



UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

EXAMINATION NOTICE NO 05/2026-CSE DATE: 04.02.2026

(LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS: 24.02.2026 of CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION, 2026)

(The Commission's Website: www.upsc.gov.in)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Online Application Portal of Union Public Service Commission for registration and filling up of application form online, has four cards/modules, three of which namely, Account creation, Universal Registration and Common Application Form are common to all examination applications and can be filled anytime by the candidate while the fourth card/module is examination specific and can be filled during the time period allowed in notification of an examination. Applicants are required to apply online by using the website <https://upsconline.nic.in>.

Once a candidate has registered on the Online Application Portal, a Universal Registration Number (URN) is generated which is common for all the examinations of the Commission. After filling up of the examination specific form, Application Number is generated which is examination specific and is to be retained by the applicant alongwith the URN for any future communication with the Commission. The URN has to be registered only once in lifetime. While the URN will be unique and remain constant, the Application Number will be dynamic in nature and will vary from examination to examination.

Detailed instructions are available on the home page of the portal as well as with all profiles/modules to guide the candidates for filling up the application and upload the documents. Candidates are advised to first go through these Instructions carefully and prepare documents in advance to have a smooth flow during filling up of form and document uploading.

Applicants are strongly advised to use their Aadhaar Card as ID documents for easy, effortless and seamless verification and authentication of ID and other details.

1. CANDIDATES TO ENSURE THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE EXAMINATION:

All candidates are requested to carefully read the Rules of Civil Services Examination notified by the Government (Department of Personnel and Training) and this Notice of Examination derived from these Rules. The Candidates applying for the examination should ensure that they fulfill all eligibility conditions for admission to examination. Their admission to all the stages of the examination will be purely **provisional** subject to satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. Mere issue of e-Admit Card

to the candidate will not imply that his/her candidature has been finally cleared by the Commission. The Commission takes up verification of eligibility conditions with reference to original documents only after the candidate has qualified for Interview/Personality Test.

2. HOW TO APPLY:

Candidates are required to apply online by using the website <https://upsconline.nic.in>. Candidates are advised to go through the General instructions, Profile/Module wise instructions and instructions for uploading of documents before proceeding to fill up the form. A candidate who is willing to apply for Civil Services Examination shall be required to submit the requisite information and supporting documents towards various claims, such as date of birth, educational qualification, etc as may be sought by the Commission alongwith the Universal Registration Number (URN), Common Application Form (CAF) and the fourth module i.e. Examination Specific module (including fees and centre etc.). Failure to provide the required information/documents alongwith the Common Application Form (CAF) will entail cancellation of candidature for the examination.

NOTE 1:- The Commission provides a one-time facility for candidates to update or modify their Universal Registration Number (URN) profile. Please note that any changes made to the URN Profile will not be reflected in applications already submitted. The updated information will apply only to applications submitted after the candidate has made the necessary changes and successfully re-locked the URN Profile.

NOTE 2 - Live Photo Capture for filling up of Common Application Form (CAF)

Applicants are required to upload their photograph and also capture their live photograph while filling up the Common Application Form (CAF). Applicants must ensure that the uploaded photograph and the live photograph captured are clear as per instructions given on “Instructions and FAQs > Instruction for filling the form > Photos and Signature” available on the Commission’s website <https://upsconline.nic.in>.

NOTE 3 :- Uploading of Signature

Applicants are required to sign three times (one below the other) on a plain white paper using a black ink and upload the same while filling up the Common Application Form (CAF). The uploaded signatures should be clear and legible. The Candidates are advised to refer to the instruction for uploading the signature available under “Instructions and FAQs” on the website of the Commission with the URL: <https://upsconline.nic.in>.”

2.1 The candidates will not be allowed to withdraw their applications after the submission of the same. Further no correction /alteration/modification in any field(s) of the Application Form is allowed after submission.

2.2 Candidate should have details of one Photo ID Card viz. Aadhaar Card/Voter Card (EPIC)/PAN Card/Passport/Driving Licence/Any other Photo ID Card issued by the State/Central Government. The details of this Photo ID Card will have to be provided by the candidate while filling up the **Universal Registration Number (URN) Profile**. This Photo ID Card will be used for all future reference and the candidate is advised to carry this Photo ID Card while appearing for Examination/Personality Test.

3. LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS:

The Online Applications can be filled upto **24th February, 2026** till 6:00 PM.

4. ISSUANCE OF E-ADMIT CARD:

The eligible candidates will be issued an e-Admit Card on the last working day of the preceding week of the date of examination. **Further, those candidates, who have opted for change of Scribe seven (07) days prior to the date of the examination, shall be issued e-Admit Card three (03) days prior to the date of examination.** The e-Admit Card will be made available on the website [<https://upsconline.nic.in>] for downloading by the candidates. No Admit Card will be sent by post or Email. **All the applicants are requested to provide valid & active e-mail i.d. while creating account as the Commission may use electronic mode for contacting them.**

5. PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS:

Candidates should note that there will be penalty (negative marking) for wrong answers marked by a candidate in the Objective Type Question Papers.

6. Online Question Paper Representation Portal (QPrep):

The Commission will be providing an opportunity to the appeared candidates to make representations to the Commission on the questions asked in the Papers of the Examination and on the Answer key of the Question paper (Objective Type) of the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination in a time frame of 5 days (Five Days) i.e. from the third day of the Examination Date to 6.00 p.m. of the 7th day. The appeared candidates may login to the Commission's website <https://upsconline.nic.in> and submit their representation(s), if any, on Question Paper(s) under the header Examinations > Representations on Question Paper. No representation by email/post/hand or by any other mode shall be accepted and the Commission shall not involve into any correspondence with the candidates in this regard. No representation shall be accepted under any circumstances after this window of 5 days is over.

7. HELPDESK FOR CANDIDATE

The Commission has established a dedicated helpline to assist the candidates during the application process. Candidates seeking clarification, guidance, or assistance related to the application process or examination details can contact the helpline no. 011-24041001 or email ID – upscsoap@nic.in. The helpline will be operational from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM on all working days during the application window i.e from 04.02.2026 to 24.02.2026. Applicants may utilize this service for any issues relating to the application process, including fee payment, uploading of documents, etc.

8. Change of Scribe:

Candidates, who have opted to use a scribe, may request a change of scribe upto **seven (7) days prior to the date of the examination.** Such requests shall be submitted via URL <https://upsconline.nic.in>. The request will be reviewed in accordance with the prescribed guidelines, and the candidate will be informed accordingly.

9. MOBILE PHONES BANNED:

(a) The use of any mobile phone (even in switched off mode), pager or any electronic equipment or programmable device or storage media like pen drive, smart watches etc. or camera or blue tooth devices or any other equipment or related accessories either in working or switched off mode capable of being used as a communication device during the examination is strictly prohibited. Any infringement of these instructions shall entail disciplinary action including ban from future examinations.

(b) Candidates are advised in their own interest not to bring any of the banned items including mobile phones/pagers to the venue of the examination, as no arrangement for safe-keeping will be made at the venue of the examination.

(c) Candidates are advised not to bring any valuable/costly items including mobile phones, smart/digital watches, other IT gadgets, books, bags etc. to the venue of the examination, as no arrangement for safe-keeping will be made at the venue of the examination. Commission will not be responsible for any loss in this regard.

10. The candidates should reach the venue of the Examination well in time at least 30 minutes prior to the commencement of each session of the Examination. No late entry will be allowed inside the Exam-venue under any circumstances.

11. Face Authentication for Candidates at the Examination Venue

In order to ensure a secure and smooth examination process, all candidates will be required to undergo face authentication at the examination venue mandatorily. Candidates are advised to enter the examination venue well in time for face authentication/identity verification and frisking.

**CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY ONLINE AT <https://upsconline.nic.in> ONLY.
NO OTHER MODE IS ALLOWED FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION.**

**GOVERNMENT STRIVES TO HAVE A WORKFORCE WHICH REFLECTS GENDER BALANCE
AND WOMEN CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**

F.No. 1/2/2025-E.I(B): Preliminary Examination of the Civil Services Examination for recruitment to the Services and Posts mentioned below will be held by the Union Public Service Commission on 24th May, 2026 in accordance with the Rules published by the Department of Personnel & Training in the Gazette of India Extraordinary dated 04th February, 2026, All candidates must carefully read the Civil Services Examination- 2026 Rules together with all the Appendices along with the Annexures thereof and this Examination Notice derived from the CSE Rules-2026 in entirety for gaining awareness of the current Rules and Regulations as changes may have been incorporated since the previous Examination Rules.

