

Combined Civil Services Examination –II
(Interview Posts and Non-Interview Posts)
General Studies (Preliminary Examination)
Topics for Objective Type

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.

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 Ayog.
- (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 uprising 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.

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Main Written Examination (Descriptive type)

Titles for Examination

- Title 1 - Tamil to English translation
Title 2 - English to Tamil translation
Title 3 - Precis writing
Title 4 - Comprehension
Title 5 - Hints Development
Title 6 - Essay writing on the following topics from '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.
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- Title 7 - Letter writing - Official

Syllabus for Examination

History, Culture and Heritage of Tamil Nadu

(This syllabus applies only for Titles 1 to 5 given above)

- 1.1 **Origin and Development of Tamil Civilization** - From classical antiquity to modernity.
- 1.2 **Sangam Period Literature** along with the historical events related to Language Development.
- 1.3 **Musical Tradition of Tamil Nadu** - Folklore - music, dance, Musical instruments and folk drama - From classical age to post-modern age with its modifications.
- 1.4 **Dramatic Art Form** - Street Theatre - Folk Theatre - Conventional Theatrical techniques.

- 1.5 **Socio-Economic History** - Overseas trade - evidence from classical literature like "Pattinapalai".
- 1.6 **Rationalist Movements** - Dravidian Movement and Self Respect Movement.
- 1.7 **Contribution of Social Reform Movements** in the implementation of Social Welfare Measures and Socio-Economic Development of Tamil Nadu - Reservation Policy and its Benefits - Contribution of Social Justice and Social Harmony in the Socio Economic Development of Tamil Nadu.
- 1.8 **Feminism** – Socio - feminism, Literary feminism - Different Concepts and Perceptions.
- 1.9 **Contemporary Tamil Language** - Computer Tamil Diction - Legal Tamil - Tamil as Administrative Language - New genres.

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SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
(OBJECTIVE TYPE) (DEGREE STANDARD)

Subject	Duration	Maximum Marks	Minimum Qualifying Marks for All Communities
<u>Preliminary Examination</u> <u>(Objective Type)</u> General Studies (Degree Standard) (175 items) Aptitude and Mental Ability Test (S.S.L.C. Std.) (25 items) (Total - 200 items)	3 Hours	300	90

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Scheme for Main Written Examination (Degree Standard)

(Duration: 3 Hours)

Sl. No.	Parts	Title	No.of questions to be asked	Marks	Total Marks	Remarks	Marks
1	Part -A	Tamil to English Translation	2	25	50	Total Marks -100 Minimum Qualifying Marks – 25 (Answer sheets of the candidates who do not secure minimum qualifying marks in Part A will not be considered for the evaluation of Part B)	Total Marks-300 (Total Marks obtained in Part A and Part B together will be considered for selection)
2		English to Tamil Translation	2	25	50		
3	Part-B	Precis Writing	2	20	40	Total Marks – 200 (There is no Minimum Qualifying Marks prescribed for the Part- B) (This part has to be answered fully in Tamil or in English alone)	
4		Comprehension	2	20	40		
5		Hints Development	2	20	40		
6		Essay Writing on 'Thirukkural'	2	20	40		
7		Letter writing (Official)	2	20	40		
Total					300		

For Interview Posts:

Main Written Examination: 300 Marks
Oral Test: 40 Marks
Total Marks: 300+ 40 = 340 Marks

Minimum Qualifying Marks
for all Communities: **102 out of 340**

For Non-Interview Posts:

Main Written Examination: 300 Marks

Total Marks: 300

Minimum Qualifying Marks
for all Communities: **90**