

# ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## ODISHA CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION, 2016.

On-line applications are invited from the candidates through the proforma Application Form to be made available on WEBSITE (<http://opsconline.gov.in>) from 06.05.2016 to 06.06.2016 (**Note: 09.06.2016 is the last date for payment of application fees**) for admission to the Odisha Civil Services Preliminary Examination, 2016 for recruitment to **17** post of Odisha Finance Service, Group-A (JB) for the year 2015 and **128** Posts of (i) Odisha Administrative Service, Group-A (JB), (ii) Odisha Finance Service, Group-A (JB) & (iii) Odisha Police Service, Group-A (JB) for the year, 2016 coming under the Odisha Civil Services in the scale of pay of Rs.15,600-39,100/- carrying Grade Pay of Rs.5400/-(PB-3) with usual Dearness and other allowances as may be sanctioned by the Government of Odisha from time to time. The Examination will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Odisha Civil Services (Combined Competitive Recruitment Examination) Rules, 1991 as amended from time to time. The relevant portions of the said Rules are available on the Website of the Commission.

At present, only online application are invited from candidates for admission to the OCS preliminary written examination. After declaration of result of preliminary examination the candidate who qualify, will be required to submit the printout/hard copy of online application form, along with the photocopies of the other documents as stated under para-14 of this advertisement, on or before the date to be notified later, for consideration of their eligibility.

### 2. POSITION OF VACANCIES AND RESERVATION THEREOF:

As per requisition submitted by General Administration Department, Government of Odisha, the vacancy position along with reservation thereof is given below:

#### VACANCY FOR 2015

Sl. No.	Name of the Post/Service	No. of vacancies	No. of posts reserved for			
			UR	SC	ST	SEBC
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(I)	OFS-A(JB)	17(05-w)	11 (04-w)	02	03(1-w)	01

#### VACANCY FOR 2016

Sl. No.	Name of the Post/Service	No. of vacancies	No. of posts reserved for			
			UR	SC	ST	SEBC
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(i)	OAS-A(JB)	100(34-w)	50 (17-w)	16(5-w)	23(8-w)	11 (4-w)
(ii)	OFS-A(JB)	14(03-w)	07 (02-w)	02	03(1-w)	02
(iii)	OPS-A(JB)	14(03-w)	07(02-w)	02	03(1-w)	02
	Total	128(40-w)	64(21-w)	20(5-w)	29(10-w)	15(4-w)

- (a) Out of the vacancies mentioned above, 04 posts are reserved for PWD category (Locomotors disability or cerebral palsy -01, Blind or Low Vision-02, Hearing Impaired-01). Of the above PWD posts, one post shall be filled up by women candidate who is the first person in the category of PWDs and shall be allotted to the sub-category to which she may belong to, if not already selected as per the above break up, since there is no lateral reservation for male PWDs. Besides, 01 post is reserved for Sports person.

Candidates belonging to PWD and Sportspersons, when selected as per reservation provided for them, shall be adjusted against the categories to which they belong, which means that the PWD/Sportspersons, if belonging to Scheduled Caste will claim the vacancy reserved for S.C., if belonging to Scheduled Tribe will claim the vacancy reserved for S.T. and so on. Thus the PWD/Sportspersons, who do not belong to either any of the reserved communities i.e. S.C./S.T./S.E.B.C., would claim the unreserved vacancies.

- (b) In case of non-availability of eligible/suitable women candidate(s) belonging to the respective category, the unfilled vacancies of that category shall be filled up by eligible & suitable male candidate(s) of the same category.
- (c) The exchange of reservation between SC & ST will not be considered.
- (d) The number of vacancies to be filled up on the basis of this recruitment is subject to change by the Government without notice, depending upon the exigencies of public service at the discretion of the State Government.

NOTE:- The physical requirement and Functional classification for the above post, as specified in General Administration Department Resolution No 34450/Gen. dt.03.12.2013 for the persons with Disabilities (PWD candidates) are mentioned below.

