

TANCET 2027 Syllabus

Tamil Nadu Common Entrance Test — Anna University, Chennai

TANCET is a state-level postgraduate entrance exam conducted by Anna University, Chennai, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu. It is the common gateway for admission to MBA and MCA programs at government, government-aided, Anna University-affiliated, and private self-financing colleges across Tamil Nadu. TANCET 2027 is expected to follow Anna University's usual annual cycle, with registration around January–February 2027 and the exam around March 2027; exact dates will be confirmed in the official notification.

Note: Since 2023, TANCET has formally covered only MBA and MCA admissions. Postgraduate engineering, architecture and planning admissions (ME/M.Tech/M.Arch/M.Plan) are handled by a separate but related exam, CEETA-PG, conducted by Anna University on the same application portal and around the same timeline as TANCET. If you are targeting an ME/M.Tech/M.Arch/M.Plan program, refer to the CEETA-PG syllabus instead. Always cross-check the current-year notification at tancet.annauniv.edu, as exam structure can be revised by Anna University.

Exam Pattern at a Glance

Program	No. of Sections	Total Questions	Total Marks	Duration
MBA	5	100 MCQs	100	2 hours
MCA	4	100 MCQs	100	2 hours

There is negative marking for wrong answers as per the official information bulletin; check the current year's marking scheme before the exam.

TANCET MBA Syllabus

The MBA paper has five sections designed to test managerial aptitude, analytical ability, quantitative skills and English proficiency.

1. Analysis of Business Situations

Tests the ability to comprehend a given business situation/case and apply logical and managerial judgement to arrive at decisions.

- Interpretation of business case-lets / situations
- Identifying problems and implicit assumptions
- Drawing logical business conclusions
- Decision-making based on given data/context

2. Reading Comprehension

Assesses the ability to understand, analyse and draw inferences from written passages.

- Passage-based comprehension (fact, inference, and judgement questions)
- Central idea / theme identification
- Vocabulary in context
- Tone and author's intent

3. Quantitative Ability

Covers school and early-college level mathematics and numerical reasoning.

- Number system, HCF/LCM, percentages, ratio & proportion
- Profit & loss, simple and compound interest
- Time, speed & distance; time & work
- Averages, mixtures & alligations
- Permutations, combinations & probability
- Algebra, geometry & mensuration (basic level)
- Data interpretation (tables, graphs, charts)

4. Data Sufficiency

Tests logical and analytical ability to judge whether the data given in a question is sufficient to answer it.

- Analysing given statements to determine sufficiency of data
- Logical and arithmetic reasoning based short problems

5. English Usage / General English

Tests grammar, vocabulary and general language proficiency.

- Grammar: tenses, prepositions, articles, subject-verb agreement
- Vocabulary: synonyms, antonyms, one-word substitution
- Sentence correction and sentence completion
- Idioms and phrases

TANCET MCA Syllabus

The MCA paper has four sections that test mathematical aptitude, reasoning, and basic computer knowledge up to the 12th-standard / undergraduate level.

1. Quantitative Ability

- Arithmetic: percentages, ratios, averages, profit & loss, interest
- Algebra: equations, progressions, functions
- Geometry & mensuration
- Trigonometry (basic)
- Set theory and basic probability
- Data interpretation

2. Analytical Reasoning

- Logical deduction and syllogisms
- Number, letter and symbol series
- Analogies and classification
- Blood relations, direction sense, coding-decoding
- Puzzles and seating arrangements

3. Logical Reasoning

- Statement and conclusion type questions

- Cause and effect reasoning
- Critical reasoning and assumptions
- Venn diagrams and set-based logic

4. Computer Awareness

- Basics of computer organization and architecture
- Number systems and Boolean algebra
- Fundamentals of programming and data structures
- Operating systems basics
- Basics of DBMS and networking concepts

ME / M.Tech / M.Arch / M.Plan — Now Under CEETA-PG

TANCET 2027 does not cover ME/M.Tech/M.Arch/M.Plan admissions. These programs are assessed through CEETA-PG, a separate exam conducted by Anna University on the same application portal and typically around the same timeline as TANCET (exam days usually fall close together). For reference, the legacy pattern (used when these programs were still part of TANCET, before 2023) had two common sections plus a subject-specific section:

- Section I — Engineering Mathematics (common to all candidates)
- Section II — Basic Engineering & Sciences (common to all candidates)
- Section III — Subject-specific paper based on the candidate's chosen branch/discipline (e.g. Civil, Mechanical, ECE, CSE, EEE, etc.), which typically carried the highest weightage of marks

Candidates applying for ME/M.Tech/M.Arch/M.Plan should refer to the current CEETA-PG syllabus and notification rather than TANCET.

Preparation Tips

- Start with the official syllabus and information bulletin from tancet.annauniv.edu — confirm the exact sections, number of questions and marking scheme for the current year.
- Practice previous years' TANCET question papers to understand difficulty level and question patterns.
- For MBA: focus extra time on Quantitative Ability, Data Sufficiency and Business Situation Analysis, which are generally rated as more difficult sections.
- For MCA: strengthen fundamentals in mathematics up to 12th-standard level and revise basic programming and computer science concepts.
- Time yourself with mock tests — the paper is 2 hours for 100 questions, so speed and accuracy both matter.
- Revise English grammar and vocabulary basics regularly, since language sections apply across programs.

Disclaimer: This document is a study-reference summary compiled from publicly available TANCET exam-prep sources as of September 2026, for the expected TANCET 2027 cycle. Anna University's official information bulletin, published at the start of each admission cycle at tancet.annauniv.edu, is the authoritative source — always verify the current year's syllabus, exam pattern, dates and marking scheme there before preparing, since TANCET 2027 dates and details had not yet been officially notified at the time this document was created.