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COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION-I
SCHEME OF EXAMINATION
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
(OBJECTIVE TYPE) (DEGREE STANDARD)

Subject	Duration	Maximum Marks	Minimum Qualifying Marks for All Communities
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (OBJECTIVE TYPE) GENERAL STUDIES (Degree Standard) (175 Questions)	3 hours	300	90
APTITUDE AND MENTAL ABILITY TEST (S.S.L.C. Standard) (25 Questions)			
Total - 200 Questions			

MAIN WRITTEN EXAMINATION AND ORAL TEST (DESCRIPTIVE TYPE)

Subject	Duration	Maximum Marks	Minimum Qualifying Marks for Selection	
			SCs, SC(A)s, STs, MBCs / DCs, BC(OBCM)s and BCMs	Others
Paper-I Tamil Eligibility Test (SSLC Standard) (Descriptive Type)	3 Hours	100	40	40
General Studies (Degree Standard) (Descriptive type)				
Paper-II	3 Hours	250	255	340
Paper-III	3 Hours	250		
Paper-IV	3 Hours	250		
Interview & Records		100		
Total		850		

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COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION -I
GENERAL STUDIES (Preliminary Examination)
TOPICS FOR OBJECTIVE TYPE

SYLLABUS

UNIT-I : GENERAL SCIENCE

- i. Scientific Knowledge and Scientific temper – Power of Reasoning – Rote Learning Vs Conceptual Learning – Science as a tool to understand the past, present and future.
- ii. Nature of Universe – General Scientific Laws – Mechanics – Properties of Matter, Force, Motion and Energy – Everyday application of the basic principles of Mechanics, Electricity and Magnetism, Light, Sound, Heat, Nuclear Physics, Laser, Electronics and Communications.
- iii. Elements and Compounds, Acids, Bases, Salts, Petroleum Products, Fertilizers, Pesticides.
- iv. Main concepts of Life Science, Classification of Living Organisms, Evolution, Genetics, Physiology, Nutrition, Health and Hygiene, Human diseases.
- v. Environment and Ecology

UNIT-II : CURRENT EVENTS

- i. History – Latest diary of events – National symbols – Profile of States – Eminent personalities and places in news – Sports – Books and authors.
- ii. Polity – Political parties and political system in India – Public awareness and General administration – Welfare oriented Government schemes and their utility, Problems in Public Delivery Systems.
- iii. Geography – Geographical landmarks.
- iv. Economics – Current socio – economic issues.
- v. Science - Latest inventions in Science and Technology.
- vi. Prominent Personalities in various spheres- Arts, Science, Literature and Philosophy.

UNIT- III : GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA

- i. Location – Physical features – Monsoon, rainfall, weather and climate – Water resources – Rivers in India – Soil, minerals and natural resources – Forest and wildlife – Agricultural pattern.
- ii. Transport – Communication.
- iii. Social geography – Population density and distribution – Racial, linguistic groups and major tribes.

- iv. Natural calamity – Disaster Management – Environmental pollution: Reasons and preventive measures – Climate change – Green energy.

UNIT – IV: HISTORY AND CULTURE OF INDIA

- i. Indus valley civilization – Guptas, Delhi Sultans, Mughals and Marathas – Age of Vijayanagaram and Bahmani Kingdoms – South Indian history.
- ii. Change and Continuity in the Socio - Cultural History of India.
- iii. Characteristics of Indian culture, Unity in diversity – Race, language, custom.
- iv. India as a Secular State, Social Harmony.

UNIT-V: INDIAN POLITY

- i. Constitution of India – Preamble to the Constitution – Salient features of the Constitution – Union, State and Union Territory.
- ii. Citizenship, Fundamental rights, Fundamental duties, Directive Principles of State Policy.
- iii. Union Executive, Union legislature – State Executive, State Legislature – Local governments, Panchayat Raj.
- iv. Spirit of Federalism : Centre – State Relationships.
- v. Election – Judiciary in India – Rule of law.
- vi. Corruption in public life – Anti-corruption measures – Lokpal and LokAyukta – Right to Information - Empowerment of women – Consumer protection forums, Human rights charter.

UNIT-VI: INDIAN ECONOMY

- i. Nature of Indian economy – Five year plan models – an assessment – Planning Commission and Niti Aayog.
- ii. Sources of revenue – Reserve Bank of India – Fiscal Policy and Monetary Policy – Finance Commission – Resource sharing between Union and State Governments – Goods and Services Tax.
- iii. Structure of Indian Economy and Employment Generation, Land reforms and Agriculture – Application of Science and Technology in agriculture – Industrial growth – Rural welfare oriented programmes – Social problems – Population, education, health, employment, poverty.

UNIT-VII: INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT

- i. National renaissance – Early uprisings against British rule – Indian National Congress – Emergence of leaders – B.R.Ambedkar, Bhagat Singh, Bharathiar, V.O.Chidambaranar, Jawaharlal Nehru, Kamarajar, Mahatma Gandhi, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Thanthai Periyar, Rajaji, Subash Chandra Bose and others.
- ii. Different modes of Agitation: Growth of Satyagraha and Militant movements.
- iii. Communalism and partition.

UNIT- VIII : History, Culture, Heritage and Socio - Political Movements in Tamil Nadu

- i. History of Tamil Society, related Archaeological discoveries, Tamil Literature from Sangam age till contemporary times.
- ii. **Thirukkural** : (a) Significance as a Secular literature
(b) Relevance to Everyday Life
(c) Impact of Thirukkural on Humanity
(d) Thirukkural and Universal Values - Equality, Humanism, etc
(e) Relevance to Socio - Politico - Economic affairs
(f) Philosophical content in Thirukkural
- iii. Role of Tamil Nadu in freedom struggle – Early agitations against British Rule – Role of women in freedom struggle.
- iv. Evolution of 19th and 20th Century Socio – Political movements in Tamil Nadu – Justice Party, Growth of Rationalism – Self Respect Movement, Dravidian movement and Principles underlying both these movements, Contributions of Thanthai Periyar and Perarignar Anna.

UNIT – IX : Development Administration in Tamil Nadu

- i. Human Development Indicators in Tamil Nadu and a comparative assessment across the Country – Impact of Social Reform movements in the Socio – Economic Development of Tamil Nadu.
- ii. Political parties and Welfare schemes for various sections of people – Rationale behind Reservation Policy and access to Social Resources – Economic trends in Tamil Nadu – Role and impact of social welfare schemes in the Socio – economic development of Tamil Nadu.
- iii. Social Justice and Social Harmony as the Cornerstones of Socio – Economic development.
- iv. Education and Health systems in Tamil Nadu.
- v. Geography of Tamil Nadu and its impact on Economic growth.
- vi. Achievements of Tamil Nadu in various fields.
- vii. e-governance in Tamil Nadu.

UNIT-X: APTITUDE AND MENTAL ABILITY

- i. Simplification – Percentage - Highest Common Factor (HCF) – Lowest Common Multiple (LCM).
- ii. Ratio and Proportion.
- iii. Simple interest – Compound interest – Area – Volume – Time and Work.
- iv. Logical Reasoning – Puzzles – Dice – Visual Reasoning – Alpha numeric Reasoning – Number Series.



Subjectwise Analysis of TNPSC Group-I Question Paper - 2021

SUBJECTS	MARKS
General Science	15
General Knowledge & Current Events	15
Geography of India	16
History and Culture of India	15
Indian Polity	27
Indian Economy	22
Indian National Movement	19
History, Culture, Heritage and Socio-Political Movements in Tamil Nadu	21
Development Administration in Tamil Nadu	25
Aptitude and Mental Ability	25
TOTAL	200

