

COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES - I
Group I Services
(Preliminary Examination)
General Studies - Degree standard
TOPICS FOR OBJECTIVE TYPE

UNIT - I: General Science

Physics - Universe - General Scientific laws - Scientific instruments - Inventions and discoveries - National scientific laboratories - Science glossary-Mechanics and properties of matter-Physical quantities, standards and units-Force, motion and energy- electricity and Magnetism - electronics & communications - Heat, light and sound-Atomic and nuclear physics-Solid State Physics-Spectroscopy – Geophysics - Astronomy and space science.

Chemistry - Elements and Compounds-Acids, bases and salts - Oxidation and reduction – Chemistry of ores and metals -Carbon, nitrogen and their compounds-Fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides-Biochemistry and biotechnology-Electrochemistry-Polymers and plastics.

Botany - Main Concepts of life science-The cell-basic unit of life-Classification of living organism-Nutrition and dietetics-Respiration-Excretion of metabolic waste-Bio-communication.

Zoology - Blood and blood circulation-Endocrine system-Reproductive system-Genetics the science of heredity-Environment, ecology, health and hygiene, Bio-diversity and its conservation-Human diseases, prevention and remedies-Communicable diseases and non- communicable diseases-Alcoholism and drug abuse-Animals, plants and human life.

UNIT - II: Current Events

History - Latest diary of events – National - National symbols -Profile of States-Defence, national security and terrorism-World organizations-pacts and summits-Eminent persons & places in news-Sports & games-Books & authors -Awards & Honours-Cultural panorama-Latest historical events- India and its neighbours- Latest terminology- Appointments-who is who?

Political Science - India's foreign policy - Latest court verdicts – public opinion - Problems in conduct of public elections- Political parties and political system in India- Public awareness & General administration- Role of Voluntary organizations & Govt.,- Welfare oriented govt. schemes, their utility.

Geography - Geographical landmarks-Policy on environment and ecology.

Economics- Current socio-economic problems-New economic policy & Govt. sector.

Science - Latest inventions on science & technology - Latest discoveries in Health Science - Mass media & communication.

UNIT – III: Geography - Earth and Universe - Solar system - Atmosphere hydrosphere, lithosphere - Monsoon, rainfall, weather and climate - Water resources - rivers in India - Soil, minerals & natural resources - Natural vegetation - Forest & wildlife - Agricultural pattern, livestock & fisheries - Transport & communication - Social geography - population - density and distribution - Natural calamities - disaster management - Climate change - impact and consequences - mitigation measures - Pollution Control.

UNIT – IV: History and culture of India - Pre-historic events - Indus valley civilization - Vedic, Aryan and Sangam age - Maurya dynasty - Buddhism and Jainism - Guptas, Delhi Sultans, Mughals and Marathas - Age of Vijayanagaram and the bahmanis - South Indian history - Culture and Heritage of Tamil people - Advent of European invasion - Expansion and consolidation of British rule - Effect of British rule on socio-economic factors - Social reforms and religious movements - India since independence - Characteristics of Indian culture - Unity in diversity - race, colour, language, custom - India as secular state - Organizations for fine arts, dance, drama, music - Growth of rationalist, Dravidian movement in TN - Political parties and populist schemes - Prominent personalities in the various spheres - Arts, Science, literature and Philosophy - Mother Teresa, Swami Vivekananda, Pandit Ravishankar, M.S. Subbulakshmi, Rukmani Arundel and J. Krishnamoorthy etc.

UNIT – V : INDIAN POLITY - Constitution of India - Preamble to the constitution - Salient features of constitution - Union, State and territory - Citizenship - rights and duties - Fundamental rights - Fundamental duties - Human rights charter - Union legislature - Parliament - State executive - State Legislature - assembly - Status of Jammu & Kashmir - Local government - panchayat raj - Tamil Nadu - Judiciary in India - Rule of law / Due process of law - Indian federalism - center - state relations - Emergency provisions - Civil services in India - Administrative challenges in a welfare state - Complexities of district administration - Elections - Election Commission Union and State - Official language and Schedule - VIII - Amendments to constitution - Schedules to constitution - Administrative reforms & tribunals - Corruption in public life - Anti-corruption measures - Central Vigilance Commission, lok-adalats, Ombudsman, Comptroller and Auditor General of India. - Right to information - Central and State Commission - Empowerment of women - Voluntary organizations and public grievances redressal - Consumer protection forms.

UNIT – VI: INDIAN ECONOMY - Nature of Indian economy - Five-year plan models - an assessment - Land reforms & agriculture - Application of science in agriculture - Industrial growth - Capital formation and investment - Role of public sector & disinvestment - Development of infrastructure - National income - Public finance & fiscal policy - Price policy & public distribution - Banking, money & monetary policy - Role of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) - WTO - globalization & privatization - Rural welfare oriented programmes - Social sector problems - population, education, health, employment, poverty - HRD - sustainable economic growth - Economic trends in Tamil Nadu - Energy Different sources and development - Finance Commission - Planning Commission - National Development Council.

