

**Combined Civil Services Examination–II (Group IIA Services)
Main Examination - Paper II**

Code: 583

Part A - General Studies (Degree Standard) (150 Questions)

Unit I: Modern History of Tamil Nadu, Tamil Society – Culture and Heritage (30 Questions)

Advent of Europeans - the Portuguese, the Dutch, the English, the Danish and the French-Anglo French Rivalry - Anglo-Mysore War – Anglo-Maratha War - The Polligar rebellion – Vellore Mutiny; Socio-religious reforms in the 18th and 19th centuries: Christian Missionaries - Brahma Samaj - Arya Samaj - Theosophical Society - Ramakrishna Mission; Reforms of British East India Company's rule in Tamil Nadu; Emergence of Freedom Struggle in Tamil Nadu - Madras Native Association - Madras Mahajana Sabha - Indian National Movement – Swadeshi Movement - Moderates and Extremists in Tamil Nadu - Home Rule Agitation - Non-Cooperation Movement - Civil Disobedient Movement - Quit India Movement; Ancient Tamil Society – Archeological excavation evidence – Arikamedu, Adichanallur, Keezhadi – Sangam Literature – advent of Sangam era; Thirukkural - Philosophical thoughts in Thirukkural for humanity and way of life – concepts in Thirukkural for betterment of humanity – life principles, social principles, management principles and other principles laid down in Thirukkural; Contribution of Tamilians in Freedom movement: Literary personalities – Journalists – Women activists – Types of struggles – revolutionary songs; Socio-political movements of 19th and 20th centuries: Justice Party, Development of Rationalism – Self-Respect Movement – Dravidian Movement – *Tani Tamil Iyakkam* (Pure Tamil Movement); Tamil Society Reforms personalities: Thanthai Periyar, Arignar Anna, and other scholars.

Unit II: Administration of States with reference to Tamil Nadu (45 Questions)

Constitution of India: Preamble and Philosophical features – Salient features and Sources – Union, States and Union Territories; Citizenship - Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy; Union Government: President, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers - Parliament (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha); State Government: Chief Minister and Council of Ministers - Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly: Structure, Powers and Functions; Local Governments: Three-tier system – 73rd and 74th Constitutional amendments - Tamil Nadu Panchayat Act 1994 – Grama Sabha; Tamil Nadu Administration: Nature, evolution and organisational structure and functions – Salient features of Tamil Nadu administration – Secretariat, Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu; District Administration: Role and functions of District Collector, District Revenue Officer, Revenue Divisional Officer, Tahsildar, Block Development Officer, Revenue Inspector, and Village Administrative Officer; E-Governance Policy of Government of Tamil Nadu – E-Governance and Mobile-Governance initiatives of Government of Tamil Nadu - Tamil Nadu State's Specialised Undertakings and Agencies; Tamil Nadu Government sponsored welfare schemes and measures (Since 1990) – objectives, issues and challenges in the implementation – Impact of welfare schemes and measures on the socio-economic development of the people; Current Affairs.

Unit III: Science and Technology in Development (20 Questions)

Atomic and Nuclear Physics – Applications of nuclear energy - Electronics and Communication - Robotics and applications; Nanotechnology and its applications; Electrochemical cells – Batteries – Gaseous fuels – LPG – Polymers – Carbohydrates – Vitamins – Antibiotics; Applications of Geographic Information System (GIS); Biotechnology: Applications of biotechnology – concepts - tools used – plant genetic engineering – concepts - transgenic plants, edible vaccines, BT cotton, Golden rice - social and ecological impact of genetically modified crops - Biotechnological methods for crop improvement - Application of plant tissue culture in forestry and horticulture - DNA fingerprinting – Applications of Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Enzyme-Linked Immuno Sorbent Assay (ELISA) in disease

diagnosis; Advanced reproductive techniques: In-Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) – Artificial insemination – test tube baby; Vaccines: types – vaccination schedule in humans; Contribution of the scientists from Tamil Nadu; Digital Computer Fundamentals: Hardware Components – Input / Output Devices; Memory types: RAM, ROM, PROM, EPROM, EEPROM; Secondary Storage Devices: HDD, SSD, CD Type – CPU: Control Unit - Arithmetic Logic Unit - Software types: System Software: OS – System Commands of Windows and Linux – Application Software: DBMS – Database Creation, Queries – Word Processor, Spreadsheet, Presentation Software – Communication Software: Browser, Email: Sending and receiving email, Document sharing and Folder Management – Computer Network: Classification of Networks - Topology – Multimedia and Applications: Image, Audio, Video File types – Network Security: User Authentication; Current Affairs.

