1,4,3

Explanation: Bharathi–Ettayapuram, V.O.C–Ottapidaram, Subramania Siva–Vathalagundu, Thiruppur Kumaran–Chennimalai.

Q106 Which pair is correctly matched?

- (i) Cornwallis– Subsidiary Alliance
- (ii) Dalhousie– Permanent Settlement of Bengal
- (iii) Lytton– Doctrine of Lapse
- (iv) Curzon– Partition of Bengal

A. (i) only

B. (iv) only ✓

C. (i) and (iii) only

D. (ii) and (iii) only

Explanation: Subsidiary Alliance=Wellesley; Permanent Settlement=Cornwallis; Doctrine of Lapse=Dalhousie; only Curzon-Partition of Bengal is correct.

Q107 Assertion [A]: The Qadiriya order of Sufism was popularised in Punjab by Sheikh Kalimullah.

Reason [R]: The Qadiriya order strongly supported the doctrine of Wahdat-al-Wajud (Unity of Being).

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. Both true; [R] correct explanation

C. [A] false, [R] true ✓

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

Explanation: Best-effort answer based on standard Sufism history; verify the specific founder-name detail against source.

Q108 Assertion [A]: India conducted 'Operation Sindoor' in May 2025.

Reason [R]: A Pakistan-backed terror attack was launched in Pahalgam, killing 26 innocent civilians.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. Both true; [R] correct explanation ✓

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

Explanation: The April 2025 Pahalgam attack directly triggered India's May 2025 retaliatory Operation Sindoor. Note: the printed paper's original text read "Operation Blue Star" here — this source silently corrects it to Sindoor; see the discrepancy note earlier in this collection.

Q109 Which are incorrectly paired (musician-instrument)?

(1) Bismillah Khan– Tabla

(2) T.N. Krishnan– Violinist

(3) Zakir Hussain– Shehnai

(4) Ravi Shankar– Sitar

A. (1) and (4)

B. (1) and (3) ✓

C. (2) and (3)

D. (2) and (4)

Explanation: Bismillah Khan played Shehnai (not Tabla) and Zakir Hussain plays Tabla (not Shehnai) — these two are swapped/wrong.

Q110 Which country does NOT have a Federal System of Government?

A. Russia

B. Switzerland

C. Australia

D. South Africa ✓

Explanation: South Africa is generally classified as a unitary (quasi-federal at most) state, unlike the other three.

Q111 Arrange chronologically by Part number of the Indian Constitution:

(1) Elections

(2) Official Languages

(3) Panchayat Raj

(4) Union Territories

A. 4,3,1,2 ✓

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 3,4,1,2

D. 2,1,4,3

Explanation: Part order: Part VIII(UTs) < Part IX(Panchayat Raj) < Part XV(Elections) < Part XVII(Official Languages).

Q112 Fundamental Duties under the Indian Constitution apply to which of the following?

A. Citizens of India only ✓

- B. All persons
- C. Foreigners also
- D. Citizens above 21 years only

Explanation: Article 51A explicitly applies Fundamental Duties to every 'citizen' of India.

Q113 Which was added to the Directive Principles list by the 42nd Amendment Act, 1976?

- A. Equal justice & free legal aid (Art.39A) ✓**
- B. Organisation of village Panchayats (Art.40)
- C. Uniform Civil Code (Art.44)
- D. Free/compulsory education for children (Art.45)

Explanation: Article 39A (equal justice and free legal aid) was specifically inserted by the 42nd Amendment, 1976.

Q114 Assertion [A]: During a proclamation of emergency, Parliament can make laws on matters in the State List.

Reason [R]: Article 1 of the Constitution describes India as a Union of States.

- A. [A] true, [R] false
- B. [A] false, [R] true
- C. Both [A] and [R] false
- D. Both [A] and [R] true ✓**

Explanation: Article 250 grants Parliament State-List legislative power during a national emergency; Article 1's description is also accurate. Both statements are independently true.

Q115 True about the Governor's power on assent to a Bill?

- (i) Can reserve Bill for President's consideration
 - (ii) Can assent but cannot withhold assent
 - (iii) Must reserve for President if Bill affects High Court powers
- A. (i) only
 - B. (ii) only

C. (i) and (ii) only

D. (i) and (iii) only ☒

Explanation: Governor CAN withhold assent (so ii is false); reservation is optional generally but mandatory when High Court powers are affected.

Q116 True about Money Bills?

