

TAMILNADU PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS AND LANGUAGE TESTS –
APRIL - 2026

DIVISION – A : DEPARTMENTAL TEST ON FOREST LAW
(FOR OFFICERS OF THE INDIAN FOREST SERVICE AND
TAMILNADU FOREST SERVICE)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

- Note:
1. Questions carry marks as shown against them.
 2. Quote relevant Acts of Rules related to your answer.

PART I — (WITHOUT BOOKS)

1. Explain briefly the provisions of Tamil Nadu Preservation of Private Forest Act 1949. (10)
2. Describe the Constitution of District Forest Committee in Hill Stations and the duties of the committee under Hill Area Preservation Act. (10)
3. Explain the Powers of Forest Settlement Officer. (10)
4. Describe the process of notification of reserve forest by the Government. (10)
5. Explain the Rights issued to the tribals in FRA 2006 and describe the powers authorised to District Forest Officer for diversion of forest land. (10)

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PART II — (WITH BOOKS)

A. One-Word Answer :

(15 × 1 = 15)

1. Confession made before a forest officer is admissible in the court of law – True or False?
2. No prosecution shall be instituted against any person under Tamilnadu Preservation of Private Forest Act 1949 and Tamil Nadu Hill Area (Preservation of Trees) Act 1955 without sanction of the _____
3. No court shall take cognizance of any offence punishable under section 7 of Tamil Nadu Hill Area (Preservation of Trees) Act 1955 except on a complaint in writing of the Collector – True or False
4. If a person teases the Nilgiri Tahr in ghat road of Valparai, he shall be punished under which act?
5. Imprisonment means imprisonment of either description as defined in the _____
6. All _____ shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of the Indian Penal Code.
7. The _____ shall have power to determine and record as undisputed any boundary in respect of which no dispute is brought to his notice.
8. An easement may be acquired in virtue of a local custom. Such easements are called _____
9. The compensation, fines and expenses mentioned in section _____ may be recovered as if they were fines imposed by Magistrate.
10. Does the District Forest Officer can confiscate the vehicles booked under wildlife offences – True or False?
11. Penalty under the Prevention of Corruption Act shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extended upto _____ Years.

12. If punishable with death or imprisonment for more than five years, may arrest a person without warrant. True or False
13. Which officer not below to rank of _____ is authorised by the State Government shall have the powers to issue a search warrant, for purposes of making investigation into any offence against any provision of Wildlife protection Act.
14. When two or more persons, by fighting in a public place, disturb the public peace, they are said to _____
15. The salvaging collection and disposal of all timber mentioned in section _____

B. Write short notes on the following :

(5 × 3 = 15)

1. What are the Forest Produces?
2. What is Easement?
3. Disposal of unclaimed timber.
4. Confiscation of vehicles involved in scheduled timber offences.
5. Functions of Forest Check posts.

C. Describe in detail in any two questions :

(2 × 10 = 20)

1. Describe the Power of Government to redefine the limits of reserved forests in certain cases.
2. Explain the matters to be considered in determining compensation while on land acquisition of private lands.
3. Describe the Appointment and constitution of the Forest Court.