

Reasoning and Mental ability'. The total time allotted for the written examination will be 2 hours and 30 minutes. The medium of question papers will be in English.

- (d) Candidates not more than three times the number of posts (in their order of merit of written exam) shall be short-listed for appearing in the interview. However, this number shall be subject to variation if two or more candidates at the last number (the number at the end) get equal marks, then all of them shall be considered for appearing in the Interview (subject to eligibility), warranting the corresponding increase in the stipulated ratio.

7.0 The salient features of the written competitive exam shall be as follows:-

- (a) There will be no negative marking in the written test, for questions wrongly answered or questions not answered.
- (b) After the answer key is put on the PPSC website (after written examination), candidates will be permitted to raise objections if any. Candidates will be given four days to deliberate before putting up objections. Any objection found 'frivolous' may draw negative marking, equal to the weightage of the question.
- (c) The aim of the Interview is to assess the candidate's suitability for the job in terms of his personal qualities by a Panel Interview.
- (d) Final result shall be prepared on the basis of the grand total of the marks obtained by the Candidates in the **Written Competitive Examination and the Interview**.
- (e) The marks of written competitive examination obtained by the candidates or cut off marks for interview will not be disclosed at the time of short listing the candidates for interview, to avoid the same influencing the interview panel. However the complete details of written marks and interview marks will be available on the website of Commission after compiling the final result.

8.0 Syllabi of subject is attached at Annexure 'A'

9.0 (a) Syllabi of Logical Reasoning/Mental Ability :

Logical Deductions

1. Deriving conclusion from passages
2. Theme Detection
3. Cause and Effect Reasoning
4. Logic
5. Statement- Arguments
6. Statement- Assumptions
7. Statement- Courses of Action
8. Statement- Conclusions

Verbal Reasoning

1. Analogy
2. Series Completion
3. Verification of truth of the Statement
4. Situation Reaction Test
5. Direction Sense Test
6. Classification
7. Data Sufficiency
8. Alpha- Numeric Sequence Puzzle
9. Puzzle Test
10. Blood Relations
11. Coding- Decoding
12. Assertion and Reasoning
13. Arithmetical Reasoning

14. Operations of Mathematics
15. Venn Diagrams
16. Word Sequence
17. Missing Characters
18. Sequential Output training
19. Directions
20. Test on Alphabets
21. Eligibility Test

Non-Verbal Reasoning

1. Dot Situation
2. Identical figure groupings
3. Forming figures and analysis
4. Construction of Squares and Triangles
5. Series
6. Analogy
7. Analytical Reasoning
8. Paper Folding
9. Paper Cutting
10. Cubes and Dice
11. Water Images
12. Mirror Images
13. Figure Matrix
14. Completion of Incomplete Pattern
15. Spotting out the embedded figures
16. Classification
17. Rule Detection

(b) Syllabi of General Knowledge and Current Affairs:

- (a) General Knowledge and Current affairs of National and International importance including:
 - (i) Economic issues.
 - (ii) Polity issues.
 - (iii) Environment issues
 - (iv) Science and Technology.
 - (v) Any other current issues.
- (b) (i) History of India with special reference to Indian freedom struggle movement
- (ii) History of Punjab- 14th century onwards.

- 9.1 Information about the examination centre(s) shall be mentioned on Admit Cards of all candidates. Details regarding the Admit cards shall be given shortly on the website of the Commission.
- 9.2 All candidates who apply for ibid posts will be treated “provisionally eligible” for appearing in the competitive exam. Acceptance of applications at this stage and allotment of Roll Numbers by PPSC does not indicate acceptance of candidature by the PPSC, since there is no scrutiny of documents before the written test.
- 9.3 The scrutiny of application forms shall be done after the conduct of the examination During the process of scrutiny, the application forms and other relevant documents, certificates, etc of the candidates shall be examined to determine their eligibility as on the last date of submission of online application forms. Candidates not meeting the eligibility criteria will be rejected after the scrutiny process or any time thereafter if found ineligible.
- 9.4 The candidates applying for the Competitive Examination should ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination. Their admission at all the stages of examination for which they are admitted by the