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TNPSC GR - IIA MAINS EXAMINATION

TEST SERIES SCHEDULE 2026

DETAILS OF TEST SERIES	
Batch Starts On	26th November 2026
Test Cycle (Days)	**EVERY THURSDAY & MONDAY**
Test Timing	**02.00 PM to 05.00 PM**
Discussion Timing	**RECORDED VIDEO DISCUSSION**
Fee Structure	**NEW STUDENTS – Rs. 22,000/-** **SIA STUDENT (OLD) – Rs. 20,000/-**
Test Mode	**OFFLINE**
Venue	**N.R. TOWERS A9(N), SALAI ROAD, THILLAI NAGAR, TRICHY-620018. (LANDMARK – LIC ROCKFORT BRANCH BUILDING)**
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TEST PRESS APP LINK	**Play store (Android app) link:** Shankar IAS TNPSC - Apps on Google Play **Desktop (Windows App) link:** https://apps.microsoft.com/detail/9nbrtlrcrcbk?hl=en-US&gl=US&ocid=pdpshare **IOS -App link:** Shankar IAS TNPSC App - App Store

Features of I'M TOP GR – IIA Mains Test Series

- ✓ Comprehensive CONCISED STUDY MATERIAL - PRINTED (Tamil or English) for each Units except School Book & Full Length Tests
- ✓ Dedicated Approach Class before each Unit Test to provide focused guidance, strategic preparation & Where to Study will be Explained in the Approach Class) for the respective units.
- ✓ Decoded Syllabus for Each Subject (PRINTED) along with Where to Study will be Provided
- ✓ Strategic, Result-Oriented Test Questions (Syllabus coverage, focusing on conceptual clarity, analytical thinking and improved scoring potential.
- ✓ Explanation Key for each test (Bilingual Soft Copy) – Will be posted in your Test-Press App **Except Internal Mock Tests**
- ✓ Dedicated Reasoning Classes along with Worksheets will be provided
- ✓ Exclusive Mains - Current Affair Classes & Schemes, Acts, Reports, Organization, Policy Notes, Classes
- ✓ Test Discussion after every test by Experts Faculties
- ✓ Current Affairs Interlinked with Syllabus Topics and Policy Notes, Budget Tests will be conducted Exclusive Tests for Tamil Eligibility
- ✓ PYQ Assessment Class for Exam Clarity of GR IIA Mains

PHASE 1: FOUNDATIONAL TESTS (SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS - 6TH TO 12TH STD)

TEST #	DATE	SUBJECT & PORTIONS COVERED	QUESTIONS
01	26th Nov	**6th to 10th Std History** – Based on Syllabus Topics	200
02	30th Nov	**11th & 12th Std History** – Based on Syllabus Topics	200
03	3RD Dec	**6th to 12th Std Civics** – Based on Syllabus Topics	200
04	7th Dec	**9th & 10th Std Science** – Based on Syllabus Topics	200
05	10th Dec	**6th to 12th Std Economy** – Based on Syllabus Topics	200
06	14th Dec	**6th to 12th Std Geography** – Based on Syllabus Topics	200

PHASE 2: CORE UNITS & COMPREHENSIVE SYLLABUS TOPICS

TEST #	DATE	SUBJECT BREAKDOWN & TOPIC PORTIONS	QUESTIONS
07	17th Dec	**Unit I: Modern History of Tamil Nadu, Tamil Society – Culture and Heritage** Advent of Europeans – the Portuguese, the Dutch, the English, the Danish and the French – Anglo-French Rivalry – Anglo–Mysore War – Anglo–Maratha War – The Poligar rebellion – Vellore Mutiny; Socio-religious reforms in the 18th and 19th centuries: Christian Missionaries – Brahma Samaj – Arya Samaj – Theosophical Society – Ramakrishna Mission; Reforms of British East India Company's rule in Tamil Nadu. **Current Affairs:** March Month 2026 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Analogy, Classification **(40 Qns)**	160 + 40 (Total 200)
08	21st Dec	**Unit I: Modern History of Tamil Nadu, Tamil Society – Culture and Heritage** Emergence of Freedom Struggle in Tamil Nadu – Madras Native Association – Madras Mahajana Sabha – Indian National Movement – Swadeshi Movement – Moderates and Extremists in Tamil Nadu – Home Rule Agitation – Non-Cooperation Movement – Civil Disobedient Movement – Quit India Movement. Contribution of Tamilians in Freedom movement: Literary personalities – Journalists – Women activists – Types of struggles – revolutionary songs. **Current Affairs:** April Month 2026 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Coding and decoding, Puzzles **(40 Qns)**	160 + 40 (Total 200)