Physical requirement	Functional classification
S,BN,SE,RW,C	BL,OA,OL,HI, B, LV
S- Work performed by sitting (on bench or chair)	BL- Both legs affected but not arms
BN- Work performed by bending	OA- One arm affected(R or L)(a) impaired reach; (b)weakness of grip, (c) ataxia.
SE- Work performed by seeing	OL- One leg affected (R and /or L)
RW- Work performed by reading & writing	HI- Partially Deaf
C- Work performed by communication	B-Blindness
	LV – Low Vision

### 3. HOW TO APPLY:

Candidates are required to apply on line using the website <http://opsconline.gov.in>, as per Instructions given in the above website. However, a brief Instruction for filling the 'Online Application Form' is given in **Annexure I**.

### 4. LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION:

The Online Application Form can be filled upto 06.06.2016, till 11.59 PM after which the link will be disabled.

**5. ADMISSION CERTIFICATE:**

The eligible candidates shall be issued with e-admission certificate through the OPSC website for downloading by the candidates. No admission certificate will be sent by POST.

**6. APPLICATION FEE :**

A candidate is required to pay a non-refundable and non-adjustable fee of 300/- (Rupees three hundred) only. The fee paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be adjusted or held in reserve for any other examination or recruitment. Candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe of Odisha and persons with disability, whose disability is not less than 40% are exempted from payment of this fee. The last date of receipt of Application Fee at any branch of SBI is 09.06.2016.

The candidates with disability who are qualified in the preliminary examination, while submitting the printout/hardcopy of the online application form for admission to main examination, are required to furnish the requisite valid disability certificate, otherwise his/her application will be rejected.

**7. ELIGIBILITY:**

(i) Citizenship-

A candidate must be a citizen of India.

(ii) (a) Age limits :

**For the year 2015 (OFS-A (JB) –**

A candidate must be under 32 years and over 21 years of age as on the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2015, i.e. he/she must not have been born earlier than **2<sup>nd</sup> January, 1983** and not later than **1<sup>st</sup> January, 1994**.

**For the year 2016 (OAS-A (JB), OFS-A (JB) & OPS-A(JB) –**

A candidate must be under 32 years and over 21 years of age as on the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2016, i.e. he/she must not have been born earlier than **2<sup>nd</sup> January, 1984** and not later than **1<sup>st</sup> January, 1995**.

(b) Age relaxation :

The upper age-limit is relaxable by 5 (five) years for candidates belonging to the categories of Scheduled Castes(S.C.), Scheduled Tribes(S.T.), Socially & Educationally Backward Classes(S.E.B.C.), Women, eligible Ex-Servicemen and 10(Ten) years for PWD candidates wherever applicable.

Provided that a person who comes under more than one category mentioned in the preceding paragraph, shall be eligible for only one benefit of upper age relaxation, which shall be considered most beneficial to him/her.

SAVE AS PROVIDED ABOVE THE AGE LIMITS PRESCRIBED CAN IN NO CASE BE RELAXED.

Date of birth entered in the High School Certificate or equivalent Certificate issued by the concerned Board/Council will be accepted by the Commission.

**NOTE** :- Candidates should also note that once a Date of Birth has been claimed by them and entered in the records of the Commission for the purpose of admission to an examination, no change will be allowed subsequently on any grounds whatsoever. If, on verification at any subsequent stage, any variation is found in their date of birth from the one entered in their High School Certificate or equivalent certificate, the candidature of the candidate concerned, will be rejected and or she/he may be debarred from present and future recruitments.

(iii) **Educational Qualification** :

A candidate **must hold a Bachelor's Degree** from any University incorporated by an Act of the Central or a State Legislature in India or an Educational Institution established by an Act of Parliament or deemed to be a University under Section-3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or a Foreign University approved by the Central Government.