UNIT – VII: INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT - National renaissance- Early uprising against British rule-1857 Revolt- Indian National Congress - Emergence of national leaders- Gandhi, Nehru, Tagore, Netaji -Growth of militant movements - Different modes of agitations-Era of different Acts & Pacts-World war & final phase struggle - Communalism led to partition- Role of Tamil Nadu in freedom struggle - Rajaji, VOC, Periyar, Bharathiar & Others - Birth of political parties /political system in India since independence.

UNIT – VIII : APTITUDE & MENTAL ABILITY TEST - Conversion of information to data - Collection, compilation and presentation of data - Tables, graphs, diagrams- Parametric representation of data-Analytical interpretation of data -Simplification- Percentage-Highest Common Factor (HCF)-Lowest Common Multiple (LCM)-Ratio and Proportion-Simple interest-Compound interest-Area-Volume-Time and Work-Behavioral ability - Basic terms, Communications in information technology - Application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) - Decision making and problem solving.

Logical Reasoning: Puzzles – Dice - Visual Reasoning- Alpha numeric Reasoning- Number Series - Logical Number/Alphabetical/Diagrammatic Sequences.

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COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES - I
Group I Services (Main Examination)
PAPER – I - General studies (Degree Standard)
Topics for Descriptive type

UNIT- I : Modern history of India and Indian culture - Advent of European invasion- Expansion and consolidation of British rule - Effect of British rule on socio-economic factors - Social reforms and religious movements - India since independence - Characteristics of Indian culture - Unity in diversity - race, colour, language, custom - India - a secular state - Organizations for fine arts, dance, drama, music - Growth of rationalist, Dravidian movement in Tamil Nadu - Political parties and populist schemes - National renaissance - Early uprising against British rule - 1857 Revolt - Indian National Congress - Emergence of national leaders - Gandhi, Nehru, Tagore, Netaji - Growth of militant movements -Different modes of agitations - Era of different Acts & Pacts - World war & final phase struggle - Communalism led to partition - Role of Tamil Nadu in freedom struggle - Rajaji, VOC, Periyar, Bharathiar & Others.

UNIT-2: General Aptitude & Mental Ability - 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.

UNIT - 3: Role and impact of science and technology in the development of India and Tamil Nadu- Nature of universe - General scientific laws - Scientific instruments - Inventions and discoveries - National scientific laboratories - Science glossary - Physical quantities, standards and units - Mechanics and properties of matter - Force, motion and energy - Heat, light and sound - Magnetism, electricity and electronics - Atomic and nuclear physics - Astronomy and space science - Elements and compounds - Acids, bases and salts - Oxidation and reduction - Carbon, nitrogen and their compounds - Natural disasters - safeguard measures - Chemistry of ores and metals - Fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides - Biochemistry and biotechnology - Polymers and plastics - Electrochemistry - Main concepts of life science - The cell -basic unit of life - Classification of living organism - Nutrition and dietetics - Respiration - Excretion of metabolic waste - Bio - communication - Blood and blood circulation - Endocrine system- Reproductive system- Animals, plants and human life

- Govt. policy /organizations on Science and Technology - Role, achievement & impact of Science and Technology - Energy - self sufficiency - oil exploration - Defence Research Organization - Ocean research and development - Genetics - the science of heredity - Environment, ecology, health and hygiene, Bio - diversity and its conservation - Human diseases, prevention and remedies - Communicable diseases and non - communicable diseases - Alcoholism and Drug abuse - Computer science and advancement - Genetic Engineering - Remote sensing and benefits.

COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES - I
Group I Services (Main Examination)

PAPER – II - General studies (Degree Standard)
Topics for Descriptive type

UNIT – I : Indian polity and emerging political trends across the world affecting India and Geography of India

Indian polity: Constitution of India - Preamble to the constitution - Salient features of constitution - Union, state and territory - Citizenship - rights and duties - Fundamental rights - Directive principles of state policy - Fundamental duties - Human rights charter - Union executive - Union legislature – parliament - State executive - State legislature – assembly - Status of Jammu & Kashmir - Local government - panchayat raj - Indian federalism - center state relations - Judiciary in India - Rule of law /Due process of law - Emergency provisions - Civil services in India - Administrative Challenges in a welfare state - Complexities of district administration - Elections - Election Commission Union and State -Official language and Schedule – VIII - Amendments to constitution - Schedules to constitution.

a. Emerging political trends across the world affecting India

Foreign Affairs with special emphasis on India's relations with neighbouring countries and in the region -Security and defence related matters - Nuclear policy, issues and conflicts-The Indian Diaspora and its contribution to India and the world.

b. Geography of India

Earth and universe - Solar system - Atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere - Monsoon, rainfall, weather and climate - Water resources - rivers in India - Soil, minerals & natural resources - Natural vegetation - Forest & wildlife - Agricultural pattern, livestock & fisheries - Transport including Surface Transport & communication - Social geography - population - density and distribution - Natural calamities - disaster management - Bottom topography of Indian ocean, Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal - Climate change - impact and consequences - mitigation measures - Pollution Control.

