

9. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION: OBJECTIVE TYPE (CBT) AND ORAL TEST:-

Subject	Duration	Maximum marks	Minimum qualifying marks for selection	
			SCs, SC(A)s, STs, MBCs/DCs BC(OBCM)s & BCMs	Others
Paper –I:- Geology (Code No.395) (PG Degree Standard) (200 Questions)	3 Hours	300	153	204
Paper – II:- Part-A Tamil Eligibility Test (SSLC Standard) (100 questions/150 marks)		150 Note: <i>Minimum qualifying marks – 60 marks (40% of 150) Marks secured in Part-A of Paper-II will not be taken into account for ranking.</i>		
Part-B (General Studies)(Code No:003) (100 questions/150 marks) General Studies (Degree Standard–75 questions) and Aptitude and Mental Ability Test (SSLC Standard-25 questions)		150		
Interview and Records		60		
Total		510		

Note:-

- Answer sheets of Paper-I and Part B of Paper II of the candidates will be evaluated, only if the candidates secure minimum qualifying marks in Part-A of Paper-II.
- Marks secured in Paper-I and Part-B of Paper-II will only be considered for ranking.
- The questions in Paper - I will be set in English only** and questions for Part B in Paper - II will be set both in English and Tamil.
- The candidate should appear for all the papers in the CBT Method examination for his / her answers to be evaluated and in case the candidate absents himself / herself for any of the papers, the papers attended will not be evaluated.

- e) If answers of a candidate for one paper is declared deemed not fit for valuation, the answers of the candidate for the remaining papers will not be evaluated.
- f) As per the orders issued in G.O.(Ms) No.49, Human Resources Management (M) Department, dated 23.05.2022, the differently abled candidates can avail exemption from writing Part-A in Paper-II (Objective Type) (Tamil Eligibility Test). Such candidates have to furnish the required details in the online application without fail. Subsequent claim will receive no attention. The candidates need to upload Disability Certificate as prescribed in G.O. (Ms) No. 08, Welfare of Differently Abled Persons (DAP-3.2) Department dated 21.09.2021. Model format enclosed with Annexure -VI of this notification.

Instructions to the candidates who are claiming exemption for Tamil Eligibility Test:

- i. As per the orders issued in G.O. (Ms.) No.49, Human Resource Management (M) Department, dated 23.05.2022, read along with G.O. Ms.No.8, Welfare of Differently Abled Persons (DAP 3.2) Department, dated 21.09.2021, the differently-abled candidates who are even below the 40% of disability can also avail the exemptions from writing Tamil Eligibility Test i.e., Part-A in Paper-II of examination if they have claimed such exemptions in their online application.
- ii. The candidates who have been exempted to write Tamil Eligibility Test shall be allowed to write only **General Studies Paper** i.e. Part-B in Paper-II.
- iii. Part-A of Paper-II Tamil Eligibility Test shall contain 100 questions from 1 to 100. Part-B of Paper-II the General Studies paper contains 100 questions from 101 to 200 and time duration to write each part of the said examination shall be given 1 Hour and 30 minutes.
- iv. All the exempted candidates with disability who have physical limitation with regard to writing, including that of speed and not availing the services of a scribe shall also be allowed compensatory time of a minimum of thirty minutes for an examination of one and a half hours (1 Hour and 30 minutes.) duration in the General Studies paper as per G.O.Ms.No.8, Welfare of Differently Abled Persons (DAP 3.2) Department, dated 21.09.2021.
- v. The said exempted candidates must also enter into the examination hall in the A.N. session half an hour before the commencement of examination (i.e. till 1.30 P.M).
- vi. In the case of OMR method of examination, they shall be allowed to write the examination from 2.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M., and in the case of CBT method, they shall be allowed to write the examination from 2.30 P.M. to 4.30 P.M. All the candidates are permitted to leave the examination hall only after the closure of examination even though they are exempted to write Tamil Eligibility Test.
- vii. The disability certificate as prescribed in the Appendix to G.O. (Ms.) No. 8, Welfare of Differently Abled Persons (DAP 3.2) Department, dated 21.09.2021, should be obtained from the competent authority (viz. Chief Medical Officer / Civil Surgeon / Medical Superintendent /Notified Medical Authority of a Government Health Care Institution) and it has to be produced / uploaded along with the online application failing which, the application of the candidate (who claims exemption from Tamil Eligibility Test) will be rejected after due process.