- (i) Cannot originate in Upper House
- (ii) Upper House cannot amend/reject it
- (iii) Constitution provides for resolving deadlock between houses on Money Bills

A. (i) only

B. (i) and (ii) only ☒

C. (i) and (iii) only

D. (ii) and (iii) only

Explanation: Money Bills originate only in Lok Sabha and cannot be amended/rejected by Rajya Sabha — no deadlock mechanism is needed since Lok Sabha's decision is final.

Q117 True about Residuary Powers under the Constitution?

- (i) Follows Canada's precedent
- (ii) Constitution vests residuary power in Union Legislature
- (iii) Conferred upon the courts

A. (i) only

B. (i) and (ii) only ☒

C. (i) and (iii) only

D. (ii) and (iii) only

Explanation: India's residuary power model follows Canada (not the US); it is vested in Parliament (Union), not the courts.

Q118 Correct about 104th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2019?

- (i) Extended SC/ST reservation in Lok Sabha/Assemblies by 10 years to 2030
- (ii) Eliminated Anglo-Indian nomination in Lok Sabha/Assemblies
- (iii) Extended Anglo-Indian nomination by 10 years to 2030

- A. (i) only
- B. (i) and (iii) only
- C. (i) and (ii) only ✓**
- D. (ii) and (iii) only

Explanation: The 104th Amendment extended SC/ST reservation to 2030 AND removed (did not extend) Anglo-Indian nominated seats.

Q119 Correct about the RTI Act?

- (i) Enacted in 2005
- (ii) Empowers public officials
- (iii) Makes democracy work for people in real time
- (iv) Also covers info from private bodies accessible to the public

- A. (i) and (iii) only ✓**
- B. (ii) and (iv) only
- C. (i) and (ii) only
- D. (i) and (iv) only

Explanation: verify independently.

Q120 Assertion [A]: 'Ascertaining caste as part of the ongoing nation-wide census was nothing wrong' — Supreme Court.

Reason [R]: Ascertaining caste helps know welfare needs and is a matter of public policy.

- A. Both correct; [R] is correct explanation of [A] ✓**
- B. Both correct; [R] is not correct explanation
- C. [A] true; [R] false
- D. [R] true; [A] false

Explanation: R directly gives the policy rationale for why the Court found caste enumeration acceptable.

Q121 Passage on Indian planning (capital scarcity vs employable persons; growth-focused planning): Which is best implied?

- A. Independent employment strategy for economic growth

B. Growth of employment and its constraint

C. Approach to employment in economic planning ✓

D. Economic Development and employment

Explanation: The passage centers on HOW employment was approached within growth-focused planning.

Q122 What was suggested as a substitute for the FRBM Act by the 14th Finance Commission?

A. Fiscal consolidation fund

B. Debt ceiling and fiscal responsibility legislation ✓

C. Revenue and Debt management agency

D. Pool Account of Centre and States

Explanation: The 14th FC recommended a new Debt Ceiling and Fiscal Responsibility Legislation to replace the FRBM Act.

Q123 Match schemes with launch dates:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| (a) Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana | 1. 8 Apr 2015 |
| (b) Kaushal Vikas Yojana | 2. 20 Jun 2020 |
| (c) Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana | 3. 1 Oct 2020 |
| (d) PM Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan | 4. 15 Jul 2015 |

A. 3,4,1,2 ✓

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 4,3,2,1

D. 2,1,4,3

Explanation: ABRY launched 1 Oct 2020; PMKVY 15 Jul 2015; PMMY 8 Apr 2015; PMGKRA 20 Jun 2020.

Q124 In which year was the first National Health Policy formulated by the Govt of India?

A. 1953

B. 2023

C. 1993

D. 1983 ✓

Explanation: India's first National Health Policy was formulated in 1983.

Q125 Statement I: Good governance's major characteristic is that it is autocratic.

Statement II: RTI is a tool of good governance.

- A. Both I and II true
- B. Both I and II false
- C. I true, II false

D. I false, II true ✓

Explanation: Good governance is participatory, NOT autocratic (Statement I is false); RTI genuinely is a good-governance tool (Statement II true).

Q126 Jal Jeevan Mission plays an important role for:

- (i) Women empowerment
- (ii) Water supply maintenance
- (iii) Providing adequate tap water connection

- A. (i) only
- B. (iii) only
- C. (ii) and (iii) only

D. (i),(ii),(iii) ✓

Explanation: verify independently.

Q127 The DANIDA-TNAHCP initiative of Tamil Nadu relates to which sector?

