

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
Total	100	100

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
Total	100	100

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
Total	100	100

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.