

## TNPSC Group 1 Syllabus - A Brief Overview

TNPSC Group 1 exam is conducted by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission to recruit candidates for positions like Deputy Collector, DSP, Assistant Commissioner, Deputy Registrar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, District Employment Officer. As said, the syllabus of the TNPSC Group 1 exam consists of Prelims, Mains, and Interview. Prelims examination is a MCQ-based paper, containing 300 marks, Mains examination has four papers with 750 marks, and the final selection is followed by the Interview amounting to 100 marks.

In the following table you can get a clear overview on the TNPSC Group 1 syllabus:

<b><u>TNPSC Group 1 Syllabus</u></b>	
Conducting Body	Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission
Examination Name	TNPSC Group 1 Exam
Selection Process	1. Preliminary exam (Prelims) 2. Mains exam 3. Interview
Total Marks	1. Prelims (MCQ-based paper) – 300 marks 2. Mains (4 descriptive papers) – 750 marks 2. Interview – 100 marks
Negative marking	No
Duration	3 hours for Prelims exam and 3 hours for each Mains paper
Language of the Exam	English, Tamil
Mode of the Application	Online
Mode of the Exam	Offline

## TNPSC Group 1 - Prelims Syllabus

TNPSC Group 1 Prelims examination consists of 200 questions, each carries 1.5 marks totalling 300 marks. Candidates must get qualified in Prelims exam to be eligible for Mains exam. It can be divided into two broad groups:

- **General Studies:** This part consists of 175 questions, testing the candidates knowledge on basic general knowledge of History, Geography, Current Affairs, etc.
- **Aptitude & Mental Ability:** This part has 25 questions devised based on the SSLC standard. It tests the candidates' numerical ability and basic math skills, including topics like ratios, simplification, interest, time, area and volume.

## Part A: General Studies (175 Questions)

Let's understand the type and topics covered in the general studies section of the TNPSC group 1 syllabus, based on the priority.

### 1. Indian Economy and Development - 50 Questions

Indian economy and development consists of topics like monetary policy, economic planning, taxations and government schemes. It's also emphasized on economic development in Tamilnadu, including topics like welfare schemes, rural programs, human development indicators, and pressing challenges such as unemployment and poverty.

Section	Topic	Subtopics
Indian Economy Fundamentals	Economic Planning & Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Five Year Plans</li> <li>● NITI Aayog</li> <li>● Economic Surveys</li> <li>● GDP, GNP</li> <li>● Economic Indicators</li> </ul>
	Sectoral Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Agriculture</li> <li>● Industry</li> <li>● Services</li> <li>● Infrastructure</li> </ul>
	Economic Reforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1991 Economic Reforms</li> <li>● Recent Reforms</li> <li>● Financial Inclusion</li> <li>● Startup India</li> </ul>
Tamil Nadu Economic Development	State Economy Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GSDP Trends</li> <li>● Per Capita Income</li> <li>● Economic Planning</li> <li>● Budget Analysis</li> </ul>

	Industrial Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manufacturing</li> <li>• IT &amp; Software</li> <li>• MSME Sector</li> <li>• Industrial Parks</li> </ul>
	Agriculture & Allied Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cropping Patterns</li> <li>• Irrigation</li> <li>• Agricultural Schemes</li> <li>• Animal Husbandry</li> </ul>
	Infrastructure Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Urban Development</li> <li>• Water Resources Inter-state disputes, management projects</li> </ul>
Government Schemes & Policies	Social Welfare	Amma schemes, pension programs
	Employment	MGNREGA implementation in TN
	Education	Mid-day meal, scholarship schemes
	Health	Govt. health insurance, medical facilities

## 2. Tamilnadu History, Culture & Movements - 40 Questions

Since TNPSC Group 1 exam is a state exam conducted by and in Tamilnadu, it brings forth topics related to Tamilnadu's contribution to Indian culture, literature, and history. It focuses on the movements such as self-respect movement, contributions of periyar, and literary significance of Thirukkural.

Section	Topic	Subtopics
Ancient Tamil Nadu	Sangam Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Kingdoms</li> <li>• Sangam Literature</li> <li>• Society &amp; Economy</li> <li>• Religion</li> </ul>
	Post-Sangam Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kalabhra Rule</li> <li>• Pallava Dynasty</li> <li>• Temple Architecture</li> </ul>
Medieval Tamil Nadu	Chola Empire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative System</li> <li>• Cultural Achievements</li> <li>• Maritime Trade</li> </ul>

	Pandya Revival & Other Dynasties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Later Pandyas</li> <li>• Hoysala Influence</li> <li>• Vijayanagara Period</li> </ul>
Colonial Period	British Establishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East India Company</li> <li>• Colonial Administration</li> <li>• Economic Impact</li> <li>• Social Changes</li> </ul>
	Resistance Movements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polygar Wars</li> <li>• 1857 Revolt</li> <li>• Early Nationalism</li> <li>• Peasant Movements</li> </ul>
Modern Socio-Political Movements	Justice Party & Self-Respect Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justice Party</li> <li>• Periyar E.V. Ramasamy</li> <li>• Anti-Brahmin Movement</li> <li>• Women's Rights</li> </ul>
	Dravidian Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMK Formation</li> <li>• AIADMK Split</li> <li>• Political Impact</li> <li>• Cultural Renaissance</li> </ul>
	Contemporary Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Parties</li> <li>• Social Justice</li> <li>• Tamil Nationalism</li> <li>• Recent Developments</li> </ul>

### 3. Indian Polity - 40 Questions

The Indian Polity section is primarily related to the Indian constitution, its features, governance, structures and federal relations. It covers topics such as fundamental rights, duties, local governance, judiciary systems, etc.