**8. OTHER ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS :**

- (i) He/she must be able to read, write and speak Odia and have-
- (a) passed Middle School Examination with Odia as a Language subject ; or
  - (b) passed High School Certificate or equivalent examination with Odia as medium of examination in non-language subject; or
  - (c) passed in Odia as a language subject in the final examination of Class-VII from a School or educational Institution recognized by the Government of Odisha or the Central Government; or
  - (d) passed a test in Odia in Middle English School Standard conducted by the School & Mass Education Department of the Government of Odisha.
- (ii) A candidate, who has more than one spouse living or in case of a woman candidate, if married to a person having one spouse living, shall not be eligible for appearing at the examination:

Provided that the State Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the Personal Law applicable to such person or there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

- (iii) Government Servants, whether permanent or temporary, are eligible to appear at the Examination, provided they possess the requisite qualification and are within the prescribed age limit as provided under Para-7 of the Advertisement. However, they are required to submit an undertaking to the effect that they have informed in writing to their Head of Office/Department that they have applied for the Examination. Further, they will be required to enclose an attested copy of the **“No Objection Certificate”** issued by the competent authority with the Hard copy of Online Application Form to be submitted after qualifying in the Preliminary Written Examination for appearing at the Main Written Examination.

Candidates should note that in case a communication is received from their employer by the Commission withholding permission to the candidates applying for/appearing at the examination, their applications will be liable to be rejected/candidature will be liable to be cancelled.

- (v) If a candidate has, at any time, been debarred for a certain period/chance(s) by the Odisha Public Service Commission or other State Public Service Commission or U.P.S.C. from appearing at any Examination/Interview, he/she **will not be eligible** for such recruitment for that specified period/chance(s).
- (vi) **Only those candidate, who possess the requisite qualification and fulfil other eligibility conditions by the closing date of online applications will be considered eligible.**
- (vii) The period of probation will be applicable as prescribed in the recruitment rules of different services.
- (viii) A candidate must be of good mental condition and bodily healthy and free from any physical defect likely to interfere with the discharge of his/her duties as an officer of the Service/Post. A candidate, who, after such medical examination, as the Government may prescribe, is not found to satisfy these requirements, will not be appointed.

#### 9. PLAN AND CONDUCT OF EXAMINATION :

The Civil Services Examination will consist of the following successive stages :-

- (i) Preliminary Examination,  
(Objective Type-Multiple Choice Questions)
- (ii) Main Examination,
- (iii) Personality Test or Interview.

## 10. CONDUCT

The details of Scheme, Subjects for Preliminary and Main Examinations and Syllabus for the Preliminary Examination and Main Examination are available at Annexure-II.

## 11. ZONE(S) OF EXAMINATION :

Both Preliminary and Main Examination will be held at five Zonal Centres of the State, viz: Balasore, Berhampur, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Sambalpur depending on the number of candidates from the respective zones. Candidates are required to select the zone of their choice where they would like to appear at the Examination, at the time of filling the online application form. While every effort will be made to allot candidates to the zone of their choice, the Commission may, at their discretion, allot any other zone to the candidates when circumstances so warrant. REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF ZONE WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

## 12. NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS :

Every candidate appearing at the Civil Services Examination, who is otherwise eligible, shall be permitted four attempts at the examination. Provided that :

- (i) There shall be no such limit for the S.C. and S.T. candidates.
- (ii) The number of attempts permissible to candidates belonging to Socially & Educationally Backward Classes, who are otherwise eligible, shall be seven. This relaxation will be available to the candidates, who are eligible to avail of reservation applicable to such candidates.

**NOTE:** 1. An attempt at a Preliminary Examination shall be deemed to be an attempt at the Examination.

2. If a candidate actually appears in any one paper in the Preliminary Examination, he/she shall be deemed to have made an attempt at the Examination.

