

TAMIL NADU PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Office Order No. 131, dated 12.11.2020

(Amended vide Commission's orders dated 28.04.2021)

Sub.: Competitive Examinations / Departmental Examinations – Objective Type and Descriptive Type Examinations – Candidate's Seating Arrangement – Regarding.

The following orders are issued with regard to the provisions to be made for the seating of candidates in the examination hall for the competitive examinations / departmental examinations to be conducted by the Commission.

- (1) In the case of objective / descriptive type examinations, the seating arrangement shall be made in such a way that the distance between any two candidates shall not be less than three feet.
- (2) In order to ensure effective invigilation during examinations, the number of invigilators appointed shall be such that each invigilator has under his supervision, 20 candidates in the case of objective type examinations and 10 candidates in the case of descriptive type examinations / examinations involving both objective and descriptive type papers.
- (3) Provided that in circumstances that fit the definition of '*force majeure*', seating arrangements, as appropriate shall be adopted, after obtaining orders of the Controller of Examinations (based on instructions of the Commission / Government). However, the number prescribed for each type of examination shall not be exceeded on any account.
- (4) In the case of examinations on more than one subject paper being held simultaneously-
 - (a) Candidates appearing for the examination on different subject papers shall be accommodated in different rooms such that each room shall accommodate candidates appearing for the examination on one particular subject only.

- (b) In any case, the number of candidates placed under the supervision of one invigilator shall be as stated at para (2) above.
- (c) Even in cases where the number of candidates placed under the supervision of one invigilator falls well below the maximum limit permitted, due to subject-specific accommodation, candidates appearing for different subjects shall not be accommodated in the same room.

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