Unit IV: Tamil Nadu Economy and Social Issues in Tamil Nadu (30 Questions)

Tamil Nadu Economy – Features – State Budget: Major revenue and expenditure – State Income types - State's Economic growth: Agriculture - Industry – Service Sector; Agriculture: Major crops – Food grains – Cash crops – Types of farming – Organic farming – Inorganic farming – Contract farming – Farmers Producers Organisation (FPO) – Agricultural Marketing – Issues of Marketing – Online Marketing – Agriculture Budgeting in Tamil Nadu – Features; Education: Illiteracy - Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in schools and colleges – Measure and recent data - Student welfare schemes – Recent schemes for education - Linkage between education and social development; Poverty and Unemployment: Unemployment issues in Tamil Nadu - State Government poverty alleviation schemes and employment generation schemes; Labour migration; Population growth rate – Sex ratio – Density of population – Causes for population growth - Population control programmes – Family planning and its achievements; Child Labour issues; Health: Vital Statistics – Recent health schemes; Women Empowerment: Domestic violence – Dowry problems – Sexual assault – Laws and awareness programmes - Women welfare schemes - Self Help Groups; Marginalised Groups: Problems – Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes - Elderly – People with disability – Transgender – Religious minorities – State Government welfare programmes to marginalised groups; Current Affairs.

Unit V: Geography of Tamil Nadu, Environment, Biodiversity and Disaster Management in Tamil Nadu (25 Questions)

Geography: Location – Administrative units – Relief features – Major Rivers; Climate: temperature, rainfall and monsoon; Soil: classification and distribution; Forests: classification, distribution, wildlife and birds sanctuaries, forest products; Livestock: cattle and dairying; Fishing: freshwater and saline water fishing; Irrigation: types and distribution of canal, tank and well irrigation, watershed and minor irrigation projects; Minerals: distribution and production of iron ore and bauxite; Power Resources: coal and petroleum; Industries: iron and steel, textiles, cement, automobile, sugarcane and cotton industries; Transport: road, railway, air and sea transport; Environment: Environmental issues in Tamil Nadu – pollution - air, water, soil, thermal, radioactive, noise; Natural resource types – renewable and non-renewable energy resources; Biodiversity and Conservation: Definition, types - genetic, species and ecosystem diversity – values - threats to biodiversity - habitat destruction, invasive species and anthropogenic activities - climatic change and forest fire. Causes and consequences of species extinction; Biodiversity conservation: in-situ and ex-situ - Biodiversity conservation strategies - State Biodiversity action plan - Biodiversity hotspots in Tamil Nadu; Sustainable development – Sustainable development goals and targets; Green energy - Paris Agreement and COP28; Disaster Management: Overview of disasters - definitions and types. Natural calamities in Tamil Nadu; Anthropogenic disaster - global warming and climate change issues in Tamil Nadu - Climate change governance – mitigations and adaptations - State action plan for climate change; Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Authority - Tamil Nadu Disaster Management Plan – Role of NGO and Civil society organisation in disaster management and mitigation in Tamil Nadu; Current Affairs.

Part B: General Intelligence and Reasoning
(SSLC Standard - 50 Questions)

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| 1. Analogy | 15. Inserting the missing characters |
| 2. Classification | 16. Logical reasoning |
| 3. Coding and decoding | 17. Figural series |
| 4. Relationship Concepts | 18. Numerical Operations |
| 5. Puzzles | 19. Symbolic operations |
| 6. Dice | 20. Word building |
| 7. Direction and Distance | 21. Statement and Conclusion |
| 8. Logical Venn diagrams | 22. Address matching |
| 9. Alpha-numeric reasoning | 23. Mirror images |
| 10. Arithmetical reasoning | 24. Embedded figures |
| 11. Verification of Truth of the Statement | 25. Visual reasoning |
| 12. Similarities and Differences | 26. Figural classification |
| 13. Calendar | 27. Square completion |
| 14. Permutation Combination | |