- (i) Indian Administrative Service
- (ii) Indian Foreign Service
- (iii) Indian Police Service
- (iv) Indian Audit and Accounts Service, Group 'A'
- (v) Indian Civil Accounts Service, Group 'A'
- (vi) Indian Corporate Law Service, Group 'A'
- (vii) Indian Defence Accounts Service, Group 'A'
- (viii) Indian Defence Estates Service, Group 'A'
- (ix) Indian Information Service, Group 'A'
- (x) Indian Postal Service, Group 'A'
- (xi) Indian Post & Telecommunication Accounts and Finance Service, Group 'A'
- (xii) Indian Railway Management Service (Traffic), Group 'A'
- (xiii) Indian Railway Management Service (Personnel), Group 'A'
- (xiv) Indian Railway Management Service (Accounts), Group 'A'
- (xv) Indian Railway Protection Force Service, Group 'A'
- (xvi) Indian Revenue Service (Customs & Indirect Taxes) Group 'A'
- (xvii) Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax) Group 'A'
- (xviii) Indian Trade Service, Group 'A' (Grade III)
- (xix) Armed Forces Headquarters Civil Service, Group 'B' (Section Officer's Grade)
- (xx) Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli Civil Service (DANICS), Group 'B'
- (xxi) Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli Police Service (DANIPS), Group 'B'
- (xxii) Pondicherry Civil Service (PONDICS), Group 'B'
- (xxiii) Pondicherry Police Service(PONDIPS),Group'B'

The number of vacancies to be filled through the examination is expected to be approximately **933** which include **33** Vacancies reserved for Persons with Benchmark Disability Category, i.e. **7** Vacancies for candidates of (a) blindness and low vision; **11** Vacancies for (b) deaf and hard of hearing; **8** Vacancies for (c) locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy; and **7** Vacancies for (e) multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses (a) to (c) except the combination of blind & deaf (B+D). The final number of vacancies may undergo change after getting firm number of vacancies from Cadre Controlling Authorities. Reservation will be made for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, the Economically Weaker Sections and Persons with Benchmark Disability in respect of vacancies as may be fixed by the Government.

PRABITHA SETU PORTAL (erstwhile PUBLIC DISCLOSURE SCHEME):-

As per the policy notified by the Government for increasing the access of unemployed to job opportunities, the information of candidates who appeared in the final stage of Examination (Interview / Personality Test) but not recommended, will be made accessible to any registered Private Company, Public Sector Undertaking, Statuary and Autonomous organisations of Government of India on the dedicated portal on the website of the Commission to identify suitable candidates in line of their requirements for providing employment. Short biodata of the candidates with their educational qualifications, contact numbers, details including their percentile (not absolute or percentage marks), etc will also be made accessible on this dedicated portal. The data available on this portal shall be restricted for the purpose of evaluation of suitability of the candidates for employment purpose only to these registered organisations. These lists will be made available after the Reserve List/Extended List is utilized/exhausted after declaration of final result. It may be noted that there is no option for partial disclosure and choice once opted cannot be changed.

Candidates will be required to give their consent at the time of filling the exam specific module. A candidate may opt out of the scheme also and in that case his/her details will not be published by the Commission.

Besides sharing of the information of the non-recommended willing candidates of this examination, the Commission will not assume any responsibility or liability for the method and manner in which information related to such candidates is utilized by these registered organizations.

Note : A list of Services Identified suitable for Persons with Benchmark Disability

Name of the Service(s)	Category(ies) for which Identified	Suitable Category of Benchmark Disabilities [erstwhile Functional Classification (FC)]	Functional Requirements [erstwhile Physical Requirements (PR)]
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<p>1. Indian Administrative Service, 2. Indian Foreign Service, 3. Indian Audit and Accounts Service, Group 'A', 4. Indian Civil Accounts Service, 5. Indian Corporate Law Service, Group 'A',</p>	<p>(i) Locomotor disability including Cerebral Palsy, Leprosy Cured, Dwarfism, Acid Attack Victims and Muscular Dystrophy</p>	<p>OA,OL,BA,OAL, BLA, BLOA, BL, BAOL, SD, SI, CP, LC, Dw, AAV, MDy</p>	<p>S,SE, H, RW,C</p>
<p>6. Indian Defence Accounts Service, Group 'A',</p>	<p>(ii)Blindness and Low Vision</p>	<p>LV, B</p>	<p>MF, PP, S, ST, W, L,C, RW (including in braille/ software), H,KC, BN</p>
<p>7. Indian Defence Estates Service, Group 'A',</p>	<p>(iii)Deaf and Hard of Hearing</p>	<p>D,HH</p>	<p>MF, PP,S,ST,W,L,C,RW,KC,BN</p>
<p>8. Indian Information Service, Group 'A', 9. Indian Postal Service, Group 'A', 10. Indian P and T Accounts and Finance Service,Group 'A', 11. Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Indirect Taxes), Group 'A', 12. Indian Revenue Service(IT), Group 'A', 13. Indian Trade Service, Group 'A' (Gradell), 14. Indian Railway Management Service (Traffic), Group 'A', 15. Indian Railway Management Service (Personnel), Group 'A', 16. Indian Railway Management Service (Accounts), Group 'A', 17. Armed Forces Headquarters (AFHQ) Civil Service, Group 'B' (Section Officer's Grade), 18. Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli Civil Service (DANICS), Gr.'B', 19. Pondicherry Civil Service (PONDICS), Group 'B'</p>	<p>(iv) Multiple disability from amongst only above three categories</p>	<p>Any combination of FCs from different categories as allowed under (i) to (iii), except the combination of blind & deaf (B+D)</p>	<p>S, RW (including in braille/ software), C</p>

Note: If there is any change in the 'Suitable Categories of Benchmark Disabilities' and 'Functional Requirements' in any of the Service(s) as prescribed above, the same shall be notified subsequently.

List of Abbreviations used:

CategoriesofDisability	LD	Locomotor Disability
	VI	Visual Impairment
	HI	Hearing Impairment
	MD	Multiple Disabilities
Sub-Categories	OA	One Arm
	OL	One Leg
	BA	Both Arms
	OAL	One Arm One Leg
	BLA	Both Legs and Arms
	BLOA	Both Legs One Arm
	BL	Both Legs
	BAOL	Both Arms and One Leg
	SD	Spinal Deformity
	SI	Spinal Injury
	CP	Cerebral Palsy
	LC	Leprosy Cured
	Dw	Dwarfism
	AAV	Acid Attack Victims
	MDy	Muscular Dystrophy
	LV	Low Vision
	B	Blind
	D	Deaf
	HH	Hard of Hearing
	MD	Multiple Disabilities
FunctionalRequirements	S	Sitting
	ST	Standing
	W	Walking
	SE	Seeing
	H	Hearing
	RW	Reading and Writing
	C	Communication
	MF	Manipulation with Fingers
	PP	Pulling & Pushing
	L	Lifting
	KC	Kneeling and Crouching
	BN	Bending
	JU	Jumping
	CL	Climbing

2 (A)(i) Centres of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination:The Examination will be held at the following Centres:

Sl. No.	CENTRE	Sl. No.	CENTRE	Sl. No.	CENTRE
1	AGARTALA	30	GURUGRAM	59	PATNA
2	AGRA	31	GWALIOR	60	SRI VIJAYA PURAM (PORTBLAIR)
3	AHMEDABAD	32	HYDERABAD	61	PRAYAGRAJ (ALLAHABAD)
4	AIZAWL	33	IMPHAL	62	PUDUCHERRY
5	AJMER	34	INDORE	63	PUNE
6	ALIGARH	35	ITANAGAR	64	RAIPUR
7	ALMORA (UTTARAKHAND)	36	JABALPUR	65	RAJKOT
8	ANANTHAPURU	37	JAIPUR	66	RANCHI
9	CHHATRAPATI SAMBAJINAGAR [AURANGABAD (MAHARASHTRA)]	38	JAMMU	67	SAMBALPUR
10	BAREILLY	39	JODHPUR	68	SHILLONG
11	BENGALURU	40	JORHAT	69	SHIMLA
12	BHOPAL	41	KANPUR	70	SILIGURI
13	BHUBANESWAR	42	KARGIL	71	SRINAGAR
14	BILASPUR (CHHATISGARH)	43	KOCHI	72	SRINAGAR (UTTARAKHAND)
15	CHANDIGARH	44	KOHIMA	73	SURAT
16	CHENNAI	45	KOLKATTA	74	THANE
17	COIMBATORE	46	KOZHIKODE (CALICUT)	75	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
18	CUTTACK	47	LEH	76	TIRUCHIRAPALLI
19	DEHRADUN	48	LUCKNOW	77	TIRUPATI
20	DELHI	49	LUDHIANA	78	UDAIPUR
21	DHARAMSHALA (HIMACHAL PRADESH)	50	MADURAI	79	VARANASI
22	DHARWAR	51	MANDI (HIMACHAL PRADESH)	80	VELLORE
23	DISPUR	52	MEERUT	81	VIJAYAWADA
24	FARIDABAD	53	MUMBAI	82	VISHAKHAPATNAM
25	GANGTOK	54	MYSURU	83	HANUMAKONDA (WARANGAL URBAN)
26	GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR	55	NAGPUR		
27	GAYA	56	NASIK		
28	GHAZIABAD	57	NAVI MUMBAI		
29	GORAKHPUR	58	PANAJI (GOA)		