TEST #	DATE	SUBJECT BREAKDOWN & TOPIC PORTIONS	QUESTIONS
09	24th Dec	**Unit I: Modern History of Tamil Nadu, Tamil Society – Culture and Heritage** Socio-political movements of 19th and 20th centuries: Justice Party, Development of Rationalism – Self-Respect Movement – Dravidian Movement – Tani Tamil Iyakkam (Pure Tamil Movement); Tamil Society Reforms personalities: Thanthai Periyar, Arignar Anna, and other scholars. **Current Affairs:** May Month 2026 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Relationship Concepts, Similarities and Differences **(40 Qns)**	160 + 40 (Total 200)
10	28th Dec	**Unit I: Modern History of Tamil Nadu, Tamil Society – Culture and Heritage** Ancient Tamil Society – Archaeological excavation evidence – Arikkamedu, Adichanallur, Keezhadi – Sangam Literature – advent of Sangam era; Thirukkural – Philosophical thoughts in Thirukkural for humanity and way of life – concepts in Thirukkural for betterment of humanity – life principles, social principles, management principles and other principles laid down in Thirukkural. **Current Affairs:** June Month 2026 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Dice, Direction and Distance **(40 Qns)**	160 + 40 (Total 200)
11	31st Dec	**Unit II: Administration of States with reference to Tamil Nadu** Constitution of India: Preamble and Philosophical features – Salient features and Sources – Union, States and Union Territories; Citizenship – Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy; Union Government: President, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers – Parliament (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha). **Current Affairs:** July Month 2026 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Logical Venn diagrams, Statement and Conclusion **(40 Qns)**	160 + 40 (Total 200)
12	4th Jan	**Unit II: Administration of States with reference to Tamil Nadu** State Government: Chief Minister and Council of Ministers – Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly: Structure, Powers and Functions; Local Governments: Three-tier system – 73rd and 74th Constitutional amendments – Tamil Nadu Panchayat Act 1994 – Grama Sabha; Tamil Nadu Administration: Nature, evolution and organisational structure and functions. **Current Affairs:** August Month 2026 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Alpha-numeric reasoning, Figural series **(40 Qns)**	160 + 40 (Total 200)

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13	7th Jan	**Unit II: Administration of States with reference to Tamil Nadu** Salient features of Tamil Nadu administration – Secretariat, Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu; District Administration: Role and functions of District Collector, District Revenue Officer, Revenue Divisional Officer, Tahsildar, Block Development Officer, Revenue Inspector, and Village Administrative Officer. **Current Affairs:** September Month 2026 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Verification of Truth of the Statement, Address matching **(40 Qns)**	**160 + 40** (Total 200)
14	11th Jan	**Unit II: Administration of States with reference to Tamil Nadu** E-Governance Policy of Government of Tamil Nadu – E-Governance and Mobile-Governance initiatives of Government of Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu State's Specialised Undertakings and Agencies; Tamil Nadu Government sponsored welfare schemes and measures (Since 1990) – objectives, issues and challenges in implementation – Impact on socio-economic development; Current Affairs. **Current Affairs:** October Month 2026 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Calendar, Clock **(40 Qns)**	**160 + 40** (Total 200)
15	21st Jan	**Revision & Sectional Consolidation Test** **Unit I:** Modern History of Tamil Nadu, Tamil Society – Culture & Heritage (75 Questions) **Unit II:** Administration of States with reference to Tamil Nadu (85 Questions) **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Portions covered from Test 08 to Test 14 **(40 Qns)**	**75 + 85 + 40** **(Total 200)**
16	25th Jan	**Unit IV: Tamil Nadu Economy and Social Issues in Tamil Nadu** Tamil Nadu Economy – Features – State Budget: Major revenue and expenditure – State Income types – State's Economic growth: Agriculture – Industry – Service Sector; Agriculture: Major crops – Food grains – Cash crops – Types of farming – Organic farming – Inorganic farming – Contract farming – Farmers Producers Organisation (FPO) – Agricultural Marketing – Issues of Marketing – Online Marketing – Agriculture Budgeting in Tamil Nadu – Features. **Current Affairs:** November Month 2026 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Permutation & Combination **(40 Qns)**	**160 + 40** (Total 200)

