



TAMIL NADU STATE ELIGIBILITY TEST (TNSET 2024)

FOR ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

MANONMANIAM SUNDARANAR UNIVERSITY

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Introduction

Manonmaniam Sundaranar University (MSU) is a dynamic institution of higher learning, set in a rural milieu of southern Tamil Nadu, with a campus spread of 550 acres. The University was established by the Government of Tamil Nadu as a teaching-cum-affiliating University on 7th September, 1990 to cater to the long-felt needs of the people of the four southern most districts of Tamil Nadu viz., Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, Thoothukudi and Kanyakumari.

It is named after the renowned Tamil Poet scholar, Professor P. Sundaram Pillai (1855-1897), the author of the famous verse drama Manonmaniam. It is his poem that has become "Tamil Thaaivazhthu", the official invocation song sung in all functions in Tamil Nadu.

State Nodal Agency

The Government of Tamil Nadu vide its G.O.(D) No.262 dated 02-09-2023 has nominated Manonmaniam Sundaranar University as "Nodal Agency" to conduct State Eligibility Test (SET) from the academic year 2023-2024 on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu. UGC vide its letter No.F.7-7/2015(NET/SET) dated 20-09-2023 has updated its official record that Manonmaniam Sundaranar University is the "Nodal Agency".

It may further be specifically understood that such a candidate who qualifies the SET would be held eligible for being appointed as Assistant Professor in Universities / Colleges, provided he/she fulfills other academic qualifications prescribed for Assistant Professor post by the U.G.C. and is selected by the respective Selection Committee. Unlike the NET/UGC-CSIR Combined Test the candidates who qualify the SET are eligible for being selected only as Assistant Professor and not for the award of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF). As per UGC guidelines, after June 2002, SET qualified candidates shall be eligible to apply for the post of Assistant Professor only in the Universities/Colleges belonging to the same state whose SET Examination they have cleared.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES AT A GLANCE

Events	Dates
Online registration and submission of Application Form (complete in all respect) through MSU Website: https://www.msuniv.ac.in	01 April 2024 to 30 April 2024 (upto 05:00 pm)
Last date for successful transaction of Examination fee (through Credit Card/ Debit Card/Net Banking/UPI Payment Modes	02 May 2024 (upto 11:50 pm)
Fee Payable for TNSET 2024 (Pay fee using the Payment Gateway(s) integrated to the Online Application through Net Banking/ Debit Card / Credit Card / UPI)	
General	Rs. 2500/-
BC/MBC/DNC	Rs. 2000/-
SC/ST/SC(A)/PWD (VI, HI, PH)	Rs.800/-
Third Gender	NO FEE
Applicable service/processing charges & GST over and above the Examination Fee, are to be Paid by the candidate to the concerned Bank/ Payment Gateway Integrator.	
Correction in the Particulars of Application Form online only	03 May 2024 & 04 May 2024 (upto 11:50 pm)
Intimation of Cities of exam centres	To be Intimated Later
Downloading of Hall Ticket by the Candidate from Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Website	To be Intimated Later
Dates of Examination	03 June 2024 to 25 June 2024 (Tentative)
Duration of Examination	180 minutes (03 hours) No break between Paper I & Paper II
Timing of Examination	First Shift: 09.00 am to 12.00 pm
	Second Shift: 02.00 pm to 05.00 pm
Exam Centre, Date and Shift	As indicated in the Hall Ticket
Display of Recorded Responses and Provisional Answer Keys on the Website for inviting challenge(s) from Interested candidates	To be announced later in the website
Declaration of Result on Manonmaniam Sundaranar University website	To be announced later in the website
Website	www.msuniv.ac.in

Instructions

1. Candidate must read carefully the Instructions (including how to fill up Application Form online) given in the Information Bulletin available in the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Website. Candidates not complying with the Instructions shall be summarily disqualified.
2. Candidate can apply for TNSSET 2024 through "Online" mode only. The Application Form in any other mode will not be accepted.
3. Instructions for filling Online Application Form:

- Download the Information Bulletin. Read it carefully to ensure your eligibility.
- Follow the steps given below to Apply Online:

Step-1: Apply for Online Registration using own Email Id and Mobile No.

