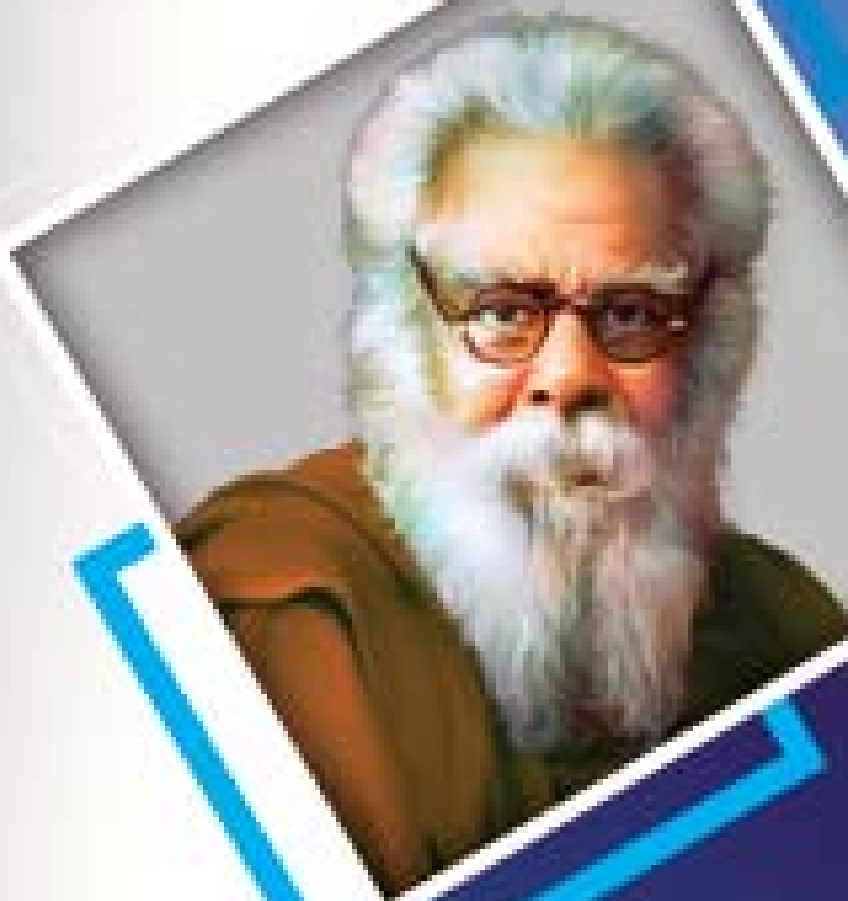


PERIYAR

1000

QUESTIONS
&
ANSWERS



FOREWORD

Unlike world's other thinkers. Thanthai Periyar was an original thinker. The enrichment of his thoughts is the seed of social development and a weapon for social revolution.

In addition to this; his rationalistic thoughts are totally based on scientific thinking. That is why we feel proud of calling him a 'rare social scientist'.

What is Science?

And who is a Scientist?

What is scientific temperament?

Even the teachers of science, do not seem to know the real meaning of science. They know science only as 'a subject', 'a study', nothing more.

We are puzzled why they are not interested to know or to understand the real meaning of science and to teach the students.

Science is not a subject like history or civics . It is an evolutionary process. There is no end to this process. It is a continuation. This is the basic difference between the historical facts and scientific truth.

'Alexander came with his army and defeated king Porus'. This is a historical fact. This historical fact remains unchanged. But the scientific truth will not remain the same. It is a continuous process. There is no finality. This scientific process will never hesitate to replace the old by the new concepts and findings.

We can see in the field of research that a hypothesis will exist unchanged until new source materials arrive. If the new one comes, the old one disappears.

Though the theory of 'Centre of Gravity' was Isaac Newton's, it was confirmed and established by the researches of Mathematicians.

Before the advent of the theory of Evolution of Charles Darwin, there existed Lamarckian theory and scientists believed and accepted it.

But in course of time, Lamarckian theory lost its hold and was invalidated. On the contrary Darwinian Theory of Evolution occupied the minds of the people. And today we find the next stage of development of Darwinism, i.e. the development of the theory of Genes and Chromosomes.

Development is taking place in every department of science as in Newton's theory of 'Centre of Gravity', and Albert Einstein's 'Theory of Relativity'.

No more explanation is needed here. Thanthai Periyar said, "Today you call me a revolutionary; but after a couple of centuries a stage may come to call me a 'Reactionary'.

What a splendid person he was!

This foresightedness of Thanthai Periyar clearly indicates his scientific approach to everything.

Knowledge and science have no boundaries! Thoughts expressed by the people who thought on the basis of science would be a shock to the society in the beginning. They have to face the tempest of opposition. After facing the opposition, the influence and success of their ideologies would enhance.

As Karl Marx said, 'change alone is unchangeable'. Periyar said, 'I have no desire for anything, But I love knowledge, I love development, and progress, I love humanity'.

The doors of development are open only because of man's rationalistic thinking. Thanthai Periyar expressed only this view.

If you want progress and development you must ask the questions 'Why, How, By Whom, Which', often and often. Asking these questions quite often, knowing the reasons and answers and then coming to a clear understanding alone will help us to be scientific.

Keeping this background in mind go through the 'new world' thoughts of Thanthai Periyar and

have a deep study. Like calm and clear stream of water, it will reveal truths.

That is why the world is getting ready to honour the 'brain' of Thanthai Periyar. 'Vast world experience' and 'the affairs of day to day life' - are the books, Periyar had studied.

Periyar knew human nature very well; so with his conviction he stood firmly. He was never upset by the opposition, mockery or insult inflicted on him'.

People believed that non-formal education will lead to ignorance and illiteracy and that the intelligent people who had college and university education would invent new things. Thanthai Periyar invalidated this concept throughout his life.

Periyar was much worried about the Self - Respect of human beings. Dignity, equality and equal rights of human beings were his goal. Periyar stood like volcano, like cyclone, like tempest, to break the barriers, to achieve his goal. This was the way of his life.

Self-Respect, honour, dignity, and rationalistic thinking are precious gifts from Periyar to humanity. This noble leader who lived for the sake of others left his own property and the contribution he received from the public to the people itself.

The younger generation must know the philosophy of Periyar, the horrible incidents that he faced in his life, his public service, his tours to spread his ideology and follow in his footsteps.

With this aim, a collection of questions and answers was published in 2001 under the title 'Periyar-1000', as an exceptional compilation. It was followed by several editions. Since 2010, it is being issued to students. Periyar Maniammai Deemed University conducted quiz competition, choosing questions from it. Successful students have been awarded several prizes.

Mature thinkers who have diligently studied Periarism, poet Kali Poongundran, P. Subramanian, P. Rajadurai, Nam. Srinivasan, N. Vetri Alagan, Durai Chakravarthi and A. Iraiyan accomplished this task deftly and

enthusiastically with extreme care.

For this revised edition, Professor N. Mangala Murugesan, writer Manjai Vasanthan and Professor Kalai Selvan have simplified the work and restructured the volume to enable students to easily understand the contents and face the tests. The D.K. Movement as well as the human society which owns Thanthai Periyar are thankful to all these dedicated learned men for their assistance and contribution.

As an annexure. "The World to Come" is included which comprises vital excerpts from a speech delivered by Thanthai Periyar in 1942, and glimpses of Periyar's life. This would make the readers view Periyar as a far-sighted thinker.

Steps are being taken to publish this work of great significance, translated into Hindi, French, German and a few other world languages.

This book would be the highest view point to look at the 21st century as the Periyar Century.

**Study it deeply!
Learn Perfectly!
Follow Precisely!**

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PERIYAR E.V. RAMASAMY

- A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH -

- 1879 Sep-17** PERIYAR E.V.RAMASAMY was born at Erode town in Tamil Nadu State - India
Father : VENKATA NAICKER
A popular rich merchant; Ardent devotee of Hindu religion. (A Vaishnavite)
Mother : CHINNA THAYAMMAL alias MUTHAMMAL
Elder Brother : E.V. KRISHNASAMY
Younger Sisters : KANNAMMAL; PONNUTHAI
- 1898** **Age 19** - He married NAGAMMAL, aged 13.
- 1900** **Age 21** - He became the father of a female - child which expired within 5 months and thereafter he had no children.
- 1901** **Age 22** - He set a precedent by sharing with labourers the profit earned from his shop.
- 1902** **Age 23** - Consumed food with the people of all castes and religions; conducted the caste free marriage of a Vellala caste girl with a man of Naidu Community.
- 1904** **Age 25** - He renounced family life, left his home and wandered like a sage around Vijayawada, Kasi, Calcutta etc. and gained vast knowledge. He understood the selfishness of brahmins, their narrow minded behaviour and fallacies of religious rituals practised by them. His father took him back to Erode. He opened a shop in his own name as E.V. Ramasamy Naicker stores and started trading.
- 1905-1908** **Age 26-29** - Developed interest in community service and started working for the public welfare. When a disease called plague broke out in Erode, he involved himself in rescue operations. When dead people were abandoned by their own relatives, he carried the bodies on his shoulder and helped removal of corpses. Later, he evinced interest in Congress movement.
- 1909** **Age 30** - Facing oppositions, performed re-marriage of his niece who was a young widow.
- 1911** **Age 32** - He lost his father.
- 1914-1918** **Age 35-39** - Being at the forefront, conducted Congress conferences. Worked effectively as the president of Erode municipality, implemented plans for drinking water, health and hygiene and many other useful tasks. He held nearly 28 powerful posts and worked diligently. He emerged as a famous trader in Erode.
- 1919** He joined the Congress believing that it would be a good opportunity for public service and to work for communal reservation rights. He quit the post of the Municipality President. At the Congress conference in Tiruchirapalli, he proposed a resolution for communal reservations.
- 1920** He voluntarily left many of his posts. He wound up his commercial trading activity and worked hard for the non-co-operation Movement of

- Congress. At the Congress conference in Thirunelveli he proposed a resolution for communal reservation but it was denied approval by the president of the conference.
- 1921** Accepting the Nirman Scheme of Gandhi, he started leading a very simple life, avoided rich apparels and started using Khadi garments. He made all his family members, including his mother, wear Khadi dresses. He used to carry bundles of Khadi cloth and sell it travelling far and wide.
- He participated in the toddy-ban agitation at Erode and courted arrest along with his wife Nagammai and sister Kannammal. He felled 500 coconut trees on his orchard since those trees were the sources for extract of toddy.
- He was involved in the boycott of Court during non-co-operation movement tasks. He faced huge financial loss because of his selfless services and justified fights. He proposed communal reservation resolution at the Congress conference in Thanjavur but even that was defeated by some mischievous elements.
- 1922** When he was in a prison in Coimbatore following the toddy shops agitation, he planned to start a journal – 'Kudi Arasu'. Proposed Communal Reservation resolution at Tirupur Congress Conference. He proposed a resolution even for the temple-entry grant for the Adi Dravidians. But his resolutions were not accepted.
- 1923** He proposed communal reservation resolutions at Congress conferences in Salem, Madurai and Trichy but could not get them ratified.
- 1924** Participated in Vaikom Struggle in Kerala – fought for the free movement of the Scheduled Caste people on Vaikom Streets. He underwent imprisonment but at last succeeded and was hailed as 'Vaikom Hero'. He fought against the Gurukulam system established by Va.Ve. Su. Iyer in Cheranmadevi and ceased its existence. This was one of his fights against caste-discriminations.
- 1925** Started 'Kudi Arasu' weekly on 02.05.1925 at Erode, which was released by Gnaniar Adigal of Thirupappuliyur. Proposed Communal reservation resolution at Kancheepuram Congress conference. He quit the conference venue when it was rejected. He decided to make non-brahmins realise the value of Self-Respect. He resolved to start a Movement for this purpose.
- 1926** He supported the agitation of the untouchable people in Suseendram, demanding temple-entry rights. He alerted people about the possible hazards of the imposition of Hindi language.
- 1927** He lost faith in Gandhi, whose policies were paradoxical. He welcomed Simon, commission, served 'Dravidan' daily for a short period as its editor. Propagated Thirukkural and Buddha's ideals. He renounced his 'Naicker' title.
- 1928** Courted arrest during the agitation of railway workers

	in Nagappattinam. He was upset over the demise of Justice Party president Panagal King, started English weekly 'Revolt'. He praised Minister S. Muthiah for ratifying communal reservation.	1936	On 28.07.1936, Periyar's mother Chinnathai passed away.
1929	Conducted the first Self Respect Conference at Chinglepet in a grand manner. Visited Malaysia with wife Nagammaiar and propagated principles of Self Respect.	1937	Rajaji became the Chief Minister of Congress and started imposing Hindi. Periyar delivered a speech at Trichy, opposing Hindi-imposition, at the conference of the Tamils.
1930	Conducted second Self-Respect Conference in Erode. Published a book – 'Pregnancy Rule' to create an awareness about the dire need of family planning. He supported the abolishing of Devadasi system and caused its eradication by a law.	1938	Took part in anti-Hindi agitation at Madras Triplicane. "Tamilnadu is only for the Tamils!" – was Periyar's slogan. He was awarded the title "Periyar" on 13.11.1938 in a conference of the women of Tamilnadu. He was imprisoned again for 2 years. When he was in prison, he was elected president of Justice Party. He spoke on the possibility of 'test-tube' babies in the world to come.
1931-1932	Travelled all over Europe to propagate his principles.	1940	The death of Justice Party Secretary Sir A.T. Panneerselvam made him sad. Undertook North India tour. Met Jinnah in Bombay and had a talk, in the Company of Ambedkar. Congress Ministry demitted office. The Governor requested Periyar to form an alternative Ministry but Periyar refused to accept the post.
1933	Wife Nagammaiar passed away on 11.05.1933. Started the weekly 'Puratchi'. Planned to fight vigorously for equality. It was called Erode Samadharna Scheme . He was imprisoned for conducting an intercaste marriage in Trichy; for the unsettled loans borrowed by 'Dravidan' journal and also for his editorial in 'Kudi Arasu', under the title – "This Government Must Perish!"	1941	Modern Rationalist Roy met Periyar at Chennai and had a talk. By Periyar's efforts the discrimination such as "For Brahmins" "For others" – in Southern Railway food stalls, was abolished.
1934	Started a weekly 'Pagutharivu'. Later ran it as a daily for some time. Introduced reformed Tamil letters for the first time in the weekly 'Kudi Arasu'. Met Jayaprakash Narayan in Erode and had a discussion on various issues.	1942	On 30.03.1942, Periyar met Stafford Cripps along with his team member and insisted on his demand for separate 'Dravida Nadu'. In spite of the Governor's second request, he declined formation of Ministry.
1935	Propagated widely for Justice Party. Converted 'Pagutharivu' as a monthly magazine. 'Viduthalai' got published as a bi-weekly. 'Kudi Arasu' became a weekly again.		

- 1943** Periyar met American President Roosevelt's representative Sir. Williams Philips and had a talk. The book – 'The World to Come' was published. It comprised Periyar's thoughts pertaining to possible changes in future, in tomorrow's world. He voiced his support for the Movement for Tamil Music.
- 1944** At Salem conference the name South Indians Welfare Rights Association was changed by Periyar as 'Dravidar Kazhagam'. He met the President of Hindu Maha Sabha Mr. Munje and had a talk. Participated in M.N. Roy's Radical Democratic Party conference held at Calcutta and delivered a speech, participated in the non-brahmin Backward community people's conference held at Kanpur.
- 1945** Conducted Dravidar Kazhagam's Provincial conference at Trichy. Formed an army of Black-Shirt cadres. Started an English Journal in Erode and called it "JUSTICIDE"
- 1946** A flag for Dravidar Kazhagam was designed and approved by Periyar. The canopy for the conference of Black Shirt cadres Army was burnt by miscreants and violence erupted. Periyar condemned the manner in which the Indian Constitution was framed.
- 1947** Declared Independence Day of August 15 as a day for mourning. Arranged for celebration of – "Dravida Nadu Partition Day" on 1st July, all over the country. Held a conference of Dravida Nadu partition, at Cuddalore.
- 1948** At the extraordinary conference of Dravida Nadu held by Periyar in Erode, Thiru.Vi.Ka unveiled the image of 'Dravida Nadu' and proclaimed 'Freedom'. Organised a historical Dravida Nadu conference at Tuticorin.
- 1949** Conducted a Thirukkural conference and made even illiterate common citizens understand its contents. Met Governor General C. Rajagopalachari at Thiruvannamalai and had a talk. He condemned the ratification of Indian Constitution on 26.11.1950.
- 1950** Imprisoned for publishing his book - 'Golden Words'. Advised people to treat the Republic Day on 26th of January as a day of mourning. Periyar's elder brother E.V. Krishnasamy breathed his last on 14.02.1950.
- 1951** Periyar's fight for communal Reservation succeeded. Amendment was made in the Indian Constitution to approve it. The president of the Communist Party, S.A. Dange met Periyar in Trichy and had a talk.
- 1952** Rajagopalachari, who became the Chief Minister by foul means, introduced the caste based education system which infuriated Periyar. Erased Hindi signboards at Trichy Railway Station. Registered the Self Respect Propaganda Institution.
- 1953** Proclaimed that Madras (today's Chennai) belongs to Tamil Nadu. Celebrated Buddha Festival all over the country and asked people to break the idols of Ganapathi (Ganesha). He was upset by the verdict of the court, declaring Self Respect Marriages as invalid.

