



Section - III

Scheme and subjects for the Preliminary and Main Examination

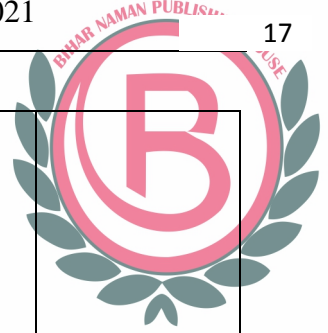
A. Preliminary Examination:-

- (i) The Preliminary Examination will consist of two papers of objective type (Multiple Choice Questions) and carry a maximum of 400 marks.
- (ii) This examination is meant to serve as a screening test only. The marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination by the candidate who are declared qualified for admission to the Main Examination will not be counted for determining their final merit.
- (iii) There will be no negative marking for incorrect answers in the Preliminary Examination.
- (iv) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer even if one of the given answers happens to be correct and no marks will be awarded.
- (v) If a question is left blank i.e. no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.
- (vi) Details of the syllabi are indicated in Appendix – III.

B. Main Examination :

(a) The written examination will consist of the following papers –

Sl. No.	Subject	Duration	Maximum Marks	Remarks
Paper – I	General Hindi & General English, having two separate sections on (i) General Hindi, and (ii) General English, each of 50 marks having separate answer sheets.	3 hours	100	This paper will only be qualifying in nature in which out of 100 (combined both Hindi & English) every candidate will have to secure minimum 30 marks.
Note: The marks obtained in this paper will not be counted for the preparation of the merit list either for the Interview Test or for the final merit list.				
Paper – II	Language and Literature: Under this paper, every candidate will have to opt for one Language and Literature out of fifteen listed below - (i) Oriya/Odia Language & Literature (ii) Bangali Language & Literature (iii) Urdu Language & Literature	3 hours	150	Descriptive type



	(iv) Sanskrit Language & Literature (v) English Language & Literature (vi) Hindi Language & Literature (vii) Santhali Language & Literature (viii) Panchpargania Language & Literature (ix) Nagpuri Language & Literature (x) Mundari Language & Literature (xi) Kurux Language & Literature (xii) Kurmali Language & Literature (xiii) Khortha Language & Literature (xiv) Khadia Language & Literature (xv) Ho Language & Literature			
Paper – III	Social Science, having two distinct sections on (i) History & (ii) Geography, each of equal weightage.	3 hours	200	Descriptive type
Paper – IV	Indian Constitution & Polity, Public Administration & Good Governance	3 hours	200	Descriptive type
Paper – V	Indian Economy, Globalization and Sustainable Development	3 hours	200	Descriptive type
Paper – VI	General Sciences, Environment & Technology Development	3 hours	200	Descriptive type
Total Marks			950	

(b) Interview Test : 100 marks.

(c) Main Examination : Written (950 marks) + Interview Test (100 marks)

Grand Total = 1050 marks.

The details of the syllabi are indicated in Appendix-III.

General Instructions for Preliminary and Main Examination : -

- (i) Candidates must write the papers in their own hand. In no circumstances will they be allowed the help of a scribe to write the answers for them except for the conditions given below.
- (ii) The Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) in the categories of blindness, locomotor disability (both arm affected – BA) and cerebral palsy will be provided the facility of scribe, if desired by the candidate. In case of other category of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) as defined under section 2 (r) of the RPWD Act, 2016, the facility of scribe will be allowed to such candidates on production of a certificate to the effect that the person concerned has physical limitation to write and scribe is essential to write examination on behalf from the Civil Surgeon.
- (iii) The candidates have discretion of opting for his/her own scribe or request the Commission for the same. The details of scribe i.e. whether own or the Commission's will be sought at the time of filling up the application form.
- (iv) The qualification of the Commission's scribe as well as own scribe will not be more

than the minimum qualification criteria of the examination. However, the qualification of the scribe should always be matriculate or above.

- (v) The Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) in the category of blindness, locomotor disability (both arms affected-BA) and cerebral palsy will be allowed Compensatory Time of twenty minutes per hour of the examination. In case of other categories of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD), this facility will be provided on production of a certificate from the Civil Surgeon to the effect that the person concerned has physical limitation to write.

Note (1) : The eligibility conditions of a scribe, his/her conduct inside the examination hall and the manner in which and extent to which he/she can help the Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) candidate in writing the Combined Civil Services Examination shall be governed by the instructions issued by the Commission in this regard. Violation of all or any of the said instructions shall entail the cancellation of the candidature of the Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) candidate in addition to any other action that the Commission may take against the scribe.

C. **Interview Test :-**

The candidate will be interviewed by a Board who will have before them a record of his career. He will be asked questions on matters of general interest. The objective of the interview is to assess the suitability of the candidate for a career in public service by a Board of competent and unbiased observers. The test is intended to judge the mental caliber of a candidate. In broad terms this is really an assessment of not only his intellectual qualities but also social traits and his interest in current affairs. Some of the qualities to be judged are mental alertness, critical powers of assimilation, clear and logical exposition, balance of judgement, variety and depth of interest, ability for social cohesion and leadership, intellectual and moral integrity.

- (i) The technique of the interview is not that of a strict cross-examination but of a natural, though directed and purposive conversation which is intended to reveal the mental qualities of the candidate.
- (ii) The interview test is not intended to be a test either of the specialized or general knowledge of the candidates which has been already tested through their written papers. Candidates are expected to have taken an intelligent interest not only in their special subjects of academic study but also in the events which are happening around them both within and outside the State or Country as well as in modern currents of thought and in new discoveries which should rouse the curiosity of well educated youth.
