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**Notification of change of scheme of Examination and Syllabus for Group-I Services Examination 2012**

It is hereby informed that the syllabus and scheme of the examination for Group-I Services Recruitment notified in para 6 of the Commission's Notification dated 16.11.2012 stands substituted as follows:-

1) Scheme of the Preliminary Examination, Main Written Examination and Oral Test:-

**A. Preliminary Examination**

Subject	Duration	Maximum Marks
Single Paper in General Knowledge (Degree Standard - Objective Type) (200 Questions – General Knowledge 150 items Aptitude 50 items)	3 Hours	300

**B. Main Written Examination and Oral Test**

Subject	Duration	Maximum Marks	Minimum Qualifying Marks for Selection	
			SCs, SC(A)s, STs, MBC/DCs, BCs and BCMs.	Others
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
General Studies Paper – I	3 Hours	300	306	408
General Studies Paper – II	3 Hours	300		
General Studies Paper – III	3 Hours	300		
(All Papers – Degree Standard – Descriptive Type)				
Interview and Record	-	120		
<b>Total</b>		<b>1020</b>		

**Note:**

- (i) The question papers will be set both in Tamil and in English.
- (ii) Candidates are allowed to answer the Main Written Examination either in Tamil or in English or partly in Tamil and partly in English and are also allowed to write Technical words wherever necessary in either of the languages.

**2) Syllabus for the Preliminary Examination and the Main Written Examination is appended herewith.**

**Secretary**

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**APPENDIX**

**SYLLABUS**

**1) FOR GROUP-I SERVICES PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION : (OBJECTIVE TYPE)**

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

The paper on general knowledge will include questions covering the following fields of knowledge: General science, current events of national and international importance, history and culture of India, geography, Indian polity, Indian economy, Indian national movement and freedom struggle, mental ability tests and other related fields.

Questions on general science will cover general appreciation and understanding of science, including matters of every day observation and experience as may be expected of a well educated person who has not made a special study of any scientific discipline. In history, emphasis will be on broad general understanding of the subject in its social, economic, political aspects; social and cultural heritage of India emphasizing unity in diversity. In geography, emphasis will be on geography of India including the physical, social, economic geography and on the main features of Indian agriculture and natural resources. Questions on Indian polity and economy will test knowledge on the country's political, executive, judicial system, panchayat raj, rural and community development and economic planning in India. Questions on Indian national movement will relate to the nature and character of the nineteenth century resurgence, growth of nationalism and attainment of independence. General mental ability test will include analysis of classified data, logical and behavioral reasoning, analogies, school arithmetic, numerical ability and basic concepts of computers. Current events will include latest developments on all the fields detailed above including science and technology, History of Tamil Nadu its ancient culture and heritage of its people.

**II) FOR GROUP-I SERVICES MAIN EXAMINATION; DESCRIPTIVE TYPE,**

**THREE PAPERS**

**GENERAL STUDIES**

**PAPER – 1**

1. Modern history of India and Indian culture
2. General Mental Ability
3. Role and impact of science and technology in the development of India and Tamil Nadu

**PAPER – 2**

1. Indian polity and emerging political trends across the world affecting India and Geography of India.
2. Tamil Society, its culture and heritage / English language skills
3. Administration of Union and States with special reference to Tamil Nadu

**PAPER – 3**

1. Current events of national and international importance
2. Current Economic Trends: Indian Economy and Impact of Global Economy on India
3. Socio Economic problems of India and Tamil Nadu.

Modern history of India and Indian culture will cover the broad history of the country from about the middle of the nineteenth century (advent of European Invasion) and would include questions on Gandhi, Tagore, Nehru and Periyar. General mental ability will include statistical analysis, graphs and diagrams. It covers exercises to test the candidates ability to draw prudent conclusion from information presented in statistical, graphical and diagrammatical form pointing out deficiencies, limitation and inconsistencies therein. On role and impact of science and technology, question will be asked to test the candidates awareness of the latest developments in science and technology with special emphasis on applied aspects.

Indian Polity and emerging political trends across the world affecting India will include questions on Constitution of India and political system in India and the political system of the countries which affect and have a bearing on our nation. Under Geography of India, questions will be put on the physical, economic, social geography of India. Under Tamil society and Culture, questions will be asked to test the candidates general awareness on those topics. Under English language, writing and comprehension skills will be tested through questions on essay writing, comprehension of a given passage and summarizing the substance of a given passage through precis writing. The candidates have the option to choose either Tamil Language or English language on this topic. Tamil Nadu administration will cover topics in general administration like organizational structure, functions, control social welfare oriented programmes etc., To have an overview of the administrative pattern of the Union questions will be put to the candidates.

Current events will include and cover general appreciation and understanding of science, history, politics, economics, agriculture etc., including matters of everyday observation and experience. Current economic trends will include questions on Indian Economy and impact of global economy on India. Questions will be put on Planning in India, industrialization, economic growth, impact of population explosion, financial control measures to streamline the overall growth, trends in global trade, socio-economic problems will include questions on literacy rate, unemployment, child labour, gender imbalance, woes of agrarian sector etc.,