

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

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 notes on **any EIGHT** of the following in not more than one page each.

1. Lemuria.
2. Major Trade routes and Trade during the Sangam period.
3. Uttaramerur inscription.
4. Arikamedu.
5. Nayankara system.
6. Thirumala Nayak.
7. South Indian Confederacy.
8. A Comparative Grammar of the Dravidian.
9. Swadeshi Steam Navigation company.
10. 'Vaikom Veerar'.

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PART II — (3 × 20 = 60 marks)

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

11. Analyze the impact of geography and topography on the history of Tamil Nadu.
 12. Compare and contrast the art and architecture of the Pallavas and the Cholas.
 13. Describe Marco Polo's journey to Tamil Nadu and his observations on the region's economy, society and culture.
 14. Explain how the poligar system functioned in practice, including the collection of taxes, maintenance of law and order and provision of military service.
 15. Examine the military strategies and tactics employed by the Marathas and explain how they contributed to their success in expanding their empire.
 16. Analyse the legacy of the Carnatic Wars in Indian and British history, including their impact on the growth of the British Empire.
 17. Evaluate the effects of the company's revenue policy on the overall economic development of Tamil Nadu.
 18. Discuss the significance of the Justice party's ministry in promoting social justice and equality in Tamil Nadu.
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