

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. -

Paper - I	General Studies	200 Marks
Paper - II	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

Paper – I Odia Language	... 300 Marks
Paper – II English	... 300 Marks
Paper – III English Essay	... 200 Marks
Paper – IV General Studies-I	... 300 Marks
Paper – V 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, except to the PWD candidates who will be opted to take assistance of scribe/writer.
- (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.