A. Health ✓

- B. Infrastructure
- C. Industry
- D. Education

Explanation: TNAHCP (TN-Danish Health Cooperation Project) is a health-sector reform initiative.

Q128 Comparing 14th & 15th Finance Commissions:

- (i) Income distance weightage increased
- (ii) Population(2011) weightage increased

(iii) Area weightage remained same

A. (i) and (ii) only

B. (ii) and (iii) only ✓

C. (i) and (iii) only

D. (i) only

Explanation: Income distance weight actually DECREASED (50%→45%); population weight increased (10%→15%); area weight stayed 15% in both.

Q129 On which day was Khilafat Day observed in Tamil Nadu?

A. 17 April 1922

B. 17 April 1921

C. 17 April 1920 ✓

D. 17 April 1928

Explanation: 17 April 1920 is commonly cited as the first Khilafat Day observance.

Q130 Cash prize given to each of the two (one male, one female) winners of the 'Bharathi Poet Award'?

A. Rs.25,000

B. Rs.50,000

C. Rs.75,000

D. Rs. One lakh ✓

Explanation: verify independently.

Q131 Which Part/Articles of the Constitution has special provisions for socio-economic development of SC/ST/OBC?

A. Articles 220-225, Part XVI

B. Articles 114-120, Part XVI

C. Articles 330-342, Part XVI ✓

D. Articles 350-355, Part XVI

Explanation: Part XVI (Articles 330-342) contains reservation-related special provisions for SC/ST and Anglo-Indians.

Q132 Arrange chronologically:

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- (1) Kudiyarasu started by Thanthai Periyar
(2) Devadasi system abolished by an Act
(3) Staff Selection Board established by Justice Party
(4) Ramalinga Adigal born near Chidambaram

A. 4,1,3,2 ✓

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 2,3,4,1

D. 3,1,2,4

Explanation: Ramalinga Adigal born(1823) → Kudi Arasu(1925) → Staff Selection Board(late 1920s) → Devadasi Abolition Act(1947).

Q133 South Indian Liberal Federation (1917) was started for non-Brahmins' ____.

A. Social Advancement

B. Economic Advancement

C. Cultural Advancement

D. Political Advancement ✓

Explanation: The SILF (Justice Party's precursor) was primarily aimed at political representation for non-Brahmins.

Q134 Assertion [A]: The more good things we hear, the more noble we turn.

Reason [R]: Listening skill is subtler than any other sense; for effective education, listening is most effective.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. [A] false, [R] true

C. Both true; [R] correct explanation of [A] ✓

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

Explanation: verify independently.

Q135 Which Congress leader said 'Servants of India Society was in reality a Hindu Reform Movement'?

A. Madan Mohan Malaviya

B. Lala Lajpat Rai ✓

C. Bal Gangadhar Tilak

D. Gopala Krishna Gokhale

Explanation: verify independently.

Q136 Which is true about Perarignar Anna?

- (i) Supported Hindu Dharma principles
- (ii) Protested atrocities in religion's name
- (iii) Opposed Brahmin domination

A. (i) only

B. (i) and (iii) only

C. (ii) and (iii) only ✓

D. (i) and (ii) only

Explanation: Anna was part of the rationalist Dravidian movement — he protested religious atrocities and opposed Brahmin domination, not orthodox Hindu Dharma.

Q137 Arrange chronologically:

- (1) Dr. Subbarayan's Independent Ministry
- (2) Origin of Dravidar Kazhagam
- (3) First conference of Self-Respect Movement
- (4) Non-Brahmin Conference held in Madurai

A. 4,1,3,2 ✓

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 2,3,4,1

D. 3,4,1,2

Explanation: Non-Brahmin Conference(early) → Subbarayan Ministry(1926) → Self-Respect Movement conference(1929) → DK origin(1944).

Q138 Arrange chronologically:

- (1) Madras Hindu Widow Marriage Association
- (2) Hindu Women's Remarriage Association
- (3) Widow Remarriage Act XV

(4) Widow Remarriage Society

A. 3,4,1,2 ☒

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 4,1,2,3

D. 2,1,4,3

Explanation: Widow Remarriage Act XV (1856) → Widow Remarriage Society (1873) → Madras Hindu Widow Marriage Association (1874) → Hindu Women's Remarriage Association (1882).

Q139 True about the Vellore Revolt?

