SCHEME OF EXAMINATION FOR THE POST OF
TOURIST OFFICER

MAIN WRITTEN EXAMINATION

(Descriptive type) (PG Degree Standard)

Paper – I General Studies (300 Marks / 3 hours)

1. Modern history of India and Indian culture
2. Indian polity and emerging political trends across the world affecting India and geography of India
3. Administration of Union and States with special reference to Tamil Nadu
4. Current economic trends: Indian economy and impact of global economy on India
5. Socio economic issues in India / Tamil Nadu

Paper – II (300 Marks / 3 hours)

Tourism Principles and Practices

Paper – III (300 Marks / 3 hours)

Tourism Administration and operations

Interview & Record – 120 Marks

Total Marks : 300 + 300 + 300 + 120 = 1020

Minimum Qualifying Marks:

OC - 408
Other than OC - 306
PAPER –I: GENERAL STUDIES

UNIT – I:
MODERN HISTORY OF INDIA AND INDIAN CULTURE - 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 - a secular state - Organizations for fine arts, dance, drama, music - Growth of rationalist, Dravidian movement in Tamil Nadu - Political parties and populist schemes - 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.

UNIT –II:
INDIAN POLITY AND EMERGING POLITICAL TRENDS ACROSS THE WORLD AFFECTING INDIA AND GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA


a. Emerging political trends across the world affecting India
Foreign Affairs with special emphasis on India’s relations with neighbouring countries and in the region - Security and defence related matters - Nuclear policy, issues and conflicts-The Indian Diaspora and its contribution to India and the world.
b. **Geography of India**

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 - Centers of trade, commerce & art - Social geography - population - density and distribution - Natural calamities - disaster management - Bottom topography of Indian ocean, Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal - Climate change - impact and consequences - mitigation measures - Pollution Control.

**UNIT – III:**

**ADMINISTRATION OF UNION AND STATES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO TAMIL NADU**

State government organization - structure, functions and control mechanism - District administration - role in people’s welfare oriented programmes - Industrial map of Tamil Nadu - role of state government - Public Services - role of recruitment agencies - State finance - resources, budget and financial administration - Use of IT in administration - e-governance in the State - Natural calamities - strategic planning in the State - Social welfare - Government sponsored schemes with reference to Tamil Nadu - Union government organization - structure, functions and control mechanism - Relationship between State and Union - Industrial map of India - role of Union government - Public Services - role of recruitment agencies in Union Government - Union finance - resources, budget and financial administration - Use of IT in administration - e-governance in Union Government - Natural calamities - strategic planning by the Union - Social welfare - government sponsored schemes by Government of India.

**UNIT – IV:**

**CURRENT ECONOMIC TRENDS: INDIAN ECONOMY AND IMPACT OF GLOBAL ECONOMY ON INDIA**

a. **Indian economy**

b. **Impact of global economy on India**


**India’s Crisis Responses and Challenges:** (a) State of Economy in Crisis Times – (b) RBI’s Crisis Responses – (c) Government’s Crisis Response – (d) The Risks and challenges – Monetary policy – Fiscal Policy - Financial stability.

**The Options Ahead:** Diversifying Exports – Boosting Domestic Consumption – Enhancing Public Spending – Generating Employment – Provisioning credit to Productive Sectors – Need for Structural Reforms – Increased purchasing power of the people.

**UNIT – V:**

**SOCIO ECONOMIC ISSUES IN INDIA / TAMIL NADU**

UNIT – I:

Basic concepts of Tourism – Definitions, Components, Scope, Structure, Travel Motivations, Deterrents, Types and Typologies – Evolution of Tourism – Emerging trends in Tourism, Eco / Rural / Agri / Farm / Green / Wilderness / Country side & Special interest tourism.

UNIT – II:


UNIT – III:

Transportation: Evolution & Trends, Surface (Road & Rail) Types of Roads, National, State and Village – Types of Road Transport (Government, Private & Tourist Coaches) – Car Rental System. Major Railway Zones in India – Luxury tourist trains in India – Heritage Mountain Railways in India, (Palace on Wheels, Deccan Odyssey, Golden Chariot)

UNIT – IV:


UNIT – V:

PAPER – III: TOURISM ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS

UNIT – I:


UNIT – II:


UNIT – III:


UNIT – IV:


UNIT – V:


Tour Operations: Itinerary Preparation, Reservations, Tour Costing / Pricing, Marketing of tour packages, Income Sources.