(ii) Centres of Civil Services (Main) Examination:-

Sl. No.	CENTRE	Sl. No.	CENTRE	Sl. No.	CENTRE
1	AHMEDABAD	10	DELHI	19	PATNA
2	AIZAWL	11	DISPUR (GUWAHATI)	20	PRAYAGRAJ (ALLAHABAD)
3	BENGALURU	12	HYDERABAD	21	RAIPUR
4	BHOPAL	13	IMPHAL	22	RANCHI
5	BHUBANESWAR	14	JAIPUR	23	SHILLONG
6	CHANDIGARH	15	JAMMU	24	SHIMLA
7	CHENNAI	16	KOLKATA	25	SRINAGAR
8	CUTTACK	17	LUCKNOW	26	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
9	DEHRADUN	18	MUMBAI	27	VIJAYAWADA

The Centres and the date of holding the examination as mentioned above are liable to be changed at the discretion of the Commission. Applicants should note that there will be a ceiling on the number of candidates allotted to each of the Centres, except Chennai, Dispur, Kolkata and Nagpur. Allotment of Centres will be on the "**first-apply-first allot**" basis, and once the capacity of a particular Centre is attained, the centre will no longer be available as an option for Non-PwBD candidates, however, the PwBD candidates would be able to opt the desired centre. Applicants, who cannot get a Centre of their choice due to ceiling, will be required to choose a Centre from the remaining ones. Applicants are, thus, advised that they may apply early so that they could get a Centre of their choice. If any candidate appears at a venue other than the one indicated by the Commission in his/her e-Admit Card, such candidate will not be allowed to take the examination.

NB: Notwithstanding the aforesaid provision, the Commission reserves the **right to change the Centres at its discretion if the situation demands.** All the Examination Centres for Civil Services Examination, 2026 will cater to examination for Persons with Benchmark Disability in their respective Centres. Candidates admitted to the examination will be informed of the time table and place or places of examination. The candidates should note that no request for change of Centre will be entertained.

(B) Plan of Examination:

The Civil Services Examination will consist of two successive stages (**vide Appendix I Section-I**)

- (i) Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination (Objective type) for the selection of candidates for the Main Examination; and
- (ii) Civil Services (Main) Examination (Written and Interview) for the selection of candidates for the various Services and posts noted above.

B.1. A candidate who is willing to apply for Civil Services Examination shall be required to apply on-line and submit the requisite information and supporting documents towards various claims, such as date of birth, category [viz. SC/ST/OBC/ EWS/PwBD/Ex-Servicemen], educational qualification and Service preferences etc. as may be sought by the Commission alongwith the Common Application Form. The failure to provide the required information/documents alongwith the Universal Registration Number Profile and Common Application Form will entail cancellation of candidature for the examination.

Note : The candidates should also note that no addition/deletion/any changes are allowed in the Online Application Form in any circumstances once it is submitted.

B.2 The Commission shall provide a window of 10 (ten) days after the declaration of result of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination. All the candidates qualified for Civil Services (Main) Examination will have to mandatorily login to the portal (<https://upsconline.nic.in>) during this window and update and/or reconfirm their details etc. and submit the Application Form to enable the Commission to generate e-Admit Card, failing which, such candidates will not be allowed to participate in the further stages of examination. The candidates, who are required to pay fee, shall have to pay fee during this window.

B.3(a) The Commission shall also provide a window of 15 (Fifteen) days after the declaration of result of written part of Civil Services (Main) Examination to the candidates qualified for Personality

Test/Interview. All the candidates, who qualified for the Personality Test (Interview), are mandatorily required to fill/update the requisite field(s) [viz. details of educational qualification status (whether appearing/appeared) along with proof of passing the requisite qualifying Examination, and upload the relevant document as proof of their claim, failing which his/her candidature shall stand cancelled and no correspondence will be entertained by the Commission in this regard. Further, no e-summon letter will be issued to such candidates.

B.3(b) In addition to the above para B.3(a), the candidates (wherever applicable) are required to update the Correspondence/Permanent Postal Address, Higher Educational Qualification, Achievement in different fields (if any), Employment Details/Service Experience, Details of the Service allocated on the basis of earlier/previous Civil Services Examinations (if any), Marital Status, PwBD Recommendation details in past, Parental Details, Debarment information, Earlier Examination details, Attempt Information, OBC/EWS Annexure (wherever applicable), socio-economic questionnaire], whichever is applicable and submit their Application Form.

B.3(c) Candidates who have uploaded the required documents/information earlier and have no information to update/fill in, are also required to login and finally submit after verifying the details so as to generate the e-summon letter for the Personality Test.

B.3(d) The candidates are advised to regularly visit the Commission's website with regard to further updates.

B.4. The candidate shall be required to mandatorily indicate order of preferences only for those Services which are participating in the Civil Services Examination-2026 and for which the candidate is interested to be allocated to in case of eventual selection. In case of recommendation of candidature by UPSC for Service Allocation, the candidate shall be considered by the Government for allocation to one of those Services for which the preference has been indicated by the candidate in the Application Form subject to fulfillment of other conditions. **In case preference for none of the Services is indicated, the candidate will not be considered for Service Allocation.**

A candidate who wishes to be considered for Indian Administrative Service or Indian Police Service shall be required to indicate, as and when asked for by the Commission, and in the manner prescribed by it, their cadre preference in case of appointment to the IAS or IPS.

Note-I: The candidates are advised to indicate preferences for various services or posts very carefully. Attention is also invited to Rule 21 (1) of Civil Services Examination, 2026 in this connection.

Note-II: The candidates are advised to periodically visit DoPT's website <https://dopt.gov.in> or <https://cseplus.nic.in> for information or details about Service Allocation, Cadre allotment, etc.

Note-III: As per the extant Cadre Allocation Policy applicable for the Civil Services Examination- 2026 the candidates who wish to indicate IAS/IPS as their Service preference are advised to indicate, as and when asked for by the Commission, and in the manner prescribed by it, their Home cadre preference in case of appointment to the IAS or IPS.

B.5. No change in preference for Services and Home Cadre (applicable for IAS/IPS) once submitted by a candidate would be permitted except as provided in Para B.3 above.

3. Eligibility Conditions:

(I) Nationality

- (1) For the Indian Administrative Service, the Indian Foreign Service and the Indian Police Service, a candidate must be a citizen of India.
- (2) For other services, a candidate must be either:—
 - (a) a citizen of India, or
 - (b) a subject of Nepal, or
 - (c) a subject of Bhutan, or
 - (d) a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before 1st January, 1962 with the intention of permanently settling in India, or
 - (e) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka, East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.

Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (b), (c), (d) and (e) shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.

A candidate in whose case a certificate of eligibility is necessary, may be admitted to the examination but the offer of appointment may be given only after the necessary eligibility certificate has been issued to him/her by the Government of India.

(II) Age Limits:

(1) A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years and must not have attained the age of 32 years on the 1st of August, 2026 i.e., the candidate must have been born not earlier than 2nd August, 1994 and not later than 1st August, 2005.

(2) The upper age-limit prescribed above will be relaxable:

- (a) up to a maximum of five years if a candidate belongs to a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe;
- (b) up to a maximum of three years in the case of candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes who are eligible to avail of reservation applicable to such candidates;
- (c) up to a maximum of three years in the case of Defence Services Personnel, disabled in operations during hostilities with any foreign country or in a disturbed area and released as a consequence thereof;
- (d) up to a maximum of five years in the case of ex-servicemen including Commissioned Officers and Emergency Commissioned Officers (ECOs)/ Short Service Commissioned Officers (SSCOs) who have rendered at least five years Military Service as on 1st August, 2026 and have been released:
 - (i) on completion of assignment (including those whose assignment is due to be completed within one year from 1st August, 2026, otherwise than by way of dismissal or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency); or
 - (ii) on account of physical disability attributable to Military Service; or
 - (iii) on invalidment.
- (e) up to a maximum of five years in the case of ECOs/SSCOs who have completed an initial period of assignment of five years of Military Service as on 1st August, 2026 and whose

assignment has been extended beyond five years and in whose case the Ministry of Defence issues a certificate that they can apply for civil employment and that they will be released on three months notice on selection from the date of receipt of offer of appointment.

- (f) up to a maximum of 10 years in the case of candidates belonging to Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) categories viz.
- (i) blindness and low vision;
 - (ii) deaf and hard of hearing;
 - (iii) locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy;
 - (iv) autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness;
 - (v) multiple disabilities from amongst person under clauses (i) to (iv) including deaf-blindness.

Note-I : Candidates belonging to either the SC or the ST or the OBC category who are also covered under any other clauses of para 3(II)(2) above, viz. those coming under the category of Ex-servicemen or PwBD, will be eligible for grant of cumulative age-relaxation under both categories.

Note-II : The term Ex-servicemen will apply to the persons who are defined as Ex-servicemen in the Ex-servicemen (Re-employment in Civil Services and Posts) Rules, 1979, as amended from time to time.

Note-III : The age concession under para 3(II)(2) (d) and (e) will be admissible to Ex-servicemen i.e. a person who has served in any rank whether as combatant or non-combatant in the Regular Army, Navy and Air Force of the Indian Union and who either has been retired or relieved or discharged from such service whether at own request or being relieved by the employer after earning pension.