Step-2: Fill in the Online Application Form and note down the system generated Application Number. Upload scanned images of:

- A recent passport size photo (file size 10Kb – 200Kb) in colour with 80% face (without mask) visible including ears against white background;
- Candidate's signature (file size: 4kb – 30kb)

Step-3: Pay the examination fee using Debit Card/Credit Card/Net Banking/UPI and keep proof of fee paid.

- The Confirmation Page of the online Application Form will be generated only after successful payment by the Candidate.
- Download, save and print a copy of Confirmation Page of the Application Form for future reference.

Note :

- All the 3 Steps can be done together or at separate timings. The submission of Application of a candidate could be considered as successful and his/her candidature would be confirmed only on the successful transaction/receipt of the prescribed examination fee from him/her.
- If fee payment is not successful, the candidate should approach the concerned Bank to ensure the payment details or to obtain the refund of payments.
- The final submission of Online Application Form will remain incomplete if Step-2 and step-3 are not completed. Such forms will stand rejected and no correspondence on this account will be entertained.
- Request for refund of examination fee once remitted by the candidate will not be entertained under any circumstances.
- The entire application process for TNSSET 2024 shall be made only through online, including uploading of scanned images, payment of fee, and

printing of confirmation page, hall ticket, etc. Therefore, the candidates are not required to send/submit any document(s) including confirmation page to University through Post/ Fax/ WhatsApp/Email/In person.

- Usage of Data and Information: Manonmaniam Sundaranar University/Government of Tamil Nadu can use the data provided by the candidates for internal purpose(s) including training, research and development, analysis and other permissible purpose(s). However, this information is not for use by any third party or private agency for any other use.
4. Candidates shall ensure that the information entered by them in their respective online Application Form is correct.
 5. Information provided by the candidates in their respective online Application Form, like name of candidate, contact details, category, PwD status, educational qualification, date of birth, choice of exam zone, etc. will be treated as final. Any request for change in such particulars after the closure of correction period will not be considered.
 6. Manonmaniam Sundaranar University does not edit /modify/alter any information entered by the candidates under any circumstances. Any request for change in information after submission of Application Form will not be entertained. Therefore, candidates are advised to exercise utmost caution for filling up correct details in the Application Form.
 7. Manonmaniam Sundaranar University disclaims any liability that may arise to a candidate(s) due to incorrect information provided by him/her in his/her online Application Form.
 8. Candidates must ensure that their email address and mobile number to be registered in their online Application Form are their own, as relevant/important information/communication will be sent by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University either through e-mail or mobile number registered by the candidate. Manonmaniam Sundaranar University shall not be responsible for any non-communication / mis-communication with a candidate in the email address or mobile number given by him/her other than his/her own. Candidates are advised to visit the University website regularly for any updates in this regard.
 9. Hall Ticket shall be downloaded from the website of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University.
 10. Candidates shall appear at their own cost at the Examination Centre on the date of examination as per the instruction given in the Hall Ticket.
 11. Manonmaniam Sundaranar University may change the examination centres and date of examinations without assigning any reason.
 12. Candidates are advised to carry only the following items with them into the Examination Centres:
 - a. Hall Ticket along with Self Declaration (Undertaking) downloaded from the University Website (a clear printout on A4 size paper) duly filled in.