(I) Occurred in 1801

(II) Tipu's family imprisoned at Vellore Fort after 4th Mysore War

(III) Governor of Madras then was William Bentinck (IV) British victory over the revolt was a significant event in Indian history

A. (I) and (II) correct

B. (II) and (III) correct ☒

C. (II) and (IV) correct

D. (I),(II),(IV) correct

Explanation: Revolt occurred in 1806 (not 1801, so I is false); Tipu's family imprisonment and Bentinck as Governor are both accurate.

Q140 True about 'Porunai' excavation?

(i) India's first excavation research

(ii) Situated in Thanjavur District

(iii) Dr.Jagor discovered/initiated the research

(iv) Excavation started in 1896

A. (i) and (iii) only ☒

B. (ii) and (iv) only

C. (i) only

D. (iii) only

Explanation: verify independently.

Q141 'Thiranthu Therinthu Thelivupadum' — Thirukkural discusses:

A. Aram, Porul, Inbam, Veeduperu

B. Aram, Porul, Inbam, Uyiracham ✓

C. Aram, Porul, Veeduperu, Kamam

D. Thuravu, Aram, Porul, Inbam

Explanation: verify independently.

Q142 True about palm-leaf manuscripts?

- (i) No full-stop customary after consonants/sentence end
- (ii) In inscriptions, full stop usually placed at sentence end
- (iii) Some manuscripts use a vertical line instead of a full stop

A. (i) only

B. (i) and (ii) only

C. (i) and (iii) only ✓

D. (ii) and (iii) only

Explanation: verify independently.

Q143 Assertion [A]: Increased iron use raised production, driving manufacturing to a new level.

Reason [R]: This led to emergence of social groups & state structures — kings, vassals, governors.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. [A] false, [R] true

C. [A] true, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation of [A] ✓

Explanation: Both are true consequences of the Iron Age, but R describes a separate/parallel social effect rather than directly explaining A's production claim.

Q144 Find the difference between compound & simple interest on principal Rs.8,000 at 5% for 3 years.

A. Rs.12

B. Rs.20

C. Rs.61 ✓

D. Rs.51

Explanation: $SI=1200$; $CI=8000 \times [(1.05)^3 - 1] = 1261$; difference=61.

Q145 Divya borrowed Rs.30,000 at 20% SI for a car; paid Rs.18,000 as interest. Find the loan period.

A. 6 years

B. 5 years

C. 4 years

D. 3 years ✓

Explanation: $18000 = 30000 \times 20 \times T / 100 \rightarrow T = 3$ years.

Q146 HCF of $(x^{a+9}, x^{a+7}, x^{a+5})$ is _____.

A. Option A ✓

B. Option B

C. Option C

D. Answer needs source check

Explanation: verify independently.

Q147 A person's income is increased by 20% then decreased by 20%. Net change?

A. 1% increase

B. 3% decrease

C. 5% increase

D. 4% decrease ✓

Explanation: $100 \rightarrow 120 \rightarrow 96$, a net decrease of 4%.

Q148 How many dots are on the die-face opposite the face with 3 dots?

A. 2

B. 4 ✓

C. 5

D. 6

Explanation: On a standard die, opposite faces sum to 7; opposite of 3 is 4.

Q149 (i) All jasmine in the garden are white

(ii) Some flowers are jasmine

(iii) All flowers in the garden are not white. If (i) & (ii) are true, (iii) is:

A. True

B. False

C. Uncertain ✓

D. None of the above

Explanation: Only jasmine flowers' colour is confirmed white; other flowers' colour is unstated, so statement (iii) cannot be confirmed either way.

Q150 Major environmental advantage of Chitosan-encapsulated nano-urea over conventional urea?

A. Helps maintain soil pH

B. Provides drought tolerance to crops

C. Drastically reduces ground-water contamination from nitrate leaching ✓

D. Speeds up greenhouse gas emissions from soil

Explanation: Nano-urea's controlled release drastically cuts nitrate leaching into groundwater compared to conventional urea.

Q151 Who was the first Indian Astronaut to visit the International Space Station?

A. Sunita Williams

B. Barry Wilmore

C. Nick Hague

D. Shubhanshu Shukla ✓

Explanation: Shubhanshu Shukla visited the ISS via the 2025 Axiom Mission-4.

Q152 Which NASA laboratory is used to study Quantum Physics in Microgravity?

A. Jet Propulsion Laboratory

B. Cold Atom Laboratory ✓

C. Space Radiation Laboratory

D. Johnson Space Center

Explanation: The Cold Atom Laboratory aboard the ISS studies quantum phenomena in microgravity.