Note-IV : Notwithstanding the provision of age-relaxation under para 3(II) (2) (f) above, candidates of PwBD category will be considered to be eligible for appointment only if they (after such Medical Examination as the Government or appointing authority, as the case may be, may prescribe) are found to satisfy the requirements of physical and medical standards for the concerned Services to be allocated to the candidates of PwBD category by the Government.

Note-V : Save as provided under para 3(II) (2) above, the age-limits prescribed can in no case be relaxed.

(3) The date of birth, accepted by the Commission is that entered in the Matriculation or Secondary School Leaving Certificate or in a certificate recognised by an Indian University as equivalent to Matriculation or in an extract from a Register of Matriculates maintained by a University which extract must be certified by the proper authority of the University or in the Higher Secondary examination certificate or an equivalent examination certificate. The certificate in support of the date of birth is required to be submitted by a candidate only at the time of applying for the Civil Services Examination. No other document relating to age like horoscopes, affidavits, birth extracts from Municipal Corporation, Service records and the like will be accepted.

Note-I : Candidate should note that only the date of birth as recorded in the Matriculation or Secondary School Leaving Certificate or in an equivalent certificate as mentioned in para 3(II)(3) above and issued prior to the date of submission of application will be accepted by the Commission, and no subsequent request for its change will be considered or granted.

Note-II : Candidates should also note that once a date of birth has been submitted by them in the Universal Registration Profile and Common Application Form and entered in the records of the Commission for the purpose of admission to an Examination, no change will be allowed subsequently or at any other Examination of the Commission on any grounds whatsoever.

(III) Minimum Educational Qualification:

A candidate must hold a Graduate degree of any of the Universities incorporated by an Act of the central or State Legislature in India or other educational institutions established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed as a University under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or possess an equivalent qualification.

Note-I: Candidates who have appeared at a qualifying examination the passing of which would render them educationally qualified for the Commission's Examination but have not been informed of the result as also the candidates who intend to appear at such a qualifying examination will also be eligible for admission to the written part of Civil Services Examination, 2026. However, all such candidates, who are declared qualified by the Commission for Interview/Personality Test, will be required to produce proof of passing of the requisite qualifying examination within the time limit prescribed in Rule 13 of CSE, 2026.

Only valid proof of passing the qualifying examination viz. Degree Certificate/Final Mark Sheet/Provisional Degree Certificate etc. as are normally issued to the candidate by the competent authority after the formal declaration of results by the University/Boards may be accepted. Proof of completion of internship is required in case of MBBS/BDS/Veterinary Science etc. and equivalent degree.

Note-II: In exceptional cases, the Commission may treat a candidate who does not have any of the foregoing qualifications as a candidate, provided that the candidate has passed an examination conducted by any other institution the standard of which in the opinion of the Commission justifies the admission to the Civil Services Examination.

Note-III: Candidates possessing professional and technical qualifications which are recognised by Government as equivalent to professional and technical degree would also be eligible for admission to the Civil Services Examination.

Note-IV: Candidates who have passed the final professional M.B.B.S or any other equivalent professional examination leading to a medical degree or certificate but have not completed their internship by the time of submission of their applications for the Civil Services Examination, will be provisionally admitted to the Civil Services Examination, provided they submit along with their application a copy of certificate from the concerned authority of the University/Institution that they had passed the requisite final professional examination. In such cases, the candidates will be required to produce at the time of their interview the original degree or a certificate from the concerned competent authority of the University/Institution that they had completed all requirements (including completion of internship) for the award of the Degree.

(IV) Number of attempts:

Every candidate appearing at the examination, who is otherwise eligible, shall be permitted six (6) attempts at the CSE. However, relaxation in the number of attempts will be available to the SC/ST/OBC and PwBD category candidates who are otherwise eligible. The number of attempts available to such candidates as per relaxation is as under:

Number of attempts	Category to which the Candidate Belongs		
	SC /ST	OBC	PwBD
	Unlimited	09	09 for GL/EWS/OBC Unlimited for SC/ST

Provided that attempts available to a candidate shall be restricted in terms of provision under Rule-12 of Civil Service Rules 2026.

Note-I: The terms – GL for General, EWS for Economically Weaker Sections, SC for Scheduled Castes, ST for Scheduled Tribes, OBC for Other Backward Classes and PwBD for Persons with Benchmark Disability – are used for denoting the categories of candidates taking an attempt at the Examination.

Note-II: An attempt at a Preliminary Examination shall be deemed to be an attempt at the Civil Services Examination.

Note-III: If a candidate actually appears in any one paper in the Preliminary Examination, it will be deemed that the candidate has made an attempt at the Examination.

Note-IV: Notwithstanding any subsequent disqualification/cancellation of candidature, the fact of appearance of the candidate at the Examination will count as an attempt.

(V) Restrictions on applying for the examination:

(1) A candidate who is appointed to the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) or the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) based on the results of an earlier Examination and continues to be a member of that Service will not be eligible to appear at the Civil Services Examination-2026. In case such a candidate is appointed to the IAS or IFS after the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination-2026 is over and the candidate continues to be a member of that Service, the candidate shall not be eligible to appear in the Civil Services (Main) Examination-2026 notwithstanding having qualified in the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination-2026. If such a candidate is appointed to the IAS or IFS after the commencement of the Civil Services (Main) Examination-2026 but before the result thereof is declared by the Commission and continues to be a member of that Service, the candidate shall not be considered for appointment to any Service/Post on the basis of the result of the CSE-2026.

(2) A candidate who has been selected or appointed to the Indian Police Service on the basis of the results of the earlier examination shall not be eligible to opt for or allocated to Indian Police Service on the basis of the result of CSE- 2026.

(3) A candidate allocated to Indian Police Service or a Central Service Group 'A' on the basis of result of the CSE-2026, will have the option to appear in immediate subsequent CSE-2027, if otherwise eligible, subject to following restrictions:

(a) Such a candidate shall be eligible to appear for the CSE-2027 if he/she is granted exemption from training for the service allocated to him/her on the basis of CSE-2026 from the Authority concerned. He/she will be eligible for grant of one-time exemption only from joining the training in order to enable him/her to appear in CSE- 2027.

- (b) The selected candidate shall join the training in Foundation Course (FC) only.
- (c) However, if such a candidate neither joins the training for the service allocated on the basis of CSE-2026 nor takes exemption from joining training, his/her allocation of service on the basis of CSE-2026 shall stand cancelled.
- (d) If he/she is finally recommended on the basis of CSE-2027, he/she can accept the service allocated either on the basis of CSE-2026 or CSE-2027 and will join the training scheduled for CSE-2027. His/her allocation to the service other than the one opted shall stand cancelled at this stage. In case he/she is not allocated to any service on the basis of CSE-2027 then he/she can join the service allocated through CSE-2026.
- (e) However, if he/she doesn't join training for service allocated on the basis of CSE-2026 or CSE-2027, his/her allocation to both the services shall stand cancelled.
- (f) The seniority of such candidates will be decided according to his/her joining the service allocated on the basis of CSE-2026 or CSE-2027 and the same shall not be depressed.
- (g) However, he/she shall not be allowed to appear for CSE-2028 and any CSE thereafter, unless he/she resigns from the allocated service.
- (h) If the candidate is desirous of availing his/her remaining attempts to appear in any subsequent CSE, if otherwise eligible, after availing such onetime exemption from joining training, he/she must not join any service allocated to him/her on the basis of CSE-2026 or CSE-2027, as the case may be, and the said Service Allocation shall stand cancelled automatically.
- (i) In respect of a candidate who has been allocated to any service based on CSE-2025 or earlier years, he/she will be given a one-time opportunity to appear in either CSE-2026 or CSE-2027, as per his/her choice to enable him/her to utilize his/her remaining attempt, subject to fulfilling other eligibility criteria, without the need to resign from service. However, such candidates desirous of appearing in CSE-2028 or beyond, he/she shall have to resign from his/her allocated service.

(VI) Medical and Physical Standards: Candidates must be physically fit according to physical standards for admission to Civil Services Examination, 2026 as per guidelines given in Appendix-III of Rules for Examination published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary dated 04th February, 2026.

4. FEE: All the candidates (Except Female/SC/ST/Persons with Benchmark Disability Candidates who are exempted from payment of fee) are required to pay fee of Rs. 100/- (Rupees One Hundred only) by using Net Banking facility of any bank or by using Visa/Master/RuPay/Credit/Debit Card/UPI Payment for appearing in Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2026 and Candidates admitted to the Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2026 will be required to pay a further fee of Rs. 200/- (Rupees Two hundred only) (Except exempted category i.e. SC/ST/PwBD/Women) through a window of 10 (Ten) days to be provided after declaration of Result of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination.

Note I: Candidates should note that payment of examination fee can be made only through the modes prescribed above. Payment of fee through any other mode is neither valid nor acceptable. Applications submitted without the prescribed fee/mode (unless remission of fee

is claimed) shall be summarily rejected.

