

**Toronto Tamil Chair
Tamil Knowledge Competition**

Question - Answer

1. How many vowels are in Tamil language?
12
2. How many consonants are in Tamil language?
18
3. How many primary letters are there in Tamil language?
30
4. How many letters are in Tamil language?
247
5. When did Canadian federal government declare January as Tamil Heritage Month?
2016
6. Approximately what is the population of Tamils in the world?
80 million
7. What are the native lands of Tamils in the world?
Eelam, Tamil Nadu
8. Which countries have Tamil language as official language?
Ceylon, Singapore
9. Which countries have Tamil written in their currency?
India, Ceylon, Singapore, Mauritius
10. Who was the first European scholar to translate Thirukkural into Latin?
Rev. Joseph Beschi (Veerama Munivar)
11. Where was the first World Tamil Research Conference held?
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
12. Who organized the first World Tamil Research Conference?
Rev. Xavier Thani Nayagam Adikal
13. When was the first World Tamil Research Conference held?
1966
14. Which World Tamil Research Conference was held in Jaffna?
Fourth
15. Who was the first Tamil lecturer at the Annamalai University?
Swami Vipulananthar Adikal
16. Who was the first Tamil Nobel laureate?
C.V.Raman
17. Which Tamil person is considered as a mathematical genius?
Ramanujan
18. Where was the 133ft tall Thiruvalluvar statue build?
Kanyakumari
19. Who is hailed as the most famous Tamil scholar from Batticaloa?
Swami Vipulanandar adikal
20. Name the book written by Swami Vipulananda after researching for 15 years?
Yal Nool

21. What was the last language evolved from Tamil?
Malayalam
22. Which Tamil king ruled Ceylon for 44 years?
Ellalan
23. Who was the last king of Jaffna?
Cankili II
24. Who was the last Chieftain who ruled Vanni?
Pandara Vanniyan
25. Ellalan ruled from which capital city?
Anuradhapuram
26. Who is the CEO of Google LLC?
Sundar Pichai
27. Who is the most famous Tamil chess player?
Visvanathan Anand
28. Which town is called the "Land of the Singing Fish"?
Batticaloa
29. Which productive tree is called "katpakatharu" in Eelam?
Palmyrah
30. What is the major staple food of Tamils?
Rice
31. On which day do Tamils thank the sun?
Thai first day (Pongal)
32. Which book is considered the greatest work on ethics and morality?
Thirukkural
33. Where was the third Tamil Sangam established?
Madurai
34. Among the triple Tamil dynasties which one founded and patronized Tamill Sangams?
Pandyas
35. Out of many tanks built by Kulakkottan which one is considered the greatest?
Kanthalai Kulam
36. What famous historical temple was built by Raja Raja Cholan?
Peruvudaiyar Kovil in Thanjavur
37. Who wrote thirukkural?
Thiruvalluvar
38. Who wrote Kondrai Venthan?
Avvaiyar
39. What is the capital city of Tamil Nadu?
Chennai
40. Which city was the capital city of Medieval Chola kingdom?
Thanchai
41. Which city was the capital city of Chera Kingdom?
Vanchi
42. Which city was the capital city of Pandiya Kingdom?
Madurai
43. Where is International institute of Tamil Studies located?

Taramani (Chennai)

44. Who was called the "Revolutionary Poet"?
Bharathithasan
45. What was the first Tamil movie?
Kalithas
46. What are the three forms of Tamil?
Literary/poetry, Musical and Drama
47. What is the oldest Tamil grammar book we have?
Tholkappiyam
48. What famous factory was located in Kanthalai?
Sugar factory
49. What famous factory was located in Valaichenai?
Paper factory
50. In Trincomalee where is the hot wells located?
Kanniya
51. Which Tamil book translated most?
Thirukkural
52. Where was the tenth World Tamil Research Conference held?
Chicago
53. Which king left his chariot for the jasmine climb?
Paary
54. Which king gave goose berry to Avvaiyar?
Athiyamaan
55. In which Canadian university Tamil Chair will be established?
University of Toronto
56. Which poet wrote the most moral poems in Tamil?
Avvaiyar
57. In which year the most number of Tamil people were killed by the Sri Lankan armed forces?
2009
58. What is the name of ancient buried city unearthed near Kaveri river bed recently?
Keeladi
59. Which Kalki's novel was based on the history of Raja Raja Cholan?
Ponniyin Sellvan
60. Which mountain did Agaththiyar reside to spread Tamil?
Pothikai mountain
61. Which king built Thirukoneswaram?
Kulakkodan
62. Who introduced prose style writing in Tamil?
Veeramaa Munivar
63. What was the Tamil habitat submerged by sea?
Kumarik Kandam
64. What is the flag of Chola kings?
Tiger
65. What is the flag of Pandiya kings?