- b. Additional photo, to be pasted on Attendance Sheet
 - c. ID Proof (Any one of the authorized photo IDs (must be original)- PAN card / Driving Licence / Voter ID/Passport / Aadhaar Card). The name on the photo identification must match with the name as shown on the Hall Ticket.)
13. The candidates have to follow the instructions given by the invigilators in the examination hall.
 14. There is no negative mark for incorrect answers.
 15. No marks will be given for questions un-answered/un-attempted/marked for Review.
 16. To answer a question, the candidate needs to choose only one option.
 17. If a question is found to be incorrect/ambiguous or has multiple correct answers, only those candidates who have attempted the question and chosen one of the correct answers, would be given the credit.
 18. If a question is found to be incorrect and the Question is dropped, then two marks will be awarded to only to those candidates who have attempted the question. The reason could be due to human error or technical error. Since, there is no negative marking, candidate needs to choose one most nearest option as correct answer.
 19. Canvassing in any form will disqualify the candidate.
 20. All legal disputes pertaining to this Test shall fall within the jurisdiction of Tirunelveli Courts only.
 21. The list of Scheduled Castes(SC)/ Scheduled Tribes(ST)/ Most Backward Classes(MBC)/ Denotified Communities(DNC), Backward Classes (BC)/Persons with Disability(PWD) is as per the pages from 183 to 204 in the website: https://www.tnpsc.gov.in/static_pdf/document/instructions-to-candidates.pdf.
 22. The PWD candidate who is in need of a scribe has to identify the scribe on his/her own and produce the scribe before the TNSET Nodal Officer, MS University along with his/her certificates of educational qualifications at least one day before the test.
 23. Compensatory time of one hour will be provided for PWD candidate in addition to the three hours duration, whether such candidate uses the facility of Scribe or not.

24. Unfair Means Practices and Breach of Examination Rules

Definition: Unfair Means Practice is an activity that allows a candidate to gain an unfair advantage over other candidates. It includes, but is not limited to:

- . Being in possession of any item or article which has been prohibited or can be used for Unfair Practices including any stationery item, communication device, accessories, eatable items, ornaments or any other material or information relevant or not relevant to the Examination in the paper concerned;
- a. Using someone to write Examination (impersonation) or preparing material for copying;
- b. Breaching Examination rules or any direction issued by State Nodal Agency in connection with TNSET.

- c. Assisting other candidate to engage in malpractices, giving or receiving assistance directly or indirectly of any kind or attempting to do so.
- d. Writing questions or answers on any material given by the Centre Superintendent for writing answers.
- e. Contacting or communicating or trying to do so with any person, other than the Examination Staff, during the Examination time in the Examination Centre.
- f. Threatening any of the officials connected with the conduct of the Examination or threatening any of the candidates.
- g. Using or attempting to use any other undesirable method or means in connection with the examination.
- h. Manipulation and fabrication of online documents viz. Hall Ticket, Self-Declaration, etc.
- i. Forceful entry in /exit from Examination Centre/Hall.
- j. Use or attempted use of any electronic device after entering the Examination Centre.
- k. Affixing/uploading of wrong/morphed photographs/signatures on the Application Form/Hall Ticket /Performa.
- l. Creating obstacles in smooth and fair conduct of examination.
- m. In case it is found at any time in future that the Candidate has used / uploaded the photograph and signature of someone else in his/ her Application Form / Hall Ticket or he/she has tampered his/her Hall Ticket / result, these acts of the candidate shall be treated as Unfair Means (UFM) Practices on his/her part and he/she shall be proceeded with the actions as contemplated under the provisions of the Information Bulletin relating to Unfair Means Practices.
- n. Candidates are NOT allowed to carry Instruments, Geometry or Pencil box, Handbag, Purse, any kind of Paper/ Stationery/ Textual material (printed or written material), Eatables (loose or packed), Mobile Phone/ Earphone/ Microphone/ Pager, Calculator, Docu Pen, Slide Rules, Log Tables, Camera, Tape Recorder, Electronic Watches with facilities of calculator, any metallic item or electronic gadgets/ devices in the Examination Hall/Room.
- o. Smoking, chewing gutka, spitting etc. in the Examination Room/Hall is strictly prohibited.
- p. If any candidate is in possession of any of the above item, his/ her candidature will be treated as unfair means and lead to cancellation of the current Examination & also debar the candidate for future examination(s) & the material will be seized. In any violation of the above by the candidate, the decision of the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University is final.