Note II: Persons with Benchmark Disability are exempted from the payment of fee provided they are otherwise eligible for appointment to the Services/Posts to be filled on the results of this examination on the basis of the standards of medical fitness for these Services/Posts (including any concessions specifically extended to the Persons with Benchmark Disability). A candidate of Persons with Benchmark Disability claiming fee concession will be required by the Commission to submit along with their Registration and Online Application Form, a certified copy of the Certificate of Disability from a Government Hospital/Medical Board in support of his/her claim for belonging to Persons with Benchmark Disability.

Note III: Notwithstanding, the aforesaid provision for fee exemption, a candidate of Persons with Benchmark Disability will be considered to be eligible for appointment only if the candidate (after such physical examination as the Government or the Appointing Authority, as the case may be, may prescribe) is found to satisfy the requirements of physical and medical standards for the concerned Services/Posts to be allocated to candidates of Persons with Benchmark Disability by the Government.

Note-IV: Applications without the prescribed Fee (unless remission of Fee is claimed) shall be summarily rejected.

Note-V: Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be held in reserve for any other examination or selection.

Note-VI: If any candidate who took the Civil Services Examination held in 2025 wishes to apply for admission to this examination, he/she must submit his/her application without waiting for the results or an offer of appointment.

5. How to Apply:

(a) Candidates are required to apply online by using the website <https://upsconline.nic.in>. Candidates are advised to go through the General instructions, Profile/Module wise instructions and instructions for uploading of documents before proceeding to fill up the form. A candidate who is willing to apply for Civil Services Examination shall be required to submit the requisite information and supporting documents towards various claims, such as date of birth, educational qualification, etc as may be sought by the Commission along with the Universal Registration Number (URN), Common Application Form (CAF) and the fourth module i.e. Examination Specific module (including fees and centre etc.). Failure to provide the required information/documents along with the Common Application Form (CAF) will entail cancellation of candidature for the examination

NOTE 1:- The Commission provides a one-time facility for candidates to update or modify their Universal Registration Number (URN) profile. Please note that any changes made to the URN Profile will not be reflected in applications already submitted. The updated information will apply only to applications submitted after the candidate has made the necessary changes and successfully re-locked the URN Profile.

NOTE 2- Live Photo Capture for filling up of Common Application Form (CAF):

Applicants are required to upload their photograph and also capture their live photograph while filling up the Common Application Form (CAF). Applicants must ensure that the uploaded photograph and the live photograph captured is clear as per instructions given on “Instructions and FAQs > Instruction for filling the form > Photos and Signature” available on the Commission’s website <https://upsconline.nic.in>.

NOTE 3- Uploading of Signature

Applicants are required to sign three times (one below the other) on a plain white paper using a black ink and upload the same while filling up the Common Application Form (CAF). The uploaded signatures should be clear and legible. The Candidates are advised to refer to the instruction for uploading the signature available under “Instructions and FAQs” on the website of the Commission with the URL: <https://upsconline.nic.in>.”

NOTE 4 - The candidates will not be allowed to withdraw their applications after the submission of the same. Further no correction /alteration/modification in any field(s) of the Application Form is allowed after submission.

(b) All candidates, whether already in Government Service, Government owned industrial undertakings or other similar organizations or in private employment should submit their applications direct to the Commission.

Persons already in Government Service, whether in a permanent or temporary capacity or as work charged employees other than casual or daily rated employees or those serving under the Public Enterprises are however, required to submit an undertaking that they have informed in writing to their Head of Office/Department that they have applied for the 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 application will be liable to be rejected/candidature will be liable to be cancelled.

NOTE 1: The Persons with Benchmark Disabilities in the categories of blindness, locomotor disability (both arm affected – BA) and cerebral palsy will be provided the facility of scribe, if desired by the person. In case of other category of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities as defined under section 2(r) of the RPWD Act, 2016, the facility of scribe will be allowed to such candidates on production of a certificate to the effect that the person concerned has physical limitation to write, and scribe is essential to write examination on his/her behalf, from the Chief Medical Officer/ Civil Surgeon/ Medical Superintendent of a Government Health Care institution as per proforma at Appendix- V. The candidates have discretion of opting for his/her own scribe or request the Commission for the same. The details of scribe i.e. whether own or the Commission’s and the details of scribe in case candidates are bringing their own scribe, will be sought at the time of filling up the application form online. Suitable provisions in Common Application Form have been made.

NOTE 2: The qualification of the Commission’s scribe as well as own scribe will not be more than the minimum qualification criteria of the examination. However, the qualification of the scribe should always be matriculate or above.

NOTE 3: The Persons with Benchmark Disabilities in the category of blindness, locomotor disability (both arm affected – BA) and cerebral palsy will be allowed Compensatory Time of twenty minutes per hour of the examination. In case of other categories of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities, this facility will be

provided on production of a certificate to the effect that the person concerned has physical limitation to write from the Chief Medical Officer/ Civil Surgeon/ Medical Superintendent of a Government Health Care institution as per proforma at Appendix - V.

NOTE 4: Candidates applying for Civil Services Examination, 2026 will be required to indicate information such as (a) detail of Centres for Civil Services (Main) Examination and Indian Forest Service (Main) Examination (b) Optional subject to be selected for the examination, (c) Medium of examination for Civil Services (Main) Examination, (d) Medium of Examination for Optional Subject if he/she chooses any Indian Language as the Medium of Examination for Civil Services (Main) Examination and (e) compulsory Indian Language for Civil Services (Main) Examination at the time of the filling up Exam Specific Form itself. No request for changes in these details once Exam Specific Form is submitted shall be entertained by the Commission.

The candidates applying for the Civil Services Examination should ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility conditions for admission to the Examination. Their admission at all the stages of Examination for which they are admitted by the Commission viz. Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, Civil Services (Main) Examination – either Written or the Interview/Personality Test – will be purely provisional, subject to their satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. If on verification at any time before or after the Preliminary Examination, Main Examination (Written) and Interview/Personality Test, it is found that they do not fulfil any of the eligibility conditions, their candidature for the Examination will be cancelled by the Commission. The decision of the Commission as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the Examination shall be final.

If any of their claims is found to be incorrect, they may render themselves liable to disciplinary action by the Commission in terms of Rule 19 of the Rules for the Civil Services Examination, 2026 reproduced below:

- (1) A candidate who is or has been declared by the Commission to be guilty of:-
 - (a) Obtaining support for candidature by the following means, namely:-
 - (i) offering illegal gratification to; or
 - (ii) applying pressure on; or
 - (iii) blackmailing, or threatening to blackmail any person connected with the conduct of the examination; or
 - (b) impersonation; or
 - (c) procuring impersonation by any person; or
 - (d) submitting fabricated/incorrect documents or documents which have been tampered with; or
 - (e) uploading irrelevant or incorrect photo/signature in the application form in place of actual photo/signature; or
 - (f) making statements which are incorrect or false or suppressing material information; or
 - (g) resorting to the following means in connection with the candidature for the examination, namely:-
 - (i) obtaining copy of question paper through improper means; or
 - (ii) finding out the particulars of the persons connected with secret work relating to the examination; or
 - (iii) influencing the examiners; or
 - (h) being in possession of or using unfair means during the examination; or
 - (i) writing obscene matter or drawing obscene sketches or irrelevant matter in the scripts; or

- (j) misbehaving in the examination hall including tearing of the scripts, provoking fellow examinees to boycott examination, creating a disorderly scene and the like; or
- (k) harassing, threatening or doing bodily harm to the staff employed by the Commission for the conduct of the examination; or
- (l) being in possession of or using any mobile phone, (even in switched-off mode), pager or any electronic equipment or programmable device or storage media like pen drive, smart watches etc. or camera or bluetooth devices or any other equipment or related accessories (either in working or switched-off mode) capable of being used as a communication device during the examination; or
- (m) violating any of the instructions issued to candidates along with their e-Admit Cards permitting them to take the examination; or
- (n) attempting to commit or, as the case may be, abetting the commission of all or any of the acts specified in the foregoing clauses;

In addition to being liable to criminal prosecution, shall be disqualified by the Commission from the Examination held under these Rules; and/or shall be liable to be debarred either permanently or for a specified period:-

- (i) by the Commission, from any examination or selection held by them;
- (ii) by the central government from any employment under them;

and shall be liable to face disciplinary action under the appropriate rules if already in service under Government;

Provided that no penalty under this rule shall be imposed except after:-

- (i) giving the candidate an opportunity of making such representation in writing as the candidate may wish to make in that behalf; and
- (ii) taking the representation, if any, submitted by the candidate within the period allowed for this purpose, into consideration.

(2) Any person who is found by the Commission to be guilty of colluding with a candidate(s) in committing or abetting the commission of any of the misdeeds listed at the clauses (a) to (m) above will be liable to action in terms of the clause (n) above.

Note: “If a candidate is found to be in possession or using unfair means, may not be allowed to continue in the said exam as soon as the incident comes to notice of the Examination functionaries and the action against the candidates may be taken in consultation with the Commission. Further, the candidate may also not be allowed in any of the subsequent papers of the said examination.”

