NICL AO Exam Pattern

Preliminary Test

Serial Number	Name Of The Subjects	Number Of Questions	Maximum Marks	Total Time	Exam Type
1	Quantitative Aptitude	35	35	20 Minutes	
2	Reasoning	35	35	20 Minutes	Objective
3	English Language	30	30	20 Minutes	
	Total	100 Questions	100 Marks	1 Hour	

Mains Exam

For Generalists

Serial Number	Name Of The Subjects	Total Questions	Total Marks	Time Duration	Exam Type
1	Reasoning	50	50	40 Minutes	
2	English Language	50	50	40 Minutes	
3	General Awareness	50	50	30 Minutes	Objective
4	Computer Knowledge	50	50	30 Minutes	
5	Quantitative Aptitude	50	50	40 Minutes	
	Total	250	250	180 Minutes	

For Specialists

Serial Number	Name Of The Subjects	Total Questions	Total Marks	Time Duration	Exam Type
1	Reasoning	40	40	35 Minutes	
2	English Language	40	40	30 Minutes	
3	General Awareness	40	40	20 Minutes	Objective
4	Computer Knowledge	40	40	25 Minutes	
5	Quantitative Aptitude	40	40	35 Minutes	
6	Relevant Discipline	50	50	35 Minutes	

	Total	250	250	180 Minutes	

For Hindi Officer

Serial Number	Name Of The Subjects	Total Questions	Total Marks	Time Duration	Exam Type
1	Reasoning	40	40	35 Minutes	
2	General Awareness	40	40	25 Minutes	
3	English Language	40	40	35 Minutes	
4	Test of Translation (English to Hindi and Hindi to English)	40	40	25 Minutes	
5	Hindi and English grammar/ vocabulary & knowledge of Acts/ Rules regarding Official Language implementation	40	40	30 Minutes	Objective
6	Hindi Language Essay, Précis, Comprehension & Letter Writing (Descriptive Test)	4	50	60 Minutes	
	Total	204	250	180 Minutes	

Note: The marks distribution for the Test of Hindi Language (Section 6) is: Essay – 20 Marks, Précis – 10, Comprehension - 10 marks & Letter Writing – 10 marks.

Descriptive Test:

- **30 marks**

NICL AO Syllabus

Reasoning Ability

- Analogy.
- Cubes and Dice.
- Directions.
- Input-Output
- Order and Ranking
- Direction based problems
- Blood Relations (Coded as well as Direct)
- Alphanumeric Series

- Data Sufficiency
- Verbal Reasoning
- Blood Relations.
- Clocks & Calendars.
- Arithmetical Reasoning.
- Number Ranking.
- Embedded Figures
- Mirror Images
- Coding-Decoding.
- Non-Verbal Series.
- Decision Making
- Number Series.
- Alphabet Series etc.
- Puzzles
- Seating Arrangement (Circular, Square, and Linear)
- Inequality (Both Direct and Coded)
- Syllogism (New as well as Old Pattern)

English & Hindi Language:

- Sentence Completion.
- Theme detection.
- Sentence Rearrangement.
- Grammar.
- Comprehension.
- Adverb.
- Subject-Verb Agreement.
- Articles.
- Vocabulary.
- Error Correction.
- Idioms & Phrases.
- Synonyms.
- Word Formation.
- Conclusion.
- Verb.
- Passage Completion.
- Unseen Passages.
- Antonyms.
- Fill in the Blanks.
- Tenses.

Numerical Ability:

- Number Series
- Simplification / Approximation
- Quadratic Equations

- Data Interpretation (Try to have a thorough practice of calculative sets)
- Arithmetic Topics
- Problem on Ages
- Permutation & Combination
- Probability
- Data Sufficiency
- Mathematical Inequalities
- Mensuration
- Profit, Loss, and Discount
- Averages
- Ratio and Proportion
- Simple and Compound Interest
- Time & Work
- Mixture and Allegations
- Pipes and Cisterns
- Time, Speed, and Distance
- Boats & Streams

General Awareness:

- General Science.
- Books.
- General Knowledge.
- History.
- Geography.
- Awards.
- Indian Economy
- Abbreviations.
- International & National Organizations.
- Authors.
- Environment.
- Budget.
- Current Affairs.

Computer Knowledge:

- Memory
- Hardware
- Networking
- Computer Shortcuts
- Important Abbreviations
- Internet Usage
- Word Processing – MS Word, etc.
- Fundamentals of Computer
- History of Computer
- Internet

- MS Office – Word, PowerPoint, Excel & Access