25. The decision of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University shall be final in all matters.

Eligibility Criteria for TNSET

- i. All the candidates who have secured at least 55% marks (without rounding off) in Master's Degree or equivalent examination from universities/institutions recognized by UGC (available on the website: www.ugc.ac.in) are eligible for this Test. The Scheduled Caste(SC) / SC(A) /Scheduled Tribe (ST) /Persons with Disability (PwD)/Third gender category candidates who have secured at least 50% marks (without rounding off) in Master's degree or equivalent examination are eligible for this Test.
- ii. Candidates who are pursuing their Master's degree or equivalent course or candidates who have appeared for their qualifying Master's degree (final year) examination and whose result is still awaited or candidates whose qualifying examinations have been delayed may also apply for this test. However, such candidates will be admitted provisionally and shall be considered eligible for eligibility for Assistant Professor only after they have passed their Master's Degree or equivalent examination with at least 55% marks (50% marks in case of SC / SC(A) /ST/ PwD / Third gender category candidates). Such candidates must complete their Master's degree or equivalent examination within two years from the date of TNSET result with required percentage of marks, failing which they shall be treated as ineligible.
- iii. The Ph.D degree holders whose Master's Level examination has been completed by 19 September 1991 (irrespective of date of declaration of result) shall be eligible for a relaxation of 5% in aggregate marks (i.e. from 55% to 50%) for appearing in TNSET.
- iv. Candidates are advised to appear in the subject of their Post-Graduation only. The candidates, whose Post Graduation subject is not covered in the list of TNSET subjects may appear in the UGC-NET/joint CSIR-UGC Test.
- v. Candidates with post-graduate diploma/certificate awarded by Indian University/Institute or foreign degree /diploma/certificate awarded by the foreign University/institute should in their own interest, ascertain the equivalence of their diploma/degree/certificate with Master's degree of recognized Indian universities from Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi(www.aiu.ac.in)
- vi. There is no upper age limit in applying for TNSET.

Subjects of TNSET 2024

The TNSET 2024 examination will be conducted in the following subjects

Paper I

S.No	Subjects	Subject Code
1	General Paper on Teaching & Research Aptitude (Paper -I)	2400

Paper II

S.No	Subjects	Subject Code
1	Anthropology	2401
2	Arabic	2402
3	Archaeology	2403
4	Chemical Sciences	2404
5	Commerce	2405
6	Computer Science and Applications	2406
7	Criminology	2407
8	Defense and Strategic Studies	2408
9	Earth Sciences	2409
10	Economics	2410
11	Education	2411
12	Electronic Science	2412
13	English	2413
14	Environmental Sciences	2414
15	Geography	2415
16	Hindi	2416
17	History	2417
18	Home Science	2418
19	Labour Welfare/ Personnel Management/ Industrial Relations/ Labour and Social Welfare/Human Resource Management	2419
20	Law	2420
21	Library and Information Science	2421
22	Life Sciences	2422

23	Malayalam	2423
24	Management	2424
25	Mass Communication and Journalism	2425
26	Mathematical Sciences	2426
27	Music	2427
28	Performing Art	2428
29	Philosophy	2429
30	Physical Education	2430
31	Physical Sciences	2431
32	Political Sciences	2432
33	Psychology	2433
34	Public Administration	2434
35	Sanskrit	2435
36	Social Work	2436
37	Sociology	2437
38	Tamil	2438
39	Telugu	2439
40	Tourism Administration and Management	2440
41	Urdu	2441
42	Visual Art	2442
43	Women Studies	2443

Notes:

- The candidates who have completed/ appearing in their Master's Degree in Physics/Applied Physics/Electronics/Atomic & Molecular Physics/Classical Dynamics/ Condensed matter Physics/Electromagnetic/ Experimental Design/Nuclear, Space & Particle Physics Quantum Physics/Thermodynamics, Astronomy, Astrophysics and other related subjects can take TNSET examination under "**Physical Sciences**".
- The candidates who have completed/ appearing in their Master's Degree in Pure Mathematics / Statistics / Applied Mathematics, Mathematics with computer science & other related subjects can take TNSET examination under "**Mathematical Sciences**".
- The candidates who have completed/ appearing in their Master's Degree in Chemistry/ Chemical Sciences / Analytical Chemistry / Inorganic Chemistry/Organic Chemistry/ Physical Chemistry / Medicinal Chemistry/Applied Chemistry / Nuclear Chemistry/ Environmental Chemistry / Marine Chemistry / Pharmaceutical Chemistry / Bio-organic Chemistry & other related subjects can take TNSET examination under "**Chemical Sciences**".
- The candidates who have completed appearing in their Master's Degree in Biochemistry/Biology/Biotechnology/Biodiversity & Taxonomy/Botany/Genetics/ Microbiology/ Physiology/ Zoology/ Fishery science/Animal Biology/Marine Biology Applied Genetics & other related can take TNSET examination under "**Life Sciences**".