6. LAST DATE FOR ONLINE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS:

The Online Applications can be filled upto 24.02.2026 till 6:00 P.M. after which the link will be disabled. Detailed instructions regarding filling up of application online is available at Appendix-II.

7. CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE COMMISSION:

The Commission will not enter into any correspondence with the candidates about their candidature except in the following cases:

(i) The eligible candidates will be issued an e-Admit Card on the last working day of the preceding week of the date of examination. **Further, those candidates, who have opted for change of Scribe upto seven (07) days prior to the date of the examination, shall be issued e-Admit Card three (03) days prior to the date of examination.** The e-Admit Card will be made available on the UPSC website [<https://upsconline.nic.in>] for downloading by candidates. No Admit Card will be sent by post or Email. If a candidate does not receive his e-Admit Card or any other communication regarding his/her candidature for the examination on the last working day of the preceding week of the date of examination, he/she should at once contact the Commission. Information in this regard can also be obtained from the Facilitation Counter located in the Commission's Office either in person or over phone via **Helpdesk no. 011-24041001**. In case no communication is received in the Commission's Office from the candidate regarding non-receipt of his/her e-Admit Card at least three days before the commencement of the examination, he/she himself/herself will be solely responsible for non-receipt of his/her e-Admit Card. No candidate will ordinarily be allowed to take the examination unless he/she holds an e-Admit Card for the examination. On downloading of e-Admit Card, the candidates are requested to check it carefully and bring discrepancies/errors, if any, to the notice of UPSC immediately.

The candidates should note that their admission to the examination will be purely provisional based on the information given by them in the Application Form. This will be subject to verification of all the eligibility conditions by the UPSC.

The mere fact that an e-Admit Card to the Examination has been issued to a candidate, will not imply that his/her candidature has been finally cleared by the Commission or that entries made by the candidate in his/her Universal Registration Number (URN) Profile, Common Application Form and Exam Specific Form for the Civil Services Examination have been accepted by the Commission as true and correct. Candidates may note that the Commission takes up the verification of eligibility conditions of a candidate, with reference to original documents, only after the candidate has qualified for Interview/Personality Test. Unless candidature is formally confirmed by the Commission, it continues to be provisional.

The decision of the Commission as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the Examination shall be final.

Candidates should note that the name in the Admit Card in some cases, may be abbreviated due to technical reasons.

(ii) In the event of a candidate downloading more than one Admit Card from the Commission's website, he/she should use only one of these Admit Card for appearing in the examination.

(iii) Candidates are informed that as the Preliminary Examination is only a screening test, no marks sheets will be supplied to successful or unsuccessful candidates and no correspondence will be entertained by the Commission, in this regard.

(iv) Candidates must ensure that their emails IDs given in their online application are valid and active.

Important: All communications to the Commission should invariably contain the following particulars.

1. Name and year of the examination.
2. URN (Universal Registration Number)
3. Application Number
4. Roll Number (if received)

5. Name of candidate (in full and in block letters)
6. Complete postal address as given in the application.
7. Valid and Active registered E-mail ID and registered Mobile Number.

N.B. I. Communication not containing the above particulars may not be attended to.

N.B. II. Candidates should also note down their Universal Registration Number for future reference. They may be required to indicate the same in connection with their candidature for the Civil Services (Main) Examination.

8. Reservation against vacancies for Persons with Benchmark Disability:

The eligibility for availing reservation against the vacancies reserved for the Persons with Benchmark Disabilities shall be the same as prescribed in “The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act, 2016)”. The candidates of Multiple Disabilities will be eligible for reservation under category (e)-Multiple Disabilities only of Section 34(1) of RPwD Act, 2016 and shall not be eligible for reservation under any other categories of disabilities i.e. (a) to (d) of Section 34(1) of RPwD Act, 2016 on account of having 40% and above in any of these sub-categories of PwBD.

Provided further that the candidates from Persons with Benchmark Disability category shall also be required to meet special eligibility criteria in terms of ‘Suitable Category of Benchmark Disabilities’ and ‘Functional Requirements’ [erstwhile Functional Classification and Physical Requirements (abilities/disabilities) (FC&PR)] consistent with requirements of the identified Service/post as may be prescribed by the Government.

Note-I: The details of ‘Suitable Category of Benchmark Disabilities’ and ‘Functional Requirements’ of Services participating in CSE-2026 are indicated in **Appendix-IV** of the Rules which are identified and prescribed by the Government as per the provisions of Section 33 and 34 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

Note-II: Persons with Benchmark Disability with only those category(ies) of disability(ies) mentioned in Para-1 of this Examination Notice shall be eligible to apply for the Examination under PwBD category. Therefore, candidates concerned are advised to read it carefully before applying appropriately for admission to the Examination.

Note-III: Candidates belonging to Persons with Benchmark Disability category are likely to have been previously tested and in possession of related medical certificates even before applying for admission to the Examination. However, it is to be noted clearly that the prescribed Medical Examination as per these Rules, also including that for benchmark disability category(ies), shall be mandatory and only the results of the prescribed Medical Examination shall be deemed valid for assessing whether a PwBD category candidate meets the requirements to be appointed.

9. Eligibility for Availing Reservation:

(1) A candidate will be eligible to get the benefit of community reservation only in case the particular caste to which the candidate belongs is included in the list of reserved communities issued by the

Central Government.

(2) The OBC candidates applying for CSE-2026 must produce OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) certificate based on the income for the Financial Year (FY) 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 and issued on/after 01.04.2025 (after the completion of FY 2024-25) but not later than the closing date of the submission of Application Form for Civil Services Examination- 2026 i.e. 24th February, 2026.

(3) A candidate will be eligible to get the benefit of the Economically Weaker Section reservation only in case the candidate meets the criteria issued by the Central Government and is in possession of requisite Income & Asset Certificate based on income for Financial Year (FY) 2024-2025 and issued on/after 01.04.2025 (after the completion of FY 2024-2025) but not later than the closing date of the submission of Application Form for Civil Services Examination- 2026 i.e. 24th February, 2026.

10. Candidates seeking reservation/relaxation benefits available for SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwBD/Ex-servicemen must ensure that they are entitled to such reservation/relaxation as per eligibility prescribed in the Rules/Notice. They should also be in possession of all the requisite certificates in the prescribed format in support of their claim as stipulated in the Rules/Notice for such benefits by the closing date of the application Form of Civil Services Examination, 2026.

11. The closing date fixed for the receipt of the Application Form of Civil Services Examination- 2026 will be treated as the date for determining the OBC status (including that of creamy layer) of the candidates.

12. Change of Category:

If the category indicated by a candidate in the Common Application Form for Civil Services Examination is Unreserved category but the candidate subsequently writes to the Commission to change the category to a reserved one, such request shall not be entertained by the Commission. Further, once a candidate has chosen a reserved category, no request shall be entertained for change to other reserved category viz. SC to ST, ST to SC, OBC to SC/ST or SC/ST to OBC, SC to EWS, EWS to SC, ST to EWS, EWS to ST, OBC to EWS, EWS to OBC. No Reserved category candidates other than those who qualified each stage of the Examination on General standard, shall be allowed to change (on their request or as decided by the Commission/Government based on the documents submitted by them) their category from reserved to unreserved or claim the vacancies (Service/Cadre) for unreserved category after the declaration of final result by UPSC. In cases where such candidates do not qualify on General Standard, their candidature shall be cancelled. Further, no candidate belonging to any sub-category of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) shall be allowed to change the sub-category of disability.

While the above principle will be followed in general, there may be a few cases where there was a gap of not more than 3 months between the issuance of a Government Notification enlisting a particular community in the list of any of the reserved communities and the date of submission of the application by the candidate. In such cases, the request of change of category from Unreserved to Reserved may be considered by the Commission on merit.

In case of a candidate becoming a Candidate belonging to Person with Benchmark Disability during

the course of the examination process, the candidate must produce valid document of acquiring a disability to the extent of 40% or more as defined under the RPwD Act, 2016 to consider drawing the benefits of reservation as available to the Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD) category.

13. Withdrawal of applications: The candidates will not be allowed to withdraw their applications after the submission of the same.

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APPENDIX I
SECTION I: PLAN OF EXAMINATION

The Civil Services Examination comprises two successive stages:

- (i) Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination (Objective Type) for the selection of candidates for Civil Services (Main) Examination; and
- (ii) Civil Services (Main) Examination (Written and Interview/Personality Test) for the selection of candidates for the various Services and posts.

2. The Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination will consist of two papers of Objective type (multiple choice questions) and carry a maximum of 400 marks in the subjects set out in sub-section (A) of Section II. This examination is meant to serve as a screening test only; the marks obtained in the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination by the candidates who are declared qualified for admission to the Civil Services (Main) Examination will not be counted for determining their final order of merit. The number of candidates to be admitted to the Civil Services (Main) Examination will be about twelve to thirteen times the total approximate number of vacancies to be filled in the year through this Examination. Only those candidates who are declared by the Commission to have qualified in the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination in the year will be eligible for admission to the Civil Services (Main) Examination of that year provided they are otherwise eligible for admission to the Civil Services (Main) Examination.