Section	Topic	Subtopics
Constitutional Framework	Constitutional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical Background</li> <li>• Constituent Assembly</li> </ul>
	Fundamental Provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preamble</li> <li>• Fundamental Rights</li> <li>• Fundamental Duties</li> <li>• Directive Principles</li> </ul>
Union Government	Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President</li> <li>• Vice-President</li> <li>• Prime Minister</li> <li>• Cabinet System</li> </ul>

	Legislature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lok Sabha</li> <li>• Rajya Sabha</li> <li>• Parliamentary Procedures</li> <li>• Legislative Relations</li> </ul>
	Judiciary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supreme Court</li> <li>• High Courts</li> <li>• Judicial Review</li> <li>• Judicial Activism</li> </ul>
State Government & Federalism	State Executive & Legislature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governor</li> <li>• Chief Minister</li> <li>• State Legislature</li> </ul>
	Centre-State Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Relations</li> <li>• Administrative Relations</li> <li>• Financial Relations</li> </ul>
Local Government & Contemporary Issues	Panchayati Raj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 73rd Amendment</li> <li>• Elections</li> <li>• Women's Participation</li> </ul>
	Urban Local Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 74th Amendment</li> <li>• Functions &amp; Finances</li> <li>• Smart Cities</li> </ul>

#### 4. History and Indian National Movement - 25 Questions

This section covers the major Indian national movements spanning freedom struggle, rise of dynasties and cultural evolution. It also includes several notable personalities involved in the freedom struggle and social reforms movements.

Section	Topic	Subtopics
Ancient India	Early Civilizations	Indus Valley Vedic Period Religious Movements Mauryan Empire
	Classical Period	Gupta Empire Post-Gupta South Indian Dynasties
Medieval India	Delhi Sultanate	Establishment Administrative System Economic Policies
	Mughal Empire	Foundation Akbar's Policies Later Mughals Maratha Rise

Modern India & Freedom Struggle	British Colonial Rule	Company Rule Crown Rule Economic Impact
	National Movement	Early Phase Extremist Phase Gandhian Era

## 5. Geography of India - 10 Questions

It focused on the physical and social geography of India. The former includes climate, rivers, natural resources and agriculture. And, the latter includes population, communication and disaster management.

Section	Topic	Subtopics
Physical Geography	Physiographic Divisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northern Mountains</li> <li>Northern Plains</li> <li>Peninsular Plateau</li> <li>Coastal Plains</li> <li>Islands</li> </ul>
	Climate & Monsoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monsoon System</li> <li>Seasonal Variations</li> <li>Rainfall Distribution</li> <li>Climate Change</li> </ul>
Human Geography	Population Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribution Patterns</li> <li>Demographic Trends</li> <li>Census Data</li> </ul>
	Economic Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agricultural Regions</li> <li>Industrial Centers</li> <li>Transport Networks</li> </ul>
Environmental Geography	Environmental Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural Disasters</li> <li>Environmental Issues</li> <li>Conservation</li> </ul>

## 6. General Science - 10 Questions

This part of the TNPSC Group 1 syllabus focuses on the basic concepts in Physics, chemistry, biology, and environmental science.

Section	Topic	Subtopics
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Physics	Classical Physics	Mechanics Heat & Thermodynamics Optics Electricity & Magnetism
	Modern Physics	Atomic Structure Space Science Nuclear Science
Chemistry	Basic Chemistry	Atomic Theory Chemical Reactions Organic Chemistry Environmental Chemistry
	Applied Chemistry	Industrial Chemistry Food Chemistry Biochemistry
Biology	Life Sciences	Cell Biology Genetics Evolution Ecology
	Human Biology	Human Physiology Health & Disease Reproduction
Current Science & Technology	Contemporary Issues	Recent Discoveries Technology Applications Medical Advances Environmental Technology

## Part B: Aptitude & Mental Ability ( 25 Questions)

Let's find the list of aspects of aptitude candidates will be tested in this part:

- Logical reasoning
- Quantitative Aptitude
- Syllogism
- Simplification
- Ratios
- Logical and visual reasoning
- Puzzle and number series
- Dice and alphanumeric problems

## TNPSC Group 1 - Mains Syllabus

TNPSC Group 1 Mains examination has 4 descriptive type papers summing up 750 marks, with 3 hours of exam duration for each:

- Paper 1: Tamil Eligibility Test
- Paper 2: General Studies I
- Paper 3: General Studies II
- Paper 4: General Studies III

### Paper 1: Tamil Eligibility Test (100 marks)

In this paper, candidates will get descriptive type questions, which test their Tamil language proficiency.

### Paper 2: General Studies I (250 marks)

Here, candidates will be asked questions based on modern history of India and culture, social issues in India and Tamilnadu and general aptitude and mental ability.

### Paper 3: General Studies II (250 marks)

In this paper, questions are devised based on Indian polity and emerging political trends, science and technology in development, and Tamilnadu society, culture, & heritage.

### Paper 4: General Studies III (250 marks)

Here, candidates will be asked questions derived from subjects like geography of India, environment, biodiversity, Indian economy and global trends.

## TNPSC Group 1 - Interview

TNPSC Group 1 is the final step of the recruitment process for the various positions in Tamilnadu. In this stage, the candidates' personality, communication skills and general awareness of the society will be tested. This interview is conducted by a panel of experts including experienced administrators and subject matter experts. Mostly, questions are based on current affairs, general knowledge, personal and behavioural questions, etc.

This is the complete information on the TNPSC group 1 syllabus. You might think of how to schedule these subjects properly and study them. In the succeeding section, we are providing some tips to manage your study process.



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