*Candidates may choose to answer **EITHER** the Tamil question only in Tamil **OR** the English question only in English. Candidates writing in English shall if they choose to answer the Tamil question, write only in Tamil.*

2. Tamil language, Tamil society - it's culture and Heritage / English Language

1. நாகரீகமும் பண்பாடும்- தமிழர் தோற்றமும் பரவலும்.
2. பண்டைத்தமிழர் வாழ்வியல் சிந்தனைகள்- வீரம், காதல், அறம், அறக்கோட்டு, வழிபாடுகள் மற்றும் சடங்குமுறைகள்,
3. தமிழர் சமயமும் பண்பாட்டு நெறிமுறைகளும்- சைவம், வைணவம்

4. தமிழர் பண்பாட்டுக் கலையும், நாகரீகமும் - இயல், இசை, நாடகம், ஓவியம், மருத்துவம், சிற்பம், நாட்டுப்புறக் கலைகள்.
5. தற்கால வாழ்வில் தமிழர் சமூக வாழ்க்கை - சாதி, சமயம், பெண்கள், அரசியல், கல்வி, பொருளியல், வணிகம், வெளிநாட்டுத் தொடர்புகள்,

(OR)

English Language Skills

1. Précis writing.
2. Essay writing on current issues.
3. Comprehension of a given passage and answering questions thereupon.

3. Administration of Union and States with special reference to Tamil Nadu

State government organization - structure, functions and control mechanism - District administration -role in people's welfare oriented programmes - Industrial map of Tamil Nadu - role of state government -Public Services - role of recruitment agencies - State finance -- resources, budget and financial administration - Use of IT in administration -- e-governance in the State - Natural calamities - Disaster Management Union and State -strategic planning in the State - Social welfare - Government sponsored schemes with reference to Tamil Nadu - Union government organization - structure, functions and control mechanism - Relationship between State and Union - Industrial map of India -- role of Union government - Public Services -- role of recruitment agencies in Union Government - Union finance -- resources, budget and financial administration - Use of IT in administration -- e-governance in Union Government - Social welfare - government sponsored schemes by Government of India.

COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES - I
Group I Services (Main Examination)

PAPER –III - General studies (Degree Standard)
Topics for Descriptive type

I. Current events of national and international importance

Latest diary of events - national /international - National symbols - Profile of states - Defence, national security and terrorism - Geographical landmarks- World organizations - pacts and summits - Latest inventions on science & technology - Eminent personalities & places in news - Sports & games - Books & authors - Awards & honours - Cultural panorama - Latest historical events - Policy on environment and ecology - India and its neighbours - Natural disasters - safeguard measures - Latest terminology - Appointments - who is who? - India's foreign policy - Latest court verdicts - public opinion - Problems in conduct of public elections - Political parties and political system in India - Public awareness & general administration - Role of voluntary organizations & govt. - Welfare oriented govt. schemes, their utility - New economic policy & govt. sector - Mass media & communication.

2. Current Economic Trends: Indian economy and Impact of global economy on India

a. Indian economy - Nature of Indian economy - Five - year plan models - an assessment - Land reforms & agriculture - Application of science in agriculture - Industrial growth - Capital formation and investment - Role of public sector & disinvestment - Development of infrastructure - National income - Public finance & fiscal policy - Price policy & public distribution - Consumerism & Consumer protection - Banking, money & monetary policy - Role of Foreign Direct Investment -WTO - Liberalisation globalization & privatization - Rural welfare oriented programmes - HRD - sustainable economic growth - Economic trend in Tamil Nadu - Energy Different sources and development - Finance Commission - Planning Commission - National Development Council - Poverty Alleviation Programmes.

b. Impact of global economy on India

Impact of the Economic Crisis on India : (a) Offshoot of Globalized Economy - (b) Aspects of Financial Turmoil in India - Capital Outflow - Impact on Stock and Forex Market - Impact on the Indian Banking System - Impact on Industrial Sector and Export Prospect - Impact on Employment - Impact on Poverty - (c) Indian Economic Outlook.

India's Crisis Responses and Challenges: (a) State of Economy in Crisis Times - (b) RBI's Crisis Response - (c) Government's Crisis Response - (d) The Risks and Challenges - Monetary policy, Fiscal Policy - Financial stability.

The Options Ahead: Diversifying Exports - Boosting Domestic Consumption - Enhancing Public Spending - Generating Employment - Provisioning credit to Productive Sectors - Need for Structural Reforms - Increased purchasing power of the people.

