

FOR GROUP-I SERVICES MAIN EXAMINATION (DESCRIPTIVE TYPE)

THREE PAPERS

GENERAL STUDIES

PAPER – 1

1. Modern history of India and Indian culture
2. General Mental Ability
3. Role and impact of science and technology in the development of India and Tamil Nadu

PAPER – 2

1. Indian polity and emerging political trends across the world affecting India and Geography of India.
2. Tamil Society, its culture and heritage / English language skills
3. Administration of Union and States with special reference to Tamil Nadu

PAPER – 3

1. Current events of national and international importance
2. Current Economic Trends: Indian Economy and Impact of Global Economy on India
3. Socio Economic problems of India and Tamil Nadu.

Modern history of India and Indian culture will cover the broad history of the country from about the middle of the nineteenth century (advent of European Invasion) and would include questions on Gandhi, Tagore, Nehru and Periyar. General mental ability will include statistical analysis, graphs and diagrams. It covers exercises to test the candidate's ability to draw prudent conclusion from information presented in statistical, graphical and diagrammatical form pointing out deficiencies, limitations and inconsistencies therein. On role and impact of science and technology, question will be asked to test the candidate's awareness of the latest developments in science and technology with special emphasis on applied aspects.

Indian Polity and emerging political trends across the world affecting India will include questions on Constitution of India and political system in India and the political system of the countries which affect and have a bearing on our nation. Under Geography of India, questions will be put on the physical, economic, social geography of India. Under Tamil society and Culture, questions will be asked to test the candidate's general awareness on those topics. Under English language, writing and comprehension skills will be tested through questions on essay writing, comprehension of a given passage and summarizing the substance of a given passage through precis writing. The candidate has the option to choose either Tamil Language or English language on this topic. Tamil Nadu administration will cover topics in general administration like organizational structure, functions, control social welfare oriented programmes etc., To have an overview of the administrative pattern of the Union questions will be put to the candidate.

Current events will include and cover general appreciation and understanding of science, history, politics, economics, agriculture etc., including matters of everyday observation and experience. Current economic trends will include questions on Indian Economy and impact of global economy on India. Questions will be put on Planning in India, industrialization, economic growth, impact of population explosion, financial control measures to streamline the overall growth, trends in global trade, socio-economic problems will include questions on literacy rate, unemployment, child labour, gender imbalance, woes of agrarian sector etc.,