Note I: The Commission will draw a list of candidates to be qualified for Civil Services (Main) Examination based on the criterion of minimum qualifying marks of 33% in General Studies Paper-II of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination and total qualifying marks of General Studies Paper-I of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination as may be determined by the Commission.

Note II: There will be negative marking for incorrect answers as detailed below:

- (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 (0.33) 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.

3. The Civil Services (Main) Examination will consist of a Written Examination and an Interview/Personality Test. The Written Examination will consist of 9 papers of conventional essay type in the subjects set out in sub-section (B) of Section-II out of which two papers will be of qualifying in nature. [Also see Note (ii) under Para-I of Section II-(B)]. Marks obtained for all the compulsory papers (Paper-I to Paper-VII) and Marks obtained in Interview/Personality Test will be counted for ranking.

4.1 Candidates who obtain such minimum qualifying marks in the written part of the Civil Services (Main) Examination as may be fixed by the Commission at their discretion, shall be summoned by them for an Interview/Personality Test, vide sub-section (C) of Section-II. The number of candidates to be summoned for Interview/Personality Test will be about twice of the number of vacancies to be filled. The Interview/Personality Test will carry 275 marks (with no minimum qualifying marks).

4.2 Marks thus obtained by the candidates in the Civil Services (Main) Examination (Written part as well as Interview/Personality Test) would determine their final ranking. Candidates will be allotted to the various Services keeping in view their ranks in the examination and the preferences expressed by them for the various Services and posts.

4.3 Tie Breaking Principle:

(i) If the marks in aggregate (Final Marks) are equal, the Candidate securing more marks in the Compulsory (Common) Papers of written examination (“Paper-I : Essay”, Paper-II : GS-I”, “Paper-III : GS-II”, “Paper-IV : GS-III”, “Paper-V : GS-IV”) and the Personality Test put together will be ranked higher;

(ii) If the marks at (i) above are equal, then the candidate securing more marks in the Compulsory (Common) Papers of written examination (“Paper-I : Essay”, “Paper-II : GS-I”, “Paper-III : GS-II”, “Paper-IV : GS-III”, “Paper-V : GS-IV” put together) will be ranked higher;

(iii) If the marks at (i) & (ii) above are also equal, the candidate Senior in age will be ranked higher; and

(iv) In cases where a tie persists even after applying the above tie breaking principles, it will be resolved at the discretion of the Commission.

SECTION II: Scheme and Subjects for the Preliminary and Main Examination

A. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION:

The Examination shall comprise of two compulsory Papers of 200 marks each.

Note:

- (i) Both the question papers will be of the objective type (multiple choice questions) and each will be of two hours duration.
- (ii) The General Studies Paper-II of the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination will be a qualifying paper with minimum qualifying marks fixed at 33%.
- (iii) The question papers will be set both in Hindi and English.
- (iv) Details of the syllabi are indicated in Part A of Section III.

B. MAIN EXAMINATION:

The Written Examination will consist of the following papers:—

Qualifying Papers:

Paper-A

(One of the Indian Language to be selected by the candidate from the Languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution).

300 Marks

Paper-B

English

300 Marks

Papers to be counted for merit:

Paper-I

Essay

250 Marks

Paper-II

General Studies-I (Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)	250 Marks
Paper-III	
General Studies -II (Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations)	250 Marks
Paper-IV	
General Studies -III (Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)	250 Marks
Paper-V	
General Studies -IV (Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude)	250 Marks
Paper-VI	
Optional Subject - Paper 1	250 Marks
Paper-VII	
Optional Subject - Paper 2	250 Marks
Sub Total (Written test)	1750 Marks
Personality Test	275 Marks
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Grand Total	2025 Marks

Candidates may choose any one of the optional subjects from amongst the list of subjects given in para 2 below:—

Note:

- The papers on Indian languages and English (Paper A and paper B) will be of Matriculation or equivalent standard and will be of qualifying nature. The marks obtained in these papers will not be counted for ranking.
- Evaluation of the papers, namely, 'Essay', 'General Studies' and Optional Subject of all the candidates would be done simultaneously along with evaluation of their qualifying papers on 'Indian Languages' and 'English' but the papers on 'Essay', 'General Studies' and Optional Subject of only such candidates will be taken cognizance who attain 25% marks in 'Indian Language' and 25% in English as minimum qualifying standards in these qualifying papers.
- The paper A on Indian Language will not, however, be compulsory for candidates hailing from the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim.
- The paper A on Indian Language will not, however, be compulsory for Candidates belonging to Persons with Benchmark Disability (only Hearing Impairment sub-category) provided that they have been granted such exemption from 2nd or 3rd language courses by the concerned education Board/University. The candidate needs to provide an undertaking/self declaration in this regard in order to claim such an exemption to the Commission.
- Marks obtained by the candidates for the Paper I-VII only will be counted for merit ranking. However, the Commission will have the discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all of these papers.
- For the Language medium/literature of languages, the scripts to be used by the candidates will be as under:—

Language	Script
Assamese	Assamese

Bengali	Bengali
Gujarati	Gujarati
Hindi	Devanagari
Kannada	Kannada
Kashmiri	Persian
Konkani	Devanagari
Malayalam	Malayalam
Manipuri	Bengali or Meitei Mayek
Marathi	Devanagari
Nepali	Devanagari
Odia	Odia
Punjabi	Gurumukhi
Sanskrit	Devanagari
Sindhi	Devanagari or Arabic
Tamil	Tamil
Telugu	Telugu
Urdu	Persian
Bodo	Devanagari
Dogri	Devanagari
Maithilli	Devanagari
Santhali	Devanagari or Olchiki

Note 1: For Santhali language, question paper will be printed in Devanagari script; but candidates will be free to answer either in Devanagari script or in Olchiki.

Note 2: For Manipuri Language, question paper will be printed in Bengali Script; but candidates will be free to answer either in Bengali Script or in Meitei Mayek Script.

2. List of optional subjects for Main Examination:

- (i) Agriculture
- (ii) Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science
- (iii) Anthropology
- (iv) Botany
- (v) Chemistry
- (vi) Civil Engineering
- (vii) Commerce and Accountancy
- (viii) Economics
- (ix) Electrical Engineering
- (x) Geography
- (xi) Geology
- (xii) History
- (xiii) Law
- (xiv) Management
- (xv) Mathematics
- (xvi) Mechanical Engineering
- (xvii) Medical Science
- (xviii) Philosophy
- (xix) Physics

(xx) Political Science and International Relations

(xxi) Psychology

(xxii) Public Administration

(xxiii) Sociology

(xxiv) Statistics

(xxv) Zoology

(xxvi) Literature of any one of the following languages:

Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Maithili, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Santhali, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu and English.

Note:

- (i) The question papers for the examination will be of conventional (essay) type.
- (ii) Each paper will be of three hours duration.
- (iii) Candidates will have the option to answer all the question papers, except the Qualifying Language Papers, Paper-A and Paper-B, in any one of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India or in English. Notwithstanding this, the Candidate will have the choice to write the Optional Papers in English also if candidates opt to write Paper I-V except the Qualifying Language Papers, Paper-A and Paper-B, in any one of the language included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India.
- (iv) Candidates exercising the option to answer Papers in any one of the languages included in the Eight Schedule to the Constitution of India mentioned above 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 the language opted by them. Candidates should, however, note that if they misuse the above rule, a deduction will be made on this account from the total marks otherwise accruing to them and in extreme cases; their script(s) will not be valued for being in an unauthorized medium.
- (v) Candidates should note that if any irrelevant matter/signages/marks etc. are found written in the answer script(s), which would not be related to any question/answer and/or would be having the potential to disclose the candidate's identity, the Commission will impose a penalty of deduction of marks from the total marks otherwise accruing to the candidate or will not evaluate the said script(s) on this account.
- (vi) The question papers (other than the literature of language papers) will be set in Hindi and English only.
- (vii) The details of the syllabi are set out in Part B of Section III.

General Instructions (Preliminary as well as Main Examination):

- (i) Candidates must write the papers in their own hand. In no circumstances will they be allowed the help of a scribe to write the answers for them. However, The Persons with Benchmark Disabilities in the categories of blindness, locomotor disability (both arm affected – BA) and cerebral palsy will be eligible for the facility of scribe. In case of other category of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities as defined under section 2 (r) of the RPWD Act, 2016, such candidates will be eligible for the facility of scribe on production of a certificate to the effect that the person concerned has physical limitation to write, and scribe is essential to write examination on behalf, from the Chief Medical Officer/Civil Surgeon/Medical Superintendent of a Government Health Care institution as per proforma at Appendix-V.

Further, for persons with specified disabilities covered under the definition of Section 2(s) of the RPwD Act, 2016 but not covered under the definition of Section 2(r) of the said Act, i.e. persons having

less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing will be eligible for the facility of scribe subject to production of a certificate to the effect that person concerned has limitation to write and that scribe is essential to write examination on his/her behalf from the competent medical authority of a Government healthcare institution as per proforma at Appendix-VII.