3. Socio - Economic Issues in India/ Tamil Nadu - Population Explosion - Unemployment issues in India & Tamil Nadu - Child Labour - Economic Issues (a) Poverty (b) Sanitation- Rural and Urban (c) Corruption in public life - Anti -Corruption measures - CVC, Lok-adalats, Ombudsman, CAG. - Illiteracy -Women Empowerment- Role of the Government Women Empowerment Social injustice to womenfolk - Domestic violence, dowry menace, sexual assault - Loss of cultural heritage due to economic development. Urbanization and its impact on the society - Impact of violence on the growth of the nation - Religious violence, Terrorism and Communal violence - Regional Disparities - Problems of Minorities - Human Rights issues - Right to information - Central and State Commission - Faith and conflict among legislature, executive, judiciary and media. - Education - Linkage between Education and Economic Growth. - Community Development Programme - Employment Guarantee Scheme - Self Employment and Entrepreneurship Development - Role of N.G.O's in Social Welfare - Government Policy on Health.

COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES - I
GROUP - I A SERVICES (PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION)
GENERAL STUDIES (DEGREE STANDARD)
TOPICS FOR OBJECTIVE TYPE

SUBJECT CODE: 301

UNIT – I: GENERAL SCIENCE

Physics: Universe – General Scientific laws-Scientific instruments-Inventions and discoveries-National scientific laboratories-Science glossary- Mechanics and properties of matter - Physical quantities, standards and units - electricity and magnetism – electronics and communications - Heat, light and sound-Atomic and nuclear physics-Solid State Physics – Spectroscopy – Geophysics-Astronomy and space science.

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UNIT - II: CURRENT EVENTS

History: Latest diary of events – National - National symbols-Profile of States- Defence, national security and terrorism -World organizations-pacts and summits - Eminent persons & places in news - Sports & games - Books & authors - Awards & Honours - Cultural panorama - Latest historical events - India and its neighbours - Latest terminology - Appointments-who is who?

Political Science: India's foreign policy - Latest court verdicts – public opinion - Problems in conduct of public elections - Political parties and political system in India - Public awareness & General administration - Role of Voluntary organizations & Govt., - Welfare oriented govt. schemes, their utility.

Geography: Geographical landmarks - Policy on environment and ecology.

Economics: Current socio-economic problems - New economic policy & Government Sector.

Science: Latest inventions on science & technology - Latest discoveries in Health Science - Mass media & Communication.

UNIT - III: GEOGRAPHY

Earth and Universe - Solar system - Atmosphere, Hydrosphere, lithosphere - Monsoon, rainfall, weather and climate - Water resources - rivers in India - Soil, minerals & natural resources - Natural vegetation - Forest & wildlife - Agricultural pattern, livestock & fisheries - Transport & communication - Social geography – population-density and distribution - Natural calamities – disaster management - Climate change - impact and consequences - mitigation measures - Pollution Control.

UNIT - IV: HISTORY AND CULTURE OF INDIA

Pre-historic events- Indus valley civilization- Vedic, Aryan and Sangam age - Maurya dynasty - Buddhism and Jainism - Guptas, Delhi Sultans, Mughals and Marathas - Age of Vijayanagaram and the bahmanis - South Indian history - Culture and Heritage of Tamil people - Advent of European invasion - Expansion and consolidation of British rule - Effect of British rule on socio-economic factors - Social reforms and religious movements - India since independence - Characteristics of Indian culture - Unity in diversity –race, colour, language, custom - India-as secular state - Organizations for fine arts, dance, drama, music - Growth of rationalist, Dravidian movement in TN - Political parties and populist schemes- Prominent personalities in the various spheres – Arts, Science, literature and Philosophy – Mother Teresa, Swami Vivekananda, Pandit Ravishankar , M.S.Subbulakshmi, Rukmani Arundel and J.Krishnamoorthy etc.

UNIT - V: INDIAN POLITY:

Constitution of India- Preamble to the constitution - Salient features of constitution - Union, State and territory - Citizenship-rights amend duties - Fundamental rights - Fundamental duties - Human rights charter - Union legislature – Parliament - State executive - State Legislature – assembly - Status of Jammu & Kashmir - Local government – panchayat raj – Tamil Nadu - Judiciary in India – Rule of law/Due process of law - Indian federalism – Center – state relations - Emergency provisions - Civil services in India - Administrative challenges in a welfare state - Complexities of district administration - Elections - Election Commission Union and State - Official language and Schedule-VIII - Amendments to constitution - Schedules to constitution - Administrative reforms & tribunals - Corruption in public life - Anti-corruption measures – Central Vigilance Commission, lok-adalats, Ombudsman, Comptroller and Auditor General of India - Right to information - Central and State Commission - Empowerment of women - Voluntary organizations and public grievances redressal - Consumer protection forms.

