2011

GENERAL STUDIES

Paper - II

(Tamil & English Versions)

Duration: 3 Hours

[ Tamil Medium: 300
Max. Marks: 300

General Instructions to the Candidates:

1) Candidates are advised to write answers in their own handwriting. Any answer written in a foreign language will be considered invalid.

This Question Paper is descriptive type in Degree Standard.

2) Candidates are not allowed to bring any electronic devices, including mobile phones, into the examination hall. Any candidate found with a mobile phone or other electronic device will be disqualified.

Candidates should write their Register Numbers in the space provided for in the main answer-book only and should not write anywhere else and also in the additional answer-books.

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The Question paper is printed in Tamil and English Versions. In all matters and in cases of doubt English Version is final.

The candidate may answer in Tamil or English or partly in Tamil and English.

Candidates must write the correct number of the question and sub-question. Failure to do so will entail loss of credit for the answer.

There is no reservation of marks for neatness of execution and correctness of spelling in respect of this paper.
1. What is the importance of Article 326 of the Constitution of India?

2. Which amendment integrated Goa, Daman and Diu with the Union of India as its eighth union territory?

3. Differentiate between Cabinet and Council of Ministers.

4. What is meant by writ of Mandamus?

5. According to amendment same person can be appointed as a Governor for two or more states.

6. Which Article makes a special provision for the retention of the English language for usage in courts?
7. In which of the Houses, the impeachment motion against the Indian President can be initiated?

8. .......................... was appointed as Chairman of Second Backward Classes Commission.

9. In the year ................. the state of Nagaland was formed.

10. Which Article deals with the 'Right to Freedom of Religion'? 

11. To which year does the first epigraph mentioning tying of 'Thaali' by bridegroom to bride belong?

12. What is the special drum played during Eruthazhvuthal by shepherds?

13. Which race lived in Lemuria continent?

14. What are 'Krandha' letters?

15. What was the name of Association formed by Ramalinga Vallalar for integrating people of all faiths?
16. What were the magazines run by Thiru. Vi. Ka?

17. Mention any two negotiable instruments.

18. Explain FEMA.

19. What is marketing planning?

20. What is the source of the Narmada River?

21. Which state accounts for the highest percentage of irrigated area under well irrigation?

22. What is the temperature of the outside surface of the sun?

23. Which growth model was adopted as strategy during Second Five-Year Plan of India?

24. Tarapore Committee is associated with .................

25. Name the Head of Tamil Nadu Planning Commission.

26. Give any two sources of revenue of the Tamil Nadu Govt.
27. 1 Angstrom unit = .................. m.

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28. Name the carbon compound used in the manufacture of artificial silk.

29. What is ‘DNA’ footprinting?

30. What is an ‘Idiogram’?

31. What is VRML?

32. Mention any one user friendly e-governance application.

33. Write the objectives of self-help groups.

34. Who was the Chairman of a committee appointed by the Government of Tamil Nadu in 1969 to examine the issue of Centre-State relations?

35. The award given to the best Panchayat is named after .................
SECTION - B

(Short Answer Type)

(i) Name any five provisions in the Constitution which provide for the protection of life, liberty, and property of the individuals.

(ii) Name any five amendments made after the Constitution came into force.

Note: Answer any **twenty-five** of the following questions **not exceeding 50 words** each.

Each question carries **three marks**.  

25 x 3 = 75


37. Write a note on the amendment which deals with establishing Panchayats.

38. Under which conditions courts do not grant a writ of Mandamus?

39. What is the speciality of the Money Bill?
40. What are the significances of Financial Administration?

41. What are the powers of the Block Development Officer?

42. Write a note about the 'Thunangal Koothu'.

43. Write about the divisions of Saivism.

44. Write the architectonics of the book Tholkappiyam.

45. Write the names of Nayanmar & Azhwar who lived in the period of Pallavas. Describe their works on religion.

46. Write a short note on ethical values mentioned by Purananooru in battle-field.

47. What are the traits of married women given by Elangovadigal?
48. What is Meykeerthi?

49. What are the Atruppadai songs of the Sangam literature?

50. Write briefly about 'Umanarkal'.

51. What are the objectives of MSME policy of Tamil Nadu 2008?

52. Briefly explain the formation process of retreating monsoon in India.

53. Briefly describe the geo-stationary satellite.

54. What are the sources for financing fiscal deficit? What is the current position?

55. Define Micro and Small scale industries.

56. Assess the development of transport infrastructure in Tamil Nadu.
57. What is cutaneous respiration?

58. What is Parthenogenesis? Write its causes.

59. Explain the behaviour of water as acid and base.

60. Enumerate the three Kepler's laws of planetary motion.

61. Write about ISDN link.

62. What are the challenges specific to India in providing E-governance?

63. Enumerate the objectives of the 4th State Finance Commission.

64. What is the primary objective of social welfare?

65. How do the phenomena of bio-communication give benefits to plants?
SECTION - C
(Brief Answer Type)

Note: Answer any seventeen of the following questions not exceeding 100 words each.

Each question carries five marks. \[17 \times 5 = 85\]

66. Briefly discuss the functions of Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

67. What would be the consequences of Financial Emergency in India?

68. Explain Advisory Jurisdiction.

69. Under what conditions can Indian citizenship be terminated?
70. Explain the need and significance of All India Services.

71. When will a bill pending in state legislature lapse?

72. Write a short note on Neduval Vadai.

73. Write about the educational progress in Tamil Nadu after Independence.

74. Mention the architectural classification in Temple Architecture.

75. Discuss the women status in various periods.
76. Explain the terms 'Mandram' and 'Pothiyil'.

77. What is the psychological state of women known through Oppari Padal.

78. Write the historical messages exhibited by Nandhi Kalambagam.

79. What are the truths known by the Seppedu?

80. Explain the term 'Flood Plain Zoning' (FPZ).

81. Describe the income method of computing national income.
82. Discuss the important pricing methods.

83. Analyse the various poverty alleviation programmes in Tamil Nadu.

84. Write a note on photonic revolution in modern India.

85. Write a note on DNA fingerprinting.

86. Write a short note on Unique Identification Number Scheme and its usefulness in e-governance.

87. Discuss the Anna Renaissance Scheme in Tamil Nadu.
SECTION – D
(Detailed Answer Type)

Note: Answer any seven of the following questions not exceeding 200 words each.

Each question carries fifteen marks. $7 \times 15 = 105$

88. What are the reasons for the failures of Community Development Programme in India?

89. What are the provisions of the Indian Citizenship Act of 1955?

90. Define department. What are the principles of departmental organisation?

91. Write about Folk arts and crafts.

92. Describe the services rendered by Salvaatt Mutts to the cause of Tamil language.

93. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of Foreign Direct Investment.
94. Explain the social forestry system of India.

95. What are the functions of Indian money market?

96. 'Tamil Nadu provides for a pro-active and dynamic environment for industrial development.' Comment.

97. What is meant by Eugenic? Discuss the role of human genetics in Medical science with reference to genetic counselling and gene therapy.

98. Write a note on Chandrayaan-1. What are its objectives?

99. Elaborately discuss the e-governance initiatives in Tamil Nadu.