

SYLLABUS

Part – A : General knowledge , including current affairs, basic arithmetic abilities and knowledge in Gardening, Nursery production , Flori - culture, L andscape gardening etc. (The question paper will be bi - lingual , i.e. both in English and Tamil. In case of any inconsistency between English and Tamil versions of the questions, the English version will prevail over the Tamil Version).

Part - B : General Tamil, upto 8 th standard level of the Tamil Nadu State Government Syllabus.

Minimum qualifying marks:

Part – A : 11 marks

Part – B : 4 marks

The candidate should get qualified in parts ‘A ’ and ‘B’ separately.

The candidates for Practical Test will be shortlisted, based on merit in the written examination, at a ratio not exceeding 10 times of the number of vacancies or as decided by the Hon’ble High Court, following the rule of reservation.

However, in each reservation group, all the candidates, who secure the same mark as that of the cut - off mark for their reservation group, will be admitted to the Practical Test. Therefore, mere securing the minimum qualifying mark in the written examination will not confer any right on the candidate to get qualified for the practical test.

The marks obtained in the written examination will only be qualifying in nature and the same will not be counted for determining the final order of selection of the candidates.

Any representation from candidates for changing the date of Examination / Selection process, change of examination centre, for relaxation of conditions mentioned in the advertisement or exam related direction or guidelines or minimum marks or qualification/requirement etc. or for revaluation/re - totalling will not be entertained , under any circumstances.

(B) PRACTICAL TEST (100 Marks) (Minimum qualifying mark: 30 marks)

The candidate shortlisted as per merit , will be called for practical test, to test their knowledge in (1) Familiarisation with different types of soil and sites. (2) Treatment of soil in different climate conditions. (3) Preparation of nursery and seed bed of different flowers and plants and after care. (4) Practice in manuring, sowing, transplanting various flowers and plants. (5) Familiarisation of Horticultural tools and their uses. Handling and maintenance of gardening

equipment. (6) Preparation of different flower beds and tree pits. (7) Preparation of composite mixture and manuring practice in nursery and pots. (8) Practice in trimming, pruning and thinning. (9) Practice in budding, cutting, layering and grafting etc. (10) Development and maintenance of lawns. (11) Identification of pests and diseases of flower plants and fruit trees. (12) Preparation of doses of insecticides, weedicides, fungicides and pesticides. (13) Spraying and dusting practice with suitable equipment. (14) Practice in preservation of seeds and fruits. (15) Selection, grading, packing of flowers and fruits etc.

(C) ORAL TEST (15 Marks) (Minimum pass mark: 5 marks)

For oral test, the candidates will be shortlisted as per merit in the ratio of 1:2 or 1:3 or such number as decided by the Hon'ble High Court with reference to the number of vacancies from and out of the qualified candidates, following the rule of reservation.

The object of oral test is to assess the suitability of the candidates, by judging their mental alertness, skills, attitude, ethics, character, communication skill, etc.