

**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<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> 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.

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