Fish

66. What is the flag of Chera kings?

Bow and Arrow

67. What is the flag of the Jaffna kings?

Bull

68. What spice was called 'Black Gold' during British rule in Tamil Nadu?

Black Pepper

69. How many poems are in Naladiyar?

400

70. How many couplets are in Thirukkural?

1330

71. How many Alvars were there?

12

72. Who is the Saiva Saint who did not have a place in Periyapuram?

Maanickavasagar

73. Who sang "The whole world is my village and all folks are my kinsmen"?

Kanian Poongundranar

74. Which organization is staging Thamilar Street Festival in Canada?

Canadian Tamil Congress

75. Outside East Asia which University is creating a Chair for Tamil?

Harvard University

76. Who composed the music for Tamil Anthem for Toronto Tamil Chair?

D. Imman

77. Who wrote Panchali Sabatham?

Mahakavi Bharathiyar

78. Which chieftain defeated all three Tamil emperors in the same battle?

Paari

79. How many flowers are mentioned in kurinji pattu?

99

80. Which king brought stone block from Himalayas to build a statue for Kannaki?

Senguttuvan Chera

81. Which countries Airlines make Tamil announcement in their flights?

India, Ceylon, Singapore

82. Who was the first European scholar to translate Thirukkural, Thiruvagam, Naladiyar into English language?

Rev. G.U.Pope

83. In which place members of the public who participated in the World Tamil Research Conference got killed?

Jaffna

84. What is the largest irrigation tank in Tamil Eelam?

Iranaimadu kulam

85. Which Europeans captured the Jaffna Kingdom first?

Portuguese

86. Which European colonial power amalgamated Tamil and Singhalese territories?

British

87. When were the Tamil provinces amalgamated with Singhalese provinces?
1833
88. Which Commission recommended the amalgamation of Tamil Provinces with Singhalese provinces?
Colebrook — Cameron Commission
89. Who was instrumental in spreading the Tamil language beyond Tamils?
Rev. Xavier Thaninayagam Adigalar
90. Who was considered as the founding father of modern Tamil theatre?
Pammal Sambanda Mudaliyar
91. What was the first Tamil epic composed giving pride of place to common people?
Cilappathikaram
92. What is the largest island close to Jaffna?
Neduntheevu
93. Where is the bird sanctuary located in Tamil Eelam?
Chundikulam
94. Where is moddai karuppan paddy cultivated?
Poonakari
95. What sea is located in the land of Mullaitheevu?
Nandikkadal
96. Where is Chithamparam of Eelam located?
Karainagar
97. Where is the famous but small Vinayakar temple on Kandy road situated?
Murikandy
98. What is the place where the mineral illemenie is mined?
Pulmoddai (Trincomalee)
99. Name the first Tamil elected to the Canadian Parliament?
Rathika Sitsabaiesan
100. Who was the last ruler of Kandy?
Sri Wickrama Rajasinghan
101. Which European country hanged Cankilian the last king of Jaffna?
Portuguese
102. Which famous river is located in Kathirkamam?
Manicka Gangai
103. Which ship was built in Valvettithurai and sailed to the US?
Annappoorani
104. Who built the famous stone temples in Mamallapuram?
Narasimha Pallavan
105. Which king built the fort on top of Sigiriya hill?
Kasiyappan
106. What is the name of the sea between Tamil Nadu and Eelam?
Palk Strait
107. Who wrote Tamil Thai Vazhththu anthem?
Manonmaniam Sundaranar
108. Who inaugurated the Pure Tamil Movement?
Maraimalai Adikalar

109. Who is considered as the Gandhi of Eelam?
Fathar Chelva (S.J.V. Chelvanayakam)
110. Who is the Eelam poet with the epithet "Mahakavi"?
Thu. Uruthiramoorthy
111. Who said, "God created me well, only to compose in praise of him in Tamil"?
Thirumoolar
112. Who composed Thiruththondar puranam?
Sekklar
113. Who compiled the Thirumurai?
Nambiyaandar Nambi
114. In whose rule was Thirumuraikal compiled?
Raja Raja Cholan I
115. Who wrote the grammar book Nannul?
Pavananthi munivar
116. Who is the first person to visit United States as India's Cultural Ambassador?
Sivaji Ganesan
117. Who sang "It aches me when I see a plant wither"?
Ramalinga Adikal
118. What was the first short story book poet Kannadasan wrote?
Eelaththurani
119. Who is the chair person of Indian Space Research Organization?
Sivan Kailasavadivoo
120. Who established the fact from research that Tamil language is capable of functioning independently without Sanskrit help?
Bishop Robert Caldwell