(ii) The candidates have discretion of opting for their own scribe or request the Commission for the same. The details of scribe i.e. whether own or the Commission's and the details of scribe in case candidates are bringing their own scribe, will be sought at the time of filling up the application form online as per proforma at Appendix-VI (for Candidates having 40% disability or more) and Appendix-VIII (for Candidates having less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing).

(iii) The qualification of the Commission's scribe as well as own scribe will not be more than the minimum qualification criteria of the examination. However, the qualification of the scribe should always be matriculate or above.

(iv) The Persons with Benchmark Disabilities in the category of blindness, locomotor disability (both arms affected-BA) and cerebral palsy will be eligible for Compensatory Time of twenty minutes per hour of the examination. In case of other categories of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities, such candidates will be eligible for this facility on production of a certificate to the effect that the person concerned has physical limitation to write from the Chief Medical Officer/Civil Surgeon/Medical Superintendent of a Government Health Care institution as per proforma at Appendix-V.

Further, for persons with specified disabilities covered under the definition of Section 2(s) of the RPwD Act, 2016 but not covered under the definition of Section 2(r) of the said Act, i.e. persons having less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing will be eligible for compensatory time subject to production of a certificate to the effect that person concerned has limitation to write from the competent medical authority of a Government healthcare institution as per proforma at Appendix-VII.

(v) Facility of Scribe and/or Compensatory time to eligible candidates will be provided, if desired by them.

Note (1): The eligibility conditions of a scribe and the conduct of scribe inside the examination hall and the manner in which and extent to which the scribe can help the eligible candidates (as defined above) in writing the Civil Services Examination shall be governed by the instructions issued by the UPSC in this regard. Violation of all or any of the said instructions shall entail the cancellation of the candidature of the candidate in addition to any other action that the UPSC may take against the scribe.

Note (2): The criteria for determining the percentage of visual impairment shall be as follows:—

Better eye Best Corrected	Worse eye Best Corrected	Per Cent Impairment	Disability category
1	2	3	4
6/6 to 6/18	6/6 to 6/18	0%	0
	6/24 to 6/60	10%	0
	Less than 6/60 to 3/60	20%	I
	Less than 3/60 No Light Perception	30%	II (One eyed person)
6/24 to 6/60Or	6/24 to 6/60	40%	III a (low vision)
Visual field less than 40 up to 20 degree around centre of fixation or heminaopia involving macula	Less than 6/60 to 3/60	50%	III b (low vision)
	Less than 3/60 to No Light Perception	60%	III c (low vision)

Less than 6/60 to 3/60Or Visual field less than 20 up to 10 degree around centre of fixation	Less than 6/60 to 3/60 Less than 3/60 to No Light Perception	70% 80%	III d (low vision) III e (low vision)
Less than 3/60 to 1/60Or Visual field less than 10 degree around centre of fixation	Less than 3/60 to No Light Perception	90%	IV a (Blindness)
Only HMCF Only Light Perception, No Light perception	Only HMCF Only Light Perception, No Light perception	100%	IV b (Blindness)

Note (3): The concession admissible to blind candidates shall not be admissible to those suffering from Myopia.

- (i) The Commission have discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all the subjects of the examination.
- (ii) If a candidate's handwriting is not easily legible, a deduction will be made on this account from the total marks otherwise accruing to the candidate.
- (iii) Marks will not be allotted for mere superficial knowledge.
- (iv) Credit will be given for orderly, effective and exact expression combined with due economy of words in all subjects of the examination.
- (v) In the question papers, wherever required, SI units will be used.
- (vi) Candidates should use only International form of Indian numerals (i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 etc.) while answering question papers.
- (vii) Candidates will be allowed the use of Scientific (Non-Programmable type) Calculators at the conventional (Essay) type examination of UPSC. 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. It is also important to note that candidates are not permitted to use calculators for answering objective type papers (Test Booklets). They should not therefore bring the same inside the Examination Hall.

C. Interview/Personality Test

The candidate will be interviewed by a Board who will have before them a record of the candidate's career. The candidate will be asked questions on matters of general interest. The object of the Interview/Personality Test is to assess the personal suitability of the candidate for a career in public service by a Board of competent and unbiased observers. The Interview/Personality Test is intended to judge the mental calibre of a candidate. In broad terms this is really an assessment of not only intellectual qualities but also social traits and interest in current affairs. Some of the qualities to be judged are mental alertness, critical powers of assimilation, clear and logical exposition, balance of judgement, variety and depth of interest, ability for social cohesion and leadership, intellectual and moral integrity.

2. The technique of the Interview/Personality Test is not that of a strict cross-examination but of a natural, though directed and purposive conversation which is intended to reveal the mental qualities of the candidate.

3. The Interview/Personality Test is not intended to be a test either of the specialized or general knowledge of the candidates which has been already tested through their written papers. Candidates are expected to have taken an intelligent interest not only in their special subjects of academic study but also in the events which are happening around them both within and outside their own State or Country as

well as in modern currents of thought and in new discoveries which should rouse the curiosity of well-educated youth.

SECTION III: SYLLABI FOR THE EXAMINATION

Note: Candidates are advised to go through the Syllabus published in this Section for the Preliminary Examination and the Main Examination, as periodic revision of syllabus has been done in several subjects.

Part A—Preliminary Examination

Paper I - (200 marks)

Duration: Two hours

- 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-(200 marks)

Duration: Two hours

- Comprehension;
- Interpersonal skills including communication skills;
- Logical reasoning and analytical ability;
- Decision making and problem solving;
- General mental ability;
- Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude, etc.) (Class X level), Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency etc. — Class X level);

Note 1: Paper-II of the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination will be a qualifying paper with minimum qualifying marks fixed at 33%.

Note 2: The questions will be of multiple choice, objective type.

Note 3: It is mandatory for the candidate to appear in both the Papers of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination for the purpose of evaluation. Therefore a candidate will be disqualified in case he/she does not appear in both the papers of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination.

Part B—Main Examination

The main Examination is intended to assess the overall intellectual traits and depth of understanding of candidates rather than merely the range of their information and memory.

The nature and standard of questions in the General Studies papers (Paper II to Paper V) will be such that a well-educated person will be able to answer them without any specialized study. The

questions will be such as to test a candidate's general awareness of a variety of subjects, which will have relevance for a career in Civil Services. The questions are likely to test the candidate's basic understanding of all relevant issues, and ability to analyze, and take a view on conflicting socio-economic goals, objectives and demands. The candidates must give relevant, meaningful and succinct answers.

The scope of the syllabus for optional subject papers (Paper VI and Paper VII) for the 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, Medical Science and law, the level corresponds to the bachelors' degree.

Syllabi of the papers included in the scheme of Civil Services (Main) Examination are given as follows:—

QUALIFYING PAPERS ON INDIAN LANGUAGES AND ENGLISH

The aim of the paper is to test the candidates' ability to read and understand serious discursive prose, and to express ideas clearly and correctly, in English and Indian language concerned.

The pattern of questions would be broadly as follows:

- (i) Comprehension of given passages.
- (ii) Precis Writing.
- (iii) Usage and Vocabulary.
- (iv) Short Essays.

Indian Languages:—

- (i) comprehension of given passages.
- (ii) Precis Writing.
- (iii) Usage and Vocabulary.
- (iv) Short Essays.
- (v) Translation from English to the Indian Language and vice-versa.

Note 1:The papers on Indian Languages and English will be of Matriculation or equivalent standard and will be of qualifying nature only. The marks obtained in these papers will not be counted for ranking.

Note 2:The candidates will have to answer the English and Indian Languages papers in English and the respective Indian language (except where translation is involved).

PAPER-I

Essay: Candidates may be required to write essays on multiple topics. They will be expected to keep closely to the subject of the essay to arrange their ideas in orderly fashion, and to write concisely. Credit will be given for effective and exact expression.

PAPER-II

General Studies-I: Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society.

- Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
- Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present- significant

events, personalities, issues.

- The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.
- Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.
- History of the world will include events from 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redrawal of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.— their forms and effect on the society.
- Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.
- Role of women and women’s organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.
- Effects of globalization on Indian society.
- Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.
- Salient features of world’s physical geography.
- Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).
- Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.

PAPER-III

General Studies- II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.

- Indian Constitution—historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.
- Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.
- Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.
- Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.
- Parliament and State legislatures—structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these.
- Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary—Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.
- Salient features of the Representation of People’s Act.
- Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.
- Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.
- Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of

their design and implementation.

- Development processes and the development industry —the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.
- Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.
- Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.
- Issues relating to poverty and hunger.
- Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.
- Role of civil services in a democracy.
- India and its neighborhood- relations.
- Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.
- Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.
- Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.

PAPER-IV

General Studies-III: Technology, Economic Development, Bio diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management

- Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization, of resources, growth, development and employment.
- Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.
- Government Budgeting.
- Major crops-cropping patterns in various parts of the country, - different types of irrigation and irrigation systems storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers.
- Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices; Public Distribution System- objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing.
- Food processing and related industries in India- scope' and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.
- Land reforms in India.
- Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.