TEST #	DATE	SUBJECT BREAKDOWN & TOPIC PORTIONS	QUESTIONS
17	28th Jan	**Unit IV: Tamil Nadu Economy and Social Issues in Tamil Nadu** Education: Illiteracy – Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in schools and colleges – Measure and recent data – Student welfare schemes – Recent schemes for education – Linkage between education and social development; Poverty and Unemployment: Unemployment issues in Tamil Nadu – State Government poverty alleviation schemes and employment generation schemes; Labour migration; Population growth rate – Sex ratio – Density of population – Causes for population growth – Population control programmes – Family planning and achievements. **Current Affairs:** December Month 2026 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Inserting the Missing Characters, Word Building **(40 Qns)**	**160 + 40** (Total 200)
18	1st Feb	**Unit IV: Tamil Nadu Economy and Social Issues in Tamil Nadu** Child Labour issues; Health: Vital Statistics – Recent health schemes; Women Empowerment: Domestic violence – Dowry problems – Sexual assault – Laws and awareness programmes – Women welfare schemes – Self Help Groups; Marginalised Groups: Problems – Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes – Elderly – People with disability – Transgender – Religious minorities – State Government welfare programmes to marginalised groups; Current Affairs. **Current Affairs:** January Month 2027 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Numerical Operations, Symbolic Operations **(40 Qns)**	**160 + 40** (Total 200)

PHASE 2: GEOGRAPHY, DISASTER MANAGEMENT & SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

TEST #	DATE	SUBJECT BREAKDOWN & TOPIC PORTIONS	QUESTIONS
19	4th Feb	**Unit V: Geography of Tamil Nadu, Environment, Biodiversity and Disaster Management** Geography: Location – Administrative units – Relief features – Major Rivers; Climate: temperature, rainfall and monsoon; Soil: classification and distribution; Forests: classification, distribution, wildlife and birds sanctuaries, forest products; Livestock: cattle and dairying; Fishing: freshwater and saline water fishing; Irrigation: types and distribution of canal, tank and well irrigation, watershed and minor irrigation projects. **Current Affairs:** March and April Months 2026 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Mirror images, Embedded figures **(40 Qns)**	**160 + 40** (Total 200)

TEST #	DATE	SUBJECT BREAKDOWN & TOPIC PORTIONS	QUESTIONS
20	8th Feb	**Unit V: Geography of Tamil Nadu, Environment, Biodiversity and Disaster Management** Minerals: distribution and production of iron ore and bauxite; Power Resources: coal and petroleum; Industries: iron and steel, textiles, cement, automobile, sugarcane and cotton industries; Transport: road, railway, air and sea transport; Environment: Environmental issues in Tamil Nadu – pollution – air, water, soil, thermal, radioactive, noise; Natural resource types – renewable and non-renewable energy resources. **Current Affairs:** May and June Months 2026 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Visual reasoning, Figural classification, Square completion **(40 Qns)**	**160 + 40** (Total 200)
21	11th Feb	**Unit V: Geography of Tamil Nadu, Environment, Biodiversity and Disaster Management** Biodiversity and Conservation: Definition, types – genetic, species and ecosystem diversity – values – threats to biodiversity – habitat destruction, invasive species and anthropogenic activities – climatic change and forest fire. Causes and consequences of species extinction; Biodiversity conservation: in-situ and ex-situ – strategies – State Biodiversity action plan – Biodiversity hotspots in Tamil Nadu; Sustainable development – SDGs and targets. **Current Affairs:** July and August Months 2026 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Arithmetical reasoning, Logical reasoning **(40 Qns)**	**160 + 40** (Total 200)
22	15th Feb	**Unit V: Geography of Tamil Nadu, Environment, Biodiversity and Disaster Management** Green energy – Paris Agreement and COP28; Disaster Management: Overview of disasters – definitions and types. Natural calamities in Tamil Nadu; Anthropogenic disaster – global warming and climate change issues in Tamil Nadu – Climate change governance – mitigations and adaptations – State action plan; TNSDMA – Tamil Nadu Disaster Management Plan – Role of NGO & Civil society in disaster management. **Current Affairs:** September and October Months 2026 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Calendar, Clock, Permutation Combination, Numerical & Symbolic operations **(40 Qns)**	**160 + 40** (Total 200)

TEST #	DATE	SUBJECT BREAKDOWN & TOPIC PORTIONS	QUESTIONS
23	18th Feb	**Unit III: Science and Technology in Development** Atomic and Nuclear Physics – Applications of nuclear energy – Electronics and Communication – Robotics and applications; Nanotechnology and its applications; Electrochemical cells – Batteries – Gaseous fuels – LPG – Polymers – Carbohydrates – Vitamins – Antibiotics; Applications of Geographic Information System (GIS). **Current Affairs:** November and December Months 2026 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Logical Venn diagrams, Statement and Conclusion **(40 Qns)**	**160 + 40** (Total 200)