## 13. OTHER CONDITIONS :

- (I) The provisions of the Odisha Conduct of Examinations Act, 1988 (Odisha Act-2 of 1988) are applicable to this Examination (Preliminary & Main) conducted by the Odisha Public Service Commission. Any violation of the above Act. and violation of instructions to candidates (as provided in the advertisement, application form, Brochure, Admission Certificate & Answer Script etc) will be seriously viewed and disciplinary action will be taken against the concerned candidates as deemed proper.
- (II) (a) Reservation and Concessions meant for S.C./S.T./S.E.B.C. **by birth**, are admissible to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Socially & Educationally Backward Classes of Odisha only.

- (b). **Community (caste status)** once mentioned by the candidates under the appropriate box of the online application form, will be treated as final and the same **shall not be changed subsequently under any circumstances. If a candidate changes his/her community (caste status) while submitting the hard copy of online application (if qualified in the preliminary written examination on the basis of caste status) his/her application will be rejected.**
- (c). **Candidate who are selected in the preliminary examination under SEBC category and fail to furnish the required certificate with the hard copy of application form to appear at the Main Examination/Interview, will be rejected.**
- (III). A candidate found guilty of seeking support for his/her candidature by offering illegal gratification or applying pressure on any person connected with the conduct of the recruitment process or found indulging in any type of malpractice in course of the selection or otherwise, shall, in addition to rendering himself/herself liable to criminal prosecution, be disqualified not only for the recruitment for which she/he is a candidate, but also may be debarred, either permanently or for a specified period, from any recruitment or selection to be conducted by the Commission.
- (IV) This advertisement should not be construed as binding on the Government to make appointment.
- (V) Mere inclusion of the name of a candidate in the list of successful candidates confers no right to appointment unless the Government is satisfied, after such enquiry as may be deemed necessary, that the candidate having regard to her character and antecedents, is suitable in all respects for appointment to the Post/ Service.
- (VI) Mere empanelment in the list of successful candidates shall not confer any right for appointment.
- (VII) No request for withdrawal of candidature will be entertained under any circumstances.
- (VIII) Candidates must answer the Papers in their own hand-writing. Only PWD candidate belonging to blindness, low vision, cerebral palsy, locomotors disabilities who have disability in the upper limbs and unable to write will be allowed to take help of scribe to write the answers for him/her by giving option while filling the online application.
- (IX) All persons appointed under the Government of Odisha on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2005 shall not be eligible for pension as defined under sub-rule(1) of Rule-3 of the Odisha Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1992; but shall be covered by the defined Contributory Pension Scheme in accordance with the Odisha Civil Services (Pension) Amendment Rules, 2005.

- (X) The Commission reserves the right to adopt the methods and principle of evaluation of answer scripts of both the Preliminary and Main Examinations.
- (XI) **All candidates who have opted for the Odisha Police Service are required to undergo a Physical Standard Test (Caste wise and Sex wise) as per Home Department Notification No.29452/SPS dt.4.7.2011 (Annexure-III).**
- (XII) **MOBILE PHONES OR ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE BANNED IN THE PREMISES WHERE THE EXAMINATION IS CONDUCTED BY THE COMMISSION AND IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION.**

**14. CERTIFICATE/DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED :**

The candidates who will qualify in the Preliminary examination should be in readiness to submit the Hard copy of Online Application Form, along with true copies of the following documents duly self certified. The candidates are required to mention on each document **“submitted by me”** and put their full signature on the same. They must not attach the original certificates to their hard copy of online Long Applications. Only those who are called for the Personality Test or Interview will be required to bring with them the original certificates for verification on the date of Personality Test or Interview before the Interview start, failing which he/she shall not be allowed to appear at the Personality Test or Interview.

