TNPSC Group 2 / 2A 2026 – Exam Date, Vacancies, Exam Pattern, Syllabus

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TNPSC Group 2 / 2A (Combined Civil Services Examination–II) 2026 preliminary examination was held on **1 November 2026 (Sunday), 9.30 AM – 12.30 PM**. Under Notification No. 07/2026 (11-08-2026) and Addendum 7A/2026 (03-09-2026) there are **846 vacancies** in all (Group II – 43, Group IIA – 803).

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Important Dates

Event	Date
Notification (07/2026)	11-08-2026
Last date to apply	09-09-2026 (11.59 PM)
Correction window	13-09-2026 – 15-09-2026
Addendum 7A/2026 (additional vacancies)	03-09-2026
Hall ticket	Download from tnpscexams.in (not sent by post)
Preliminary examination	**01-11-2026, 9.30 AM – 12.30 PM**
Tentative answer key	On tnpsc.gov.in within 6 working days of the exam
Main examination	To be announced with the preliminary results

Vacancies

Service	07/2026	Addendum 7A	Total
Group II	41	+2	**43**
Group IIA	780	+23	**803**
Total	821	+25	**846**

Posts added in 7A: Probation Officer (Group II), Supervisor of Industrial Co-operatives and Assistant (Group IIA).

Exam Pattern

Only two stages: a common preliminary exam (screening only – marks are not counted for the final selection) and separate main exams for Group II and Group IIA. **There is no interview.** Final ranking is based on Main Paper II marks.

Preliminary – one paper, OMR, 3 hours, 300 marks, minimum 90 (all communities)

Part	Standard	Questions
A. General Studies	Degree	75
B. Aptitude & Mental Ability	SSLC	25
C. General Tamil or General English	SSLC	100
Total		**200**

Main examination

	Group II	Group IIA
Paper I	Tamil Eligibility Test – descriptive, 100 marks, 3 hours, minimum 40 (qualifying only)	Same
Paper II	General Studies – descriptive, degree standard, 300 marks, 3 hours, minimum 90	Computer Based Test (CBT), 3 hours, 300 marks, minimum 90: General Studies 150 Qs + General Intelligence & Reasoning 50 Qs

Candidates are admitted to the main exam in the ratio of 1:10 to the vacancies in each reservation category. Paper II is evaluated only if the minimum in Paper I is secured. General Studies questions are set in both Tamil and English.

Preliminary Syllabus – Unit-wise

Revised syllabus (12-12-2024). Question counts are indicative, as stated by TNPSC, and may vary slightly.

Unit	Topic	Approx. questions
I	General Science	5
II	Geography	5
III	History, Culture of India and Indian National Movement	10
IV	Indian Polity	15
V	Indian Economy and Development Administration in Tamil Nadu	20
VI	History, Culture, Heritage and Socio-Political Movements of Tamil Nadu	20
–	Aptitude (15) + Reasoning (10)	25

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General Tamil – part	Approx. questions
Grammar (இலக்கணம்)	25
Vocabulary (சொல்லகராதி)	15
Writing skills (எழுதும் திறன்)	15
Technical terms (கலைச் சொற்கள்)	10
Reading comprehension	15
Simple translation	5
Literature, Tamil scholars and their service	15

Fees and Eligibility

- Preliminary exam fee ₹100; main exam fee ₹150 (₹300 if shortlisted for both Group II and Group IIA). Eligible special categories are exempted.
- Age is reckoned as on 01-07-2026 and differs from post to post (some posts have no maximum age limit – which means the candidate must not have completed 60 years). Check the limit for your post in the notification. *(Note 05-11-2026: G.O.(Ms) No. 68, Human Resources Management (S) Department, dated 30-10-2026 raised the upper age limit by five years for all categories – applied first to Group 4 Notification 11/2026. Applications for Group 2 / 2A 2026 (Notification 07/2026) have already closed, so its limits are as printed in that notification; check the age table of each new notification.)*
- Most posts need a degree from a recognised university; some need a specific degree (e.g. Probation Officer).
- Persons Studied in Tamil Medium (PSTM) preference applies under the 2010 Act as amended by Act No. 12 of 2026.

Answer Key

The answer key prepared by our teachers was published on the evening of the exam day (01-11-2026) on the answer key page. TNPSC's official tentative key comes within 6 working days; objections can be raised online only, within 7 days.

Our free pages for your preparation

- Your personal study plan (free)
- Exam guides (blogs)
- TNPSC notes – Tamil Nadu leaders (Unit VI)
- Daily current affairs (English)
- Free online quiz
- General Tamil PYQ book (3,867 Qs, ₹149) · Tamil Nadu Administration PYQ (601 Qs, ₹149)

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