- On 1st of August, agitated for the second time at Railway Stations, by erasing Hindi letters on name-boards.
- 1954** Erased Hindi letters for the third time. Rajaji demitted office due to widespread agitation against his caste based education system. Kamaraj succeeded him as the next C.M. – He abolished the system introduced by Rajaji. Periyar supported the administration of Kamaraj. Periyar attended the world Buddha conference in Burma. Met Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Srilankan Buddhist scholar Mallala Sekhara and had a talk with them. Visited Malaysia for the second time. Conducted country wide protest against Ramayana.
- 1955** Announced burning of National Flag against imposing of Hindi language. Upon Kamaraj's assurance to prevent it, he put off his agitation.
- 1956** Sent telegrams to Kamaraj and Nehru urging them to give up the forum called Dhakshina Pradesam: He courted arrest for agitating by burning Rama's images. He stressed on the partition of separate Tamil Nadu to follow language wise partitions.
- 1957** Met Vinoba Bhave at Trichy and had a talk. A case was filed against Periyar for contempt of Court, since he spoke against the verdict of Brahmin judges in the litigation pertaining to Trichy collector Malaiappan. Following the charges, Periyar presented his historic statement in the Court. On 03.11.1957, during caste eradication conference at Thanjavur, Periyar was offered as gift, silver coins equal to his weight. During the same conference, he announced his agitation against the burning of a copy of the Constitution which has a section defending casteism. Several thousand protesters took part in that agitation. A few thousand were arrested. Two of them died in the prison. Twenty of them took ill and died, after their release. Later, Periyar was imprisoned for six months on the charge of instigating violence against Brahmins.
- 1958** The communist leader Ram Manohar Lohia met Periyar and had a talk. The agitation in front of Murali's café in Madras which was carried on for several months ended with success. Periyar and the president of "Naam Tamilar" Movement, C.P. Adhithanar attended the conferences of "Free Tamilnadu" conducted in several states on behalf of Dravidar Kazhagam.
- 1959** Periyar visited North Indian cities Lucknow, Delhi, Kanpur, Bombay etc. and propagated Rationalism and Self Respect principles. The guardian of Triple Tamil, K.A.P. Vishwanatham conducted a protest to remove the name 'Akashvani'. Periyar extended his support.
- 1960** Emphasising the partition of Tamil Nadu, he organised an agitation of burning the Map of India which had no depiction of Tamilnadu. He courted arrest for this and was imprisoned.
- 1961** During the census (enumeration of population) the cadres of Dravidar Kazhagam were advised to classify themselves as atheists.

- 1962** Comrade K. Veeramani conveyed his consent to join Dravidar Kazhagam as a full-time cadre. Delighted by this, Periyar wrote an editorial in the 10th August issue of 'Viduthalai' under the title 'WELCOME', to express his praise of K. Veeramani.
- 1963** The opening ceremony of "Modern Rationalist Radha Hall", housed in Periyar Thidal, was held in a grand manner.
- 1964** Advised people to organise "Day of condemnation" all over the country to protest against the verdict of the Supreme Court declaring the land-ceiling law as null and void. – Mourned the demise of Revolutionary poet Bharatidasan on 21.04.1964.
- 1965** Upon the appeal of Periyar the editions of 'Ramayana' were burnt in public all over the country. The Chief Minister Bhaktavatchalam inaugurated the E.V.R. Government Arts College in Trichy, which was built by the land and finance donated by Periyar.
- 1966** Black-Flag demonstration was organised to express protest, wherever Sankarachariyar went. In the name of 'Gau Himsa' (Pasu-Vadhai) when some Brahmin lumpens tried to set Kamaraj's house on fire in Delhi, Periyar condemned it and advised people to observe "KAMARAJ MURDER ATTEMPT DAY".
- 1967** The DMK won the elections and Annadurai became the Chief Minister. Undeterred by Brahmin mischief mongers, he dedicated his Government to Periyar, and solicited his support. Annadurai's Government pleased Periyar by ratifying and implementing three great tasks – proposal to resolve Self Respect Marriage Law; Resolution for the change of name as 'TamilNadu', and Two Language formula to eradicate Hindi Language. Kamaraj unveiled Periyar's statue in Trichy.
- 1968** Delighted when the Self Respect Marriage Law came into practice on 17th of January. Advised to observe "Delhi Domination Protest Day" all over Tamilnadu. Travelled over North India. Delivered a speech at the Lucknow conference of the scheduled caste people, Backward citizens and the minority communities.
- 1969** He was pleased when the changed name 'Tamilnadu' came into usage officially on 14.01.1969 – mourned the death of Annadurai and paid homage. Specified that it was an irreparable loss to the entire 4 crore Tamils. Announced to enter the sanctum sanctorum of temples to protest against the evil of casteism.
- 1970** Started the Rationalist journal 'UNMAI'. Upon the C.M. Karunanidhi's request, postponed the sanctum sanctorum entry agitation, offered suggestions to the Backward Community Welfare Forum headed by Sattanathan. On 27.06.1970 Periyar was honoured by the conferment of UNESCO Award. The citation of the award was "PERIYAR - The prophet of the new age; The Socrates of South East Asia; Father of the social reform movement; and Arch enemy of

ignorance; Superstitions, meaningless customs and base manners”

Periyar started various Rationalist Forums and Thinkers’ Forums. Visited Bombay and propagated rationalism.

Dr.S.Chandrasekhar met him and discussed family welfare schemes.

1971

During Kalaignar’s rule, a law was passed permitting people of all castes to be appointed as temple priests.

On 25.02.1971 Periyar’s sister and the publisher of ‘Kudi Arasu’ Kannammal passed away.

During the superstition eradication conference conducted by Periyar at Salem, Rama’s replicas were hit with footwears by the cadres. In the general elections the D.M.K. won and Karunanidhi became the Chief Minister again. Periyar was pleased by this. Periyar started publishing a new English journal – ‘Modern Rationalist’.

1972

On 22.02.1972, the father of Eelam, Selvanayakam visited Periyar Thidal, met Periyar and had a talk with him. Periyar received through Kalaignar Karunanidhi the prestigious COPPER PLAQUE AWARD conferred on him by Indira Gandhi on behalf of the Central Government.

Periyar was infuriated by the Supreme Court verdict declaring the Tamilnadu Government’s Archakas Law as invalid.

1973

On Periyar’s Birthday, M.G.R. visited Periyar Thidal, greeted him and offered Rs.5000/- as his gift.

Periyar organised a conference of Black-Shirt cadres Army at Madurai.

He conducted a conference in Madras as “Conference for the abolition of the degradation of Tamil-Community.” During this event he announced the sanctum sanctorum entry agitation.

Periyar took ill and was admitted at Govt. General Hospital in Vellore. His condition worsened. On 24.12.1973 at 7.30 A.M. he passed away.

The C.M. Karunanidhi declared State wide mourning by his Govt. Periyar was specially honoured when the Govt. of Tamil Nadu Published in the Gazette, the news of his death. It was announced by the State Government that the sorrowful day would be observed every year as a Government holiday.

Millions of grief stricken people joined the funeral procession. The Black Shirt cadres were seen shouting “Hail Periyar! Long Live Periyar!” The sea of sorrow and the flood of emotions transformed as a royal salute to Thanthai Periyar.

On 25.12.1973, at 5.05 p.m. the body of Thanthai Periyar was buried at Periyar Thidal with a grand State-honour.

After Periyar’s demise, E.V.R. Maniammaiar accepted the leadership and offered her invaluable services. Later, the Editor of ‘Viduthalai’, Dr. K. Veeramani shouldered the leadership responsibility and has been rendering unparalleled services.

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QUESTIONS - ANSWERS

1. Periyar's date of birth-month-year?
Ans: September 17, 1879
2. How long did Periyar study in school?
Ans: 5 years
3. Native of Periyar?
Ans: Erode
4. Who adopted Periyar when he was in childhood?
Ans: His father's uncle's wife
5. How did parents punish Periyar who moved with everyone without caste discrimination?
Ans: His legs were chained
6. How old was Periyar when he got married?
Ans: 19
7. The name of Periyar's wife?
Ans: Nagammaiar
8. How long was Periyar - Nagammaiar's married life?
Ans: 35 years
9. Who said in praise of Periyar - "I adore him. He is the only leader I Have ever seen and adopted"?
Ans: Anna
10. Why did Periyar eat ragi ball and usually slept on a mat without pillow?
Ans: Inorder to practise for prison life
11. Which city was 'KudiArasu' issue published from?
Ans: Erode
12. Which city did Periyar renounce normal life in?
Ans: Kasi
13. How long did Periyar stay in Kasi after renunciation?
Ans: one year - 1905
14. Periyar was never a victim of this bad habit? What was it?
Ans: consuming alcohol
15. Periyar stressed on widow-remarriage. For whom did he conduct it in 1909 itself?
Ans: For his sister Ponnuthayammal's daughter Ammayi Ammal.
16. What could not be put off according to Periyar?
Ans: Eradication of caste and untouchability.
17. Who caused many reforms as the president of Devasthanam committee?
Ans: Periyar
18. When did Periyar's father pass away?
Ans: In the year 1911.
19. The post held by Periyar in Erode?
Ans: President of the Municipality.
20. The period during which Periyar served as the President of Erode Municipality?
Ans: 1916-1919.
21. Thanthai Periyar's elder brother?
Ans: E.V. Krishnasamy
22. What was the service of Periyar when the disease plague spread in Erode?
Ans: He carried the patients on his shoulder and buried.
23. Name the leader who did not participate in Vaikom Golden jubilee celebration?
Ans: Periyar
24. What name did Periyar give his elder sister's daughter?
Ans: Gandhi
25. The Nehru family member who visited Periyar's house in Erode?
Ans: Motilal Nehru

26. In Erode near Chidambaranar park Periyar bought-30 acres of land for Rs.3000/- He bought this land borrowing a loan from Selvakumara Mudaliar. In whose name did he transfer it to?
Ans: In his father's name
27. How did Periyar function in his life time?
Ans: As a thinker, propagator and field-warrior.
28. When was the honorific title Periyar first used?
Ans: when T.K. Chidambaranatha Mudaliar delivered a speech in Chennai Triplicane on 20.07.1928 after unveiling the portrait of Periyar
29. Which conference did Thanthai Periyar participate in 1925 at Mayiladuthurai?
Ans: Isai Velalar conference
30. Who said - "I have had no leader in my history"?
Ans: Periyar
31. How much money did Periyar ask for when he wrote on 10.02.1960 in 'Viduthalai' under the caption "a humble appeal to the cadres", in order to attend a wedding?
Ans: Rupees 150/-
32. The warrior who fought for the people enduring pain and sickness, carrying a bag to urinate?
Ans: Periyar
33. The year in which M.N.Roy, who had served with Lenin, had an exchange of views with Periyar?
Ans: 1941
34. What was Periyar's Chennai address in the beginning?
Ans: No.1-Meeran Sahib Street, Chennai
35. When was the registration done for Periyar Maligai bought by Thanthai Periyar in Trichy?
Ans: On 14.07.1950
36. Who ate the rotten food removing stones and insects / worms as a 'C' class prisoner?
Ans: Periyar
37. The number of pages in the statement submitted by Thanthai Periyar in the court when he was charged with contempt of court?
Ans: 30
38. Who was the journalist who attended the party hosted by Ambedkar for Periyar on 15.01.1940 in Bombay?
Ans: Chief reporter of Times of India.
39. Who presided over the public meeting of Dravidar Kazhagam on 30.07.1947 held at Mangalam Village near Thiruvannamalai?
Ans: Arunachala Iyer
40. Who proposed by Periyar's guidance the law for abolition of Devadasi system and won Periyar's praise?
Ans: Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy
41. In which meeting did Periyar ask - "How can a nation of 6 crore people wage a war against 55 crore people of a nation?"
Ans: On 05.12.1971 at a Pakistan protest meet.
42. What did Periyar stress upon through radio when Gandhi passed away?
Ans: Peace and tolerance
43. Who raised voice at first in support of agitating police personnel?
Ans: Periyar
44. "I have no wife or children. When I die my friend Periyar alone would weep" who said it?
Ans: Thiru-Vi-Ka
45. Periyar was arrested at 2.15 A.M. in Kumbakonam and taken to Trichy; brought back to Thanjavur, made to alight at Ayyampettai and again made to board a Chennai bound train. When did all these happen to harass Periyar?
Ans: 18 December, 1948

46. What is the symbol of slavery for women according to Periyar?
Ans: Wedding badge worn around neck
47. Who were the two who wrote to the I.T. Dept asking them to levy tax on Periyar's property?
Ans: Gurusamy and T.P. Vedachalam
48. The day of Periyar's passing away?
Ans: 24.12.1973, 7.22 A.M.
49. Where was Periyar's body buried?
Ans: At Periyar Thidal in Chennai
50. Which was the last conference attended by Periyar?
Ans: The conference for abolition of the Tamil community's degradation.
51. At which meeting did Periyar deliver his final speech?
Ans: On 19.12.1973 in Theagaraya Nagar.
52. Whom did Kamaraj meet and felicitate when he assumed office as the chief minister?
Ans: He met Thanthai Periyar and garlanded in obeisance.
53. On 02.03.1967 the day before Anna won the election and assumed office in Tamil Nadu he met Periyar in Trichy. Who were along with him?
Ans: Periyar, Maniammai, Anna, Navalar, Kalaignar, Anbil Dharmalingam.
54. Which is a myth in Periyar's opinion, among God, heaven, astrology, horoscope, ghost, auspicious time etc.?
Ans: All these
55. Where is Periyar museum located?
Ans: Chennai
56. Articles used by Periyar are kept in houses where he lived. Where are most of them kept?
Ans: Erode
57. In 1944 - where did the meeting of Periyar and All India Hindu maha Sabha President Dr. Munje take place?
Ans: Trichy
58. At Nagammaiar children's home what are the letters used for the destitute children growing up there?
Ans: EVRM
59. What name did Periyar give to the children's home established by him in Trichy for helpless female children?
Ans: Nagammaiar Home for Orphaned children
60. How did Periyar describe a Tourist spot?
Ans: Commercial Hub/Trade center.
61. When Pattukottai Azhagirisamy passed away, how much did Periyar offer his family through Kalaivanar N.S. Krishnan??
Ans: 6000/-
62. Who was the vice-president who sent a message of greetings to Thanthai Periyar on his 78th Birth Day?
Ans: Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
63. Which president of India participated in the birthday celebration for Periyar?
Ans: Gyani Zail Singh
64. When and where did the meeting between Periyar and Acharya Vinoba Bhave take place?
Ans: on 18.01.1957 in Trichy
65. Which Union Minister for Health Department interviewed Periyar in 1970 for radio broad cast?
Ans: Dr. S. Chandra Sekaran
66. When and where did the event take place with participation of Periyar and C.V. Raman?
Ans: At Kovai in 1965
67. Who presided over the Buddhist meet conducted in Erode by Periyar on 23.01.1954?
Ans: Dr. G.T. Mallasekhara
68. Who inaugurated in Erode on 23.01.1954, the Buddhist Conference conducted by Periyar?
Ans: P.N. Rajboj

69. "In establishments within the Erode Municipal council limits, women should be offered placements" - which councillor sent this resolution to the Erode Municipal councillor?
Ans: S.R. Kannammal
70. Who said to Periyar "I have decided to join Buddhist religion. You also join me"?
Ans: Ambedkar
71. Who was the chief guest when the Govt. of Tamil Nadu celebrated the 2500th birth anniversary of Buddha?
Ans: Periyar
72. During which year did Anna first meet Periyar?
Ans: 1934
73. Which conference in Kovai did Periyar and Anna attend together before their separation?
Ans: Muththamizh Conference
74. Periyar and Anna were not on talking terms owing to some recrimination. Both were released from a prison. Periyar offered a lift to Anna in the van which had come to pick him up. At which prison did this take place?
Ans: Trichy - Central prison
75. "I can still see in my mind's eye your sorrowful face when you were at the hospital and airport". Who wrote thus about Periyar's appearance?
Ans: Anna
76. "I shall talk for you until my tongue is hurt. I shall write for you until my hand paralyses. I shall walk for you all around slums until my feet ache". Who said thus?
Ans: Periyar
77. "I don't need your invitation. 2000-3000 invitations are found in heaps in my cow shed. I need neither your money nor your votes". Who said it?
Ans: Periyar
78. "I am far better than today's ministers. I have travelled all over the world. I am a total rationalist. I don't need to amass wealth. I am detached from caste feelings and affinity. I am determined to abolish castes at any cost. "Who wrote thus about himself?
Ans: Periyar
79. On 16.01.1946 during a speech of Periyar, stones were hurled on him by hooligans. He covered his head with a piece of cloth and spoke for an hour where did this occur?
Ans: Chinnalampatti
80. What was the peculiar protest when Periyar spoke at a public meeting at Eengur near Erode?
Ans: Ash was thrown on him
81. When did Periyar write the essay "The poor parents who begot me"?
Ans: 1936
82. Which literary work did Periyar write under the caption - "Thoughts of E.V.R.?"
Ans: Autobiography
83. Periyar and Anna were on the same day 18.09.1950 imprisoned in Trichy jail and were both released on the same day 28.10.1950 why were they imprisoned?
Ans: The government accused them that Periyar's 'Golden Words' and Anna's "Arya Mayai" ignited communal hatred.
84. When was the ban on Periyar's book - 'Golden Words' lifted?
Ans: In 1979 during A.I.A.D.M.K. rule headed by M.G.R.
85. For which book of Annai Maniammaiar did Thanthai Periyar write the preface?
Ans: 'Kanda Puranam and Ramayan are the same'
86. When did Periyar write in 'KudiArasu', in the name of Vellore A. Mani inviting support of women?
Ans: 23.10.1943
87. When did Periyar-Maniammai wedding take place?
Ans: 09.07.1949