PHASE 3: ADVANCED SCIENCE, STATE POLICIES & THEMATIC VALUE ADDITION

TEST #	DATE	SUBJECT BREAKDOWN & TOPIC PORTIONS	QUESTIONS
24	22nd Feb	**Unit III: Science and Technology in Development** Biotechnology: Applications – concepts – tools used – plant genetic engineering – transgenic plants, edible vaccines, BT cotton, Golden rice – social and ecological impact of GM crops – Biotechnological methods for crop improvement – plant tissue culture in forestry and horticulture – DNA fingerprinting – PCR & ELISA in diagnosis; Advanced reproductive techniques: IVF – Artificial insemination – test tube baby; Vaccines: types – human vaccination schedule; Scientists of Tamil Nadu. **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Portions from Test 16 to 24 **(40 Qns)**	**160 + 40** (Total 200)
25	25th Feb	**Unit III: Science and Technology in Development** Digital Computer Fundamentals: Hardware Components – Input / Output Devices; Memory types: RAM, ROM, PROM, EPROM, EEPROM; Secondary Storage Devices: HDD, SSD, CD Type; CPU: Control Unit – Arithmetic Logic Unit; Software: System Software: OS – Commands of Windows and Linux; Application Software: DBMS, Word Processor, Spreadsheet, Presentation; Communication Software: Browser, Email; Computer Network: Topology, Security, User Authentication; Current Affairs. **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Full Syllabus **(40 Qns)**	**160 + 40** (Total 200)
26	1st Mar	**Consolidated Inter-Unit Revision Test** • **Unit III:** Science and Technology in Development (50 Questions) • **Unit IV:** Tamil Nadu Economy and Social Issues in Tamil Nadu (60 Questions) • **Unit V:** Geography, Environment, Biodiversity & Disaster Management (50 Questions) **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Full Syllabus **(40 Qns)**	**50+60+50+40** **(Total 200)**

TEST #	DATE	SUBJECT BREAKDOWN & TOPIC PORTIONS	QUESTIONS
27	3rd Mar	**Previous Year Questions (PYQ) Mastery** Comprehensive Analysis & High-Yield Testing of TNPSC General Studies Previous Year Questions.	200
28	5th Mar	**State Economic & Policy Document Test – Part 1** Union Budget & Tamil Nadu State Budget, Tamil Nadu Policy Notes & (Part 1).	200
29	8th Mar	**State Policy Notes & Governance Documents – Part 2** Tamil Nadu Departmental Policy Notes, Sustainable Goals Implementation (Part 2).	200
30	12th Mar	**General Intelligence and Reasoning Specialist Test** Comprehensive Full Syllabus Examination on Aptitude, Reasoning, Logical Analysis, and Mental Ability.	150
31	15th Mar	**Special High-Yield Focus: Personalities, Acts & Institutions** Leaders from Modern India • Tamil Nadu Freedom Fighters • Eminent Scientists from Tamil Nadu • Books, Journals & Organisations (Founders & Authors) • Social Reformers from Modern India including Tamil Nadu • Major Historical, Cultural, Scientific & Environmental Institutions (Both Union & Tamil Nadu).	200

PHASE 4: FULL UNIT TESTS, INTERNAL MOCKS & STATE LEVEL MOCK

Test #	DATE	SUBJECT & TEST PORTION DETAILS	QUESTIONS
32	19th Mar	**Unit I: Modern History of Tamil Nadu, Tamil Society – Culture & Heritage** **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Full Syllabus	150 + 50 (200)
33	22nd Mar	**Unit II: Administration of States with reference to Tamil Nadu** **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Full Syllabus	150 + 50 (200)
34	26th Mar	**Unit III: Science and Technology in Development** **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Full Syllabus	150 + 50 (200)
35	29th Mar	**Unit IV: Tamil Nadu Economy and Social Issues in Tamil Nadu** **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Full Syllabus	150 + 50 (200)
36	2nd Apr	**Unit V: Geography of Tamil Nadu, Environment, Biodiversity & Disaster Management** **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** Full Syllabus	150 + 50 (200)

TEST #	DATE	SUBJECT & TEST PORTION DETAILS	QUESTIONS
37	5th Apr	**Internal Mock Test – 1** (Full Syllabus Test)	150 + 50 (200)
38	7th Apr	**Internal Mock Test – 2** (Full Syllabus Test)	150 + 50 (200)
39	9th Apr	**Internal Mock Test – 3** (Full Syllabus Test)	150 + 50 (200)
40	11th Apr	**State Level Mock Test** Real TNPSC Simulation across Tamil Nadu. Prior online registration mandatory.	150 + 50 (200)

MANDATORY TAMIL ELIGIBILITY TESTS (Dates will be Announced in b/w the Test Series)

TEST	MAXIMUM MARKS
Tamil Eligibility Test – 1	100 Marks
Tamil Eligibility Test – 2	100 Marks
Tamil Eligibility Test – 3	100 Marks
Tamil Eligibility Test – 4	100 Marks
Tamil Eligibility Test – 5	100 Marks

Important Academic Note: The schedule, timing, and number of tests are subject to change in accordance with any official revision of TNPSC examination dates/AFTER RESULTS or directives.

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