UNIT - VI: INDIAN ECONOMY

Nature of Indian economy - Need for economic planning - Five-year plan models-an assessment - Land reforms & agriculture- Application of science in agriculture -Industrial growth-Capital formation and investment-Role of public sector & disinvestment-Development of infrastructure- National income - Public finance & fiscal policy- Price policy & public distribution - Banking, money & monetary policy - Role of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) - WTO-globalization & privatization - Rural welfare oriented programmes -Social sector problems – population, education, health, employment, poverty - HRD – sustainable economic growth - Economic trends in Tamil Nadu - Energy Different sources and development - Finance Commission - Planning Commission - National Development Council.

UNIT - VII: INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT

National renaissance - Early uprising against British rule - 1857 Revolt - Indian - Indian National Congress - Emergence of national leaders - Gandhi, Nehru, Tagore, Netaji - Growth of militant movements -Different modes of agitations-Era of different Acts &

Pacts - World war & final phase struggle - Communalism led to partition - Role of Tamil Nadu in freedom struggle - Rajaji, VOC, Periyar, Bharathiar & Others - Birth of political parties /political system in India since independence.

UNIT - VIII: APTITUDE & MENTAL ABILITY TESTS

Conversion of information to data - Collection, compilation and presentation of data - Tables, graphs, diagrams - Parametric representation of data - Analytical interpretation of data – Simplification – Percentage - Highest Common Factor (HCF) - Lowest Common Multiple (LCM) - Ratio and Proportion - Simple interest - Compound interest – Area – Volume - Time and Work - Behavioral ability - Basic terms, Communications in information technology - Application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) - Decision making and problem solving.

Logical Reasoning: Puzzles- Dice - Visual Reasoning - Alpha numeric Reasoning - Number Series - Logical Number/Alphabetical/Diagrammatic Sequences.

COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES – I

GROUP - I A SERVICES (MAIN WRITTEN EXAMINATION)

PAPER – I: GENERAL STUDIES (DEGREE STANDARD)

TOPICS FOR DESCRIPTIVE TYPE

SUBJECT CODE: 302

UNIT – I: HISTORY: MODERN INDIA

Advent of European invasion- Effect of British rule on socio-economic factors - Social reforms and religious movements - India since independence - Characteristics of Indian culture - India - a secular state - Organizations for fine arts, dance, drama, music - Growth of rationalist, Dravidian movement in Tamil Nadu - Political parties and populist schemes - National renaissance - Early uprising against British rule - 1857 Revolt - Indian National Congress - Emergence of national leaders - Growth of militant movements - Different modes of agitations - Era of different Acts & Pacts - World war & final phase struggle - Communalism led to partition - Role of Tamil Nadu in freedom struggle.

UNIT – II: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Basic concepts of Science- Natural disasters and safeguard measures - Chemistry of ores and metals - Fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides - Biochemistry and biotechnology - Polymers and plastics – Electrochemistry - Main concepts of life science - Nutrition and dietetics - Respiration - Excretion of metabolic waste - Bio – communication - Govt. policy /organizations on Science and Technology - Role, achievement & impact of Science and Technology - Energy - self sufficiency - oil exploration - Defence Research Organization - Ocean research and development - Genetics - the science of heredity - Environment, ecology, health and hygiene, Bio - diversity and its conservation - Human diseases, prevention and remedies - Communicable diseases and non - communicable diseases - Alcoholism and Drug abuse - Computer science and advancement - Genetic Engineering - Remote sensing and benefits

UNIT – III: INDIAN POLITY

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federalism - centre state relations - Judiciary in India - Rule of law /Due process of law - Emergency provisions - Civil services in India - Administrative Challenges in a welfare state - Complexities of district administration - Elections - Election Commission Union and State -Official language and Schedule – VIII - Amendments to constitution - Schedules to constitution - Administration of Union and States with special reference to Tamil Nadu.

UNIT – IV: INDIA Vs FOREIGN NATIONS

India's foreign policy - Foreign Affairs with special emphasis on India's relations with neighbouring countries and in the region - Security and defence related matters - Nuclear policy, issues and conflicts -The Indian Diaspora and its contribution to India and the world.

UNIT – V: INDIAN GEOGRAPHY

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UNIT – VI: CURRENT AFFAIRS

National symbols - Profile of states - Defence, national security system and terrorism - World organizations and Pacts and Summits - Latest inventions on science & technology - Eminent personalities & places in news - Sports & games - Books & authors - Awards & honours - Cultural panorama - Latest historical events - Policy on environment and ecology - India and its neighbours - Latest terminology - Appointments - who is who? - Latest court verdicts - public opinion - Problems in conduct of public elections - Political parties and political system in India - Public awareness & general administration - Role of voluntary organizations & govt. - Welfare oriented govt. schemes, their utility - New economic policy & govt. sector - Mass media & communication.