88. Why did Periyar marry Maniammaiar when he was 70 year old?
Ans: To legally protect property and movement.
89. Who took care of Periyar like a child and helped him live for 95 years?
Ans: Maniammaiar
90. What is the house Periyar lived in Erode now called as?
Ans: Periyar - Anna nilayam
91. Who handed over to the government of Tamil Nadu, the house in Erode where Periyar lived?
Ans: Maniammaiar
92. Who raised his voice first for naming Chennai Rajdani as 'Tamil Nadu'?
Ans: Periyar
93. In 1953 when the State of Andhra was separated it was too bad to specify "the rest of Chennai Raj", according to Periyar. When did he insist on naming the State as - Tamil Nadu?
Ans: 2.1.1953
94. Periyar's pseudonym?
Ans: Nadodi
95. This is also one of Periyar's pseudonyms.
Ans: Pazhaya Karuppan
96. The word which Periyar frequently used in his public speeches?
Ans: 'vengayam' (onion)
97. What Should be taught first to school children according to Periyar?
Ans: Discipline
98. Which hospital was Periyar admitted in when his tongue was badly affected?
Ans: From 16.03.1945 he had 10 days treatment at Govt. General Hospital in Chennai.
99. Who treated Periyar when his tongue hurt him?
Ans: Dr. Sundaravadanam
100. Who were the doctors who struggled day and night to save Periyar's life?
Ans: Dr. Ramachandra, Dr. Bhatt & Dr. Johnson
101. On 18.08.1973 where were Dr. Ramachandra, Dr. Bhatt and Dr. Johnson felicitated?
Ans: Thanjavur
102. Which hospital did Periyar pass away in?
Ans: Vellore C.M.C.
103. How many times propaganda vans were donated to Periyar by collections from the public?
Ans: Thrice
104. When Peiryar's car broke down once in Ulundurpettai which vehicle did he travel by?
Ans: Lorry
105. Periyar's car number? When was it seized? What was the auction amount?
Ans: MTS 401, Aug. 1950; Rs.835/-
106. During the period of 25 years (1934 to 1959) Periyar could not attend only one committed event. What was the reason?
Ans: The car got stuck in heavy flood and hence could not ply.
107. What was his 'first mistake' in life according to Periyar?
Ans: on 29.11.1959 his car was out of order and he could not attend the meeting in Kancheepuram.
108. Which chief minister arranged for the burial of Periyar's body with State honours?
Ans: Kalaighnar Karunanidhi
109. When did the Union Government release Periyar postage stamp?
Ans: On 17.09.1978
110. When did the Union Government release Periyar First Day cover?
Ans: On 17.09.2003 during Periyar's 125th Birthday celebration
111. Name the Tamil scholar who wrote Periyar's life history under the title "Tamizhar Thalaivar"?
Ans: Sami Chidambaranar
112. Name the poet who wrote 'The life history of Periyar'?
Ans: Karunanandam

113. The title of Periyar's biography written by Dr. K. Veeramani.
Ans: The world leader Periyar
114. Obeying his father's command Periyar joined Devaswom committee. What did Periyar do after joining it?
Ans: He prevented theft of temple properties
115. When did Periyar start the Rationalist Movement?
Ans: 06.09.1970
116. When did Periyar visit the town Danushkodi ruined by heavy storm? Who accompanied him?
Ans: 29.12.1964 ; Maniammai, Chidambaram, Rangammal Chidambaram.
117. What did Periyar send through District collector when Dhanushkodi was devastated by cyclone?
Ans: Bedsheets
118. When did Periyar request people to offer themselves entirely for the cause?
Ans: During Indo-China war
119. To whom did Periyar give Rs.10000/- to face imprisonment and defend himself in court?
Ans: N.S. Krishnan
120. Who requested people to donate generously for National Defence Fund collected by the Chief Minister?
Ans: Periyar
121. How much did Periyar donate to establish a college in Trichy?
Ans: Rs.3.5 lakh
122. Periyar donated land and cash for starting E.V.R. Govt. college in Trichy. Which Chief Minister inaugurated it?
Ans: Bhaktavatsalam
123. Periyar said, "A good Government would not tolerate this wastage even for a moment". What did he refer to?
Ans: Pouring ghee in ceremonial fire.
124. E.V.R. Maniammai children block was built by Periyar's donations in Trichy government main hospital. How much did Periyar donate?
Ans: Rupees one lakh
125. When Anna was sick for his medical expenses how much did Periyar donate coming forward?
Ans: Rs. 25000/-
126. Which work of Periyar was banned?
Ans: Golden words of Periyar
127. Where did Anna meet Periyar for the first time?
Ans: Tirupur
128. Which city did Periyar call his alma mater?
Ans: Salem
129. Name the three cities Periyar visited frequently?
Ans: Erode, Trichy, Nagarasampatti
130. It was in Mayiladuthurai that Periyar spoke for a long time - How long did he speak?
Ans: 4 hrs. & 30 minutes
131. In which town did Periyar deliver his longest lecture for 4½ hours?
Ans: Mayiladuthurai
132. Where was a snake hurled on Periyar during his public speech?
Ans: At Cuddalore
133. When and where Periyar started sitting and speaking?
Ans: On 21.10.1950 at Sembanar Kovil
134. When the court levied in 1949 Rs.10000/- as penalty on 'Viduthalai' who argued the case defending Periyar and editor maniammaiar?
Ans: Muthiah Mudaliar
135. When and where did Periyar participate in Tipu Sultan Day celebration?
Ans: On 16.11.1946 in Chennai
136. What happened when the C.M. Munuswamy Naidu, Rathina Sabapathi and Periyar went to Palani?
Ans: Periyar avoided Temple entry

137. Which month is considered “weighing scale” month for Periyar?
Ans: July-1965
138. Where was 76 sovereign gold offered to Periyar when he was 76 year old?
Ans: Nagapatnam
139. Where was Periyar offered silver equal to his weight?
Ans: Thanjavur
140. Where was a silver throne offered to Periyar? When was it offered?
Ans: 4.11.1971 / Salem
141. What was offered as a gift of love to Periyar in Thathakapatti?
Ans: A Silver spade
142. The object gifted to Periyar in Edappadi?
Ans: Silver walking stick
143. The gift offered to Periyar in Mela Karkandar Kottai?
Ans: A Silver plate
144. Where was a cow given to Periyar as a gift?
Ans: Thanjavur
145. Strange gifts offered to Periyar equalling his weight in 1965 January?
Ans: Petrol & biscuits
146. Why did Periyar encourage installation of his statues?
Ans: Since he believed his policies would spread fast
147. Who wrote in 1942 itself in ‘Dravida Nadu’ that Periyar’s statue should be installed?
Ans: Anna
148. Where was Periyar’s full body statue installed?
Ans: In Trichy
149. What is Periyar’s definition for culture and manners?
Ans: Helping others achieve what one wishes to achieve
150. When, where and by whom was Periyar’s statue installed and unveiled?
Ans: 1967/Trichy/Kamaraj
151. On his 95th birthday Periyar met M.G.R. who came out with a request. what was it?
Ans: Permission to instal Periyar’s statue
152. Atheist leaders of 49 countries collectively unveiled Periyar’s statue. Where was it done?
Ans: Vallam (Thanjavur)
153. Whose statue did Periyar unveil in Nagai?
Ans: Kayaroganam Pillai
154. Where was Periyar delivering his speech when his mother passed away?
Ans: Jolarpet
155. When Annai Nagammaiar was seriously sick and bed ridden, Periyar was attending a meeting inspite of her condition. Where was it?
Ans: Thirupathur
156. On the day of Nagammaiar’s death Periyar began his tour. He was arrested for conducting a Christian wedding violating curfew Name the Place?
Ans: Trichy
157. Decision taken by Periyar when Nagammaiar passed away?
Ans: To involve deeply in public services
158. According to Periyar, which literary work suited society the best?
Ans: None
159. What alone can spread the policy of communism, according to Periyar?
Ans: Atheism
160. Who compelled Periyar in 1942 to rule the State?
Ans: Viceroy and Governor
161. Who was the governor who forced Periyar to accept the post of the governor?
Ans: Sir. Arthur Hope
162. Who met Periyar on 11.11.1940 and compelled him to accept the governance of Madras Presidency?
Ans: Rajagopalachariar

163. Who refused to become the premier of Madras presidency when there was an opportunity at his door-step?
Ans: Periyar
164. Rajagopalachariar attended a Self-Respect marriage conducted by Periyar and blessed the couple. When and where did this occur?
Ans: In 1930 at Kutralam
165. Surprised by the services of Erode Municipality what help did Rajagopalachari expect from Periyar?
Ans: He wanted Periyar to make his sanitary inspector work for Salem
166. "If you had become a lawyer after studying law all the lawyers would have suffered". Who said thus to Periyar?
Ans: Rajagopalachariar
167. In 1953, in which event did Periyar & Rajaji participate together?
Ans: Birth Anniversary of prophet Muhammed
168. The year in which Periyar won his fight against Rajaji's hereditary education?
Ans: 1954
169. When did Rajaji drop into Periyar's house to meet him?
Ans: 21.12.1953
170. What did Periyar consider as an opponent of Rationalism?
Ans: Belief in God
171. What was Periyar's life span as per his horoscope preserved by his brother E.V. Krishnasamy?
Ans: 60 years
172. How long did Periyar live?
Ans: 94 years, 3 months, 7 days
173. The number of days Periyar lived?
Ans: 34,433
174. The number of days Periyar spent on tours?
Ans: 8600
175. Total distance in tours covered by Periyar?
Ans: 13,12,000 k.m.
176. Total number of hours Periyar spent in speeches?
Ans: 21,400 hours
177. The number of meetings Periyar spoke at when he was 90 year old?
Ans: 180
178. The number of meetings Periyar attended when he was 91 year old ?
Ans: 150
179. The number of meetings Periyar spoke at when he was 92 year old?
Ans: 244
180. The number of meetings Periyar spoke at when he was 93 year old?
Ans: 249
181. The number of meetings Periyar spoke at when he was 94 year old?
Ans: 229
182. During the 3 months and 7 days Periyar lived at the age of 95 how many meetings did he speak at?
Ans: 42
183. Who started Dravidian Actors Forum in Erode?
Ans: Periyar
184. Why did Periyar request people not to invite him to stage plays etc?
Ans: He was unable to remain awake.
185. Whose name did Periyar give to the auditorium built in Periyar Thidal?
Ans: M.R. Radha Hall
186. Name the owner of National pictures who offered Periyar his Dodge car?
Ans: P.A. Perumal
187. In 1973, when Periyar's last birthday was celebrated how much did M.G.R. offer him as his gift?
Ans: Rs.5000/-
188. Who performed the role of Periyar when his biopic was produced as Periyar's life story?
Ans: Satyaraj

189. Who donated Rs.95 lakhs on behalf of the Govt. for the bio-pic movie "Periyar"?
Ans: Chief Minister Kalaingar Karunanidhi
190. What did Periyar discuss on his way to T. Nagar meeting which was his last event?
Ans: Test tube babies
191. Who conducted "liquor supporters" conference in Kumbakonam?
Ans: Periyar
192. The colour of the stone in Periyar's ring?
Ans: Green
193. The languages known to Periyar?
Ans: Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada and English
194. "Even if I Contest a small Panchayat election, I would not win" - who said it?
Ans: Periyar
195. On 01.09.1958, Periyar went to a temple and looked at the idols and statues. Name the temple?
Ans: Avudayar Kovil
196. For whom did Periyar recommend to three chief ministers?
Ans: For just one person - N.D. Sundaravadivelu
197. The collector of Trichy suffered tragically. Since he was a Tamilian Periyar extended his helping hand though he had no intimacy with him. Name the collector?
Ans: R.S. Malayappan
198. When was the rumour spread that Periyar was shot dead?
Ans: 1949
199. Who did Periyar describe as a "condemned man"?
Ans: He described himself
200. What was Periyar's identity?
Ans: Beard, walking stick and black shirt
201. Since when did Periyar grow beard?
Ans: Since he was 50 year old
202. Why did Periyar grow beard?
Ans: To save time and money
203. Where did Periyar use to stay during his tours?
Ans: In tourist lodges
204. When a friend asked Periyar why he travelled in a third class compartment, what was Periyar's reply?
Ans: As there is no fourth class compartment.
205. What food did Periyar offer the Zamindar of Singampatti when he visited Erode?
Ans: He received him and offered a simple food from an ordinary stall
206. What did Periyar usually like?
Ans: Windows must be kept open
207. From what should people stay away, in Periyar's opinion?
Ans: Listening to mythologies
208. In which caste based outfit conference did Periyar frequently participate?
Ans: Adi Dravidar Conferences
209. What was a noble virtue in Periyar?
Ans: Staying away from immodest women; ignoring betrayers; consuming food from roadside eateries.
210. When Periyar Thidal was renovated what was he surprised by?
Ans: Bulldozer
211. Which furniture did Periyar avoid at all times?
Ans: Easychair
212. Why did Periyar undertake the task of revamping Dravidian community and reforming it in all respects?
Ans: Since no body else came forward to do it.
213. When did Periyar help a brahmin woman by offering lift in his van?
Ans: when the pregnant woman was stranded in heavy rain
214. Where did revolutionary poet Bharatidasan first meet Periyar?
Ans: At Mayavaram
215. According to Periyar who is the first teacher for a child?
Ans: The child's mother

216. Periyar advised parents to avoid jewellery for children and give something else instead. What was it?
Ans: Educaiton
217. What was Periyar's advice to students in dressing?
Ans: Advised simple dress
218. What did Periyar suggest to eradicate illiteracy completely?
Ans: 3 months imprisonment if one does not learn even to sign one's name within 6 months.
219. In which conference did Periyar insist on appointing only female teachers in primary schools?
Ans: In the first self respect State conference
220. What was Periyar's advice to female teachers?
Ans: simple dress
221. What kind of exam system did Periyar oppose?
Ans: Rote-learning system
222. What should schools avoid according to Periyar?
Ans: Conducting exam every year
223. What was Periyar's advice to schools?
Ans: Preventing failed students from being promoted
224. What kind of educational system did Periyar prefer?
Ans: Teachers getting questioned by the students
225. What is essential according to Periyar, for a community to achieve self-respect??
Ans: vocational training
226. What is the objective of education according to Periyar?
Ans: Achieving rationalist outlook.
227. According to Periyar what should school children learn?
Ans: To treat everyone in the world as brothers and sisters
228. What should not be mixed with knowledge according to Periyar?
Ans: Religious sentiments
229. Which scheme could be put off to give more importance to education?
Ans: Drinking water scheme and sewerage scheme
230. Why did Periyar stress that teachers must be rationalists?
Ans: To help students think with a free mind, independently
231. What is greater than a school, according to Periyar?
Ans: A library
232. Which is better than conducting car festivals according to Periyar?
Ans: Establishing colleges.
233. Why was the first amendment made in Constitution by Periyar's agitations?
Ans: For reservation in education
234. What was Periyar's advice to students and youngsters in slogan raising?
Ans: Not irritating others
235. Name the leader who advised students not to involve in protests and agitations?
Ans: Periyar
236. What was Periyar's advice to students?
Ans: "Do not involve in issues related to political affairs"
237. Who advised students to stay away from agitations of the movement?
Ans: Periyar
238. A Tamil professor was being paid very low salary by University of Madras. Who protested against this and got the disparity removed?
Ans: Thanthai Periyar
239. Which was the first educational institution started by Periyar?
Ans: Periyar Teacher Training school in 1956.
240. Where does Periyar chair for research exist?
Ans: Bharatidasan University
241. For the University in which city has Govt. of Tamil Nadu given the name 'Periyar University'?
Ans: University in Salem

