

**PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)**

**BA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2026
(Second Semester)**

Branch - SOCIOLOGY

SOCIAL HISTORY OF TAMIL NADU

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	1	What is the earliest stage in the pre-history of Tamils? (i) Mesolithic (ii) Neolithic (iii) Paleolithic (iv) Megalithic	K1	CO1
	2	Outline the river closely associated with ancient Tamil civilization. (i) Ganga (ii) Yamuna (iii) Kaveri (iv) Narmada	K2	CO1
2	3	Find the main institution that assisted the king in Sangam polity. (i) Village Sabha (ii) Court (iii) Army (iv) Guild	K1	CO2
	4	Show the division of Sangam literature based on theme. (i) Religious – Secular (ii) Akam – Puram (iii) Prose – Poetry (iv) Myth – History	K2	CO2
3	5	How did trade flourish in ancient Tamil kingdoms? (i) Roads (ii) Ports (iii) Rivers (iv) Markets	K1	CO3
	6	Relate the city with its role as a major urban Centre in Tamil society. (i) Poompuhar – Port city (ii) Madurai – Inland village (iii) Kanchi – Fishing village (iv) Muziri – Mountain town	K2	CO3
4	7	List the movement that aimed at social equality and rationalism in Tamil Nadu. (i) Home Rule Movement (ii) Self-Respect Movement (iii) Non-Brahmin Movement (iv) Justice Party	K1	CO4
	8	Compare the Justice Party and Dravidian Party in terms of political focus. (i) Justice Party – Social reform, Dravidian Party – Political dominance (ii) Justice Party – Trade, Dravidian Party – Agriculture (iii) Justice Party – Religion, Dravidian Party – Education (iv) Justice Party – Ports, Dravidian Party – Urbanization	K2	CO4
5	9	Tell the leader associated with the administration of Tamil Nadu after Congress Rule. (i) Rajaji (ii) Kamaraj (iii) MGR (iv) Karunanidhi	K1	CO5
	10	Infer the main reason for the agitation against imposition of Hindi in Tamil Nadu. (i) Trade disputes (ii) Language imposition (iii) River water sharing (iv) Urbanization	K2	CO5

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SECTION - B (35 Marks)Answer **ALL** questions**ALL** questions carry **EQUAL** Marks (5 × 7 = 35)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	Which period marks the beginning of the Neolithic culture among Tamils?	K1	CO1
		(OR)		
	11.b.	What are the major natural resources found in ancient Tamil territory?		
2	12.a.	Explain the role of kingship and court in Sangam polity.	K2	CO2
		(OR)		
	12.b.	Illustrate the division of Sangam literature into Akam and Puram.		
3	13.a.	Apply your knowledge to explain the role of major ports in ancient Tamil trade.	K3	CO3
		(OR)		
	13.b.	Identify the main urban centres of ancient Tamil society.		
4	14.a.	Examine the impact of the Self-Respect Movement on Tamil society.	K4	CO4
		(OR)		
	14.b.	List the major social and political movements in Tamil Nadu before independence.		
5	15.a.	Estimate the role of Kamaraj in the development of Tamil Nadu after independence.	K5	CO5
		(OR)		
	15.b.	Evaluate the impact of the agitation against imposition of reorganization of state.		

SECTION - C (30 Marks)Answer **ANY THREE** questions**ALL** questions carry **EQUAL** Marks (3 × 10 = 30)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Relate the development of pre-historic Tamils with their lifestyle, occupation, and tools used during Paleolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic periods.	K1	CO1
2	17	Summarize the Sangam polity, including kingship, court, law and justice, and local administration in ancient Tamil society.	K2	CO2
3	18	Develop the features of urban centers and major ports in ancient Tamil society, highlighting their role in trade and economy.	K3	CO3
4	19	Distinguish between the Justice Party and the Dravidian Party in terms of their objectives, rule, and impact on Tamil society.	K4	CO4
5	20	Briefly write the importance of Kamaraj's administration in shaping modern Tamil Nadu.	K5	CO5

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