

ArivArk General English Video Series

Question Tags: Practice Questions

Group 2/2A Prelims: General English, Unit I Grammar

Real questions: TNPSC previous year questions (Group 2/2A Prelims 2025 official answer; Group 2 2022, 2024; Group 4 2025). Practice questions: ArivArk Academy.

Question tags: the basics

A **question tag** is a short question added at the end of a sentence to check or confirm something ("...", isn't it?", "..., right?").

Main rule: a positive sentence takes a negative tag; a negative sentence takes a positive tag. It is hot today, isn't it? You don't like coffee, do you?

The tag always uses a pronoun, never a name or a noun: Gopi isn't our guide, is he?

The rules

Sentence has	Tag uses	Example
a helping verb (is, are, was, can, have, will ...)	the same helping verb	She is a doctor, isn't she? / They can swim, can't they?
will	won't	You will come, won't you?
no helping verb, present, he / she / it	does	He lives in Europe, doesn't he?
no helping verb, present, I / you / we / they	do	They play cricket, don't they?
no helping verb, past	did	She went home, didn't she?
a name	he / she	Ravi is tall, isn't he?
this / that	it	This is the bus that I have to travel, isn't it?
these / those	they	These are your books, aren't they?

Special cases

Special case	Tag	Example
I am	aren't I	I am right, aren't I?
Let's	shall we	Let's go home, shall we?
Command (imperative)	will you / won't you	Close the door, will you?
Negative command	will you	Don't shout, will you?
never, hardly, seldom, nobody, nothing (negative words)	positive tag	He never lies, does he? / She hardly eats, does she?
everyone, somebody, nobody	they	Nobody came, did they?
There is / There are	isn't there / aren't there	There is a problem, isn't there?
needn't	need	I needn't play, need I?
I am (in a comparison too)	aren't I	I am older than you, aren't I?

Common mistakes

- 1. Same polarity twice.** Wrong: It is hot, is it? Right: It is hot, isn't it?
- 2. A name in the tag.** Wrong: Ravi is tall, isn't Ravi? Right: Ravi is tall, isn't he?
- 3. A negative tag after never.** Wrong: She never sings, doesn't she? Right: She never sings, does she?

TNPSC PYQs

1. Choose the correct question tag for the sentence given below. Let's all go to the beach this evening, ____ (Group 2/2A Prelims 2025, official answer)

- (A) do we? (B) don't we?
(C) shall we? (D) aren't we?

Answer: (C) shall we. A sentence that starts with Let's always takes shall we.

2. Choose the correct question tag from the list given below. Let's go home? (Group 2, 2022)

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| (A) Will you | (B) Shall we |
| (C) Do we | (D) Shouldn't we |

Answer: (B) Shall we. Let's = shall we.

3. Choose the correct question tag. Gopi isn't our guide ____? (Group 2, 2022)

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| (A) Is he? | (B) Is she? |
| (C) Isn't he? | (D) Isn't she? |

Answer: (A) Is he. Negative sentence = positive tag; Gopi = he.

4. Choose the correct question tag: This is the bus that I have to travel, ____? (Group 2, 2024)

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| (A) is this? | (B) isn't this? |
| (C) is it? | (D) isn't it? |

Answer: (D) isn't it. Positive sentence = negative tag; this = it.

5. Select the suitable tag. He lives in Europe, ____? (Group 2, 2024)

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| (A) isn't he? | (B) wasn't he? |
| (C) didn't he? | (D) doesn't he |

Answer: (D) doesn't he. No helping verb, present tense, he = does; positive sentence = negative tag.

6. Which of the following statements has the correct question tag? (a) I needn't play, needn't I? (b) Let's play, shall we? (c) I am older than you, am I? (d) He was asleep, did he? (Group 4, 2025)

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| (A) (a) | (B) (b) |
| (C) (c) | (D) (d) |

Answer: (B) (b). (a) needs need I; (c) needs aren't I; (d) needs wasn't he; only (b) is right.