- (a) H.S.C. or equivalent certificate in support of declaration of age issued by the concerned Board/Council;
- (b) Intermediate/+2 Examination Certificate issued by the concerned Board/Council;
- (c) Bachelor's Degree Certificate issued by the concerned University;
- (d) Certificate of any other higher qualification(s) issued by the University/Institution;
- (e) Caste Certificate by birth in support of claim as S.C./S.T./S.E.B.C., wherever applicable(Please see Note-1).
- (f) Required Odia Test Pass Certificate from the competent authority, wherever applicable (Please see Note-2);
- (g) Identity Card/Certificate issued by Rajya Sainik Board or Zilla Sainik Board, wherever applicable.
- (h) Identity Card issued by the Director of Sports, Odisha, wherever applicable.
- (i) Disability certificate issued by the Medical Board.
- (j) Certificate of good character from the Principal/Proctor/ Dean or Professor in charge of Department of Teaching of the College or University/ Institution in which last studied.



- (k) Two recent passport size photographs with signature on its front, which is uploaded in the online application form.
- (l) OPSC copy of challan (pay in slip) for payment of fee at SBI.

**NOTE 1** : Candidates claiming to be belonging to S.Cs./S.Ts./S.E.B.Cs. category by birth are required to retain with them the relevant Caste Certificate issued by the competent authority in the prescribed form. Candidates of SEBC category (other than Creamy Layer) must have obtained Caste Certificate issued by the competent authority within the last three years from the date of advertisement by the competent authority in the prescribed form.

- (i) Women candidates belonging to S.C./S.T./S.E.B.C. are required to submit Cast Certificates by birth showing "daughter of ....." Caste Certificates by virtue of marriage (i.e. showing "wife of .....") are not acceptable.
- (ii) OBC CERTIFICATES **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** IN LIEU OF SEBC CERTIFICATES. The candidate submitting such certificate will be treated as candidate of unreserved category if he/she comes within the age limit.
- (iii) The candidate if submits SEBC certificates which is more than three years old as on date of advertisement will be treated as candidate of unreserved category if he/she comes within the age limit.
- (iv) Candidates are not allowed to change their caste status after submission of online application form.

The competent authorities are: - District Magistrate/Collector or Additional District Magistrate or Sub-divisional Magistrate/Sub-Collectors or Executive Magistrates or Revenue Officers, not below the rank of Tahasildar /Additional Tahasildar of Government of Odisha;

**NOTE 2** : Degree Certificate, Caste Certificate, Odia Test Pass Certificate, Identity Card of Ex-servicemen, PWD Certificate and Identity Card of Sportspersons must have been issued by the competent authority within the last date fixed for receipt of applications as indicated above

**15. FACILITATION COUNTER AND WEBSITE FOR GUIDANCE OF CANDIDATES:-**

During filling up the online application form, the candidate may contact facilitation counter of OCAC over Telephone No 1800 345 6770 or 155335 for any technical guidance only on working days.

Regarding difficulty in payment of fee, if any, the candidates may contact SBI over Telephone No. 0671-2368267 & 9437039604.

In case of any guidance/information on advertisement and recruitment, candidates may contact the O.P.S.C. Facilitation Counter over Telephone No.0671-2304141/ 2305611 & Extn.-218 in any working day between 10.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. & 2.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M.

The candidates are required to visit the Website of the Commission at [www.opsc.gov.in](http://www.opsc.gov.in) for detailed information about the programme of the examination (s), interview, notice regarding rejection of applications, other important notices etc. and also keep track of publication of various notices to the effect in the leading local daily news papers for information.

**CLOSING DATES**

- (A) ON LINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE WEBSITE FROM 06.05.2016 TO 06.06.2016 TILL 11.59 P.M.  
 (B) LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICAION FEE AT ANY BRANCH OF STATE BANK OF INDIA IS 09.06.2016.

NB : THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM IF FOUND DEFECTIVE IN ANY RESPECT ARE LIABLE TO BE SUMMARILY REJECTED.

