

“Appendix III”

(See Rule 13-A)

Regulations relating to the subjects and standards of the main-competitive examination of candidates for the Combined State Civil Services Examination.

1. The compulsory and optional subjects and the maximum marks fixed for each subject for the main copetitive examination shall be as shown in the statement below :—

Paper	Subject	Maximum Marks
I	English	100
II	Essay <i>Note.</i> —The candidate may opt to write the Essay either in English or Punjabi (in Gurmukhi Script)	100
III	Punjabi (in Gurmukhi Script)	100
IV & V	General Studies (Two papers of 100 marks each)	200
VI to IX	Any two subjects to be selected from the list of the optional subjects set out in para 12 below. Each subject will have two papers.	400
	Interview	100
Total :		1000

2. The main Examination is intended to assess the overall intellectual traints and depth of understanding of candidates rather than merely the range of their information and memory. Total number of questions in the question papers of optional subjects will be eight. All questions will carry equal marks. Each paper will be divided into two parts, viz. Part A and Part B, each part containing four questions. Out of eight questions, five questions are to be attempted. One question in each part will be compulsory. Candidates will be required to answer three more questions out of remaining six questions, taking at least one question from each Part. In this way, atleast two questions will be attempted from each Part i.e. one compulsory question *plus* one more.

3. The scope of the syllabus for optional subject papers for the examination is broadly of the honours degree level i.e. a level higher than the bachelor’s degree and ower than the master’s degree. In the case of Engineering, Medical Science and Law, the level corresponds to the bachelors degree.

4. The main competitive examination shall include compulsory and optional subjects and every candidate shall take all the compulsory subjects and two of the optional subjects. A candidate shall specify in his application from the optional subjects he desires to take.

5. The main examination will consist of written examination and an interview test. The written examination will consist of 9 papers of conventional essay type in the subjects set out in Regulation 1 above.

6. A candidate shall answer the question papers other than the language paper, in English medium or in Punjabi medium.

7. No candidate shall be eligible to appear in the viva voce test unless he obtains 45 per cent marks in the aggregate of all subject including at least 33 per cent marks in Punjabi (in Gurmukhi Script) : provided that if at any main competitive examination a sufficient number of candidates do not obtain 45 per cent marks in the aggregate, the Commission may at their discretion lower this percentage to not below 40 per cent, percentage for the language paper, i.e. Punjabi in Gurmukhi Script, remaining unchanged.

8. No candidate shall be considered to have qualified in the main competitive examination unless he obtains at least 45 per cent marks in the aggregate in all subjects including viva voce except in the case of any main competitive examination for which this percentage has been lowered to not less than 40 per cent by the Commission under the proviso to regulation 7 in which case the qualifying percentage shall be as determined by the Commission.

9. If a candidate's handwriting is not easily legible, a deduction which may be considerable may be made on this account from the total marks otherwise accruing to him/her.

10. Credit will be given for orderly effective and exact expression combined with due economy of words, in all subjects of the examination.

11. Names of qualified and unqualified candidates shall be arranged in order of merit according to the aggregate marks obtained at the main competitive examination.

Note.—In the event of tie order of merit shall be determined in accordance with highest marks secured in viva voce.

12. The main examination shall include Compulsory and Optional Subjects as under :—

(A) List of Compulsory Subjects :

1. English
2. Essay
3. Punjabi (in Gurmukhi Script)
4. General Studies

(B) List of optional subjects for main examination :

1. Agriculture
2. Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science
3. Anthropology
4. Botany
5. Chemistry
6. Civil Engineering
7. Commerce and Accountancy
8. Economics
9. Electrical Engineering
10. Geography
11. Geology

12. History
13. Law
14. Management
15. Mathematics
16. Mechanical Engineering
17. Medical Science
18. Philosophy
19. Physics
20. Political Science and International Relations
21. Psychology
22. Public Administration
23. Sociology
24. Statistics
25. Zoology
26. Literature of one of the following Languages :—
 1. Hindi, 2. Punjabi, 3. Sanskrit, 4. Urdu, 5. English.

- Note :*
- (i) Candidates will not be allowed to offer the following combinations of subjects :
 - (a) Political Science and International Relations and Public Administration ;
 - (b) Commerce and Accountancy and Management ;
 - (c) Anthropology and Sociology ;
 - (d) Mathematics and Statistics ;
 - (e) Agriculture and Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science ;
 - (f) Management and Public Administration ;
 - (g) Of the Engineering subject viz., Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering—not more than one subject ;
 - (h) Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science and Medical Science.
 - (ii) The question papers for the examination will be of conventional (essay) type.
 - (iii) Each paper will be of three hours duration. Blind candidates will, however, be allowed an extra time of thirty minutes at each paper.
 - (iv) Candidates will have the option to answer all the question papers, except the language papers viz., Papers I and II above in Punjabi or in English.
 - (v) Candidates exercising the option to answer Papers III to IX in Punjabi language, may, if they so desire, give English version within brackets of only the description of the technical terms, if any, in addition to the version in Punjabi language.
 - (vi) The question papers other than language papers will be set both in Punjabi and English.
 - (vii) The Compulsory papers on Punjabi Language and English will be of 10+2 or equivalent standard.

(viii) For the Language papers, the script to be used by the candidates will be as under :—

Language	Script
Hindi	Devanagari
Punjabi	Gurmukhi
Sanskrit	Devanagari
Urdu	Persian