

COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES - I
Group I Services
(Preliminary Examination)
General Studies - Degree standard
TOPICS FOR OBJECTIVE TYPE

UNIT - I - General science :

Physics - Universe - General Scientific laws - Scientific instruments - Inventions and discoveries-National scientific laboratories-Science glossary-Mechanics and properties of matter-Physical quantities, standards and units-Force, motion and energy- electricity and Magnetism - electronics & communications - Heat, light and sound-Atomic and nuclear physics-Solid State Physics-Spectroscopy - Geophysics - Astronomy and space science.

Chemistry - Elements and Compounds-Acids, bases and salts - Oxidation and reduction - Chemistry of ores and metals -Carbon, nitrogen and their compounds-Fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides-Biochemistry and biotechnology-Electrochemistry-Polymers and plastics

Botany - Main Concepts of life science-The cell-basic unit of life-Classification of living organism-Nutrition and dietetics-Respiration-Excretion of metabolic waste-Bio-communication

Zoology - Blood and blood circulation-Endocrine system-Reproductive system-Genetics the science of heredity-Environment, ecology, health and hygiene, Bio- diversity and its conservation-Human diseases, prevention and remedies-Communicable diseases and non- communicable diseases-Alcoholism and drug abuse-Animals, plants and human life-

UNIT - II. Current Events

History - Latest diary of events - National - National symbols -Profile of States-Defence, national security and terrorism-World organizations-pacts and summits-Eminent persons & places in news-Sports & games-Books & authors -Awards & honours-Cultural panorama-Latest historical events- India and its neighbours- Latest terminology-Appointments-who is who?

Political Science - India's foreign policy - Latest court verdicts - public opinion - Problems in conduct of public elections- Political parties and political system in India-Public awareness & General administration- Role of Voluntary organizations & Govt.,- Welfare oriented govt. schemes, their utility

Geography - Geographical landmarks-Policy on environment and ecology

Economics- Current socio-economic problems-New economic policy & govt. sector

Science - Latest inventions on science & technology - Latest discoveries in Health Science - Mass media & communication

UNIT - III Geography - Earth and Universe - Solar system - Atmosphere hydrosphere, lithosphere -Monsoon, rainfall, weather and climate - Water resources - rivers in India - Soil, minerals & natural resources-Natural vegetation-Forest & wildlife-Agricultural

pattern, livestock & fisheries-Transport & communication-Social geography – population-density and distribution-Natural calamities – disaster management-Climate change - impact and consequences - mitigation measures-Pollution Control

UNIT – IV History and culture of India - Pre-historic events -Indus valley civilization-Vedic, Aryan and Sangam age-Maurya dynasty-Buddhism and Jainism-Guptas, Delhi Sultans, Mughals and Marathas-Age of Vijayanagaram and the bahmanis-South Indian history-Culture and Heritage of Tamil people-Advent of European invasion-Expansion and consolidation of British rule-Effect of British rule on socio-economic factors-Social reforms and religious movements-India since independence-Characteristics of Indian culture-Unity in diversity –race, colour, language, custom-India-as secular state-Organizations for fine arts, dance, drama, music-Growth of rationalist, Dravidian movement in TN-Political parties and populist schemes – Prominent personalities in the various spheres – Arts, Science, literature and Philosophy – Mother Teresa, Swami Vivekananda, Pandit Ravishankar , M.S.Subbulakshmi, Rukmani Arundel and J.Krishnamoorthy etc.

UNIT – V - INDIAN POLITY - Constitution of India - Preamble to the constitution - Salient features of constitution - Union, State and territory - Citizenship-rights amend duties - Fundamental rights - Fundamental duties - Human rights charter - Union legislature – Parliament - State executive - State Legislature – assembly - Status of Jammu & Kashmir - Local government – panchayat raj – Tamil Nadu - Judiciary in India – Rule of law/Due process of law - Indian federalism – center – state relations - Emergency provisions - Civil services in India - Administrative challenges in a welfare state - Complexities of district administration - Elections - Election Commission Union and State - Official language and Schedule-VIII - Amendments to constitution - Schedules to constitution - Administrative reforms & tribunals- Corruption in public life - Anti-corruption measures – Central Vigilance Commission, lok-adalats, Ombudsman, Comptroller and Auditor General of India. - Right to information - Central and State Commission - Empowerment of women- Voluntary organizations and public grievances redressal - Consumer protection forms

UNIT – VI - INDIAN ECONOMY - Nature of Indian economy - Five-year plan models-an assessment - Land reforms & agriculture - Application of science in agriculture - Industrial growth - Capital formation and investment-Role of public sector & disinvestment-Development of infrastructure- National income - Public finance & fiscal policy - Price policy & public distribution- Banking, money & monetary policy - Role of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) - WTO-globalization & privatization - Rural welfare oriented programmes - Social sector problems – population, education, health, employment, poverty - HRD – sustainable economic growth- Economic trends in Tamil Nadu - Energy Different sources and development - Finance Commission - Planning Commission - National Development Council

UNIT – VII - INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT - National renaissance- Early uprising against British rule-1857 Revolt- Indian National Congress - Emergence of national leaders- Gandhi, Nehru, Tagore, Netaji -Growth of militant movements -Different modes of agitations-Era of different Acts & Pacts-World war & final phase struggle - Communalism led to partition- Role of Tamil Nadu in freedom struggle - Rajaji, VOC, Periyar, Bharathiar & Others - Birth of political parties /political system in India since independence

UNIT - VIII - APTITUDE & MENTAL ABILITY TESTS - Conversion of information to data - Collection, compilation and presentation of data - Tables, graphs, diagrams- Parametric representation of data-Analytical interpretation of data -Simplification- Percentage-Highest Common Factor (HCF)-Lowest Common Multiple (LCM)-Ratio and Proportion-Simple interest-Compound interest-Area-Volume-Time and Work- Behavioral ability - Basic terms, Communications in information technology - Application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) - Decision making and problem solving

Logical Reasoning - Puzzles – Dice - Visual Reasoning- Alpha numeric Reasoning- Number Series - Logical Number/Alphabetical/Diagrammatic Sequences

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