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NOTIFICATION

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No.29230-PT2-GAD-SC-RULES-0029/2017/Gen.- In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Odisha is pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Odisha Civil Services (Combined Competitive Recruitment Examination) Rules, 1991, namely:—

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) These rules may be called the Odisha Civil Services (Combined Competitive Recruitment Examination) (third) Amendment Rules, 2022.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

2. In the Odisha Civil Services (Combined Competitive Recruitment Examination) Rules, 1991 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in rule 13,—

(i) for the word “four”, appearing after the word “permitted”, and before the word “attempts”, the word “six” shall be substituted;

(ii) in the proviso, in item (ii), for the word “seven”, the word “nine” shall be substituted; and

(iii) after the first proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided further that claim for relaxation of upper age limit to exhaust the number of attempts admissible under this rule shall not be permitted in any circumstances”.

3. In the said rules, for “Schedule-II” and “Schedule-III”, the following Schedules shall be substituted, namely:—

“SCHEDULE-II

[See rule -4(3)]

PLAN OF EXAMINATION

The Combined Competitive Recruitment Examinations shall comprise of the following.—

- (A) Preliminary Examination (Objective Type) for the selection of candidates for Main Examination; and
- (B) Main Examination (Written and Interview) for the selection of candidates for the various Services and posts.

A. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

The Preliminary Examination shall consist of two papers of Objective Type (multiple choice) questions and carry a maximum of 200 marks each in the subjects set out in section- 1 of SCHEDULE III. This examination is meant to serve as a screening test only. The marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination by the candidates who are declared qualified for admission to the Main Examination shall not be counted for determining their final order of merit. The number of candidates to be admitted to the Main Examination will be as nearly as possible but not more than twelve times of the total 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 Preliminary Examination in the year shall be called to appear in the Main Examination of that year provided they are otherwise eligible for admission to the Main Examination.

Note I: The Commission shall 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 shall be negative marking for incorrect answers (as detailed below) for all questions except some of the questions where the negative marking shall be inbuilt in the form of different marks being awarded to the most appropriate and not so appropriate answer for such questions.

- (i) There shall be 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 shall be deducted as penalty.
- (ii) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it shall 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 shall be no penalty for that question.

B. Main Examination (Written and Interview)

1. The Main Examination shall consist of written test and an interview test. The written examination shall consist of nine papers of conventional essay type in the subjects set out in Section- 2 of SCHEDULE-III in which there shall be two papers in part-I which are qualifying in nature and seven papers in part-II for assessment of merit of the candidate. Detail syllabus for papers in part-II shall be set out by the Commission. Marks obtained for all the compulsory papers (Paper-I to Paper-VII in part-II) and Marks obtained in Interview for Personality Test shall be counted for ranking.
2. Candidates who obtain such minimum qualifying marks in the part-II of the written part of the **Main Examination as may be fixed by the Commission at their discretion**, shall be called by them for an interview for a Personality Test, as provided in section-3 of SCHEDULE-III. After Main Examination, the number of candidates to be called for interview shall be about twice of the number of vacancies to be filled. The interview shall carry 250 marks (with no minimum qualifying marks).
3. Marks thus obtained by the candidates in the Main Examination (written as well as interview) shall determine their final ranking. Candidates shall 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.

SCHEDULE-III

[See rule 4 (5) and rule 12]

SCHEME AND SUBJECTS FOR THE PRELIMINARY AND MAIN EXAMINATION

1. Preliminary Examination :

- (i) The Examination shall comprise of two compulsory Papers of 200 marks each and each paper shall be of two hours duration.
- (ii) Both the question papers shall be of the objective type (multiple choice questions).
- (iii) The General Studies paper-II of the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination will be a qualifying paper with minimum qualifying marks fixed at 33%.
- (iv) The question papers other than language and Literature shall be set in English. Candidates must answer the papers in their own handwriting and the facility of Scribe or Reader as the case may be, may be allowed by the Commission to the candidates with disability having physical requirement and functional classification as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time. Besides, compensatory time of twenty minutes per hour wherever applicable shall be permitted to such candidates by the Commission.

Detailed Syllabus for the Preliminary Examination

Paper I

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

Paper II

- (i) Comprehension;
- (ii) Interpersonal skills including communication skills;
- (iii) Logical reasoning and analytical ability;
- (iv) Decision making and problem solving;
- (v) General mental ability;
- (vi) 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- It is mandatory for the candidate to appear in both the Papers of Preliminary Examination for the purpose of evaluation. Therefore a candidate shall be disqualified in case he or she does not appear in both the papers of Preliminary Examination.