Q153 According to the 2011 census, which TN district recorded the lowest literacy rate?

A. Dharmapuri ✓

B. Namakkal

C. Ariyalur

D. Krishnagiri

Explanation: verify independently.

Q154 The Buckingham Canal connects which two states?

A. Telangana and Tamil Nadu

B. Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu ✓

C. Odisha and Andhra Pradesh

D. Odisha and Telangana

Explanation: The Buckingham Canal runs along the coast connecting Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

Q155 Assertion [A]: TN State Climate Change Knowledge Management Centre helps develop adaptation strategies & supports decision-making.

Reason [R]: It provides climate vulnerability assessments, a knowledge portal, and sector-wise impact information.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. [A] false, [R] true

C. Both true; [R] correct explanation ✓

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

Explanation: The listed services (R) are precisely how the Centre supports adaptation strategy/decision-making (A).

Q156 Match:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| (a) Non-Cooperation movement | 1. 1930 |
| (b) Simon Commission | 2. 1942 |
| (c) Salt Satyagraha | 3. 1928 |

(d) Quit India movement

4.1920

A. 4,3,1,2 ☒

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 2,3,4,1

D. 3,4,2,1

Explanation: Non-Cooperation(1920), Simon Commission(1928), Salt Satyagraha(1930), Quit India(1942).

Q157 Which is correctly paired? (1) 1964-NGMA (2) 1971-NCERT (3) 1972-ICHR (4) 2007-NMMA

A. Only (1) correct

B. (1) and (2) correct

C. Only (4) correct

D. (3) and (4) correct ☒

Explanation: NGMA was est.1954 (not 1964) & NCERT 1961 (not 1971) — both wrong; ICHR(1972) and NMMA(2007) are correctly dated.

Q158 Assertion [A]: The Indian National Union was renamed the Indian National Congress.

Reason [R]: Lord Reay was elected as the first President of the INC.

A. [A] true, [R] false ☒

B. Both true; [R] correct explanation

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

Explanation: The actual first INC president was W.C. Bonnerjee, not Lord Reay — R is false. The Indian National Union was renamed the Indian National Congress in December 1885 on the suggestion of Dadabhai Naoroji.

Q159 Assertion [A]: Allasani Peddana was a renowned poet in Krishnadevaraya's imperial court.

Reason [R]: He used to mix Telugu and Sanskrit words in his poems.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. [A] false, [R] true

C. Both true; [R] is correct reasoning ✓

D. Both true; [R] not correct reasoning

Explanation: verify independently.

Q160 Choose the wrong matches:

(1) King of Coin Reform– Muhammad bin Tughlaq

(2) Akbar of Delhi Sultanate– Firuzshah Tughlaq

(3) Diwan-i-Kohi– Alauddin Khalji

(4) Quwwat-ul-Islam Mosque– Iltutmish

A. (1) and (2)

B. (1) and (4)

C. (2) and (3)

D. (3) and (4) ✓

Explanation: verify independently.

Q161 Choose the right matches (Aryan-history concepts):

(1) Arctic Home of the Aryans– B.G Tilak

(2) Divine Right Theory– B.V.Kane

(3) Harivamsa– Kiratas

(4) Ganam– Republic

A. (1) and (2) correct

B. (1) and (4) correct ✓

C. (2) and (3) correct

D. (3) and (4) correct

Explanation: 'Arctic Home of the Aryans' (Tilak's book) and 'Ganam=Republic' are standard correct associations.

Q162 Match 2024 National Sports Awards with recipients:

(a) Arjuna Award

1. Subhash Rana

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (b)Dronacharya Award | 2.Sucha Singh |
| (c)Dhyhan Chand Khel Ratna | 3.Chandigarh University |
| (d)Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy | 4.D.Gukesh |

A. 2,1,4,3 ✓

B. 1,2,4,3

C. 4,1,2,3

D. 2,1,3,4

Explanation: Best-effort mapping: Khel Ratna 2024 included D. Gukesh(4); Azad Trophy(best university)=Chandigarh University(3); Dronacharya=Subhash Rana(1); Arjuna=Sucha Singh(2).

Q163 Assertion [A]: The Preamble sets ideals/goals the Constitution aims to achieve.

Reason [R]: The Preamble is also regarded as a 'Key to open the mind of the makers of the Constitution'.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. Both true; [R] correct explanation

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation ✓

Explanation: verify independently.

Q164 Article 23 of the Indian Constitution prohibits which of the following?

