

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

HISTORY AND CULTURE OF TAMILNADU
(FOR ASSISTANT / DEPUTY COLLECTORS)

(WITHOUT BOOKS)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

PART I — (8 × 5 = 40 marks)

Write short note on any **EIGHT** of the following in not more than one page each.

1. The Concept of Tinai
2. Kalabhra Interregnum
3. Rock Cut Architecture
4. Leiden Copper Plates
5. Ainnurruvar and Manigramam
6. Madurai Sultanate
7. Dravida Style of Architecture
8. Ryotwari Settlement
9. Madras Mahajana Sabha
10. Self-Respect Movement.

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PART II — (3 × 20 = 60 marks)

Answer any **THREE** of the following in not more than four pages each.

11. Discuss the political and socio-economic condition during the Sangam age.
 12. 'Ariyanisation of the Tamil region started during the Pallava period.' - Examine.
 13. Assess the naval expedition of the Cholas and its impact.
 14. What is Bhakti Movement? Explain its impact over Tamil Society.
 15. Appraise on the impact of Vijayanagar rule over the Tamil region.
 16. 'The South Indian Rebellion can be considered as the First War of Independence.' - Comment.
 17. 'The Madras Presidency is not a *Benighted Presidency*' - Elaborate.
 18. 'The path for social welfare in Tamil Nadu is laid by the Justice Party and it continues even today.' - Substantiate.
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