242. Against the dropping of whom was Periyar upset with Sarvakalasalai Committee?
Ans: Swamy Vedachalanar and N.M. Venkatasamy Nattar
243. When Rajaji introduced liquor ban what was Periyar's comment?
Ans: He called it ban on education
244. Mention one of the great virtues of Periyar?
Ans: He never revealed favours done by him to others
245. What did Periyar strictly adhere to?
Ans: Truthfulness
246. During the funeral rites of Rajaji Periyar offered his wheel chair to the President and sat on the floor. who was the president?
Ans: V.V. Giri
247. What was Periyar's nature?
Ans: Facing every opposition with a fighting spirit
248. What is nobility according to Periyar?
Ans: Never troubling others
249. What did Periyar dislike the most?
Ans: Declining committed event visits and arriving late for events
250. What did Periyar hate in the matter of food?
Ans: wasting food
251. What was undesirable for Periyar?
Ans: Ostentation
252. Something which Periyar never liked?
Ans: Expecting help from others
253. One of Periyar's regular habits?
Ans: Diary writing
254. Who used to say that we should be humanists inspite of difference of opinions?
Ans: Periyar
255. How did Periyar deal with people who never agreed with his polices?
Ans: He moved with them in a friendly manner
256. How did Periyar treat the man who tried to stab him?
Ans: He helped him reach home safely
257. When Periyar once went to a court to attend a case a cadre brought a chair for him to sit. What did Periyar tell him?
Ans: Respect should be commanded - not demanded
258. Who said - "I shall never stealthily attack anyone"?
Ans: Periyar
259. Who said - "Do everything without worrying about success and failure"?
Ans: Periyar
260. What did Periyar consider more important than the beauty of an object?
Ans: Its usefulness
261. K. Subramania Pillai known as M.L. Pillai was a Tamil scholar and a legal expert. During his last stage when he was sick how did Periyar help him?
Ans: Sent Rs.50/- per month
262. How did Peiyar describe himself?
Ans: "He called himself a destroyer"
263. To renovate Periyar Thidal why did Periyar bring 10 labourers in his van ?
Ans: To avoid train fare expenses
264. Where did Periyar say "I don't spread my polices in my educational institutions like others do"?
Ans: Trichy
265. Dravidian Journal wrote that someone has sent an apology letter. Periyar asked for unconditional pardon. Who was the person concerned?
Ans: Maraimalai Adigal
266. During his speech on 29.12.1938, at the 14th South Indian Welfare rights Conference, how did Periyar describe himself?
Ans: As a very very ordinary man
267. "I did nothing great except one thing", said Periyar. What was it?
Ans: Boldly expressing my views

268. During a meeting someone rose to ask a question. When the cadres tried to silence him what did Periyar say?
Ans: I have not come trusting you all, I have come believing in myself.
269. How was Periyar's speech generally?
Ans: He spoke his mind quickly without mincing words
270. With whom did Periyar deal very cautiously?
Ans: with flatterers
271. Why did Periyar ignore people who abused him?
Ans: He ignored even those who praised him
272. Periyar said, "I would never ask anyone for this till my death" What did he mean?
Ans: votes
273. Periyar's first question while leaving after a public meeting?
Ans: How much did we get by sale of our books?
274. What kind of food did Periyar relish?
Ans: Non-vegetarian food
275. Periyar's favourite snack?
Ans: Sesame balls
276. Periyar's food habit?
Ans: Two cups of coffee per day; only one vegetable gravy; curd with sugar after food
277. Periyar's advice related to food?
Ans: never waste healthy, nutritious food.
278. Which intake did Periyar want to be banned?
Ans: Consumption of coffee
279. What was sheer waste according to Periyar?
Ans: People having individual houses and a kitchen in every house
280. Who said to Periyar - "It I had been present at Kanchipuram conference, I would have demanded 100% reservation - not just 50%?
Ans: Gandhi
281. What was Periyar's view about cooking in houses?
Ans: men and women should share the work and cook fast using necessary implements
282. Who was world's first great philosopher according to Periyar?
Ans: Buddha
283. Whom did Periyar praise as "Dravidian Lenin"?
Ans: T.M. Nair
284. Who was hailed by Periyar as the sculptor of communal rights?
Ans: S. Muthiah Mudaliar
285. Whom did Periyar praise whole heartedly?
Ans: Bhagat Singh
286. British Govt. appointed him in London as the counsellor for Indian ministers. Periyar gladly bade him farewell. Who was the celebrity?
Ans: Sir A.T. Panneer Selvam
287. On 22.9.1945 in the obituary in 'Kudi Arasu' about whom did Periyar mourn that his death was a great loss to the downtrodden communities?
Ans: Rettaimalai Seenivasan
288. Who considered presiding over Periyar's meeting itself a great boon in his life?
Ans: Dr. Ambedkar
289. "Had he not been assassinated he would have accomplished by now many revolutionary tasks" About whom did Periyar say thus?
Ans: Gandhi
290. Who suggested naming India as "Gandhi Desam"?
Ans: Periyar
291. According to Periyar whose picture deserved to be printed on the cover if the history of Theatres is ever written?
Ans: N.S. Krishnan
292. Whom did Kamaraj hail as a 'Pure Tamilian'?
Ans: Periyar

293. In the editorial caption of 10.08.1962 'Viduthalai' whom did Periyar refer to by the words "I welcome"?
Ans: Dr. K. Veeramani
294. What honorific title did Periyar award Nadigar Thilagam Ganesan?
Ans: 'Sivaji'
295. Why did Periyar honour MGR by printing his picture on the front page of 'Viduthalai' in January 1965?
Ans: Since MGR had announced to donate Rupees one lakh for relief when Dhanushkodi was devastated by cyclone.
296. Periyar's 90th birthday was celebrated at Idayatru mangalam. During the event Periyar said - "Only two persons deserve great praise" - Who were those two celebrities?
Ans: Kamaraj and Anna
297. Which announcement did Periyar consider a great achievement?
Ans: The enactment of Self Respect marriage
298. Over which incident did Periyar scream in delight - "My desire is fulfilled!"
Ans: His mother's death
299. Who was commended by Periyar as a miracle and unparalleled administrator?
Ans: Kalaingar Karunanidhi
300. "People are laying him on a bed of thorns and torturing him", said Periyar? Whom did he pity?
Ans: Chief Minister Kalaingar Karunanidhi
301. Periyar said, "I am at a loss of words to praise you. I am relieved greatly by the worldly fame achieved by you" - whom did he commend?
Ans: Kalaingar - when he won the 1971 State Assembly elections
302. "For 30 years she had been helping me carry on with my activities". Whom did Periyar praise thus?
Ans: Maniammaiar
303. When was the honorific title 'Periyar' awarded to E.V. Ramasamy ?
Ans: During a Tamil women's conference on 12.11.1938
304. Who awarded Periyar with the title "Vaikom Warrior"?
Ans: Thiru-Vi-Ka
305. When Periyar donated Rs.1500 to 'Navasakthi' paper he asked the editor to specify it as "Contribution through Periyar" who was the editor concerned?
Ans: Thiru-Vi-Ka
306. Who advised the leaders of Justice Party to obey and follow Periyar at all times?
Ans: Dr. Ambedkar
307. During the 14th presidency conference who said, "I shall place my 'garland at the feet of Periyar"?
Ans: Sir A.T. Panneerselvam
308. "The world would worship the secretion of his brain" - who praised Periyar in such glorious terms?
Ans: Poet Bharatidasan
309. "He is like crops for farmers and milk for babies" - who eulogised Periyar thus?
Ans: Poet Bharatidasan
310. Who said "we keep a seat vacant for Periyar for the post of the president"?
Ans: Arignar Anna
311. Who praised Periyar as one who is an expert in war strategies in society?
Ans: Arignar Anna
312. Who hailed Periyar as "a turning point, a legend, and an era"?
Ans: Anna
313. Who commended Periyar's meetings as an evening college and Periyar as the first professor of Tamil Nadu?
Ans: Anna
314. Which chief minister declared - "I dedicate my entire cabinet to Periyar"?
Ans: Anna

315. What does Anna's article "That spring" - express?
Ans: The love and affection Anna had for Periyar
316. "In my opinion no other social reformer ever achieved such a great success" - who praised Periyar in such glorious terms?
Ans: Anna
317. Who advised people to see Periyar as a man of scientific temper who fought for the self respect of our people?
Ans: Anna
318. To commemorate the 25th year of India's Independence prime minister Indira Gandhi gifted a copper plaque to Periyar. Who offered it to him on her behalf?
Ans: Chief Minister Karunanidhi
319. Who commended the way Periyar paid homage to Thiru.Vi.Ka and bade a tearful farewell?
Ans: A.S. Gnana Sambandam
320. "Only during imprisonments he chalks out plans to fight strategically" - who praised Periyar thus?
Ans: Manavai R. Thirumalaisamy
321. Who said - "Comrade Ramasamy is a shrewd old man; audacious and always invincible"?
Ans: Manavai R. Thirumalaisamy
322. Who said - "Periyar always avoids personal vendetta, violence, lumpenisation and anti social activities"?
Ans: Prof. N. Ramanathan
323. "Your social services are laudable. I invite you and your wife to my monastery. I look forward to meet you" - who invited Periyar thus?
Ans: Sankarachari of Sirungeri Mutt
324. Who praised Periyar as his "atheist guru"?
Ans: M.N. Roy
325. When UNESCO presented an award to Periyar who presided over the event?
Ans: Education Minister Trigunsen of the Union government
326. Which Mumbai paper hailed Periyar as "the Karl Marx of South India"?
Ans: BLITZ
327. Which Prime Minister conveyed regret when he could not attend the inauguration of Chennai Museum?
Ans: Charan Singh
328. Which Chinese professor said that the Tamils of Malaysia progressed to a large extent only due to Periyar's efforts?
Ans: Seeyeslee
329. Which Parliamentarian said that great Indian thinker Singaravelar and Periyar alone would be remembered by posterity?
Ans: Prof. of History and senior M.P. Hiren Mukherjee
330. Who wrote that Periyar's vaikom struggle had a great impact on Ambedkar?
Ans: Dhananjai kheer
331. Who said that "Periyar never followed any set precedent. He voiced his own views at all times"?
Ans: Walter Face
332. Who said that Periyar is an asset for all people and hence he must be protected and preserved by all?
Ans: Maniammaiar
333. Who said - "By penance under Bodhi tree we got Buddha. By disorder and atrocities in society we could get Periyar"?
Ans: Dr. K. Veeramani
334. Periyar's advice to Abdul Kalam?
Ans: Live to learn
335. To whom did Periyar send a telegram and caution - your resigning the post of C.M. on your own or by the act of trouble makers would be a severe blow to you as well as to Tamil Nadu?
Ans: To C.M. Kamaraj
336. Periyar's speech was the first to be taken down in shorthand and later typed by the Police department. Which was that speech?
Ans: Delivered in 1924 at Uthamapalayam in Kovai district

337. Whom did Periyar tease and taunt quite often?
Ans: Poets and lawyers
338. What was Periyar's general advice to women?
Ans: To avoid jewellery craze and gaudy clothes, cosmetics etc;
339. How did Periyar ridicule women who adorn themselves with jewels all over their body?
Ans: He called them showcases of jewels
340. What was Periyar's advice to married couples?
Ans: "Never spend more than what you earn."
341. How did Periyar define a hunger strike?
Ans: Obstinacy
342. What was Periyar's advice for entertainment?
Ans: He asked people to visit exhibitions and factories
343. What did Periyar suggest as an alternative to coffee?
Ans: Milk, butter milk
344. According to Periyar which literary work is meant for the refinement of human society?
Ans: Thirukkural
345. During 1929 which book was sold vigorously for 8 anna by Kudi Arasu publications?
Ans: Thirukkural
346. When and where did Periyar organise Thirukkural conference?
Ans: In Chennai on 13.1.1949 and 16.1.1949
347. Periyar's favourite kural?
Ans: (Kudi seivarkillai.....) couplet No.1028
348. The kural which Periyar condemned ?
Ans: (தெய்வம் தொழா...) Couplet No.55
349. According to Periyar to which work was Thirukkural in direct contrast?
Ans: Manudharma
350. Name two scholars commended by Periyar?
Ans: Thiruvalluvar, Avvaiyar
351. Why did Periyar quite often quote from Thirukkural?
Ans: Since it contains Periyar's views
352. Who explained and delineated the glory of Thirukkural to Periyar?
Ans: P.V. Manicka Naicker
353. According to Periyar which work in Tamil has done what Buddha did 2500 year ago?
Ans: Thirukkural
354. As per Periyar's views what should we say if someone asks us what our religion and principles are?
Ans: Valluvar religion and Kural principle
355. Periyar said - "I would praise him for rationalist views in his couplets but I would also condemn his unacceptable views. "Whom does he refer to?
Ans: Thiruvalluvar
356. Name the poet who squeezed Periyar's thoughts in his poems?
Ans: Bharatidasan
357. Which is the greatest of all services according to Periyar?
Ans: Educating
358. When did the revolutionary poet Bharatidasan first meet Thanthai Periyar?
Ans: 1928
359. When did Periyar gift a gold medal to Bharatidasan?
Ans: 1934 - when his play 'Iraanyan' was staged in Chennai
360. It was resolved in a conference in Trichy to donate a sum to Revolutionary poet Bharatidasan. How much did Periyar offer him?
Ans: Rs.150/-
361. Which poet planned to compose a work - "Periyar Kaviyam" but could not accomplish it?
Ans: Kannadasan

362. Who enjoyed the hospitality of Periyar in his Erode home?
Ans: V.V. Saminatha Iyer
363. Name the writer who worked at the Khadi center in Thiruchengode, which was inaugurated by Periyar?
Ans: Kalki
364. On 10.02.1960 Periyar delivered a lecture on Tamil and Tamil literature. Who presided over that event?
Ans: Justice A.S.P.
365. What was the characteristic of Periyar's writings?
Ans: Long sentences
366. What was given more importance by Periyar in his writings?
Ans: Content was given more importance than sentence structure
367. According to Periyar, how can the greatness of a language, the culture and knowledge of the people who speak it, be judged?
Ans: By the views and thoughts expressed through that language
368. What is the great hurdle for us according to Periyar?
Ans: Our literature, ancestors, and the path laid by them.
369. Why did Periyar oppose ancient literature, epics etc?
Ans: They have made our people superstitious
370. What proves that Periyar was a linguist?
Ans: His reforms in Tamil letters
371. Name the chief minister who formed a committee in 1948 itself to implement Periyar's Tamil letters reformation?
Ans: Omandur Ramasamy Reddiar
372. Who enacted Periyar's Tamil letter reform and gave it legal sanction?
Ans: C.M. of Tamil Nadu - M.G. Ramachandran
373. Mourning whose death did Periyar write an elegiac essay?
Ans: Sir A.T. Panneerselvam
374. In his obituary Periyar wrote - "He passed away due to pressure of office work". Whom did he mourn?
Ans: Sir A.T. Panneerselvam
375. Who said - "free asses are better than suffering horses in circus companies"?
Ans: Periyar
376. Which language is essential for our fast progress, according to Periyar?
Ans: English language
377. How many times did Periyar undertake North Indian tours?
Ans: 7 times
378. State the years of Periyar's North Indian tours?
Ans: 1940/41/44/50/54/59/68
379. When did Ambedkar, Mohd. Ali Jinnah, M.R.Jayakar meet Periyar?
Ans: In Jan 1940 at Bombay
380. In 1941, Periyar delivered a speech in Lucknow University in the presence of its vice-chancellor. What was the topic?
Ans: Novel thoughts
381. When did Periyar visit Buddha Gaya?
Ans: 1941
382. On 26.10.1941 Periyar delivered a speech in Haridwar at a cultural Academy. What was the topic?
Ans: Western countries and Asian countries
383. In 1944, Periyar delivered a lecture in Calcutta at a conference. Who translated his speech into English?
Ans: S. Muthiah Mudaliar
384. In 1959 which party invited Periyar to spread his anti-caste system in North India?
Ans: All India Republican party
385. In 1959, in which North Indian University did Periyar deliver a speech?
Ans: Lucknow University
386. Which famous place did Periyar visit in Amritsar?
Ans: The Golden temple
387. Periyar's first foreign tour?
Ans: Malaysia in 1929

