Combined Civil Services Examination –I  
Group – I Services  
(Preliminary Examination)  
General Studies (Degree Standard)  
Topics for Objective Type  

SUBJECT CODE:003

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.  
(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.  
(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 POLITICS

(i) Constitution of India - Preamble to the Constitution - Salient features of the Constitution - Union, State and Union Territory.


(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.

UNIT-VI: INDIAN ECONOMY

(i) Nature of Indian economy – Five year plan models - an assessment – Planning Commission and Niti Ayog.

UNIT-VII: INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT

(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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PAPER – I - General studies

UNIT- I: MODERN HISTORY OF INDIA AND INDIAN CULTURE


Effect of British rule on socio-economic factors - National renaissance - Socio religious reform movements.

India since independence - Characteristics of Indian culture - Unity in diversity - Race, Language, Religion Custom - India: a secular state - Organizations for fine arts, dance, drama and music.

Role of Tamil Nadu in freedom struggle - Bharathiar, VOC, Subramania Siva, Rajaji, Periyar and others - Political parties and Welfare schemes.

Latest diary of events: National and International - National symbols- Eminent personalities & places in news - Sports & Games - Books & Authors - Awards & Honours - Cultural panorama - Latest historical events - Latest terminology - Appointments - who is who?

UNIT- II : SOCIAL ISSUES IN INDIA AND TAMIL NADU

Women Empowerment - Role of the Government in Women Empowerment - Social injustice to Women - Domestic violence, Dowry menace, Sexual assault - Role of women and women’s organisations


Welfare Schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Central and State governments and their performance.

**Current Affairs**

**UNIT-III : GENERAL APTITUDE & MENTAL ABILITY (SSLC Standard)**

Conversion of information to data - Collection, compilation and presentation of data - Tables, Graphs, Diagrams - Parametric representation of data - Analytical interpretation of data - Percentage - Highest Common Factor (HCF) - Lowest Common Multiple (LCM) - Ratio and Proportion - Simple interest - Compound interest - Area - Volume-Time and Work - Probability.

Information technology - Basic terms, Communications - Application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) - Decision making and problem solving - Basics in Computers / Computer terminology.

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UNIT – I : INDIAN POLITY AND EMERGING POLITICAL TRENDS ACROSS THE WORLD AFFECTING INDIA


Union Executive: President, Vice - President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Attorney General of India.

Union Legislature: Parliament: Lok - Sabha and Rajya - Sabha - Composition, Powers, Functions and Legislative procedures.


State Executive: Governor, Chief Minister - Speaker and Council of Ministers, Advocate General of the State.

State Legislature: State Legislative Assembly - Organization, Powers and Functions.


Union Territories: Evolution of States and Union Territories - Administration of Union Territories.

Federalism in India: Centre - State Relations - Centre - State Administrative Relations - Centre - State Legislative Relations and Centre - State Financial Relations.
**Civil Services in India:** Historical background - Classification of Civil Services – Recruitment & Training of Civil Servants.

**State Services:** Classification of State Services and Recruitment.

**Official Language:** Constitutional provision - Official Language Act, VIII Schedule to the Constitution.

**Amendments:** Major Amendments to the Indian Constitution.

**Special Status to Jammu & Kashmir:** Art 370.

**Political Parties:** National & Regional parties, Pressure Groups, Interest Groups, Public Opinion, Mass Media, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and their role.

**Issue Areas in Indian Administration:** Corruption in India - Anti-Corruption Measures - CVC - Lok Adalats - Ombudsman - RTI Act - Minister - Secretary Relationship - Generalist Vs. Specialist controversy.

Constitutional and Non-Constitutional Bodies - Composition, Powers and Functions.

Profile of States - Defence, National Security and Terrorism - World Organisations - Pacts and Summits.

**India's Foreign Policy:** Foreign Affairs with Special emphasis on India's relations with neighbouring countries and in the region - Security and defence related issues - Nuclear Policy - Issues and conflicts. The Indian Diaspora and its contribution to India and to the World.

**Current Affairs**

**UNIT – II: ROLE AND IMPACT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA**

Science and Technology – Role, Achievements and Developments - Their applications and effects in everyday life - Energy - Conventional and Non-conventional - Self sufficiency - Oil exploration - Defence Research Organizations and other science and technology institutions - Ocean
Research and Development - Role and Functions.


Achievements of Indians in the fields of Science and Technology.

Latest inventions in science & technology.

UNIT – III : TAMIL SOCIETY - ITS CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Candidates may answer the questions in this unit **EITHER** in Tamil **OR** in English.

1) Tamil Society : Origin and expansion.

2) Art and Culture : Literature, Music, Film, Drama, Architecture, Sculpture, Paintings and Folk Arts.

3) Socio - economic history of Tamil Nadu from Sangam age to till date.

4) Growth of Rationalist, Dravidian movements in Tamil Nadu - Their role in the socio – economic development of Tamil Nadu.

5) Social and cultural life of contemporary Tamils : Caste, Religion, Women, Politics, Education, Economy, Trade and relationship with other countries.

6) Tamil and other Disciplines: Mass Media, Computer etc.
UNIT-I : GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO TAMILNADU


Oceanography - Bottom relief features of Indian Ocean, Arabian sea and Bay of Bengal.

Map: Geographical landmarks - India and its neighbours.

Current Affairs

UNIT II: ENVIRONMENT, BIODIVERSITY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT


**Climate Change:** Global Environmental Issues and Management – Changes in monsoon pattern in Tamil Nadu and India – Environmental consequences of climate change and mitigation measures – Clean and Green Energy – Environmental Sustainability.

Environmental Laws, Policies & Treaties in India and Global scenario - Natural calamities and Disaster Management – Environmental Health and Sanitation.

**Current Affairs**

**UNIT III : INDIAN ECONOMY - CURRENT ECONOMIC TRENDS AND IMPACT OF GLOBAL ECONOMY ON INDIA**


Industry - Growth - Policy – Role of public sector and disinvestment – Privatisation and Liberalization – Public Private Partnership (PPP) – SEZs. – MSMEs. – Make in India.


India’s Foreign Trade – BOP, EX-IM Policy, FOREX Market, FDI; Globalization & its impact – Global economic crisis & impact on Indian economy.

International Agencies – IMF (International Monetary Fund) World Bank - BRICS - SAARC - ASEAN.


**Current Affairs**

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