TAMILNADU PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS AND LANGUAGE TESTS – OCTOBER – 2026

HISTORY AND CULTURE OF TAMILNADU

(FOR ASSISTANT / DEPUTY COLLECTORS)

(WITHOUT BOOKS)

Time : 3 Hours | Maximum Marks: 100

PART I — (8 × 5 = 40 marks)

Write short note on **any EIGHT** of the following in not more than one page each.

1. Palaeolithic period

2. The significance of the Sangam literature

3. Bhakti Movement

4. Local Administration system under Cholas.

5. Invasion of Malik Kafur

6. The Battle of Talikota

7. Saraswathi Mahal Library

8. Sir Thomas Munro

9. Justice Party

10. V.O. Chidambaram Pillai

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PART II — (3 × 20 = 60 marks)

Answer **any THREE** of the following in not more than four pages each.

11. Explain the geographical features of Tamil Nadu and analyse their influence on the development of Tamil society and culture.

12. Estimate the archaeological and literary sources for reconstructing the history of ancient Tamil Nadu.

13. Analyse the contribution of the Pallavas and Cholas to the development of Tamil art and architecture.

14. Examine the Administrative system of the Nayaks of Madurai.

15. Estimate the causes, course and consequences of the Carnatic Wars.

16. Analyse the Palaigar and Marudhu rebellions.

17. Discuss the education policy under British East India company in Tamil Nadu.

18. Critically examine the Contribution of moderate and extremist nationalism to the growth of the freedom movement in Tamil Nadu.