388. In 1929 when Periyar visited Malaysia, where did he board the ship and where did he arrive?
Ans: Boarded in Nagapattinam; arrived at Penang
389. The period of Periyar's foreign tours?
Ans: Covering 335 days from 13.12.1931 to 11.11.1932.
390. Which class did Periyar sail in during his tour of Europe?
Ans: Fourth class in the ship
391. Who accompanied Periyar during his European tour?
Ans: S. Ramanathan and Erode Ramu.
392. When did Periyar tour around Russia?
Ans: 19.4.1932 to 17.5.1932
393. During his tour of Russia who was the leader introduced to Periyar on May Day in 1932?
Ans: Stalin
394. To whom was Periyar introduced as an Atheist leader from India?
Ans: To the soviet leader Stalin
395. Where did Periyar stay for a long period during his foreign tours?
Ans: Russia
396. For the citizenship of which country did Periyar apply for?
Ans: Soviet Union Govt
397. Which country offered Periyar honorary citizenship during his visit?
Ans: Russia
398. What is democracy according to Periyar?
Ans: Disappointment
399. Which labour union leader did Periyar meet in England?
Ans: Saklatwala
400. How many people gathered on 20.06.1932 when Periyar spoke at Max borough lake park in England ?
Ans: Nearly 50000
401. Periyar delivered a speech at Hydes Park in London. Who presided over the event?
Ans: Saklatwala
402. How did his world tours help Periyar?
Ans: He was able to make sure if he was moving in the right direction in his missions
403. During Periyar's foreign tours who took care of his self respect movement?
Ans: Nagammaiar and E.V. Krishnasamy
404. Name the title of the book containing Periyar's speeches in ceylon?
Ans: 'Ilangai Upanyasam'
405. The number of days Periyar stayed in ceylon and the number of events there?
Ans: 18 events in 21 days - from 17.10.1932 to 06.11.1932
406. During which year did Periyar deliver a speech presided over by S.W. Pandara Nayaka in ceylon?
Ans: 1932
407. In 1931 'KudiArasu' published a book 'Lenin and Religion' Who found in Lenin Library (Russia) a copy of that book?
Ans: K.T.K. Thangamani
408. In 1954 which country did Periyar visit to attend the world Buddhist conference?
Ans: Burma
409. In 1954, Buddhist Religious conference was held in Burma. Which Indian leader joined Periyar during this event?
Ans: Ambedkar
410. In 1954, when Periyar visited Burma, on whose grave did he place a wreath?
Ans: On Ongsan's grave
411. Name the ship by which Periyar sailed to attend Buddhist conference?
Ans: Jalgopal
412. Which event did Periyar attend in Burma upon the invitation of Islamists?
Ans: The birth anniversary of prophet Mohammed
413. In which country did Periyar travel by flight?
Ans: Burma

414. What was the object of Periyar stolen by some one in Rangoon (Burma)?
Ans: Periyar's wrist watch
415. What was Periyar's advice to the Tamils in Burma?
Ans: To live in harmony with the natives.
416. What was Periyar's advice to the Tamils living in foreign countries?
Ans: To treat those countries as their native and live harmoniously
417. To which country did Periyar go after the Buddhist conference in Burma?
Ans: Malaysia
418. Which association office did Periyar inaugurate in Kuala Lumpur, using a golden key?
Ans: Medical Association office
419. When did Periyar undertake his third visit to ceylon?
Ans: 9 days from 8.6.1937 to 15.6.1937
420. In 1937 from where did Periyar leave for ceylon?
Ans: From Dhanushkodi
421. Name Periyar's friend of Thiruvarur who published 'Tamil Murasu' paper in Singapore?
Ans: G. Sarangapani
422. Name two foreign authors whose books were translated and published by Periyar?
Ans: Bernard shaw and Ingersol
423. Is it true that Periyar visited Russia without passport?
Ans: White lie
424. Periyar's passport number?
Ans: 9116
425. During which year did Periyar decide to start publishing a paper?
Ans: 1922
426. When was the name 'KudiArasu' registered by the Government?
Ans: 19.1.1923
427. When was the first edition of Periyar's 'KudiArasu' released?
Ans: on 02.05.1925
428. Mention the date of the first and last issue of 'KudiArasu'?
Ans: 02.05.1925 and 05.11.1949
429. When there were attempts to ruin 'KudiArasu' which paper did Periyar start on 26.11.1933?
Ans: 'Puratchi'
430. When was the first issue of 'Puratchi' released?
Ans: On 26.11.1933
431. When 'puratchi' paper was banned, which paper did Periyar start?
Ans: Pagutharivu'
432. When was the first issue of 'Pagutharivu' released?
Ans: 26.08.1934
433. Why was Periyar's 'Puratchi' paper banned?
Ans: Arrogance of the people at the top
434. Who said that the first paper that he reads every day is 'Viduthalai'?
Ans: Kalaingar Karunanidhi
435. When was the first issue of 'Viduthalai' released?
Ans: On 01.06.1935
436. 'Viduthalai' was started in 1935 by the Justice Party. When was it taken over by Periyar?
Ans: 1937
437. Which was the last Tamil magazine started by Periyar? When and where was it published?
Ans: 'Unmai' - started in Trichy on 14.01.1970
438. Which English weekly did Periyar start in 1928?
Ans: 'Revolt'
439. When was the first issue of Periyar's 'Revolt' released?
Ans: 07.11.1928
440. Which English Journal did Periyar start in 1945?
Ans: 'Justicide'
441. Which English monthly did Periyar start in 1971?
Ans: 'The Modern Rationalist'

442. When was the first issue of Periyar's 'The Modern Rationalist' released?
Ans: On 09.01.1971
443. Which party was Periyar in when he started 'KudiArasu'?
Ans: He was in Congress
444. Who inaugurated the office of 'Kudi Arasu'?
Ans: Gnaniyar Adigal of Thirupadripuliyur
445. What were the objectives of 'KudiArasu' when it was started on 02.05.1925?
Ans: People of every class must progress; self respect; equality and universal brotherhood should thrive among people.
446. When was the maiden issue of 'Revolt' released? Who inaugurated? Who released?
Ans: On 06.11.1928 Kovai Ratna Sabhapathi Inaugurated and W.P.A. Soundara Pandian released
447. When 'KudiArasu' was started in 1925, who joined Periyar and worked as joint editor for 10 months?
Ans: V.M. Thangaperumal
448. On which day of the week 'KudiArasu' used to be published?
Ans: Sunday
449. In which press was 'Kudi Arasu' printed?
Ans: At 'Unmai Vilakka Pathipagam in Erode
450. During June 1965 who were the two sub-editors of Ananda Vikatan who interviewed Periyar?
Ans: Savi and Manian
451. What was the price of KudiArasu?
Ans: One Ana (6 paise)
452. On the front page of which paper did Periyar print the picture of Bharat Mata?
Ans: 'Kudi Arasu'
453. From 18.4.1926 to 25.12.1927 on the top of the first page of 'Kudi Arasu' what slogan was regularly printed?
Ans: "Long Live Gandhi"
454. What picture was regularly printed on the first page of 'KudiArasu' beside the headline?
Ans: Spinning Wheel
455. Since 02.05.1925 a spinning wheel used to be printed beside the editorial in 'KudiArasu'. When was it removed?
Ans: on 16.2.1930
456. The Kural which found place on the cover of 'KudiArasu'?
Ans: 'Kural' (couplet) No.972 which begins with the word 'Pirappokkum....'
457. In 1925 which line from a poem of Bharathiar was printed in 'KudiArasu'?
Ans: "Ellorum ore kulam ellorum ore inam"
458. Since when did 'KudiArasu' print Periyar's name as E.V. Ramasamy removing the caste suffix "Naicker"?
Ans: Since 25.12.1927
459. For whom was 'KudiArasu' sold at half the price for the first two years?
Ans: For women and downtrodden people
460. When was Tamil numerical system adopted in the pages of 'KudiArasu'?
Ans: Since 1929
461. Karl Marx and Engels had jointly written "communist manifesto". Who translated it first and published in Tamil? When was it done?
Ans: Periyar published on 11.10.1931 in his 'KudiArasu'
462. When and for which magazine did Periyar write an editorial under the caption - "Why should this government quit"?
Ans: In 'KudiArasu' on 29.10.1933
463. Since when did 'KudiArasu' adopt the reformed Tamil letters?
Ans: Since 13.01.1935
464. When was Periyar's speech about Test tube Babies first published in 'KudiArasu'?
Ans: on 31.01.1938

465. In a conference in Needamangalam, many comrades were toutsured for attending a feast. Which papers and magazines wrote condemning it?
Ans: 'KudiArasu' and 'Viduthalai'
466. Why was the publication of 'KudiArasu' stopped for 2 years - 1941 and 1942?
Ans: The Second World War
467. The number of poems published in 'KudiArasu'?
Ans: 400
468. The period when the publication of 'KudiArasu' was stopped?
Ans: 29.12.1940 to 16.10.1943
469. What was the colour of the cover of 'KudiArasu' which contained revolutionary thoughts?
Ans: Green
470. According to Kalaingar Karunanidhi what was his salary when he worked for Periyar in 'KudiArasu'?
Ans: Rs.40
471. Periyar said - 'This paper is meant for leading people not to please them' which paper did he mean?
Ans: 'Viduthalai'
472. According to Periyar which paper made him strong in all respects?
Ans: 'Viduthalai'
473. Who rendered financial help generously for 'Viduthalai' publication?
Ans: R.K.Shanmugam
474. How long did Arignar Anna work as the managing editor of 'Viduthalai'?
Ans: 1939 to 21.12.1941
475. Which paper was offered for war propaganda from 12.9.1943 to 30.09.1945?
Ans: 'Viduthalai'
476. Since when is 'Viduthalai' being published as Periyar's birth anniversary special edition?
Ans: 1960
477. "Had he not accepted the responsibility I would have made my daily 'Viduthalai' a weekly magazine. Whom did Periyar mean?
Ans: Dr.K. Veeramani
478. How much did Periyar donate for the paper 'Dravida Nadu'??
Ans: Rs.100/-
479. Periyar ordered not to forcibly offer 'KudiArasu' to the subscribers of another paper. Name it.
Ans: 'Dravida Nadu'
480. According to Periyar - "Two journals are like twins in helping Self Respect Movement". Name those two journals?
Ans: 'KudiArasu' and 'Dravida Nadu'
481. When 'KudiArasu' was stopped, which paper served as an alternative according to Periyar?
Ans: 'Dravida Nadu'
482. When was Periyar's essay 'The world to come' published?
Ans: 21.03.1943 to 28.03.1943 in Dravida Nadu
483. According to Periyar who can revamp, reform and revitalise a country?
Ans: Journalists
484. Name the papers which supported Periyar in Cheranmadevi gurukulam issue?
Ans: 'Kumaran' 'Tamil Nadu' and 'Navasakthi'
485. Periyar published an obituary for an eminent leader in the first issue of 'KudiArasu', Praising his virtues. Name the celebrity?
Ans: The president of Justice Party Sir P.T. Theyagarayar
486. In the first 'KudiArasu' issue of 02.05.1925, who wrote a sub editorial condoling the death of Sir. P.T. Theyagaraya Chettiar?
Ans: V.M. Thangaperumal Pillai
487. Periyar's popular pseudonym (Pen name)?
Ans: Chithira Puthiran

488. When the publication of 'Dravidan' was entrusted to Periyar what was the condition laid by him?
Ans: That he should be allowed to take independent decision in every matter.
489. During which year was Periyar the editor of 'Dravidan' Daily for a short period?
Ans: 1927
490. Who were the editors of 'Revolt'?
Ans: Thanthai Periyar and S.Ramanathan
491. Who said that 'Viduthalai' is the signpost for a Tamilian's abode?
Ans: Kundrakudi Adigalar
492. When and in which paper did Periyar first introduce reformed Tamil letters?
Ans: on 06.01.1935 in 'Pagutharivu'
493. Name the book which is the last lecture of Periyar?
Ans: Marana Sasanam
494. Which paper was condemned by Periyar for writing against the Divorce law?
Ans: Justice
495. What was the caption of the essay Periyar wrote for the Pongal special issue of 'Prasanta Vikatan'?
Ans: 'Today's Problems'
496. Who said that 'KudiArasu' in Green cover is my Teacher?
Ans: N.S. Krishnan
497. Why did Periyar scream at the editor of 'Swadesamithran' - "shut up"!?
Ans: Since it had written against Babu Jagajeevan Ram
498. On 08.01.1953 in Erode Periyar inaugurated a paper published by P. Shanmuga Velayutham. Name the paper?
Ans: 'The Road to Erode'
499. When was 'KudiArasu' publications founded?
Ans: 1928
500. When was 'Rationalist Books publishing Forum established?
Ans: 1933
501. When did Periyar announce that the book 'The world to come' would shortly be published?
Ans: on 21.10.1942 during the wedding of Arunachalam - Karuppayee Ammal in Thanjavur
502. Name the book which contains Periyar's inaugural address delivered during 250th Birth anniversary of Buddha?
Ans: Buddhist Principles
503. Name the book Periyar wrote about women's rights?
Ans: "Why were women Enslaved?"
504. Give the title of the book which is the speech delivered by Periyar at a college in Salem?
Ans: 'Thathuva Vilakkam'
505. What was the research work book of Periyar related to Astrology?
Ans: 'Research in Astrology'
506. When was Periyar's book about "Characters of Ramayan" published?
Ans: 1945
507. When was Periyar's book "Notes on Ramayan" published?
Ans: 1964
508. Name the book which comprises Periyar's explanations for the concept of God, religion, soul etc.,?
Ans: 'Materialism' or 'Prakritivadam'
509. Who published the book "Achievement of Kamaraj Government"?
Ans: Periyar
510. Periyar's statement which he read during contempt of court case has been published in the form of a book - Name it.
Ans: "Who spoiled Justice"?
511. Who is the author of the book - "Periyar and Ambedkar"?
Ans: Asiriyar K. Veeramani

512. Name the books of Ingersol translated and published by Periyar?
Ans: 'What is Religion?', 'The Freedom of Man, Woman and Child'
513. The strategy of Periyar to encourage agitating comrades?
Ans: Travelling by trains and meeting them at railway stations.
514. How did Periyar judge a person?
Ans: Observing how he behaves in simple matters was his yard stick of Measurement
515. When Periyar was elected as the president of Tamil Nadu congress committee who stood up within an hour and passed a "No confidence" resolution??
Ans: V.V.S. Iyer
516. According to Periyar when should labourers use strike as a weapon?
Ans: As the last resort
517. How did Periyar project himself?
Ans: As a "demolition man"
518. Who said - "Secretive activities would defeat our purpose; use of force would only lead to our failure"?
Ans: Periyar
519. Who said - "People should follow us - we should not run after people"?
Ans: Periyar
520. The yardstick used by Periyar to view the society?
Ans: Rationalism and humanism
521. How did Periyar support the "toddy-ban" protest?
Ans: He felled 500 palm trees owned by him.
522. When did Periyar court arrest in Erode, protesting against toddy shops?
Ans: Nov.1921
523. What caused Periyar's first imprisonment?
Ans: Agitation against toddy shops
524. Where was Periyar imprisoned when he was arrested for toddy - shops protest?
Ans: Kovai prison
525. Name two women who dared to court arrest for leading the agitators for toddy shop protest in Erode?
Ans: EVR Nagammaiar and Periyar's sister Kannammal
526. Who said - "I can't stop toddy shop protest. Only two women in Erode can do it?"
Ans: Gandhi
527. Gandhi said that toddy shop protest can be stopped only by two women in Erode. Which paper published this news?
Ans: 'The Hindu' on 19.01.1922
528. The year of Vaikom Agitation?
Ans: 1924-1925
529. What led to the Vaikom Agitation?
Ans: The denial of right to the low caste people to tread on the four streets around the main temple
530. What was written on the board kept at a distance of 100 yards from Vaikom Mahadevar Temple?
Ans: Entry prohibited for the untouchables.

