

their final order of merit.

(ii) The number of candidates to be admitted to the Main Examination will be about 20 times of the total approximate number of vacancies to be filled in the year through this examination. Only those candidates who have been declared by the Commission to have qualified the Preliminary Examination will be eligible for admission to the Main Examination corresponding to the said Preliminary Examination provided they are otherwise eligible for admission to the Main Examination.

Provided that Aptitude Test (Paper-II) of the Preliminary Examination will be a qualifying paper with minimum qualifying marks fixed at 33% and therefore, marks obtained in this paper shall not be counted for determining the merit of the candidates which will be drawn exclusively on the basis of marks obtained in General Studies (Paper-I) of the Preliminary Examination for their admission to the Main Examination.

(iii) No candidates shall be considered to have qualified in the Preliminary Examination if he/she score zero or negative marks in the General Studies (Paper-I).

**Note I:-**

(Where Roll Nos. and Application Nos. in both the Columns and Test Booklet series have been written wrongly on OMR Answer sheets and also encoded incorrectly by the candidates, the OMR Answer Sheets of such candidates shall not be evaluated and shall be rejected straightway. After the declaration of the result, following message shall appear against the user ID of such candidates:-

“You have written and encoded your Roll No., Application No. and Test booklet series wrongly on the OMR Answer Sheet. Hence your OMR Answer Sheet was not checked.”

**Note II:-**

There will be Negative Marking for incorrect answers (as detailed below) for all questions:-

(i) There are four alternatives for the answers to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, one third of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.

(ii) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer even if one of the given answers happen to be correct and there will be same penalty as above for that question.

(iii) If a question is left blank i.e. no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.

Duration: The duration of Papers No. I and II (General Studies and Aptitude Test) will be two hours each.

**Syllabus for Preliminary Examination:-**

Paper	Detail of questions and marks	Syllabus
Paper-I General Studies (Code No. 01)	This paper shall be of 200 marks and there shall be 100 objective type (multiple choice) questions.	History, Geography, Political, Art & Culture and Socio Economic Development of Himachal Pradesh.  Current events of National and International importance.  History of India and Indian National movement.  Indian and World Geography – Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the world.  Indian Polity and Governance – Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights issues, etc.  Economic and Social Development – Sustainable Development, Poverty, inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector initiatives, etc.  General issues on Environmental Ecology, Bio-diversity and Climate Change – that do not require subject specialization.  General Science.

Paper-II Aptitude Test (Code No.02)	This paper shall be of 200 marks and there shall be 100 objective type (multiple choice) questions.	<p>Comprehension.</p> <p>Interpersonal skills including communication skills.</p> <p>Logical reasoning and analytical ability.</p> <p>Decision making and problem solving.</p> <p>General mental ability.</p> <p>Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude etc. (Class X level), Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency etc. – Class X level)</p> <p>English Language Comprehension skills (Class X level)</p>
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**Note:-**

It is mandatory for the candidates to appear in both the papers of Preliminary Examinations for the purpose of merit. Therefore, if he/she does not appear in both the papers he/she will be disqualified.

**2. Main Examination:-**

(i) The main examination shall include compulsory subjects and one optional subject.

(ii) The candidate shall specify in his / her application form the Optional Subject, he / she desires to take. He / she may intimate any change of his / her Optional Subject to the Secretary of the Commission but not later than the last date prescribed for the payment of the examination fee. A candidate shall answer the Optional Paper in English or in Hindi as per his / her option.

(iii) No candidate shall be considered to have qualified the written examination unless he / she obtains atleast 40% marks in each compulsory papers of Hindi and English and 45% marks in the aggregate (excluding compulsory papers of Hindi & English).

(iv) The total number of candidates to be called for interview / personality test on the basis of Main written examination, shall not exceed three (3) times the number of the vacancies notified for recruitment through that examination;

Provided that in case there is a tie between or amongst the candidates on account of having obtained equal minimum qualifying marks on the basis of written examination, all such candidates obtaining equal minimum marks shall be called for interview / personality test.

(v) The marks obtained by the candidates in the main examination (written part as well as interview / personality test) shall determine their final ranking. Candidates will be allotted various services / posts keeping in view their ranks in the examination and the preference expressed by them for the various services and posts.

(vi) The compulsory and optional subjects and maximum marks fixed for each subject shall be as below:-

<b>(a) COMPULSORY PAPERS</b>		
Paper No.	Subject	Max. Marks
Paper-I	English	100
Paper-II	Hindi	100
Paper-III	Essay	100
Paper-IV	General Studies-I	200
Paper-V	General Studies-II	200
Paper-VI	General Studies-III	200
<b>(b) OPTIONAL SUBJECT</b>		
Paper-VII	Paper-I (optional subject opted)	100
Paper-VIII	Paper-II (optional subject opted)	100

(vii) The optional Subjects for the Main Examination shall be as under:-

Sr. No.	Optional Subject	Sr. No.	Optional Subject
1	Indian History	17	Mechanical Engineering
2	Political Science and International Relation	18	Electrical Engineering
3	Mathematics	19	Civil Engineering
4	Statistics	20	Hindi
5	Economics	21	Sanskrit
6	Commerce and Accountancy	22	Urdu
7	Chemistry	23	English Literature
8	Botany	24	Psychology
9	Zoology	25	Geology
10	Philosophy	26	Physics
11	Law	27	Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science
12	Sociology	28	Anthropology
13	Public Administration	29	Forestry
14	Management	30	Horticulture
15	Geography	31	Medical Sciences
16	Agriculture	-	-

(viii) The standards and contents of papers in general (excluding compulsory papers of English and Hindi) shall be similar to those of the Degree level, i.e. B.A. or B.Sc. etc. examinations of a recognized University. The standards and contents of compulsory papers of English and Hindi shall be of 10+2 level.

(ix) All Papers shall be of three hours duration.

(x) The marks obtained in the Compulsory Papers of English and Hindi will not be counted for overall ranking though it would be necessary to obtain 40% marks in each of these papers to qualify.

(xi) Marks and ranking will be decided on the basis of marks obtained in all other Compulsory and Optional Papers (excluding marks of English and Hindi Papers of Compulsory Papers).

(xii) Credit will be given for good English / Hindi including orderly, effective and exact expression combined with the economy of words, in all subjects of the examination.

(xiii) The candidates declared qualified in the Main Examination on the basis of merit will be called for Personality Test.

**Note:-**

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