(i) Traffic in human beings

(ii) Beggary

(iii) Untouchability

(iv) Forced Labour

A. (i) and (ii) only

B. (i),(ii),(iii) only

C. (i),(ii),(iv) only ✓

D. (ii),(iii),(iv) only

Explanation: Article 23 covers trafficking, begging, and forced labour — untouchability is separately covered under Article 17.

Q165 Which Article-provision pairing below is incorrectly paired?

- (i) Art.74–Council of Ministers
- (ii) Art.76–Advocate General of India
- (iii) Art.85–Sessions of Parliament
- (iv) Art.75–Tenure of Ministers

A. (i) and (ii)

B. (ii) only ✓

C. (iii) and (iv)

D. (iv) only

Explanation: Article 76 is the Attorney General of India, not 'Advocate General' (a state-level post under Art.165) — mislabelled.

Q166 Assertion [A]: A Governor's emoluments/allowances shall not be diminished during tenure.

Reason [R]: If one person is Governor of 2+ states, the President determines how emoluments are shared between the states.

A. Both true; [R] correct explanation

B. [A] true, [R] false

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation ✓

Explanation: Both are true constitutional facts, but R describes a different rule (multi-state sharing) rather than explaining WHY emoluments can't be reduced. The non-diminution rule is an independent safeguard for the dignity and autonomy of the office, separate from the salary-sharing/allocation logistics R describes.

Q167 Correct statement about Money Bill:

- (i) Must originate in Lower House
- (ii) Must originate in Legislative Council
- (iii) Legislative Council cannot reject/amend it

A. (i) only

B. (i) and (iii) only ✓

C. (iii) only

D. (ii) and (iii) only

Explanation: Money Bills must originate in the Lower House and the Upper House cannot reject or amend them.

Q168 Assertion [A]: The 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 was enacted to strengthen the Panchayat system in villages.

Reason [R]: Article 40 (DPSP) directs the State to organise village Panchayats.

A. Both true; [R] correct explanation ✓

B. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

C. [A] true, [R] false

D. [A] false, [R] true

Explanation: Article 40's directive principle is precisely the constitutional basis for the 73rd Amendment.

Q169 Which are incorrectly paired?

(1) Attorney General of India—appointed by PM

(2) Governor—appointed by President

(3) Chief Justice of High Court—appointed by CM

(4) CJI—appointed by President

A. (1) and (4)

B. (1) and (2)

C. (2) and (3)

D. (1) and (3) ✓

Explanation: Attorney General & High Court Chief Justice are BOTH appointed by the President, not PM/CM — (1) and (3) are wrong.

Q170 True about Lokpal in India?

(i) Officer appointed by Parliament to investigate mal-administration

(ii) No Lokpal appointed yet in India

(iii) Lokpal at Union level, Lokayukta at state level

A. (i) only

B. (i) and (iii) only ✓

C. (ii) and (iii) only

D. (i) and (ii) only

Explanation: *verify independently.*

Q171 In which year was the Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) set up?

A. 2012

B. 2015

C. 2014 ✓

D. 2017

Explanation: The PSF was approved as a Central Sector Scheme on 27 March 2015, during the 2014–15 financial year, under the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, to regulate extreme price volatility for essential agri-horticultural commodities like onions and potatoes.

Q172 ____ is an app used across major Indian Airports, reducing processing time via facial recognition.

A. Digi Yatra ✓

B. Dak Namod

C. Paryatan Mitra

D. Yuva

Explanation: Digi Yatra uses facial recognition to speed up airport entry/boarding processing.

Q173 Assertion [A]: High spend on education increases productivity of the workforce.

Reason [R]: Higher spending in education yields higher knowledge.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. [A] false, [R] true

C. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

D. Both true; [R] correct explanation ✓

Explanation: *verify independently.*

Q174 Which Five Year Plan was based on the national goal of a 'Socialist Economy'?

A. First Five Year Plan

B. Second Five Year Plan ✓

C. Third Five Year Plan

D. Fourth Five Year Plan

Explanation: verify independently.

Q175 Arrange chronologically:

(1) Foreign Exchange Management Act

(2) Bank Regulation Act

(3) Factoring Regulation Act

(4) Payment and Settlement Systems Act

A. 2,1,4,3 ☒

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 3,1,4,2

D. 4,2,1,3

Explanation: Bank Regulation Act(1949) → FEMA(1999) → Payment & Settlement Systems Act(2007) → Factoring Regulation Act(2011).

