

COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION- I
Group - I Services (Main Examination) (Degree
Standard)

PAPER – II - General studies

UNIT – I : INDIAN POLITY AND EMERGING POLITICAL TRENDS ACROSS THE WORLD AFFECTING INDIA

Constitution of India: Historical background - Making of the Indian Constitution - Preamble - Salient features of the Indian Constitution - Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties - Directive Principles of State Policy - Schedules to the Indian Constitution.

Union Executive: President, Vice - President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Attorney General of India.

Union Legislature: Parliament: Lok - Sabha and Rajya - Sabha - Composition, Powers, Functions and Legislative procedures.

Union Judiciary: Structure, Powers and Functions of the Supreme Court - Judicial Review - Latest Verdicts.

State Executive: Governor, Chief Minister - Speaker and Council of Ministers , Advocate General of the State.

State Legislature: State Legislative Assembly - Organization, Powers and Functions.

State Judiciary: Organisation, Powers and Functions of High Courts, District Courts and Subordinate Courts.

Local Government: Historical Development - Features and working of 73 rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992.

Union Territories: Evolution of States and Union Territories - Administration of Union Territories.

Federalism in India: Centre - State Relations - Centre - State Administrative Relations - Centre - State Legislative Relations and Centre - State Financial Relations.

Civil Services in India: Historical background - Classification of Civil Services – Recruitment & Training of Civil Servants.

State Services: Classification of State Services and Recruitment.

Official Language: Constitutional provision - Official Language Act, VIII Schedule to the Constitution.

Amendments: Major Amendments to the Indian Constitution.

Special Status to Jammu & Kashmir: Art 370.

Political Parties: National & Regional parties, Pressure Groups, Interest Groups, Public Opinion, Mass Media, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and their role.

Issue Areas in Indian Administration: Corruption in India - Anti - Corruption Measures - CVC - Lok Adalats - Ombudsman - RTI Act - Minister - Secretary Relationship - Generalist Vs. Specialist controversy.

Constitutional and Non-Constitutional Bodies - Composition, Powers and Functions.

Profile of States - Defence, National Security and Terrorism - World Organisations - Pacts and Summits.

India's Foreign Policy: Foreign Affairs with Special emphasis on India's relations with neighbouring countries and in the region - Security and defence related issues - Nuclear Policy - Issues and conflicts. The Indian Diaspora and its contribution to India and to the World. Current Affairs

UNIT – II : ROLE AND IMPACT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA

Science and Technology – Role, Achievements and Developments - Their applications and effects in everyday life - Energy - Conventional and Non-conventional - Self sufficiency - Oil exploration - Defence Research Organizations and other science and technology institutions - Ocean Research and Development - Role and Functions.

Advancements in the fields of I.T., Space, Computers, Robotics, Nano-Technology - Mobile Communication - Remote sensing and its benefits.

Health and hygiene - Human diseases - Prevention and remedies - Communicable diseases and non-communicable diseases - Genetic Engineering - Organ transplantation - Stem cell Technology - Medical Tourism - Advancements in Horticulture & Agriculture.

Achievements of Indians in the fields of Science and Technology.

Latest inventions in science & technology.

UNIT – III : TAMIL SOCIETY - ITS CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Candidates may answer the questions in this unit EITHER in Tamil OR in English.

1) Tamil Society : Origin and expansion.

2) Art and Culture : Literature, Music, Film, Drama, Architecture, Sculpture, Paintings and Folk Arts.

3) Socio - economic history of Tamil Nadu from Sangam age to till date.

4) Growth of Rationalist, Dravidian movements in Tamil Nadu - Their role in the socio – economic development of Tamil Nadu.

5) Social and cultural life of contemporary Tamils : Caste, Religion, Women, Politics, Education, Economy, Trade and relationship with other countries.

6) Tamil and other Disciplines: Mass Media, Computer etc.
