

TAMILNADU PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS AND LANGUAGE TESTS –
OCTOBER - 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. Quote relevant Acts of Rules related to your answer.

PART I — (WITHOUT BOOKS)

1. A Forest Range Officer has booked case on a person for shooting at or intentionally destroying elephant within forest land. How will you proceed? (10)
2. What if a Forest Settlement Officer has accepted a claim to a right in or over any land to rights of occupancy and ownership, what are the provisions as per the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882? (10)
3. Describe the procedures towards an appeal to fell timber from private land notified under Preservation of Private Forest Act, 1949? (10)
4. A Forest Range Officer seizes the plumage of a bird from secret service informers, how to proceed? (10)
5. Describe prohibition of cutting of trees as per the Tamil Nadu Hill Stations Act, 1955. (10)

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PART II — (WITH BOOKS)

A. One-Word Answer :

(15 × 1 = 15)

1. Cattle trespass act was enacted in which year? _____
2. Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2(2) _____
3. Cattle does not include elephants. True or False.
4. Transferred territory in TN Forest Act, 1882 refers to which District? _____
5. Which land is called “land at the disposal of the Government”? _____
6. For acquiring land the Forest-settlement-officer shall be deemed to be a Collector proceeding under which Act? _____
7. The grant of licence for possessing sandalwood in excess of five kilogram has to be given by _____
8. Any Forest Officer invested by the Government has the power to accept compensation for forest offences under which section? _____
9. An easement acquired in virtue of a local custom is called _____
10. Under which section of TN Forest Act, 1882, show cause notice before confiscation to be issued? _____
11. Silver Oak is not a scheduled timber species. True or False
12. The owner of a land on which teak, Blackwood, ebony or sandalwood is there is entitled to a payment which the government determines is called as _____.
13. Sale of timber or forest-produce by auction or by invitation of tenders, issued by or under the whose authority _____.
14. The Forest Settlement Officer does not have the power to enter, by himself or any officer authorized by him for the purpose, upon any land, and to survey. True or false.
15. Under which section, an appeal to Forest Settlement officer has to be delivered for forwarding to appellate authority? _____

B. Write short notes on the following :

(5 × 3 = 15)

1. Royalties
2. District Committee
3. Habitual offender
4. Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC)
5. Show cause notice

C. Describe in detail in any two questions :

(2 × 10 = 20)

1. Appointment and constitution of the Forest Court as per Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882.
2. Committees formed for recognition of Forest Rights Act, 2006.
3. Appointment and constitution of Forest Court.