- viii. The exemption from Tamil Eligibility Test, Compensatory time and scribe will be provided only if the candidates have made such claims in their online application and uploaded the Medical Certificate as prescribed in Appendix to the G.O. (Ms.) No. 8, Welfare of Differently Abled Persons (DAP 3.2) Department, dated 21.09.2021.
- g) Refer [para 17 of "Instructions to Applicants"](#) in regard to instructions to be followed while appearing for competitive examinations conducted by the Commission.
- h) The syllabus is available in **Annexure-II** to this Notification and also available in the Commission's website www.tnpsc.gov.in

i) **Instructions to candidates appearing for Computer Based Test (CBT)**

The candidate has to appear for the examination where he has been allotted to the examination. Change of centre or venue is not permitted. He has to carry the Hall Ticket (Admission Card) and same has to be produced at the examination venue. Each candidate will be assigned a Computer to take up the examination. Candidates will be provided with a user name and password to login the system. Necessary instructions will be displayed on screen. Kindly read all the instructions carefully.

- Candidates are not permitted to carry any electronic and / or communication device into the examination hall. They are advised not to bring the electronic gadgets with them.
- Computer Based online Test (CBT) is similar to paper pen shading test.
- In Computer Based online Test, questions with five options each will be displayed in the computer screen.
- Candidate can use only the mouse to select the correct answers and proceed with answering the questions.
- Candidates will be provided with a paper for doing rough work. After closure of the examination, rough sheet will be collected.
- Candidates have to click the best answer to the question. Candidates can proceed to the next question by clicking next button. Or previous question by clicking previous button.
- Candidates can review any question and the answers, and the answers can be changed at any time before the closure of examination. They can skip the questions also, if they desire so.
- The Question and optional answers will be shuffled randomly and displayed to the candidate.
- Candidate can submit their answers at any time during the examination.

- Once the answers are submitted, the candidates have no option to proceed further.
- If the candidate fails to submit their answers, the system will automatically submit the answers to the server, at the closure of the examination.
- No computer knowledge is required to take up the Computer Based online Test. Knowledge in Mouse operation would suffice to take up the Computer Based online Test.
- The question and answers can be zoomed to the required level for the candidates with visual impairment. Candidates have to sign the attendance sheet and affix thumb impression for verification of his/her identity. All the activities of the candidates with the mouse will be recorded in the server and a log file will be created for future reference. The Examination Hall will be under camera surveillance. To acquaint with the operation of Mouse and the CBT, the candidates can take up the mock test available in the Commissions website (www.tnpsc.gov.in) and they can practice the usage of mouse in the mock test. Mock test is similar to the CBT to be held on the day of examination. In the Mock test, all the steps are given similar to the CBT. Candidate can practice the mock test as many times as he/she likes.
- Answer sheet answered other than the subject mentioned by the candidate in the online application /specified in the Hall Ticket will be invalidated.
- Additional instruction for Computer Based Test (CBT) is provided at **Annexure VII**

10. EXAMINATION CENTRES:-

The CBT Examination will be held at 4 district centres.

Sl. No.	Name of the Centre	Centre Code
1.	Chennai	0101
2.	Madurai	1001
3.	Coimbatore	0201
4.	Tirunelveli	2601

Note:

1. Applicants should choose any two of the above centres for writing the examination. Applicants will be allotted a venue in one of these two centres. However, applicants with benchmark disability (differently-abled applicants), shall be permitted to choose only one district centre. (for further details refer para 2-Q of Instructions to Applicants)
2. Request for change of examination centre will not be permitted (**For further details refer para 17(A)(ii) of "Instructions to Applicants"**)