Practice MCQs

1. Choose the correct question tag: She can drive, ____?

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| (A) isn't she | (B) can she |
| (C) can't she | (D) doesn't she |

2. Choose the correct question tag: They didn't call, ____?

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| (A) didn't they | (B) did they |
| (C) were they | (D) do they |

3. Choose the correct question tag: Open the window, ____?

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| (A) will you | (B) don't you |
| (C) do you | (D) shall we |

4. Choose the correct question tag: There are many people here, ____?

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| (A) aren't there | (B) aren't they |
| (C) isn't there | (D) are there |

5. Choose the correct question tag: We have met before, ____?

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| (A) didn't we | (B) don't we |
| (C) haven't we | (D) have we |

6. Choose the correct question tag: He is your brother, ____?

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| (A) is he | (B) doesn't he |
| (C) isn't he | (D) wasn't he |

7. Choose the correct question tag: I am late, ____?

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| (A) am I not | (B) isn't it |
| (C) amn't I | (D) aren't I |

8. Choose the correct question tag: Let's start the class, ____?

(A) will we

(B) let's we

(C) don't we

(D) shall we

9. Choose the correct question tag: She never forgets, ____?

(A) doesn't she

(B) does she

(C) did she

(D) is she

10. Choose the correct question tag: Everyone was happy, ____?

(A) were they

(B) wasn't he

(C) weren't they

(D) wasn't everyone

11. Choose the correct question tag: Nobody called me, ____?

(A) did he

(B) didn't they

(C) didn't he

(D) did they

12. Choose the correct question tag: Don't shout, ____?

(A) will you

(B) do you

(C) shall we

(D) won't you

13. Choose the correct question tag: You will help me, ____?

(A) won't you

(B) don't you

(C) shan't you

(D) will you

14. Choose the correct question tag: She hardly eats, ____?

(A) does she

(B) is she

(C) did she

(D) doesn't she

15. Choose the correct question tag: This is your pen, ____?

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| (A) wasn't it | (B) is it |
| (C) isn't this | (D) isn't it |

16. Choose the correct question tag: Those are your shoes, ____?

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| (A) aren't they | (B) are they |
| (C) isn't it | (D) aren't those |

17. Choose the correct question tag: He went to school, ____?

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| (A) didn't he | (B) did he |
| (C) wasn't he | (D) doesn't he |

18. Choose the correct question tag: You do not know him, ____?

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| (A) did you | (B) do you |
| (C) don't you | (D) are you |

19. Choose the correct question tag: The children are playing, ____?

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| (A) are they | (B) isn't it |
| (C) aren't they | (D) aren't the children |

20. Choose the correct question tag: Somebody has taken my book, ____?

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| (A) hasn't he | (B) haven't they |
| (C) hasn't somebody | (D) have they |

Answer key: 1 C, 2 B, 3 A, 4 A, 5 C, 6 C, 7 D, 8 D, 9 B, 10 C, 11 D, 12 A, 13 A, 14 A, 15 D, 16 A, 17 A, 18 B, 19 C, 20 B

Why? Short explanations

1 (C) can = can't; positive = negative tag.

2 (B) Negative = positive tag; did.

3 (A) Command = will you.

4 (A) There are = aren't there.

5 (C) have = haven't.

6 (C) is = isn't.

7 (D) I am = aren't I.

8 (D) Let's = shall we.

9 (B) never = negative sentence = positive tag.

10 (C) everyone = they; was = weren't (with they).

11 (D) nobody = they; negative sentence = positive tag.

12 (A) Negative command = will you.

13 (A) will = won't.

14 (A) hardly = negative = positive tag.

15 (D) this = it.

16 (A) those = they.

17 (A) Past, no helping verb = did.

18 (B) Negative = positive tag.

19 (C) The children = they.

20 (B) somebody = they; has = haven't with they.