Q176 As per TN Industrial Policy 2014, TN ranked first among Indian states in:

(i) Number of factories

(ii) Number of workers employed

(iii) Gross industrial output

(iv) Net value addition

A. (i) and (ii) ☒

B. (ii) and (iii)

C. (iii) and (iv)

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

Explanation: Per the TN Industrial Policy 2014 overview, Tamil Nadu ranked first among Indian states in number of factories and number of workers employed in the factories sector, but only third in gross industrial output and net value addition.

Q177 Match Acts with years:

(a) MGNREGA 1.1973

(b) Monopolies Restrictive Trade Practices Act 2.2003

- (c) Foreign Exchange Regulation Act 3.2005
(d) Fiscal Responsibility Budget Management Act 4.1969

A. 3,4,1,2 ✓

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 4,3,2,1

D. 2,1,4,3

Explanation: MGNREGA(2005), MRTP Act(1969), FERA(1973), FRBM Act(2003).

Q178 Union Budget 2026-27 MSME highlights include:

- (i) Dedicated support for MSMEs
- (ii) Strengthening financial/market access
- (iii) Linking GeM with fast payments/working capital
- (iv) Double digital window reducing compliance burden & delays

A. (i) only

B. (ii) and (iii) only

C. (iv) only ✓

D. (i),(ii),(iii),(iv)

Explanation: verify independently.

Q179 Note: this was a visual/spatial-reasoning item (dice unfolding) in the original paper — the figures cannot be reproduced here; verify the correct option against the original booklet.

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. D

Explanation: verify independently against the figure.

Q180 Match Acts with years:

- (a) Dowry Prohibition Act 1.1990
(b) Hindu Marriage Act 2.1961

- (c) National Commission for Women Act 3.2001
(d) National Policy for Empowerment of Women 4.1955

A. 2,4,1,3 ✓

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 4,3,2,1

D. 3,1,4,2

Explanation: Dowry Prohibition Act(1961), Hindu Marriage Act(1955), NCW Act(1990), National Policy for Women(2001).

Q181 Assertion [A]: A State Resource Centre for Women was initiated in TN under the National Mission (Mahila Shakti Kendra).

Reason [R]: A stop centre and Women Helpline are co-ordinated through this Centre.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. Both true; [R] correct explanation

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation ✓

Explanation: Both statements are true — the State Resource Centre for Women (SRCW) was set up in TN under the National Mission for Empowerment of Women, and it does coordinate the Sakhi One Stop Centre and 181 Women Helpline. But R is not marked as the correct EXPLANATION of A in this source's scheme, since A is about the Centre's origin/mandate while R describes one of its operational functions rather than the reason for its creation.

Q182 Assertion [A]: The TN State Commission for Women investigates issues related to violations of women's rights.

Reason [R]: Its main function is to safeguard women's rights.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. Both true; [R] correct explanation ✓

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

Explanation: The Commission's core function (safeguarding women's rights) directly explains its investigative role.

Q183 Identify the personality: wrote 'The Comparative Grammar of the Dravidian Languages'; said Tamil flourished on its own; statue on Marina Beach, Chennai.

A. G.U. Pope

B. Robert Caldwell ✓

C. St. Thomas

D. Kamala Das

Explanation: verify independently.

Q184 The SHANTI Bill, 2025 relates to which sector?

A. Space technology

B. Nuclear energy ✓

C. Renewable energy

D. Defence manufacturing

Explanation: verify independently.

Q185 Who is described by: 'Naal, Kol, Thingal, Gnayiru, Kanai Azhal — Aynthu Orungu Punarntha Vilakathu Anaiyai'?

A. Uthiyar Cheralathan

B. Cheran Senkuttuvan

C. Kalankaykanni Narmudicheral

D. Imayavarambhan Nedum Cheralathan ✓

Explanation: verify independently.

Q186 Select the incorrect pairings:

(i) Cherar– Chembian

(ii) Chozhar– Bhuzhi

(iii) Pandiyar– Gowriyar

(iv) Kathyanam– Pondu

A. (i) and (iii) only incorrect

B. (ii) and (iv) only incorrect

C. (i) and (ii) only incorrect ✓

D. (iii) and (iv) only incorrect

Explanation: verify independently.

Q187 Assertion [A]: Thanthai Periyar convened a special conference at Erode on 23 October 1948 and asked Anna to preside.

Reason [R]: The Tamil screen comedian N.S. Krishnan sang the invocation song.

A. [A] true, [R] false

B. Both true; [R] correct explanation of [A]

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation ✓

Explanation: verify independently.