- The candidates who have completed/appearing in their Master's Degree in Geology/ Applied Geology/Geo-physics/Meteorology/Oceanography / Physical Geography/ Earth Science/Earth & Atmospheric Science / Earth Science Resource Management / Marine Geology/Petroleum Geology/Geo-informatics/GIS/Applied Geochemistry & other related subjects can take TNSET examination under "**Earth Sciences**".
- The candidates who have completed/appearing in their Master's Degree in Computer Science / Computer Applications / Information Technology & other related subjects can take TNSET examination under "**Computer Science and Applications**".
- The candidates who have completed/appearing in their Master's Degree in Rural Economics /Co-operation / Demography / Development Planning/ Development Studies / Econometrics/ Applied Economics/Development Eco./Business Economics can take TNSET examination under "**Economics**".
- The candidates who have completed/appearing in their Master's Degree in Electronics/Electronics and Communication can take TNSET examination under "**Electronic Science**".
- The candidates who have completed/appearing in their Master's Degree in Business Admn. Mgt./Marketing/ Marketing Mgt./Industrial Relations and Personnel Mgt./ Personnel Mgt./Financial Mgt./Co-operative Management can take TNSET examination under "**Management**".
- The candidates who have completed/appearing in their Master's Degree in Drawing & Painting/Sculpture Graphics/Applied Art/History of Art can take TNSET examination under "**Visual Art**".
- The candidates who have completed/appearing in their Master's Degree in Hindustani Music, Karnataka Music, Percussion and Rabindra Sangeet can take TNSET examination under "**Music**".
- The candidates who have completed/appearing in their Master's Degree in Dance/Drama/Theatre can take TNSET examination under "**Performing Art**".

Pattern of Examination

- i. The TNSET would be conducted in the pattern of UGC-NET. Accordingly, the test will consist of two papers as in UGC-NET.
- ii. The test will consist of two papers, Paper I and Paper II. Paper I will be common to all the candidates, while Paper II will be based on the PG subject chosen by the candidates (as given in the TNSET list of subjects) . Both the papers are only of objective type and multiple choice questions (MCQ) in Computer Based Test (CBT) mode. There will be no break between the papers.

Papers	Marks	Number of Questions	MCQ	Total duration
Paper I	100	50	Paper I tests to assess the general knowledge, teaching capabilities, research aptitude, reasoning ability, reading comprehension, higher education system, people and development, environment, mathematical aptitude, divergent thinking and general awareness of the Candidate.	03 hours (180 minutes) without any break. All the questions are compulsory.
Paper II	200	100	Paper II tests the understanding of the domain knowledge of the candidate in the PG subject chosen from the list of TNSET subjects.	

- i. Syllabus for TNSET will be the same as in UGC-NET/CSIR-NET. Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Tirunelveli will not send the syllabi to the candidates individually.
- ii. The medium of Question Paper shall be in English only except Paper II of language subjects (Tamil, Arabic, Hindi, Malayalam, Sanskrit, Telugu and Urdu).
- iii. There is no negative mark for incorrect answers.

Fee Details

S.No	Category of Candidates	Fee
1	General	Rs. 2500
2	BC/MBC/DNC	Rs. 2000
3	SC/ST/SC(A)/PwD - (VI, HI, PH)	Rs. 800
4	Third Gender	No Fee

Note : The Examination fee should be paid through online via Debit card/Credit card / Net banking / UPI only. Examination Fee once paid will not be refunded under any circumstances.

Contact Us

The Registrar/Member Secretary

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