531. Who sent letters to Periyar from prison requesting him to come to vaikom and invigorate the agitation?
Ans: Barrister George Joseph and Kesava Menon
532. Periyar agitated in Vaikom. Where is Vaikom situated?
Ans: Kerala
533. When Periyar left for vaikom agitation to whom did he entrust the congress president post?
Ans: To Rajagopalachari
534. Why did Periyar receive State honour when he arrived at vaikom for the agitation?
Ans: Since the king of Trivandrum had stayed as guest in Periyar's house
535. How many times did Periyar go to vaikom for the agitation? How many days did he spend there?
Ans: Visited 7 times; spent 140 days in vaikom
536. When did Periyar join Vaikom agitation?
Ans: 14.04.1924
537. When did Periyar accept the leadership at the head quarters of Vaikom Agitation?
Ans: on 17.4.1924
538. How many times was Periyar arrested during Vaikom Agitation?
Ans: Twice
539. During Vaikom agitation how many days did Periyar spend in prison?
Ans: 74 days
540. When Periyar was arrested first during Vaikom agitation, which prison was he sent to?
Ans: Arivukkuththi prison
541. How many days did Periyar spend in Arivukkuththi prison during vaikom agitation?
Ans: 30 days
542. Which prison was Periyar sent to when he courted arrest for the second time?
Ans: Thiruvangur central prison
543. How many days did Periyar spend in Thiruvangur Central prison?
Ans: 43 days
544. When Periyar made vaikom agitation vigorous, what step did the Govt. take to curb it?
Ans: An ordinance was announced to banish him from Thiruvangur
545. When Periyar was arrested during vaikom agitation who accepted the leadership and invigorated comrades?
Ans: Nagammaiar and Kannammal
546. What assurance did the queen want from Gandhi during Vaikom agitation?
Ans: An assurance that Periyar would not demand temple entry rights for the untouchables.
547. During vaikom agitation where did Gandhi meet Periyar in order to discuss the issue?
Ans: Kottaram
548. What proves that Periyar was present when Gandhi and Narayanaguru met during vaikom agitation?
Ans: Police Commissioner's Statement
549. Why was Periyar seriously involved in Vaikom agitation?
Ans: Since it was the best opportunity to eradicate untouchability
550. Who said that prisons must have only one class for all?
Ans: Periyar
551. When was Periyar imprisoned for his hate speech against Govt. during his Khadi Propaganda in Chennai?
Ans: on 11.09.1924
552. In 1924 why was Periyar charged with treason, libel and provocation of contempt and arrested? What was the hidden reason?
Ans: To prevent him from participating in vaikom agitation

553. Who said that Periyar worked hard in prisons, harder than an ordinary prisoner?
Ans: K.P. Kesava Menon
554. Who said that he watched personally Periyar leading the comrades and agitating vigorously in Vaikom ?
Ans: Kamaraj
555. In which congress conference was resolution passed hailing Periyar's victory in Vaikom struggle?
Ans: Kanchipuram Congress Conference in 1925
556. When was Periyar felicitated for his victory in vaikom agitation?
Ans: ON 29.11.1925
557. The year of Gurukulam Agitation?
Ans: 1924-1925
558. Why did Periyar agitate against Cheranmadevi Gurukulam scheme?
Ans: Since it ignited caste discriminations
559. What did Periyar do to abolish Gurukulam?
Ans: He stopped the financial assistance of the Tamils.
560. Who said that congress would not offer financial aid to Cheranmadevi Gurukulam as there was caste prejudice and discrimination in it?
Ans: Periyar
561. Who was instrumental behind the first amendment to Indian Constitution?
Ans: Periyar
562. Who said in the parliament that the agitations in Madras presidency caused the first amendment to the Constitution?
Ans: the first Prime Minister of India - Jawaharlal Nehru
563. Upon Periyar's request when was the first amendment made in our Constitution?
Ans: on 02.06.1951
564. Which article was added in the Constitution following Periyar's struggle for the first amendment?
Ans: 15(4)
565. Under what circumstance did Periyar stress amendment to Constitution for communal rights?
Ans: Since the High Court and the Supreme Court had refused reservation in colleges of vocational courses.
566. Why was Periyar happy when Rajagopalachari became the chief minister?
Ans: He believed that his rule would be satisfactory in all respects
567. For how many days was Periyar in prison during the anti-Hindi agitation in 1938?
Ans: 167 days
568. During which case in the court did Periyar ask the Justice to settle the case at the earliest by awarding him maximum severe sentence?
Ans: In 1938 when he was arrested for anti-Hindi agitation
569. Periyar's Ford car was seized and auctioned to collect penalty from Periyar for anti-Hindi agitation. What was the amount earned by the auction?
Ans: 181
570. What sentence was awarded to Periyar in 1938 during language agitation?
Ans: Imprisonment for 2 years and a penalty of Rs.1000
571. A group of 100 cadres marched from Trichy to Madras during the language agitation. What name did Periyar give the group?
Ans: The Tamils' Army
572. Who participated in Periyar's language war and died in Prison?
Ans: Thalamuthu and Natarajan

573. On 01.08.1952 when Hindi letters were erased on Railway station boards all over Tamil Nadu, where did Periyar agitate?
Ans: In Trichy
574. On 01.08.1953 where did Periyar and his followers erase Hindi letters on Railway boards?
Ans: Chennai
575. On 08.08.1954, where did Periyar and his cadres erase Hindi letters on Railway boards?
Ans: Thanjavur
576. Periyar had announced that he would agitate on 01.08.1955 against Hindi letters on boards. What was the outcome?
Ans: For the first time Tamil letters were painted on the railway boards
577. "Why should today's government Quit"?" was an essay by Periyar for which he was arrested. Who was the 'KudiArasu' publisher arrested along with him?
Ans: His sister S.R. Kannammal
578. Why did the Government file a suit against Periyar in 1934 under section 124 of Indian Penal Code?
Ans: Propaganda of socialism and Sediton.
579. Which scheme did Periyar oppose so that everyone would get full time education?
Ans: Hereditary Education Scheme
580. Periyar formed a group to agitate against Hereditary Education Scheme. When and where did this group leave for protest?
Ans: on 29.03.1954 the group departed from Nagapatinam
581. The number of black shirt cadres who marched from Thanjavur to Madras in order to protest against the evil of castes?
Ans: 22 cadres led by Needamangalam Arumugam
582. When did the army of cadres fighting for caste eradication reach Madras from Thanjavur?
Ans: on 20.06.1957
583. When did the army of cadres depart from Thanjavur to protest in Madras against the evil of castes?
Ans: on 30.07.1957
584. For how many days did Periyar conduct an agitation in front of Murali cafe on Pycrofts Road in Triplicane?
Ans: 210
585. What was Periyar's opinion about labour strike ?
Ans: He believed it is an anti-social activity
586. Where was Periyar arrested for violating the prohibition and speaking against the Railways and the government?
Ans: At Trichy, on August 5, 1928
587. Who fought for the appointment of people of all castes as temple priests?
Ans: Periyar
588. Who was the founder of 'Naam Tamizhar' movement who accepted Periyar's principles and fought along with him ?
Ans: C.P. Adithanar
589. According to Periyar which place always made him happy?
Ans: Prison
590. Where was Periyar when the State conference of Justice party was held in December 1928?
Ans: In Bellari Prison
591. The number of imprisonments suffered by Periyar?
Ans: 19
592. The total period of Periyar's imprisonment?
Ans: 30 months
593. What did Periyar's book 'Marana Sasanam' contain?
Ans: His last speech in T.Nagar - Madras

594. When was Periyar the secretary of congress party?
Ans: 1925
595. When was Periyar the president of Tamilnadu congress party?
Ans: 1922 and 1924
596. The number of Periyar's agitations?
Ans: 15
597. What was great about Periyar's agitation?
Ans: Public property were never damaged ; common people were never harassed ; there was no violence
598. In 1933 when Periyar was in a prison in Coimbatore, who was in the adjacent cell?
Ans: Rajagopalachari
599. When Periyar was in a prison, Anna was in the adjacent cell. When and Where?
Ans: 1950-Trichy
600. Who said about himself thus!"I was never a partyman. I was always policyman"?
Ans: Periyar
601. "As a true social reformer Periyar was steadfast and stubborn in his principles. He never compromised with anyone" - Who said thus?
Ans: Sami Chidambaranar
602. What was the crux of Periyar's principles?
Ans: Love for mankind
603. Periyar had love for mankind. What did he hate?
Ans: God, religion, ancient scripts, patriotism, caste system and literature.
604. What was greater than love for one's country according to Periyar?
Ans: Worldly humanism
605. Where did Periyar deliver a speech highlighting his principles as a humanist?
Ans: on 05.01.1953 at Laxmipuram Youth Association
606. Which word in Tamil has no parallel according to Periyar?
Ans: Self-Respect
607. According to Periyar what should be more precious than life for every man?
Ans: Self Respect
608. What is the basic premise of Self Respect principle according to Periyar?
Ans: The belief that all human beings are equal by birth.
609. What is the chief principle of Periyar's self respect movement?
Ans: Equal rights for women on par with men
610. Which is the noblest of all human virtues according to Periyar?
Ans: Self Respect
611. What does Self Respect principally stress?
Ans: For a man his honour is more important than his life.
612. What was self respect movement very particular about?
Ans: Community wise representation
613. What does Self Respect Movement teach us?
Ans: To avoid superstitions, meaningless customs and blind beliefs
614. What makes a man really perfect, according to Periyar?
Ans: Rationalism
615. What was Periyar's basis for planning and framing policies?
Ans: Rationalism
616. How long did Periyar stay in Germany?
Ans: 18.05.1932 to 14.06.1932
617. What had Periyar determined to achieve?
Ans: To change the society as one with absolute honour and totally knowledgeable

618. What was Periyar's advice to the cadres during census?
Ans: To register themselves as atheists
619. What is more important than economic outlook according to Periyar?
Ans: Eradication of Social degradation
620. What was the mission of Periyar?
Ans: To establish an egalitarian society
621. In which conference was it resolved to renounce caste denoting titles and suffix?
Ans: During the first State Self Respect Conference held in Chinglepet
622. Where did Periyar say in his lecture that people who marginalise low caste people were the enemies of Dravidian Movement?
Ans: At Thirumangalam
623. What was Periyar's comment on separate wells dug exclusively for AdiDravidians?
Ans: Atrocious
624. In 1926 'KudiArasu' Periyar wrote that the low caste people should be allowed to enter a particular temple. Which was the temple concerned?
Ans: Suseendram Temple
625. During which year did Periyar write in the editorial that the low caste people should have the right to enter Suseendram temple?
Ans: 1926
626. Which word should no longer exist in history, in pictures and even in a dictionary - according to Periyar?
Ans: 'Sudra'
627. Commenting on Periyar's rigid principles who said to him - "Justice Partymen are hundred times better than you?"
Ans: Rajagopalachari
628. Who wrote once that 'Viduthalai' and Periyar are my intimate rivals?
Ans: Rajagopalachari
629. Where was the first Self-Respect marriage held?
Ans: At Sukkulanatham
630. Whose self respect marriage was declared illegal by Madras High Court?
Ans: On 15.04.1934, the wedding of Rama - Azha- Chidambaram and Rangammal, conducted by Periyar
631. When did Anna ratify self respect marriages and enact it as a law?
Ans: on 27.11.1967
632. What were Tamil and Dravidam, according to Periyar?
Ans: Tamil was a language and Dravidam was a Race
633. When did Periyar raise a demand that Tamil Nadu should be only of Tamils?
Ans: on 11.09.1935
634. When did Periyar raise a demand that Dravida Nation should be a Nation only of Dravidians?
Ans: On 17.12.1939
635. Who enacted Self Respect marriages introduced by Periyar?
Ans: Anna
636. When were orders released ratifying communal rights?
Ans: In 1921, 1922 and 1924
637. When was communitywise rights legally implemented?
Ans: On 13.09.1928
638. Why did Periyar quit congress?
Ans: Since congress refused to ratify communitywise rights
639. During which conference was Periyar's exit from congress decided?
Ans: Kanchipuram conference

640. What were the two vital points in Erode employment scheme?
Ans: Implementing communitywise representation and legally abolishing untouchability as well as superstitions.
641. Periyar who ignored worship of gods considered something else essential. What was it?
Ans: Rationalism
642. Who prevented the slaughter of buffaloes in Karaikal?
Ans: Periyar
643. Which article in the Constitution stresses various policies of Periyar?
Ans: Article 51(A)
644. Name the conference held by Periyar in 1938 beside Kanchipuram Iyengar Tank?
Ans: Soul abolition conference
645. Specify a name Periyar gave a child?
Ans: Thiruvadam
646. Who gave the name Siddharth to a child?
Ans: Periyar
647. What was a strange name given by Periyar to a child?
Ans: Russia
648. In 1928 why did Periyar ask all the parents to name their child "Muthiah"?
Ans: To honour minister Muthiah Mudaliar who enacted communal rights and passed an order.
649. What name did Periyar suggest for all male children born in 1928?
Ans: Muthiah
650. Periyar advised parents to name all new born male children - "Anna". Why?
Ans: Anna was an able statesman and a scholar
651. Once when Periyar attended a house warming function what name did he give the house?
Ans: Self Respect Villa
652. What did Periyar's essay under the caption "Andhanar Pettai" stress?
Ans: Co-operative work
653. For the memorial of language warriors Thalamuthu and Natarajan when did Periyar lay the foundation?
Ans: on 05.05.1910
654. What is "Periyarism"?
Ans: Values of a lovable life.
655. Why did Periyar agree to unveil portraits of eminent people?
Ans: He considered it a tool for propoganda
656. Who was stubborn in refusing to contest elections and to accept posts in Government?
Ans: Periyar
657. What made most people unscrupulous and rogues according to Periyar?
Ans: Craze for posts
658. In 1942 when the Queen of Travancore donated Rupees one lakh to Annamalai University, Why did Periyar oppose it?
Ans: Since she gave it for development of sanskrit
659. Where did Periyar say that socialism was also one of his principles?
Ans: In 1932 at the District Self Respect conference held in Madurai
660. When did Periyar release statement advising May Day celebration?
Ans: 1931
661. Who said that the world would become peaceful and prosperous only by socialism?
Ans: Periyar
662. In 1935 why did periyar compromise and patch up with the British rulers?
Ans: To avoid animosity and mutual recriminations.
663. What should be done for the economic growth of country according to Periyar?
Ans: Varnasrama system to be abolished.
664. According to Periyar what do agitations and protests depend upon?
Ans: The nature of the Government's rule.

665. What kind of shirt did Periyar advise people to wear to indicate their degradation?
Ans: Shirts-black in colour
666. How old was Periyar when he said that there was still much more to be done by him?
Ans: He was 91
667. What was given top priority by Periyar?
Ans: Common rights
668. What is essential for people in public service according to Periyar?
Ans: Selflessness and integrity
669. What was Periyar's advice to social workers?
Ans: They should not try to make it a profession. They must not crave for posts.
670. Who is unfit for public service according to Periyar?
Ans: One who wishes to get praise from public.
671. When would the evil called 'bribery' end according to Periyar?
Ans: When an egalitarian society gets established.
672. What prevents equality according to Periyar?
Ans: Caste system
673. What in Periyar's view, is the way for happiness of mankind?
Ans: Co-operation and Universal brotherhood.
674. Who can build a better tomorrow, according to Periyar ?
Ans: Those who are not deterred by gullible and Self centred people.
675. What is predicting who would succeed whom?
Ans: sheer madness
676. Which is the pulse and life line of a man according to Periyar?
Ans: His rationalism and common sense
677. How does Periyar explain rationalism?
Ans: To accept changes in life and adapt ourselves to the present environment.
678. What are the obstacles for rationalism, according to Periyar?
Ans: God, religion and ancient codes of conduct
679. How does Periyar view nationalism and language affinity?
Ans: Lack of rationalism
680. How does Periyar explain superstition?
Ans: Accepting every thing without reasoning
681. Democracy according to Periyar?
Ans: A deception
682. Who said - " Democracy means head count - not discovering the stuff in the head?
Ans: Periyar
683. What is astrology according to Periyar?
Ans: Fraud
684. "If we share everything with others, there would be no need of God or his favours" - Who said it?
Ans: Periyar
685. Why did Periyar say that religious views would not suit all times ?
Ans: Since views change with the passing of time.
686. What is 'Prayer' according to Periyar?
Ans: Man's greed
687. Which is very difficult to eradicate according to Periyar?
Ans: Enslavement of women
688. When would women be free?
Ans: when they have economic independence by earning.
689. Who advised women to dress like men and to give male names to female babies?
Ans: Periyar

690. Why did Periyar support family planning?
Ans: For the freedom of women and for becoming self-reliant
691. Which conference resolved that women should be appointed in police force and also in Army?
Ans: Viruthunagar conference
692. How much did Periyar announce as reward if women change hair style like that of men?
Ans: 500/-
693. Which is the best way to help labourers progress in life, according to Periyar?
Ans: Share in profit
694. What is more cruel than a murder, according to Periyar?
Ans: Forcing a widow to be a lonely lady for ever.
695. What was Periyar's advice to men planning to remarry?
Ans: To marry a widow
696. What punishment does Periyar recommend for a widower who remarries a virgin?
Ans: Rs.1000 as fine and imprisonment for 6 months.
697. Who said that all people should wear similar dress to avoid sense of discrimination?
Ans: Periyar
698. Who enacted Self Respect marriages introduced by Periyar ?
Ans: Anna
699. Who said - "Give me one crore rupees. I shall use advertisements and change even a donkey as "Mahatma"?
Ans: Periyar
700. Which is a festival which really makes sense, according to Periyar ?
Ans: Pongal
701. Periyar used to say that rural areas must be equal to urban areas. Which scheme of Dr. Abdul Kalam was similar?
Ans: PURA (Providing Urban amenities in Rural Areas)
702. Who suggested to the Government to levy tax on beedis?
Ans: Periyar
703. "Cottage industries are a waste of man power, material and energy" - who said it?
Ans: Periyar
704. Which is the best way to achieve success as per Periyar's belief?
Ans: The path of love
705. Who said that we can't achieve anything by force and compulsion?
Ans: Periyar
706. What did Periyar say about people who attacked the class of Gandhi's assassin?
Ans: Barbarism
707. According to Periyar which city deserves to be the capital of Tamil Nadu?
Ans: Trichy
708. Why did Periyar prefer Trichy for his usual stay?
Ans: Since it was the center of Tamil Nadu
709. Two things which Periyar was always against?
Ans: Huge salaries and too many holidays
710. What was the caption of the article in which Periyar wrote against huge salaries to Govt workers?
Ans: Day light robbery
711. Who said - "Labourers must not agitate for hike in wages, they must also be equal partners?"
Ans: Periyar
712. Periyar's comment on strike of workers?
Ans: Betrayal of society
713. Which is an ideal family in Periyar's view?
Ans: A family which spends less than its income

714. When did Periyar start propagating for family welfare schemes?
Ans: 1928
715. When did Periyar write an essay in 'KudiArasu' supporting family planning scheme?
Ans: 1928
716. How did Periyar describe a man without scientific temper?
Ans: Useless to the world even if he is an erudite scholar
717. On 12.8.1933 Periyar's editorial in 'KudiArasu' attacked those who were against use of machines. What was the caption?
Ans: Value of machines
718. What did protest against machines mean, according to Periyar?
Ans: Prevention of the growth of man's knowledge
719. How should agricultural activities go on as per Periyar's views?
Ans: By using advanced machinery
720. When did Periyar fore tell that testtube babies would become a reality in future?
Ans: 1943
721. What proves that Periyar had a far sighted mental vision?
Ans: His prediction that in future a wireless communication device would be there in every one's pocket.
722. The book which is a proof for Periyar's forethoughts?
Ans: 'The world to come'
723. What is essential for the development of a country and its people, according to Periyar?
Ans: Scientific spirit, knowledge and good conduct must grow and develop.
724. Why did Periyar suggest equal punishment to rickshaw puller, cartpuller, and manual spinner?
Ans: Because they hinder scientific development and degrade human society.
725. Who advised not to destroy G.D. Naidu's inventions though the State Govt. ignores them?
Ans: Thanthai Periyar
726. What did Periyar call the act of breaking the objects invented and made by G.D. Naidu?
Ans: Stupidity
727. How did Periyar explain Reforms?
Ans: Discarding what is not required and retaining only that which is needed
728. What did Periyar mean by good behavior and conduct?
Ans: Treating others as we would like them to treat us.
729. What is good conduct according to Periyar?
Ans: Not hurting oneself or others
730. What are tourist spots according to Periyar?
Ans: Good trade centers
731. Whom did Periyar call the most intelligent of all the world species?
Ans: Human being
732. What is the way to remain honest and well behaved?
Ans: Needs must be less
733. Which is the best investment for business according to Periyar?
Ans: Honesty
734. What is true knowledge in Periyar's opinion?
Ans: To believe that all living beings are one.
735. Who is an absolute idiot according to Periyar?
Ans: one who thinks of the auspicious and the inauspicious
736. Why are people nasty according to Periyar?
Ans: Mental weakness
737. What is man's victory in life according to Periyar?
Ans: To be satisfied with what he has.