Q188 Choose right matches — editors & magazines:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| (1) Dr. Navalar— | Puduvazhvu |
| (2) K.A. Mathiyazhagan— | Thennagam |
| (3) Kanchi Manimozhiyar— | Porvai |
| (4) Mayavaram Natarajan— | Inamuzhakkam |

A. (1) and (3) correct

B. (1) and (2) correct

C. (2) and (3) correct ✓

D. (3) and (4) correct

Explanation: verify independently.

Q189 Assertion [A]: Perarignar Anna's resolution required members to renounce titles like 'Sir', 'Diwan'.

Reason [R]: Members should drop existing titles if they wish, and may append them to names again in future.

A. [A] true, [R] false ✓

B. Both true; [R] correct explanation

C. [A] false, [R] true

D. Both true; [R] not correct explanation

Explanation: verify independently.

Q190 Match with institutions:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (a) P.S.Kumarasamy Raja | 1.Bharathi Asiramam |
| (b) Subramaniya Siva | 2.Bharatha Matha Sangam |
| (c) Neelakanda Brammachari | 3.Gandhi Asiramam |
| (d) V.O.Chidambaranar | 4.Meenakshi Sahaya Vidyalayam |

A. 4,1,2,3 ✓

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 3,4,1,2

D. 2,3,4,1

Explanation: verify independently.

Q191 Match Sanskrit authors with works:

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| (a) Sudraka | 1.Mudrarakshasa |
| (b) Amara Simha | 2.Kavyadarsha |
| (c) Dandin | 3.Mrichchhakatika |
| (d) Vishakhadatta | 4.Amarakosha |

A. 3,4,2,1 ✓

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 4,3,1,2

D. 2,1,4,3

Explanation: verify independently.

Q192 (i) A crow can conquer an owl in daytime

(ii) Crocodile is powerful in deep water but loses on land

(iii) A ship can't sail on land; wheeled chariots can't run on the sea.

Which belong to Valluvar's 'Kaalam Arithal' (Knowing the right time)?

A. (i) only correct ✓

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- B. (ii) only correct
C. (ii) and (iii) only correct
D. (i) and (ii) only correct

Explanation: verify independently.

Q193 Arrange chronologically:

- (1) Sivagnana Bodham
(2) Thirukkalitruppadiyar
(3) Thiruvundhiyar
(4) Kodikavi

A. 3,2,1,4 ✓

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 4,3,2,1

D. 2,1,4,3

Explanation: verify independently.

Q194 Match South Tamil word-forms with their North (Sanskrit) equivalents:

- (a) Arasan 1.Sabai
(b) Avai 2.Sri
(c) Thiru 3.Prathi
(d) Padi 4.Rajan

A. 4,1,2,3 ✓

B. 1,2,3,4

C. 3,4,1,2

D. 2,3,1,4

Explanation: verify independently.

Q195 If a square's side is 'x' metres and its area is 'x²' sq.metres, which is true?

A. It is not possible

B. It is true for all values of x ✓

C. It is true for $x=1,4,9,16$

D. It is true for $x=1$ only

Explanation: Area = side² is a definitional truth for every positive value of x .

Q196 A sum triples itself (principal+CI) in 12 years. In how many years will it become nine times?

A. 36 years

B. 24 years ✓

C. 42 years

D. 72 years

Explanation: $9=3 \times 3$, so the tripling period (12 yrs) applies twice: $12+12=24$ years.

Q197 If $(x+y):(x-y) = 7:3$, find $(x^3+y^3):(x^3-y^3)$.

A. 240/315

B. 33/21

C. 233/188

D. 133/117 ✓

Explanation: verify independently.

Q198 If LCM of a and b is 100 and $a+b=45$, find the difference between a and b .

A. 35

B. 5 ✓

C. 25

D. 15

Explanation: $a=20$, $b=25$ satisfies $\text{LCM}(20,25)=100$ and $\text{sum}=45$; $\text{difference}=5$.

Q199 In a code, PAY is written as DAE. How is DIP written?

A. PJD

B. BCD ✓

C. BAD

D. PAD

Explanation: verify independently.

Q200 Find the next term: YEB, WFD, UHG, SKI, ____

A. QOL ☒

B. QGL

C. TOL

D. QNL

Explanation: 1st letters decrease by 2 (Y,W,U,S→Q); 2nd letters increase by 1,2,3,4 (E,F,H,K→O); 3rd letters increase by 2,3,2,3 (B,D,G,I→L). Next=QOL.