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## Part II—Section 2

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### NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

#### NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENTAL TESTS FOR TAMIL NADU GEOLOGY AND MINING SUBORDINATE SERVICE MINES AND  
MINERALS ACTS AND RULES TESTS PAPERS AND SYLLABUS

[G.O. Ms. No.74, Natural Resources (E.1), 23rd September 2025,  
புரட்டாசி 7, விக்ரவாசு, திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2056.]

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Every person appointed as Assistant Geologist in Department of Geology and Mining, among other tests, within the period of probation, shall pass the following Tests:-

i) Name of the Test /Mode of Examination / Test Code

| Sl.No. | Name of the Test                                  | Mode of Examination | Test Code |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1      | Mines and Minerals Acts and Rules Tests Paper-I,  | Descriptive         | 180       |
| 2      | Mines and Minerals Acts and Rules Tests Paper-II, | Descriptive         | 181       |
| 3      | Mines and Minerals Acts and Rules Test Paper-III, | Descriptive         | 182       |

ii) Syllabus:-

a) Mines and Minerals Acts and Rules Tests Paper 1

1. Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 as amended by the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 2021.
2. The Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016.

3. The Minerals Conservation and Development Rules, 2017.
4. The Mines Act, 1952 and Mines Rules, 1955.
5. The Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015.
6. The Mineral (Non-exclusive Reconnaissance Permits) Rules, 2015.
7. The Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015.
8. The Mines and Minerals (Contribution to District Mineral Foundation) Rules, 2015.
9. The National Mineral Exploration Trust Rules, 2015.
10. The Mineral (Mining by Government Company) Rules, 2015.
11. The Mineral (Transfers of Mining lease granted otherwise than through auction for captive purpose) Rules, 2016.

b) Mines and Minerals Acts and Rules Tests Paper II

1. The Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 as amended by the Mineral Concession Rules, 2022.
2. The Oil Mines Regulations, 2017.
3. The Oil Field (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948.
4. The Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959.
5. The Atomic Mineral Concession Rules, 2016.
6. The Atomic Energy Act, 1962.
7. The Atomic Energy (Working of the Mines and Minerals and handling of prescribed substance) Rules, 1984.
8. The Coal Mines Regulations, 2017.
9. The Coal Mines (Special provisions) Act, 2015.
10. The Coal Mines (Special provisions) Rules, 2017.
11. The Coal Blocks Allocation Rules, 2017.
12. The Coal Mines (Conservation and Development) Act, 1974.

c) Mines and Minerals Acts and Rules Tests Paper III

1. The Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959.
2. The Granite Conservation and Development Rules, 1999.
3. The Tamil Nadu Prevention and Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage of Minerals and Mineral Dealer's Rule 2011.
4. The Tamil Nadu District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2017.
5. The Tamil Nadu Protected Agriculture Zone Development Act, 2020.

Tests shall be on the above Acts and Rules including amendments from time to time.

(iii) 45% of marks is fixed as the pass mark for each of the above test.

(iv) All the three tests will be conducted under descriptive mode and will be having 12 questions for which the candidates have to answer 10 questions in about 200 words and each question carries 10 marks.

(v) The duration of each examination is 2.30 hours.

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