738. Who said that suffering on account of love is stupidity?
Ans: Periyar
739. According to Periyar, what is man's nature by birth?
Ans: Selfishness
740. How can everyone get everything in life, in Periyar's opinion?
Ans: If no one keeps with himself more than what he needs
741. How did Periyar want to punish legally, people who refuse to learn even to sign their own name properly?
Ans: Six months to one year imprisonment
742. What should be a man's aim in life according to Periyar?
Ans: To see that his fellow beings are benefited in all respects
743. What is the duty of every man and woman?
Ans: To ask themselves what they have contributed to the society?.
744. What are places for entertainment in Periyar's views?
Ans: Exhibitions, machinery dams and coal mines in Neyveli etc;
745. What is frugality according to Periyar?
Ans: Spending money only for the essential needs.
746. What is spendthrift according to Periyar?
Ans: Needless expenses
747. What is miserliness in Periyar's opinion?
Ans: Not spending even for the essential needs
748. Who did Periyar consider a real lord?
Ans: One who spends calculatively without borrowing money from others.
749. How should a man live according to Periyar?
Ans: Adapting to the changing times and life style, discarding outdated thoughts.
750. According to Periyar who can never lead a successful life?
Ans: One who refuses to adapt to the changing times.
751. In Periyar's dictionary who is "double idiot"?
Ans: One who loses his mind by short temper
752. Who is free from worries according to Periyar?
Ans: one who believes that nature governs the universe.
753. Who should be grateful to others in Periyar's opinion?
Ans: one who has derived benefits.
754. Death is Natural according to Periyar. What is living as per his view?
Ans: A wonder
755. "If you believe everything that I say, without reasoning - you are all really slaves. - Who said it?
Ans: Periyar
756. Preventing expression of thoughts?
Ans: wickedness according to Periyar
757. Who said -"Rationalism and Tamil language are in no way related?
Ans: Periyar
758. In Periyar's view what can solve the dispute between two Tamil scholars?
Ans: A police station
759. Periyar's comment on an advocate's profession?
Ans: A job of making false a truth and making truth a false.
760. How to establish justice and integrity in the world, as per Periyar's belief?
Ans: Stringent laws.
761. Which is the most cruel business according to Periyar?
Ans: Business of touts, brokers and middlemen.

762. In Periyar's opinion what is being wealthy?
Ans: A mere blind belief
763. Did Periyar believe in ghosts?
Ans: No. He called it an illusion.
764. What is "hell" according to Periyar?
Ans: A fear caused by imagination.
765. Did Periyar believe in heaven?
Ans: No. He called it a white lie.
766. What did Periyar say about festivals of our country?
Ans: Meaningless rituals.
767. What did Periyar feel about rest and tiredness?
Ans: Suicidal feelings
768. Who said - "Socialism can spread fast only through atheism?"
Ans: Periyar
769. Who are unfit for public service according to Periyar?
Ans: Those who are scared of mischief mongers
770. What is impossible to perform in Periyar's opinion, if one expects name and fame from people?
Ans: Public Service
771. What is essential for noble deeds, according to Periyar?
Ans: courage
772. How does man achieve greatness, in Periyar's view?
Ans: By his will power.
773. Whom did Periyar consider an immature moron?
Ans: One who fails to apply reasoning power.
774. What should be the objective of every man according to Periyar?
Ans: Rendering service to others.
775. What is true pleasure according to Periyar?
Ans: Derived through serving others.
776. What should a man be careful about in Periyar's view?
Ans: About not hurting others for our comfortable life.
777. How should a man's life be according to Periyar?
Ans: Useful to others
778. Whom did Periyar want to spread the principle of family planning?
Ans: Rationalists.
779. Which religion's mission is eradicating varnashrama Dharma according to Periyar?
Ans: Buddhist religion
780. Why are good people unable to become rulers, according to Periyar?
Ans: Since voters are stupid
781. How did Periyar describe himself briefly?
Ans: A thinker
782. Who is a real man according to Periyar?
Ans: one who is loyal and grateful
783. What is nobility according to Periyar?
Ans: Practise what one preaches and speak only the truth.
784. What did Periyar enjoy like a child?
Ans: Swinging
785. Who said - "Periyar forced me to leave his house as I had gone while in Govt. service?"
Ans: Justice P. Venugopal
786. What has propaganda and publicity done to our world, in Periyar's opinion?
Ans: They have enslaved the world.
787. In which language did Periyar speak in 1944 at the All India Backward class non-brahmins league conference in Kanpur?
Ans: In English for an hour
788. By birth, what is man according to Periyar?
Ans: Full of shortcomings and demerits.

789. What should be without difference and partiality in Periyar's view?
Ans: In the salary of Union government workers and State Government workers.
790. In which conference did Periyar pass a resolution that the salary of Govt. staff should not exceed Rs.1000/-?
Ans: In the Second District Self-Respect Movement Conference held in Erode.
791. What sentence did Periyar say he would award to people who waste things?
Ans: Death by hanging
792. What was Periyar's suggestion to prevent accidents?
Ans: To seize the licence of drivers
793. What is begging for alms and offering alms - according to Periyar?
Ans: An act to be prohibited by a law.
794. Which city in Periyar's view has most people with superstitions?
Ans: Chennai
795. What is more important in Periyar's view, when people get married?
Ans: knowledge, love, match and experience
796. Which year did Periyar join congress in?
Ans: 1919
797. Name two celebrities who anxiously tried to drag Periyar into congress?
Ans: Rajagopalachari and Varadarajulu Naidu.
798. Who said - "After witnessing the place of Jalianwala Bagh tragedy, I became a vigorous nationalist by provocation".?
Ans: Periyar
799. How long did Periyar serve congress?
Ans: 1919 to 1925 - for six years.
800. What was Periyar's exceptional virtue?
Ans: He hated flatterers and sycophants. This was a rare virtue in him.
801. When did Periyar quit congress?
Ans: on 22.11.1925
802. Which incident provoked Periyar to quit congress?
Ans: The rejection of community wise representation proposal.
803. Why did Periyar join congress instead of Justice party?
Ans: He could not get along with some of the Justice party leaders
804. What did Periyar do upon joining congress?
Ans: He renounced 29 honorary posts which he had held.
805. The years in which Periyar was the president of congress?
Ans: 1922 and 1924
806. Why do people believe in superstitions, in Periyar's opinion?
Ans: Their inability to use power of reasoning.
807. When Periyar was elected president of Tamil Nadu congress committee, V.V.S. Iyer proposed "no-confidence" motion. How many voters supported Periyar?
Ans: 90. Only 12 supported V.V.S.
808. If people keep on clinging to old beliefs and customs without a change what does it mean according to Periyar?
Ans: That their knowledge is shallow
809. When Periyar was in congress where and when did he propose temple entry resolution?
Ans: In 1922 at Tirupur conference.
810. When was Thiruvannamalai conference of congress held presided over by Periyar?
Ans: 1924
811. Which conference made Periyar furious because of some of the speakers?
Ans: Congress conference held in 1924 in Thiruvannamalai
812. According to 'KudiArasu' of 1926, how many times Periyar was the secretary of congress committee?
Ans: Thrice

813. What did Periyar carry as bundles on his shoulder and sell town to town?
Ans: Khadi cloth
814. Who propagated the Khadi movement far and wide in Tamil Nadu?
Ans: Periyar
815. When Periyar hurt his fingers by spinning, who exempted him from the painful work?
Ans: Gandhi
816. Who inaugurated in Thiruchengode, the Khadi Ashram managed by Rajagopalachari?
Ans: Periyar
817. To whom did Periyar give Rs.1000 received from Congress office?
Ans: To Govinda Sanar and K.V.Krishnasamy Iyer
818. In 1925 at Kanchipuram congress conference, how many percentage of reservation did Periyar ask for and agitate?
Ans: 30%
819. What was Periyar's advice to people who perform weddings?
Ans: To spend less
820. Even after quitting congress in 1925, how long did Periyar support Gandhi?
Ans: Till 1927
821. When and where did Periyar and Gandhi meet for the last time?
Ans: In 1927 at Bangalore.
822. What posts did Periyar hold in congress movement?
Ans: Secretary and President
823. How much did Periyar lose during Gandhi's non-cooperation movement?
Ans: He faced a loss of Rs.50,000/-
824. How long did Periyar run a school to teach Hindi, spending his own money?
Ans: For 2 years
825. How much did Periyar offer to Madras Presidency Association, started against Justice party?
Ans: Rs.1000/-
826. Which laws of Justice Party did Periyar support when he was in congress party?
Ans: Community wise representation law and the law of Hindu Religious Endowment Protection Law.
827. Where did Gandhi and Periyar meet and decide to protest against toddy shops?
Ans: Periyar's house in Erode
828. Which conference did Periyar hold at Erode in 1919 to weaken Justice Party?
Ans: Madras Presidency Association (MPA) conference.
829. What did Periyar hate in medical services?
Ans: Injections and feeding through tubes.
830. Who opposed the Swaraj Party started under the headship of Chitranjan Das?
Ans: Gandhi, Periyar and Rajagopalachari
831. Who came to Erode in 1935 and forced Periyar to join congress?
Ans: Jayaprakash - Narayan
832. Who were the congress leaders who visited Periyar's house in 1922 at Erode?
Ans: Motilal Nehru, Vallabhbhai patel and Dr. Ansari
833. Who said - "If the prize is given to one who offered best public services through Tamil Nadu congress Periyar should get the first prize?
Ans: Thiru-Vi-Ka
834. Who wanted Periyar to return to congress?
Ans: Gandhi and Jayaprakash Narayan
835. Name the Association started against Homerule Movement, with Periyar as the vice-president?
Ans: Madras - Presidency Association
836. Who was the Vice-President of Madras Presidency Association?
Ans: Periyar

837. What post did Periyar hold in The Extremists' Association?
Ans: Vice-President
838. What was Periyar's advice to his comrades?
Ans: To make people follow them, inspired by their hard work.
839. Why did Periyar start the Self Respect Movement?
Ans: To teach people the value of dignity and to establish social justice.
840. When was Periyar's Self Respect Movement started?
Ans: 22.11.1925
841. Who said -"Our Movement would never contest any election. It would be only an institution of propaganda"?
Ans: Periyar
842. What are the five principles of self respect Movement?
Ans: Eradication of caste / Social Justice /women's rights / rationalism / self respect.
843. When and where was the first conference of Self Respect held?
Ans: on Feb 17, 1929 in Chinglepet
844. Where was the first Self Respect Conference Planned for conduct?
Ans: In T.M. Nair Hall, Panagal King Canopy - at T.Nagar -Madras.
845. Who presided over the first Self-Respect conference in Chinglepet?
Ans: Soundarapandian
846. Who was the chief minister who participated in the first Self Respect conference?
Ans: Dr. Subbarayan
847. How many resolutions were passed and adopted during the first Self Respect Conference in 1929 at Chinglepet?
Ans: 34 Resolutions
848. Which conference demanded divorce rights for women?
Ans: The first Self Respect Conference of 1929.
849. Who said - "Avoid invoking Tamil mother in educational events and sing in praise of Kamaraj ?
Ans: Periyar
850. When and where was the second self respect conference held?
Ans: In 1930 at Erode
851. What was special about 1930 conference in Erode?
Ans: It was held under four different captions.
852. When and where was the third Self Respect Conference held?
Ans: At Virudunagar in 1931
853. In which conference was it resolved that only machines are useful for industrial growth and development?
Ans: In the third district conference of Self Respect Movement held in Virudunagar in 1931.
854. According to Periyar where should women get employment?
Ans: In army and police department
855. What was considered in the beginning as the workshop-spot of self respect movement?
Ans: 'Hair dressers' Shops.
856. According to Periyar how long should Self Respect Movement exist?
Ans: As long as the last superstitious person lives in this country
857. Periyar described Self Respect Movement as the body. How did he describe Justice Party?
Ans: A sheet to cover the body
858. When was the discussion held to link socialism with Self respect movement of Periyar?
Ans: In Erode, Dec 28/29 in 1932.
859. Name the conference held by Periyar in 1933, on Nov.26?
Ans: Self Respect and Socialist conference

860. Whose portrait did Thiru-Vi-Ka unveil during the Self Respect socialist conference?
Ans: Portrait of Lenin and Nagammaiar
861. Who stressed that self respect movement does nothing illegal and that our propaganda is always in adherence to the law?
Ans: Periyar
862. When were the letters sent by Periyar and letters received by Periyar checked by the Secret Police special squad?
Ans: During 1934-1935
863. Which system of thought was praised by Periyar as humanist system and an approach towards equality and universal brotherhood?
Ans: Socialism
864. Which word did Periyar want his followers to prefix before names while addressing one another?
Ans: comrade
865. Which Chief Minister brought Hindu endowment and charities Act and was lauded by Periyar when he was in congress?
Ans: Panagal king Rama Raya Ningaru
866. What post in the party did Panagal king come forward to offer Periyar in 1927 when the king was the president of Justice party?
Ans: The post of Justice Party State Chief controller.
867. Who was the president of Justice Party when Periyar declined a post offered by him in 1927?
Ans: Panagal King
868. Whose death was described by Periyar as - "like the Army General passing away when the war is going on"?
Ans: The death of Panagal king
869. Which conference was held in 1927 in Thanjavur district?
Ans: Self Respect Conference
870. Who was condemned by Periyar in 1928 for opposing "Sharada Act"?
Ans: A.B. Pathro
871. Who proposed the name of Periyar on Nov. 26-27 1928, during the South Indian Reformers' conference as the president of the event?
Ans: Panagal king Rama Raya Ningaru
872. Which party accepted Periyar's Erode work-scheme?
Ans: Justice Party
873. In 1935, when Periyar's work scheme was approved on Nov.14, where was the management committee meeting of Justice party held?
Ans: Bobbili King's bungalow
874. Who was the President of Justice party when Periyar's work scheme was ratified?
Ans: King of Bobbili
875. During whose period did the relationship between Periyar and Justice Party become strong?
Ans: During the period of Bobbili king.
876. When did Periyar become the president of Justice Party?
Ans: In 1938, during the 14th conference of Justice Party in Madras.
877. Where was Periyar when he was chosen as the President of Justice Party?
Ans: He was in Bellari Prison
878. Where was the 15th conference of Justice party held when Anna was appointed as its Joint secretary?
Ans: In Thiruvavur
879. When did Periyar write an editorial that there should be an heir for the Movement to carry on with the works?
Ans: In 'Viduthalai' on 13.09.1953
880. When did Periyar conduct the 16th South Indian's Welfare Rights Association's district conference?
Ans: on 27.08.1944 in Salem.