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 DT.02.05.2016

14.05.2016  
 SECRETARY,  
 ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,  
 CUTTACK.

## ANNEXURE-1

### HOW TO APPLY

- (a) **Candidate must go through this Advertisement available in the Website of OPSC before filling up online application.**
- (b) Candidates must apply online through the website <http://opsconline.gov.in>. **Applications received through any other mode would not be accepted and summarily be rejected.**
- (c) **Before filling up the online application form, the candidates must go through the following documents available at OPSC portal.**
  - i) **Instructions to fill up the Online Application Form.**
  - ii) **Guidelines for scanning and uploading of Photograph, Full Signature & Left Thumb Impression (LTI).**
- (d) The PWD (Person With Disability) candidates who desire to take help of Scribe / Reader are required to furnish the information in the appropriate box on the online application form.
- (e) Candidates are requested to upload the scanned image of latest passport size photograph along with scanned image of his/her full signature and scanned image of Left Thumb Impression(LTI) in the online application form. Uploaded photograph, full signature and LTI must be clearly identifiable/ visible, otherwise the application of the candidate is liable to be rejected by the Commission and no representation from the candidate will be entertained.
- (f) **The candidates are advised to submit the Online Application Form well in advance without waiting for the closing date to avoid last hour rush.**
- (g) Candidates should keep at least two copies of latest passport size photograph which is uploaded in the online application form for future use.
- (h) The candidates are required to take a printout of the finally submitted Online Application Form for future use and take a printout of Online Challan (Pay-in-Slip) for payment of requisite fee at any branch of State Bank of India (SBI).
- (i) On successful submission of online application form, a **UNIQUE REGISTRATION ID Number** will be generated and displayed on the screen as well as top of the application form. Candidates are requested to note down the Unique Registration ID Number and use it in future correspondence.
- (j) At present, only the online applications are invited from Candidates for admission to the Odisha Civil Services Preliminary Written Examination. Candidates who will qualify in the Preliminary Written Examination are required to send the Printout/Hard copy of the Online Application Form along with Challan (OPSC copy) showing payment of examination fee and specified documents/ certificates etc. as provided under Para-14 of this advertisement, **only by Registered Post or Speed Post** to the Special Secretary, Odisha Public Service Commission, 19, Dr. P.K. Parija Road, Cuttack-753001 so as to reach the same in OPSC on or before the

prescribed date (which will be declared after publication of the result of O.C.S. Preliminary Written Examination) failing which, his/her candidature for the recruitment shall be cancelled.

The envelope containing the Printout/Hard copy of the Online Application Form for main examination must be superscribed **"APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF ODISHA CIVIL SERVICES (MAIN) EXAMINATION, 2016"**. The Printout/Hard copy of the online application form received after the prescribed date shall not be entertained. **The Commission will not take any responsibility if the Printout/Hard copy of the online application form along with all required certificates/ documents is not received in time.**

- (k) Admission Certificate to the eligible candidates of OCS Preliminary Written Examination/Main Written Examination and intimation letter for interview to the eligible candidates will be uploaded in the Website of OPSC prior to the date of Preliminary Written Examination or Main Written Examination or interview. The date & programme of Preliminary Written Examination or Main Written Examination or interview will be published in the OPSC Website & in the News paper. The candidates are required to **download their Admission Certificate/Intimation letter from Website**. No separate correspondence will be made for this purpose.

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## **ANNEXURE- II**

### **SCHEDULE - II** **[(Vide Rule 4(3))]**

#### **The Scheme of Examination**

**I.** The Competitive Examination shall comprise as follows, namely :-

- (i) Preliminary Examination,
- (ii) Main Examination,
- (iii) Personality Test or Interview.

**II.** Candidates who will qualify in the Preliminary Examination, shall be called by the Commission, to appear in the Main Examination. The qualifying marks in the Preliminary Examination shall be such as may be fixed by the Commission. The marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination shall not be counted for ranking. The Main Examination shall comprise Odia Language, English, English Essay, General Studies-I & II papers, two optional subjects having two papers each as prescribed in Scheduled-III.

**III.** Candidates who obtain such minimum qualifying marks in the Main Examination as may be fixed by the Commission at their discretion shall be called for personality test. The personality test or interview shall carry 250 Marks and no minimum qualifying marks for personality test or interview shall be fixed.

