

**TAMILNADU PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS AND LANGUAGE TESTS –**  
**OCTOBER - 2024**

**BHARATIYA SAKSHYA ADHINIYAM, 2023**  
**(FOR DEPUTY COLLECTORS)**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

**PART I — (WITHOUT BOOKS)**

(25 Marks)

**Answer question No. 1, and ONE more question out of the remaining questions in Part – I**

**(Quote Appropriate Provisions)**

1. Explain how spontaneous statements made by individuals involved in an event impact evidence admissibility, and discuss the criteria used to assess their relevance and reliability in legal proceedings. (15)
2. Explain the concept of Burden of proof in legal proceedings and how it is allocated between parties? (10)
3. Explain the procedures for examining witnesses in legal hearings, including techniques for eliciting relevant information and assessing witness credibility. (10)

**PART II — (WITH BOOKS)**

(75 Marks)

**Answer question No. 4, and any other FIVE questions.**

**(Quote Appropriate Provisions)**

4. Write short notes on : (15)
  - (a) Opinions of Experts
  - (b) Secondary Evidence
  - (c) Public Documents

**[Turn over**

**5. Explain the following : (12)**

- (a) Estoppel
- (b) Official Communications
- (c) Dying Declaration

**6. Describe the following : (12)**

- (a) Proof as to electronic signature
- (b) Conclusive proof
- (c) Fact in issue

**7. Discuss the following : (12)**

- (a) Confession
- (b) Admissibility of oral evidence
- (c) Presumptions as to documents thirty years old

**8. Write about the evidentiary value of the following : (12)**

- (a) Accomplice Evidence
- (b) Child Witness
- (c) CCTV Footage

**9. Write short notes on : (12)**

- (a) Facts which need not be proved
- (b) Admissions
- (c) Character Evidence.

**10. Write the difference between : (12)**

- (a) Shall presume and May presume
  - (b) Disproved and Not proved
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