881. In whose name did Periyar propose the resolution in Salem conference to change the name of South Indians Welfare Rights Association as Dravidar Kazhagam?
Ans: In the name of Anna.
882. What did Periyar once say about himself?
Ans: I am eulogised by some but abhorred by many. I hate outdated concepts.
883. Where in 1945 was the first conference of Black shirt cadres held?
Ans: In Madurai
884. What was Periyar's idea about a flag for the party?
Ans: That it should be simple and depict scientific spirit, objective and the mission of the outfit.
885. Where did Periyar unveil the portrait of Gandhi?
Ans: On May 8th and 9th of 1948, during the 18th Dravidar Kazhagam's District conference held in Tuticorin
886. In which conference did Periyar advise cadres to avoid actual pictures of people and see them in their mind's eye, by practising frugality during portrait unveiling events?
Ans: In the 19th conference of Dravidar Kazhagam held in Erode district on 23/24, August 1948.
887. During which conference did Anna ride on a car pulled by two bullocks while Periyar marched on foot before him in the procession?
Ans: In the 19th Special District Conference of Dravidar Kazhagam at Erode in 1948
888. To whom did Periyar wish to hand over all his responsibilities?
Ans: Anna
889. Where and when did Anna and Periyar meet?
Ans: In 1934 at Tirupur during Sengunthar conference
890. Where did Periyar hold his first workshop for Dravidian students?
Ans: Erode
891. 1949, at Mavoor, where was the Dravidian students' Training class conducted?
Ans: In the bungalow of sir. Mavoor Sharma
892. When was the Vidayapuram coaching class held?
Ans: On 24.05.1967
893. Avoiding cities, in which village did Periyar hold a conference?
Ans: Kachanam Village
894. On 14.05.1949 where did Periyar and Rajagopalachari meet?
Ans: At Thiruvannamalai on a train
895. Upon whose death did Periyar write - "the top most position is vacant"?
Ans: On the death of P. Varadarajulu Naidu
896. Which chief minister said that he was occupying the post meant for Periyar?
Ans: Omandur Ramasamy Reddiar
897. Periyar had to attend an event in Chidambaram. Why did he cancel it and rush to Chennai?
Ans: To discuss with Kamaraj in Varadarajulu's house the issue of next chief minister
898. In 1954, when Rajaji quit the post of chief minister where was the meeting held to appoint the next C.M.? Who participated in it?
Ans: At Varadarajulu Naidu's house; Naidu, Kamaraj and Periyar discussed.
899. Upon whose assurance did Periyar put off his anti Hindi agitation in 1955 ?
Ans: Upon the assurance of Kamaraj to avoid imposing Hindi.
900. After the assurance of Kamaraj to Periyar who assured on 07.08.1959 that Hindi would not be imposed?
Ans: Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru

901. Who said - "If Kamaraj rules the State for 10 years the objectives of Dravidar kazhagam would be achieved to a great extent"?
Ans: Periyar
902. Whom did Periyar praise as "the savior of Tamil Nadu"?
Ans: Kamaraj
903. Who were called the triumvirates of Tamil Nadu's politics?
Ans: Varadarajulu Naidu, E.V. Ramasamy Naicker and Thiru-Vi-Ka Mudaliar
904. Who were the communist leaders who once asked - "who is ruling Tamil Nadu? Rajaji or Periyar"?
Ans: Jeevanandam and Ramamurthy
905. When and where did the vice-president of Hindu Maha Sabha Munje and Periyar meet?
Ans: on 29.09.1944 in Trichy
906. When and where did communist leader Dange and Periyar meet?
Ans: On 30.10.1951 in Trichy
907. When and where did Periyar meet All India Socialist Party President Ram Manohar Lohia?
Ans: On 23.01.1958 in Chennai - Govt. General hospital
908. Where did Periyar meet Anna after the victory of DMK in assembly polls?
Ans: Trichy
909. Which is a great virtue for a leader according to Periyar?
Ans: Self-Control
910. What was Periyar's telegram message to Kalaignar Karunanidhi when DMK won in the 1971 Assembly election?
Ans: "I am free from all charges"
911. Who went to Kamaraj, Anna and Kalaignar as an ambassador of Periyar?
Ans: Dr.K. Veeramani
912. Whom did Periyar praise as "one of the gems in the world of Arts"?
Ans: Actor M.G.R.
913. Who came to Periyar Thidal once to meet him and discuss political issues?
Ans: M.G.R.
914. When and where did Periyar and MGR meet?
Ans: on 13.10.1972 - in Periyar Thidal
915. Who said to MGR - "Kalaignar and you both are like two eyes of mine"?
Ans: Periyar
916. In whose name does the Govt. of Tamil Nadu present every year the "Social Justice Award"?
Ans: In the name of Periyar
917. Which chief minister of Tamil Nadu constituted Thanthai Periyar Award for Social Justice?
Ans: J. Jayalalitha
918. When was Periyar honoured by the UNESCO Award?
Ans: on 27.06.1970
919. Whom did Periyar praise as a rationalist poet?
Ans: Bharatidasan
920. How much Periyar used to charge for taking a snap with him?
Ans: Rs.5/-
921. Who was instrumental behind owning the Periyar Thidal ground, according to Periyar?
Ans: G.D. Naidu
922. Where did Periyar announce about Periyar Thidal purchased by the DK Movement?
Ans: on 21.7.1956 at Management Council Meet in Trichy.
923. Would the Dravidar Kazhagam ever contest elections?
Ans: No. Periyar was against it
924. Is Dravidar Kazhagam a party or a movement?
Ans: Movement
925. What was delayed for 6 hours waiting for Periyar's arrival?
Ans: A Ship's Sail

926. Why were some cadres arrested near kotwal chavadi in Madras, when they were collecting funds for agitations?
Ans: The Police thought they were begging and dumped them in prison
927. What was Periyar's general request to the cadres?
Ans: "Learn by heart the principles of our movement, published in our books".
928. Whom did Periyar describe as "two lakh spears"?
Ans: The cadres who attended the caste Eradication Special Conference held on 04.11.1957 in Thanjavur.
929. What was Periyar's advice to the followers willing to attend and participate in the caste abolition conference?
Ans: He advised them to sign in their blood and send him their letters of willingness
930. What was the special title awarded by Periyar to the volunteers?
Ans: Torches of Self Respect
931. Periyar once said sadly - "Rather than from outsiders, I get problems from these people" - Whom did he mean by "these people"?
Ans: Some cadres in the movement
932. Who said - "Policies and principles must never change. But the method of action may be changed frequently. It is not a crime"?
Ans: Periyar
933. What did Periyar compare his tasks with?
Ans: Swimming in a turbulent sea of giant waves.
934. How many children were there when Nagammaiar Home for destitute children was started in 1961?
Ans: 39 children
935. When did Periyar start Nagammaiar children's Home?
Ans: 1961
936. Who said to his cadres - "I love you all. I am closely monitoring you all for your safety and welfare. I don't want any evil germ harm you"?
Ans: Periyar
937. Who is an ideal leader according to Periyar?
Ans: One who is able to lead others perfectly.
938. Who is not a good leader, in Periyar's view?
Ans: One who is led by others.
939. Who said - "I admit that sometimes I behave like a dictator? - It is true to some extent"?
Ans: Periyar
940. When was Periyar's "Self Respect Propaganda Institution registered"?
Ans: 1952
941. On 22.09.1952 where was Periyar Self Respect Propaganda Institution registered?
Ans: In Trichy
942. Why did Periyar choose the name "Periyar Self Respect Propaganda Institution" including his own name?
Ans: To prevent distortion of the word 'Self Respect' and to assert that his principles and his movement are in the form of that Institution.
943. Where did Periyar start Southern Railway Labourers' Union?
Ans: In Trichy
944. Where did Periyar say that Unions of workers are exploited by some politicians and party men?
Ans: During the inauguration of Southern Railway men Union.
945. Which forum did Periyar start in 1952 for the progress of farmers?
Ans: Dravidian Agricultural workers Union
946. When did Periyar start Rationalists Movement to include Govt servants and officers?
Ans: 09.09.70

947. When was Lenin's book "Lenin and Religion" published in Tamil by Periyar through 'KudiArasu' publications?
Ans: In 1983
948. What was Periyar's suggestion to eradicate food scarcity?
Ans: Rearing and raising sheep, cows, hens, pigs and fish must be paid more attention.
949. Who said that the Rationalists Forum has nothing to do with politics?
Ans: Periyar
950. What is it that cannot be postponed forgiven and ignored according to Periyar?
Ans: Abolishing the evil of untouchability.
951. Name two great tasks of Periyar?
Ans: Caste system eradication and abolishing slavery of women.
952. Two days before Periyar's death, when the cadres wished to put off his tours and public meetings, what did Periyar say?
Ans: "I am the one to deliver speeches -not you. Don't postpone any event.
953. How did Periyar describe himself?
Ans: He said - "I am a common man on the street".
954. How did Periyar consider and treat the post of the president?
Ans: It was a big trouble according to him.
955. Where were Periyar's enemies ready to kill him?
Ans: At Rajapalayam
956. What was Periyar's advice to his volunteers and followers?
Ans: Accept my views if you are satisfied. Reject what is not acceptable.
957. Who said - "Never call me Mahatma, Divine sage, Buddha or a saint"?
Ans: Periyar
958. How did Periyar want others to call him?
Ans: He did not mind if they called him using abusive terms.
959. What was Periyar's humble request to people?
Ans: "I am a small man. Don't make me a superhuman by magnifying my virtues".
960. What did Periyar say when people asked him why he kept changing some of his principles?
Ans: Why do you expect a man to remain unchanged forever?
961. How did Periyar defend the changes in his views?
Ans: He asked people to see if his changes are beneficial to the society or not.
962. What was Periyar's remark on some contradictions in him?
Ans: He said - "changes in approaches are inevitable. We are all bundles of contradictions. I too change my colour sometimes like a chameleon.
963. What did Periyar say about his future?
Ans: He said - "I just can't say how I would change tomorrow."
964. What was Periyar's approach in general?
Ans: He said - "I extract work from people who accept my principles and get along with me. It could just be anyone".
965. What was Periyar's comment on Nationalism?
Ans: It is absurd, Self centred and a ploy according to him.
966. Where did Periyar say - "like a robber, a trader also dupes people and earns money"?
Ans: During the Annual Day celebration of a Traders Association

967. Whom did Periyar call - "Scattered gooseberries"?
- Ans: Dravidians who remain isolated without unity**
968. Who was the woman appointed by Periyar in 1934 as the vice - President of Self Respect Association?
- Ans: S. Neelavathi**
969. What did Periyar compare Manudharma with?
- Ans: It lays different codes for different castes which is like using one oil for the hair and another for the beard.**
970. Where does Man's real beauty lie in according to Periyar?
- Ans: In his dignity and knowledge.**
971. What should be declared illegal - according to Periyar?
- Ans: Begging for alms and encouraging beggars by giving alms**
972. How did Periyar describe his public services?
- Ans: It is like holding an umbrella above the Himalayas to protect it from scorching heat.**
973. Why did Periyar insist always on dignity and knowledge?
- Ans: They make a complete man and a complete woman.**
974. Six questions are always important according to Periyar. What are they?
- Ans: What? Why? What for? How? Where? When?**
975. Who is an ideal man in Periyar's view?
- Ans: One who serves others.**
976. Which is noble service in Periyar's opinion?
- Ans: Serving others without expecting praise or rewards.**
977. What does Periyar suggest to relieve man from his worries?
- Ans: To eradicate his avarice**
978. What did Periyar consider an eyesore?
- Ans: The atrocious treatment meted out to the SC/ST and backward class people.**
979. Whom did Periyar want to be dumped in prisons?
- Ans: The religious fanatics who discriminate people as high and low.**
980. What is to be done to establish an egalitarian world. according to Periyar?
- Ans: People should all dress in a uniform manner.**
981. When did Periyar scream - "Everything has gone"?
- Ans: Upon the news of Anna's passing away.**
982. What was compared to, when attempts were made by some to topple Anna's Government?
- Ans: Periyar said that it was like driving nails on our own coffin.**
983. How did Periyar explain his first visit to Hyderabad in 1903?
- Ans: He said that he went to sell some goods.**
984. How did V.O. Chidambaram praise Periyar?
- Ans: He called him his mentor and chief**
985. People who made Periyar attend their events but who never paid even for his conveyance?
- Ans: 90 out of 100 did do so.**
986. What is the aim of education according to Periyar?
- Ans: Eradicating stupidity, degradation and superstitions.**
987. The books which Periyar used to frequently refer to?
- Ans: 'Abidana Kosam' and 'Abidana Chintamani'**
988. Which theatre did Periyar visit upon the invitation of its owner G. Umaphathi?
- Ans: Anand Theatre in Chennai**
989. Which disease was Periyar affected by?
- Ans: Hernia**
990. Who would lose his sanity - according to Periyar?
- Ans: One who believes in fate and destiny.**

991. What is a Rationalists Forum in other words, in Periyar's opinion?
Ans: Forum of humans.
992. What was Periyar's wish?
Ans: To breathe his last while delivering a speech.
993. What would Periyar usually tell his mother and his wife??
Ans: "I shall come back only if nothing untoward happens."
994. Some people used to say "Hindi would come to us one day or the other. What was Periyar's retort?
Ans: "Shall we fall now itself into a well since death is certain?"
995. What did Periyar consider as equal to suicide?
Ans: Rest and feeling exhausted.
996. Top officials who condoled Periyar's death?
Ans: The President, the Prime Minister, the Governor and the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
997. Which is the right time to rest, according to Periyar?
Ans: When our service is of no use to the nation or when our service is not recognised by the people.
998. What did Periyar hate?
Ans: Prostrating (falling at some one's feet)
999. Where did Periyar go in Varnasi to buy a coat for Anna?
Ans: A shop which made second sales of Army men's coats.
1000. Whom did Kalaignar praise as the one who moved with Periyar for a longer period and was much closer than Anna and himself?
Ans: Asiriyar Dr. K. Veeramani.

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The World to Come!

In the world to come, it will be enough for a man to work for merely one or two hours a day to lead a happy life as that of Mahatmas (Gandhi), Zamindars, religious heads as Matathipathis and the Brahmins. Labour for merely two

hours would be quite sufficient to enjoy all the pleasures of life. Even as an individual complains of pain in the leg, ear, nose, stomach, bone and so on, in the new world to come, the difficulties and drawbacks of any single individual would not be tolerated by the society. Such a society based on co-operation and unity would be in the world shaped to come.

The World to Come!

Wars as waged now, would not take place in that world. People will not be forced to lose their lives in wars, plunders and murders. There will be no unemployed people, struggling hard for food and jobs. People may seek jobs only with the motive of keeping a healthy body.

The World to Come!

The task of seeking a job for livelihood would be very easy and within the reach of every human being. Pleasures would increase in leaps. The longevity of man would go on increasing by fresh research. Whatever might be the phase of increase of the population, the efforts and time needed to produce the necessities for life would be minimised.

The World to Come!

- There would be no place for indiscipline.
- Men and Women would not indulge in sexual acts without mutual consent.
- Quality education and excellence in knowledge would be for all.
- Everyone would be health-conscious with relevant knowledge, awareness and eagerness and would also care for Self Respect.

Other Comforts

- Transport would be by air crafts and other faster modes of travel.
- Wireless telegraph device would be in everyone's pocket. Every one's cap would have a radio. Telegrams bearing sender's image would be sent by a special device, all over the world. People would be able to talk to one another at different places, looking at the faces. This convenience would become a reality.
- Imparting education from one place to the people of various places would become possible.
- Food would be condensed as essential nutrients and

made available, encapsulated and packed in small containers.

- Man's life span may increase two fold or even more.
- Child birth without physical contacts of men and women may be possible.
- The use of petrol could be replaced by electricity.
- Rapid scientific development would delink people from the blind belief in the existence of God.
- Unless a person is mentally deranged, he would not harm another fellow human being. If there is humanism, there would be no indiscipline and erosion of culture.
- Ignorance of the small people and arrogance of the big people are powerful adversaries. Only those who defeat them and prove themselves invincible can create a new world.

Courtesy: 'The World to Come'
– The book comprising Periyar's far-sighted thoughts voiced during 1938 and 1943.

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1. The Answer sheet would be in the coding sheet format
2. It would have circles to be shaded.
3. The Register Number on it is to be the number for identity purposes too.
4. Students are advised to make a note of the number. The result of the test is to be found out by this number.
5. Students must fill in their name, class, name of the school, house address and mobile phone number at the specific spot, shade properly and sign.
6. The District code number informed by the co-ordinator should be filled in '2. District code' column and shaded.
7. The marked code and number on the Question-sheet, (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N) must be filled in '3. Question code' column and shaded.
8. The Question sheet would contain 45 questions. 4 answers would be there for each question (A, B, C, D). The correct answer must be chosen and the letter specified for it must be fully shaded. (A model sheet is attached).
9. The answer in details for the last question should be written in words, on a white sheet of paper.
10. For objective type questions (choosing the right answer) 45 marks @ 1 mark for each question; 5 marks for written answers. The test would be conducted totally for 50 marks.
11. No deduction of marks for incorrect answers.
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