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TAMILNADU PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS AND LANGUAGE TESTS –
APRIL - 2025

DIVISION – A : DEPARTMENTAL TEST ON FOREST LAW
(FOR OFFICERS OF THE INDIAN FOREST SERVICE AND
TAMILNADU FOREST SERVICE)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

- Note:
1. Questions carry marks as shown against them.
 2. Answer ALL the questions and quoting the relevant sections.

PART I — (WITHOUT BOOKS)

1. List out important amendments introduced in Wildlife Protection Amendment Act (WPA) of 2022. (10)
2. Explain the procedure for granting individual rights under Schedule Tribe and Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. (10)
3. Write short notes on: (10)
 - (a) Forest produce as per Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882
 - (b) Hunting as per Wildlife Protection Act 1972
 - (c) Seizure and confiscation
 - (d) Forest settlement officer
 - (e) Protected area.
4. Explain the procedure for declaration of Wildlife Sanctuary under Wildlife Protection Act 1972. (10)
5. Comment on the following : (10)
 - (a) Differences Between Wildlife Sanctuary and National Parks.
 - (b) Difference between Conservation Reserve and Community Reserve.

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PART II — (WITH BOOKS)

6. One Tiger was killed by a person outside the forest area. The person was trying to sell the animal parts and he was caught by forest officials. Describe the provisions under various existing forest laws under which the case can be dealt with. (10)
7. You are DFO of a district. You have received an information that one village president has kept sandalwood and teakwood in his godown. How will you proceed for search and seizure operation and booking the case? (10)
8. Describe the following : (10)
- (a) H Form
 - (b) Form VI permit
 - (c) Critical Wildlife Habitat
 - (d) Regulations for possession of sandalwood by a individual in Tamil Nadu
 - (e) Schedule Timber.
9. You are a DFO. Your Forest Range Officer has arrested a person having tiger skin in his possession. He has booked a case against the person and sent him to judicial custody. You were not sure whether the tiger skin is genuine or fake. You have sent the skin sample to an authorised lab for testing purposes. Meanwhile, the son of the accused requested you to release his father on bail. However, you denied. Further, the bail application was rejected by the court. The son commits suicide as he was not able to cope with the situation. After few days, the lab report confirms that the skin is fake.
- (a) Who is legally responsible for the death of the accused's son? (10)
 - (b) Whether the arrest of the accused is legally justified? (10)
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