Total marks thus obtained by the candidates in the written examination and personality test or interview would determine their ranking. Candidates shall be allotted to the various services keeping in view their ranks in the examination and the preferences indicated by them for various services.

### **SCHEDULE - III** **[(Vide Rule 4(5))]**

#### **Scheme and subjects for the Examination**

**1 (A).** The Preliminary Examination shall consist of two papers of objective type(Multiple choice questions) and each paper shall be of two hours duration. -

<b>Paper - I</b>	General Studies	200 Marks
<b>Paper - II</b>	General Studies	200 Marks

#### **DETAILED SYLLABUS**

##### **PAPER - I**

- (i) Current events of National and International importance;
- (ii) History of India and Indian National Movement;
- (iii) Indian and World Geography-Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World;
- (iv) Indian Polity and Governance-Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.
- (v) Economic and Social Development-sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc.
- (vi) General Issues on Environmental Ecology, Bio-diversity and Climate Change that do not require subject specialization, and
- (vii) General Science.

**PAPER - II**

- (i) Comprehension;
- (ii) Interpersonal Skills including communication skills;
- (iii) Logical Reasoning and Analytic ability;
- (iv) Decision Making and Problem Solving;
- (v) General Mental Ability;
- (vi) Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude) (Class-X level). Data Interpretation (Charts, Graphs, Tables, Data Sufficiency etc. – Class-X level); and
- (vii) English Language Comprehension Skills (Class-X level).

**N O T E** (i) - The scope of the syllabi for optional subject papers for the Main Examination is broadly of the Honours Degree level, i.e., a level higher than the Bachelors Degree and lower than the Masters Degree. In the case of Engineering and Law, the level corresponds to the Bachelors' Degree.

- (ii) The Preliminary Examination is meant to serve as screening test only. The marks obtained in Preliminary Examination by the candidates who are declared qualified for admission to main examination will not be counted for determining their final order of merit. The number of candidates to be admitted to the Main Examination belonging to each category would be as nearly as may be but not more than 12 times of the total number of vacancies advertised.

Provided that the candidates securing same marks at the cut-off point of each category would be admitted even if it exceeds 12 times to that extent only.

Only those candidates who are declared by the Commission to have qualified in Preliminary Examination against a particular advertisement will be eligible for admission to the Main Examination against the said advertisement.

- (iii) In the Preliminary Examination, candidates shall be awarded marks for correct response of each question. One-fourth marks assigned to that question shall be deducted for indicating incorrect response of each question, but no deduction from the total score shall be made if no response is indicated for a question in the answer sheet. There shall be four responses in each question to be answered and only one correct response shall be made to that. More than one response in any question shall be treated as wrong response and marks for such wrong response shall be deducted if one of the responses happened to be an incorrect response.

**1 (B). Main Examination –**

The Main Examination shall consist of the following papers and each paper shall be of three hours duration.

**Compulsory papers - 1400 marks**

<b>Paper – I</b> Odia Language	... 300 Marks
<b>Paper – II</b> English	... 300 Marks
<b>Paper – III</b> English Essay	... 200 Marks
<b>Paper – IV</b> General Studies-I	... 300 Marks
<b>Paper – V</b> General Studies-II	... 300 Marks

**Optional Papers - (Paper VI,VII,VIII & IX) - 1200 marks**

Two subjects to be selected from the list of Optional subjects set out below.  
Each subject will have two papers and each paper carrying 300 marks.

**1(C). Personality Test or Interview shall carry ... 250 Marks**

**2. LIST OF OPTIONAL SUBJECTS FOR MAIN EXAMINATION**

1. Agriculture
2. Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Science
3. Anthropology
4. Agricultural Engineering
5. Botany
6. Chemistry
7. Civil Engineering
8. Commerce & Accountancy
9. Economics
10. Electrical Engineering
11. Education
12. Fisheries Science
13. Forestry
14. Geography
15. Geology
16. Home Science
17. History
18. Indian Language & Literature (any one)  
(a) Odia, (b) Hindi, (c) Sanskrit, (d) English, (e) Persian, (f) Urdu.
19. Law
20. Management
21. Mathematics
22. Mechanical Engineering
23. Philosophy
24. Physics
25. Political Science & International Relations
26. Public Administration
27. Psychology
28. Sociology
29. Statistics
30. Zoology

Note (I) -The candidates must opt for two optional subjects for Main Examination in the respective Box of the online application. Request for change of Optional Subjects will not be entertained.

