

**COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION-II**  
**(INTERVIEW POSTS AND NON-INTERVIEW POSTS)**  
**SCHEME OF EXAMINATION**  
**PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**  
**(OBJECTIVE TYPE) (DEGREE STANDARD)**

Subject	Duration	Maximum Marks	Minimum Qualifying Marks for All Communities
<b>Preliminary Examination</b> <b>(Objective Type)</b> 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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**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.

**Combined Civil Services Examination –II  
(Interview Posts and Non-Interview Posts)  
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
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)	(Total Marks obtained in part A and Part b together will be considered for selection)
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		
<b>Total</b>					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

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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'
- Significance as a Secular literature
  - Relevance to Everyday Life
  - Impact of Thirukkural on Humanity
  - Thirukkural and Universal Values - Equality, Humanism, etc.
  - Relevance to Socio - Politico - Economic affairs
  - Philosophical content in Thirukkural
- 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.

- Sangam Period Literature along with the historical events related to Language Development.
- Musical Tradition of Tamil Nadu - Folklore - music, dance, Musical instruments and folk drama - From classical age to post-modern age with its modifications.
- Dramatic Art Form - Street Theatre - Folk Theatre - Conventional Theatrical techniques.
- Socio-Economic History - Overseas trade - evidence from classical literature like "Pattinapalai".
- Rationalist Movements - Dravidian Movement and Self Respect Movement.
- 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.
- Feminism – Socio - feminism, Literary feminism - Different Concepts and Perceptions.
- Contemporary Tamil Language - Computer Tamil Diction - Legal Tamil - Tamil as Administrative Language - New genres.

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