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Population Explosion - Unemployment issues in India & Tamil Nadu - Child Labour - Economic Issues (a) Poverty (b)Sanitation- Rural and Urban (c) Corruption in public life - Anti -Corruption measures -CVC, Lok-adalats, Ombudsman, CAG. – Illiteracy – Women Empowerment- Role of the Government Women Empowerment Social injustice to womenfolk - Domestic violence, dowry menace, sexual assault - Loss of cultural heritage due to economic development -Urbanization and its impact on the society - Impact of violence on the growth of the nation – Religious violence, Terrorism and Communal violence - Regional Disparities -Problems of Minorities - Human Rights issues - Right to information - Central and State Commission - Faith and conflict among legislature, executive, judiciary and media. - Education – Linkage between Education and Economic Growth - Community Development Programme - Employment Guarantee Scheme - Self Employment and Entrepreneurship Development - Role of N.G.O's in Social Welfare – Government Policy on Health.

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GROUP - I A SERVICES (MAIN WRITTEN EXAMINATION)
PAPER – II: GENERAL ENGLISH (SSLC STANDARD)
TOPICS FOR DESCRIPTIVE TYPE

SUBJECT CODE: 282

UNIT –I: COMPREHENSION

From a given passage (prose or poem) comprehend and identify the central theme and answer questions based thereon. The candidate would not be asked to evaluate or assess the argument, its tone or style.

UNIT –II: USE OF VERBS, ARTICLES AND PREPOSITIONS

Use of verbs, articles and prepositions in different contexts. Construction of sentence. Detecting common mistakes in the usage of verbs, articles and prepositions.

UNIT –III: VOCABULARY

Knowledge of words, phrases and idiomatic expression in common English usage to describe different activities, situations and contexts. Differentiate between the usage and meaning of words having similar vocalization (example: flora/fauna; efficiency/efficacy/effectiveness; price/prize; affect/effect; etiquette/ attitude etc.) and detect the commonly committed mistakes. Construction of sentence.

UNIT – IV: LETTER WRITING

Writing letters on following themes:

- a) Seeking leave of absence from duty to attend to a personal work from the employer / official superior
- b) Writing a letter to the editor of the leading newspaper or magazine expressing candidate's views on a topic of general or local importance
- c) Writing a letter of condolence to a friend or a colleague on the demise of a close relative or friend.
- d) Writing a letter congratulating a friend on his promotion or election to an office of prestige or influence or on his passing a public exam or on a happy event like wedding or birth in the friend's family
- e) Writing a letter to a close friend or family member informing him or her about the candidate's travel to an exciting place and witnessing an unusual event.

UNIT – V: PRÉCIS WRITING

Read and understand a given passage, sifting the essential from the non-essential information and prepare a cohesive summary not exceeding 1/3rd the size of the given passage and give a suitable eye catching title.

UNIT – VI: ESSAY WRITING

Write an essay of 250 to 300 words on a matter of topical interest (Political, economic, religious, cultural, environmental, social, socio-economic etc.)

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Group I C Services (Preliminary Examination)
General studies (Degree Standard)
Topics for Objective Type

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Zoology - Blood and blood circulation-Endocrine system-Reproductive system-Genetics the science of heredity -Environment, ecology, health and hygiene, Bio- diversity and its conservation-Human diseases, prevention and remedies-Communicable diseases and non-communicable diseases-Alcoholism and drug abuse-Animals, plants and human life.

UNIT - II: Current Events

History - Latest diary of events – National - National symbols-Profile of States- Defence, national security and terrorism -World organizations-pacts and summits - Eminent persons & places in news - Sports & games - Books & authors - Awards & honours - Cultural panorama - Latest historical events - India and its neighbours - Latest terminology - Appointments-who is who?

Political Science - India's foreign policy - Latest court verdicts – public opinion - Problems in conduct of public elections - Political parties and political system in India - Public awareness & General administration - Role of Voluntary organizations & Govt., - Welfare oriented govt. schemes, their utility.

Geography - Geographical landmarks - Policy on environment and ecology.

Economics - Current socio-economic problems - New economic policy & govt. sector.

Science - Latest inventions on science & technology - Latest discoveries in Health Science - Mass media & communication.

UNIT - III: Geography - Earth and Universe - Solar system - Atmosphere hydrosphere, lithosphere - Monsoon, rainfall, weather and climate - Water resources - rivers in India - Soil, minerals & natural resources - Natural vegetation - Forest & wildlife - Agricultural pattern, livestock & fisheries - Transport & communication - Social geography - population-density and distribution - Natural calamities - disaster management - Climate change - impact and consequences - mitigation measures - Pollution Control.

UNIT - IV: History and culture of India - Pre-historic events- Indus valley civilization- Vedic, Aryan and Sangam age - Maurya dynasty - Buddhism and Jainism - Guptas, Delhi Sultans, Mughals and Marathas - Age of Vijayanagaram and the bahmanis - South Indian history - Culture and Heritage of Tamil people - Advent of European invasion - Expansion and consolidation of British rule - Effect of British rule on socio-economic factors - Social reforms and religious movements - India since independence - Characteristics of Indian culture - Unity in diversity -race, colour, language, custom - India-as secular state - Organizations for fine arts, dance, drama, music - Growth of rationalist, Dravidian movement in TN - Political parties and populist schemes- Prominent personalities in the various spheres - Arts, Science, literature and Philosophy - Mother Teresa, Swami Vivekananda, Pandit Ravishankar , M.S.Subbulakshmi, Rukmani Arundel and J.Krishnamoorthy etc.

