

# TANCET 2026 Exam Pattern

## MBA MCA M.Tech / M.E. / M.Arch / M.Plan

February 2026 (based on information available as of early 2026)

### Important Note

TANCET (Tamil Nadu Common Entrance Test) 2026 is conducted by Anna University, Chennai on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu for admission to MBA, MCA, M.E. / M.Tech. / M.Arch. / M.Plan programmes in Tamil Nadu.

As of February 2026 the detailed official notification for TANCET 2026 has usually been released in January / February. The patterns shown below are based on the stable pattern observed in 2023/2025. Always refer to the latest official information bulletin on

<https://www.annauniv.edu/tancet2026> or <https://tancet.annauniv.edu>

### Common Features of TANCET 2026

- Computer Based Test (Online mode)
- Duration: 2 hours (120 minutes) for each paper
- Total questions: 100 (all papers)
- Total marks: 100
- Marking scheme: +1 mark for correct answer
- Negative marking: -1 (0.25) marks for every wrong answer
- Medium of question paper: English only (except some language sections in MCA)

### 1. TANCET MBA Exam Pattern 2026

**Key topics (indicative):**

- Business situation analysis, passage-based reasoning
- RC (short & medium passages), grammar, vocabulary, sentence correction
- Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, numbers, percentages, ratios, DI
- Data sufficiency (two statements format)
- Synonyms, antonyms, idioms, error spotting, cloze test

Section	No. of Questions	Marks
Business Analysis	20	20
Reading Comprehension & Verbal Ability	20	20
Quantitative Aptitude	20	20
Data Sufficiency	20	20
General English	20	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 1: TANCET MBA Section-wise Distribution

Section	No. of Questions	Marks
Quantitative Aptitude	25	25
Analytical reasoning	25	25
Logical reasoning	25	25
Computer Awareness	25	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 2: TANCET MCA Section-wise Distribution

## 2. TANCET MCA Exam Pattern 2026

**Key topics (indicative):**

- Mathematics (Class 10/12 level): numbers, algebra, geometry, probability
- Logical puzzles, coding-decoding, blood relations, series, directions
- Computer basics, computer organization, data representation, C programming fundamentals, operating systems, networking

## 3. TANCET M.E. / M.Tech. / M.Arch. / M.Plan Exam Pattern 2026

Section	No. of Questions	Marks
Part I Engineering Mathematics	20	20
Part II Basic Engineering & Sciences	20	20
Part III Discipline-specific subject	60	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 3: TANCET ME/MTech/MArch/MPlan Section-wise Distribution

**Part I Engineering Mathematics (common):**

- Calculus, differential equations, complex numbers, matrices, probability & statistics, numerical methods, etc.

**Part II Basic Engineering & Sciences (common):**

- Physics, Chemistry, Engineering mechanics, materials science, computer fundamentals, electrical circuits, etc.

**Part III Discipline-specific (60 questions):** Candidates choose one discipline from 20+ branches (Civil, Mechanical, ECE, EEE, CSE, IT, Chemical, Aeronautical, Textile, Biotechnology, etc.)

## Quick Summary TANCET 2026

Programme	Total Qs	Duration	Negative Marking
MBA	100	120 min	0.25
MCA	100	120 min	0.25
M.E./M.Tech./M.Arch/M.Plan	100	120 min	0.25

### Important advice (Feb 2026):

- The pattern has remained very stable for many years.
- Most changes (if any) are usually minor and announced in the official information brochure.
- Start preparation using previous 57 years question papers.