(II) Candidates shall not be allowed to opt for the following combinations of optional subjects.

- a) Odia, Hindi, Persian, Sanskrit, Urdu, English
- b) Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Agricultural Engineering.
- c) Mathematics & Statistics
- d) Anthropology & Sociology

- e) Political Science & International Relations and Public Administration.
  - f) Commerce & Accountancy and Management.
  - g) Agriculture and Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Science.
  - h) Management and Public Administration
  - i) Education and Psychology
  - j) Agriculture and Agricultural Engineering.
- (III) Each of the Papers i.e. Paper-I (Odia language) and Paper-II (English) will be of Matriculation standard and shall be qualifying in nature. The marks obtained in these two papers shall not be counted for ranking.
- (IV) The papers on Essay, General Studies and Optional Subjects of only those candidates shall be evaluated who attain such minimum standard as may be fixed by the Commission at their discretion for the qualifying papers in Odia Language and English.
- (V) The question papers for the Main Examination shall be of conventional (essay) type.
- (VI) The question papers other than Indian Language and Literature shall be set in English as per G.A. Department Letter No 18430/Gen., dt. 04.07.2013, the question papers in all subjects will be in English only except in Language papers and reply are permitted in English or Odia according to the choice of the candidates. The candidates will specify the option of language in the appropriate box of online application form. No candidate will be permitted to use more than one language in the same answer script.
- (VII) **Detailed Syllabus of Main Examination are available in the Website of the Commission.**

### **3. General instructions –**

- (i) Candidates must answer the papers in their own handwriting and in no circumstances they will be allowed the help of a scribe to write the answer for them.
- (ii) The Commission shall be competent to fix the qualifying marks in any or all the subjects of the examination.
- (iii) If a candidate's handwriting is not easily legible, a deduction will be made on this account from the total marks otherwise accruing to him.
- (iv) Marks will not be allotted for mere superficial knowledge.
- (v) Credit will be given for orderly, effective and exact expression combined with due economy of words in all subjects of the examination.



- (vi) In the Question Papers, wherever necessary, questions involving the metric system of weights and measures only will be set.
- (vii) Candidates shall use only international form of Indian numerals (i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 etc.) while answering Question papers.
- (viii) Candidates will be allowed the use of scientific (Non-programmable type) calculators at the conventional (Essay) type examination of O.P.S.C.. Programmable type calculators will, however, not be allowed and the use of such calculators shall tantamount to resorting to unfair means by the candidates. Loaning or interchanging of calculators in the Examination Hall is not permitted. Candidates are not permitted to use calculators for answering objective type papers (Preliminary Examination). They should not, therefore, bring the same inside the Examination Hall.
- (ix) Candidates are not allowed to bring Mobile phones, pagers or any other communication devices into the premises of the Examination Centre and premises of the Commission.

**4. Personality Test/Interview –**

The candidate shall be interviewed by a Board to be constituted by the O.P.S.C. for the purpose. The said Board will have before them a record of his career. He will be asked questions on matters of general interest. The object of the interview will be to assess the personal suitability of the candidate for a career in public service. The object of test shall be to judge the mental caliber of a candidate, his intellectual qualities as well as social traits and his interest in current affairs. Further some of the qualities (to be judged will be) like mental alertness, critical powers of assimilation, clear and logical exposition, balance of judgment, variety and depth of interest, ability for social cohesion and leadership, intellectual and moral integrity, are to be judged by the said Board.

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