UNIT - V: INDIAN POLITY - Constitution of India - Preamble to the constitution - Salient features of constitution - Union, State and territory - Citizenship-rights amend duties - Fundamental rights - Fundamental duties - Human rights charter - Union legislature - Parliament - State executive - State Legislature - assembly - Status of Jammu & Kashmir - Local government - panchayat raj - Tamil Nadu - Judiciary in India - Rule of law/Due process of law - Indian federalism - center - state relations - Emergency provisions - Civil services in India - Administrative challenges in a welfare state - Complexities of district administration - Elections - Election Commission Union and State - Official language and Schedule-VIII - Amendments to constitution - Schedules to constitution - Administrative reforms & tribunals - Corruption in public life - Anti-corruption measures - Central Vigilance Commission, lok-adalats, Ombudsman, Comptroller and Auditor General of India - Right to information - Central and State Commission - Empowerment of women - Voluntary organizations and public grievances redressal - Consumer protection forms.

UNIT - VI: INDIAN ECONOMY - Nature of Indian economy - Need for economic planning - Five-year plan models-an assessment - Land reforms & agriculture- Application of science in agriculture -Industrial growth-Capital formation and investment-Role of public sector & disinvestment-Development of infrastructure- National income - Public finance & fiscal policy- Price policy & public distribution - Banking, money & monetary policy - Role of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) - WTO-globalization & privatization - Rural welfare oriented programmes -Social sector problems - population, education, health, employment, poverty - HRD - sustainable economic growth - Economic trends in Tamil Nadu - Energy

Different sources and development - Finance Commission - Planning Commission - National Development Council.

UNIT -VII : INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT - National renaissance - Early uprising against British rule - 1857 Revolt - Indian National Congress - Emergence of national leaders - Gandhi, Nehru, Tagore, Netaji - Growth of militant movements -Different modes of agitations-Era of different Acts & Pacts - World war & final phase struggle - Communalism led to partition - Role of Tamil Nadu in freedom struggle - Rajaji, VOC, Periyar, Bharathiar & Others - Birth of political parties /political system in India since independence.

UNIT - VIII: APTITUDE & MENTAL ABILITY TESTS - Conversion of information to data - Collection, compilation and presentation of data - Tables, graphs, diagrams - Parametric representation of data - Analytical interpretation of data - Simplification - Percentage - Highest Common Factor (HCF) - Lowest Common Multiple (LCM) - Ratio and Proportion - Simple interest - Compound interest - Area - Volume - Time and Work - Behavioral ability - Basic terms, Communications in information technology - Application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) - Decision making and problem solving.

Logical Reasoning - Puzzles- Dice - Visual Reasoning - Alpha numeric Reasoning - Number Series - Logical Number/Alphabetical/Diagrammatic Sequences.

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COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES - I
Group I C Services (Main Examination)

PAPER – I - General studies (Degree Standard)
Topics for Descriptive type

UNIT - I : Modern history of India and Indian culture - Advent of European invasion- Expansion and consolidation of British rule - Effect of British rule on socio-economic factors - Social reforms and religious movements - India since independence - Characteristics of Indian culture - Unity in diversity - race, colour, language, custom - India - a secular state - Organizations for fine arts, dance, drama, music - Growth of rationalist, Dravidian movement in Tamil Nadu - Political parties and populist schemes - National renaissance - Early uprising against British rule - 1857 Revolt - Indian National Congress - Emergence of national leaders - Gandhi, Nehru, Tagore, Netaji - Growth of militant movements - Different modes of agitations - Era of different Acts & Pacts - World war & final phase struggle - Communalism led to partition - Role of Tamil Nadu in freedom struggle - Rajaji, VOC, Periyar, Bharathiar & Others.

UNIT - 2- General Mental Ability - Conversion of information to data - Collection, compilation and presentation of data - Tables, graphs, diagrams - Parametric representation of data - Analytical interpretation of data - School arithmetic - 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.

UNIT - 3: Role and impact of science and technology in the development of India and Tamil Nadu - Nature of universe - General scientific laws - Scientific instruments - Inventions and discoveries - National scientific laboratories - Science glossary - Physical quantities, standards and units - Mechanics and properties of matter - Force, motion and energy - Heat, light and sound - Magnetism, electricity and electronics - Atomic and nuclear physics - Astronomy and space science - Elements and compounds - Acids, bases and salts - Oxidation and reduction - Carbon, nitrogen and their compounds - Natural disasters - safeguard measures - Chemistry of ores and metals - Fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides - Biochemistry and biotechnology - Polymers and plastics - Electrochemistry - Main concepts of life science - The cell - basic unit of life - Classification of living organism - Nutrition and dietetics - Respiration - Excretion of metabolic waste - Bio - communication - Blood and blood circulation - Endocrine system- Reproductive system- Animals, plants and human life - Govt. policy /organizations on Science and Technology - Role, achievement & impact of Science and Technology - Energy - self sufficiency - oil exploration - Defence Research Organization - Ocean research and development - Genetics - the science of heredity - Environment, ecology, health and hygiene, Bio - diversity and its conservation - Human diseases, prevention and remedies - Communicable diseases and non - communicable diseases - Alcoholism and Drug abuse - Computer science and advancement - Genetic Engineering - Remote sensing and benefits.

COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES - I
Group I C Services (Main Examination)
PAPER – II - General studies (Degree Standard)
Topics for Descriptive type

UNIT – I - Indian polity and emerging political trends across the world affecting India and Geography of India

Indian polity - Constitution of India - Preamble to the constitution - Salient features of constitution - Union, state and territory - Citizenship - rights and duties - Fundamental rights - Directive principles of state policy - Fundamental duties - Human rights charter - Union executive - Union legislature - parliament - State executive - State legislature - assembly - Status of Jammu & Kashmir - Local government - panchayat raj - Indian federalism - center state relations - Judiciary in India - Rule of law /Due process of law - Emergency provisions - Civil services in India - Administrative Challenges in a welfare state - Complexities of district administration - Elections - Election Commission Union and State -Official language and Schedule - VIII - Amendments to constitution - Schedules to constitution.

a. Emerging political trends across the world affecting India

Foreign Affairs with special emphasis on India's relations with neighbouring countries and in the region -Security and defence related matters - Nuclear policy, issues and conflicts-The Indian Diaspora and its contribution to India and the world.

b. Geography of India

Earth and universe - Solar system - Atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere - Monsoon, rainfall, weather and climate - Water resources - rivers in India - Soil, minerals & natural resources - Natural vegetation - Forest & wildlife - Agricultural pattern, livestock & fisheries - Transport & communication - Centers of trade, commerce & art - Social geography - population - density and distribution - Natural calamities - disaster management - Bottom topography of Indian ocean, Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal - Climate change - impact and consequences - mitigation measures - Pollution Control.

*Candidates may choose to answer **EITHER** the Tamil question only in Tamil **OR** the English question only in English. Candidates writing in English shall if they choose to answer the Tamil question, write only in Tamil*

2. Tamil language, Tamil society - it's culture and Heritage / English Language

- 1, நாகரீகமும் பண்பாடும்- தமிழர் தோற்றமும் பரவலும்
- 2, பண்டைத் தமிழர் வாழ்வியல் சிந்தனைகள் - வீரம், காதல், அறம், அறக்கோட்டு வழிபாடுகள் மற்றும் சடங்குமுறைகள்.
- 3, தமிழர் சமயமும் பண்பாட்டு நெறிமுறைகளும்- சைவம், வைணவம்.
- 4, தமிழர் பண்பாட்டுக் கலையும், நாகரீகமும்- இயல், இசை, நாடகம், ஓவியம், மருத்துவம், சிற்பம், நாட்டுப்புறக் கலைகள்.
- 5, தற்கால வாழ்வில் தமிழர் சமூக வாழ்க்கை - சாதி, சமயம், பெண்கள், அரசியல், கல்வி, பொருளியல், வணிகம், வெளிநாட்டுத் தொடர்புகள்.

(OR)

English Language Skills

1. Précis writing.
2. Report writing on current issues.
3. Comprehension of a given passage and answering questions thereupon.

3. Administration of Union and States with special reference to Tamil Nadu

State government organization - structure, functions and control mechanism - District administration -role in people's welfare oriented programmes - Industrial map of Tamil Nadu - role of state government -Public Services - role of recruitment agencies - State finance -- resources, budget and financial administration - Use of IT in administration - e-governance in the State - Natural calamities -strategic planning in the State - Social welfare - Government sponsored schemes with reference to Tamil Nadu - Union government organization - structure, functions and control mechanism - Relationship between State and Union - Industrial map of India - role of Union government - Public Services - role of recruitment agencies in Union Government - Union finance - resources, budget and financial administration - Use of IT in administration - e- governance in Union Government -Natural calamities -strategic planning by the Union - Social welfare - government sponsored schemes by Government of India.

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COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES - I
Group I C Services (Main Examination)
PAPER -III - Education (Degree Std.) B.Ed., Course

Topics for Objective type

Current trends and challenges in Education- Innovation in Education - Education Psychology -Philosophy in Education, Eastern and Western Education - Education Sociology - Scheme S.S.A. & RMSA - Curriculum - Measurements and Evaluation - Human Rights & R.T.E. Act - Learner /Learning - Inclusive Education - Information and Communication Technology - Education Management - Gender Sensitization - Environmental Education - Vocational Guidance - Health and Physical Education - Distance and Open Learning - Outreach Programme - Committee and Commissions in Education - Basic concept of psychology.