

GENERAL STUDIES
(DESCRIPTIVE TYPE)

(for group I services main examination-TWO PAPERS)

SYLLABUS.

PAPER-1

1. Modern history of India and Indian culture
2. Current events of national and international importance
3. Statistical analysis , graphs and diagrams
4. Social problems and other current sensitive issues

PAPER-2

1. Indian polity
2. Indian economy and geography of India
3. Role and impact of science and technology in the development of India
4. Tamil language, Tamil society, its culture and heritage
5. Tamil Nadu administration

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. Statistical analysis, graphs and diagrams will include exercises to test the candidates ability to draw commonsense conclusions from information presented in statistical, graphical and diagrammatical form and to point out deficiencies, limitations and inconsistencies therein. Social problems and sensitive issues will include problems like bonded labour, child labour, gender bias, minorities, SC/ST, illiteracy, poverty, employment etc.

Indian polity will include questions on constitution of India, and Political System in India. On Indian economy and geography, questions will be put on planning in India and the physical, economic, social geography of India. On role and impact of science and technology, questions will be asked to test the candidate's awareness of the latest developments in science and technology with special emphasis on applied aspects. Under Tamil language and culture questions will be put to test the candidate's general awareness on those topics. Tamil Nadu administration will cover topics in general administration like organizational structure, functions, control, social welfare oriented programmes etc.