2. Main Examination :

(1) The written examination shall comprise of two parts, i.e., Part-I and Part-II consisting of the following papers:—

Part-I QUALIFYING PAPERS :	Marks
<p>Paper-I : Odia Language</p> <p>The pattern of questions shall be broadly as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Comprehension of given passages. (ii) Précis writing. (iii) Usage and vocabulary. (iv) Short Essays. (v) Translation from English to the Odia Language and <i>vice-versa</i>. 	250
<p>Paper-II : English Language</p> <p>The pattern of questions shall be broadly as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Comprehension of given passages. (ii) Précis writing. (iii) Usage and vocabulary. (iv) Short Essays. 	250

Part-II: PAPERS TO BE COUNTED FOR MERIT	Marks
Paper-I : Essay	250
Paper-II : General Studies-I (Indian Heritage and Culture, Odisha Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)	250
Paper-III : General Studies-II (Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and Inter-State Relations)	250
Paper-IV : General Studies-III (Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)	250
Paper-V: General Studies-IV (Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude)	250
Paper-VI : Optional Subject – Paper-I	250
Paper-VII : Optional Subject – Paper-II	250
SUB-TOTAL (WRITTEN TEST)	1750 Marks
Personality Test	250 Marks
GRAND TOTAL	2000 Marks

(2) Candidates may choose any one of the subjects from amongst the list of subjects given below for optional Paper-VI and Paper-VII of the written test:—

List of optional subjects for Main Examination	
(i) Agriculture	(xxi) Mechanical Engineering
(ii) Agriculture Engineering	(xxii) Medical Science
(iii) Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science	(xxiii) Philosophy
(iv) Anthropology	(xxiv) Physics
(v) Botany	(xxv) Political Science and International Relations
(vi) Chemistry	(xxvi) Psychology
(vii) Civil Engineering	(xxvii) Public Administration
(viii) Commerce and Accountancy	(xxviii) Sociology
(ix) Economics	(xxix) Statistics
(x) Education	(xxx) Zoology
(xi) Electrical Engineering	(xxxi) Literature of any one of the following languages: English, Hindi,
(xii) Fishery Science	
(xiii) Forestry	

(xiv) Geography (xv) Geology (xvi) History (xvii) Home Science (xviii) Law (xix) Management (xx) Mathematics	Odia, Persian, Sanskrit, and Urdu.
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NOTE :

- (a) The papers on Odia Language and English (Part-I of Main examination) shall be of Matriculation or equivalent standard and shall be of qualifying nature. The marks obtained in these papers will not be counted for ranking.
- (b) The aim of the papers on Odia Language and English (Part-I of Main examination) is to test the candidates' ability to read and understand discursive prose, and to express his ideas clearly and correctly, in Odia and English Language.
- (c) Evaluation of the papers, namely, 'Essay', 'General Studies' and Optional Subject of all the candidates shall be done simultaneously along with evaluation of their qualifying papers on 'Odia' and 'English' language in Part-I, but the papers on Essay, General Studies and Optional Subject of only such candidates shall be taken cognizance who obtain 25% marks in 'Odia' and English language each in part-I as minimum qualifying standards in these qualifying papers.
- (d) Marks obtained by the candidates for the Paper I-VII in Part-II only shall be counted for merit ranking. However, the Commission may have the discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all of these papers.
- (e) The question papers for the examination shall be of conventional (essay) type.
- (f) Each paper shall be of three hours duration.
- (g) The question papers (other than Indian language and Literature) shall be set in English.
- (3) General instructions (Preliminary as well as Main examination):
- (i) Candidates must answer the papers in their own handwriting and the facility of Scribe or Reader as the case may be, may be allowed by the Commission to the candidates with disability having physical requirement and functional classification as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time. Besides, compensatory time of

twenty minutes per hour wherever applicable shall be permitted to such candidates by the Commission.

(ii) The Commission shall be competent to fix the qualifying marks in any or all the subjects of the examination.

(iii) If a candidate's handwriting is not easily legible, a deduction will be made on this account from the total marks otherwise accruing to him.

(iv) Marks will not be allotted for mere superficial knowledge.

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

(vi) In the question papers, wherever necessary questions involving the Metric system of weights and measures only will be set.

(vii) Candidates shall use only International form of Indian numerals i.e. 1,2,3,4,5,6, etc. while answering question papers.

(viii) Candidates will be allowed the use of scientific (Non-programmable type) calculators at the conventional (Essay) type examination of OPSC. 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.

(ix) 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.

3. Personality Test/ Interview

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

The interview test is not intended to be a test either of the specialised or general knowledge of the candidate which has been already tested through the written papers. The candidate is 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 his/her State or Country as well as in modern currents of thought and in new discoveries which should rouse the curiosity of well-educated youth.”

By Order of the Governor
SURENDRA KUMAR
Principal Secretary to Government

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.

Syllabi for General Studies-I to IV of
Odisha Civil Services
(Main Written Examination)

PAPER-II

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

Heritage and Culture

- Indian culture covering the salient aspects of Art forms, Literature and Architecture from Ancient to Modern times.
- Temple Architecture of Odisha.
- Socio-cultural development in Odisha.
- Bhakti Movement in Odisha and its impact on the Society of Odisha.
- Evolution and Growth of Odia Language and Literature and development of Odia Literature
- Regional Tradition of Odisha-Festivals.

History

- 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.
- Kalinga War and its significance
- Dynastic History of Odisha: Mahameghavahan Kharavela, The Bhauma Karas and The Somavamsis, The Gangas *and Gajapatis*.
- Early Resistance Movements in Odisha- Paik Rebellion, Vir Surendra Sai and the Revolt of 1857.
- Creation of Odisha Province.
- Freedom Movement and Praja Mandal Movements in Odisha; Social bases of Odia Nationalism; Integration of Princely States in Odisha; Social reform movements in Odisha.

Geography of India with special reference to Odisha

- Physical, economic and social geography of India.
- Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone, 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.
- Odisha's natural resources: water, forests & minerals.
- Odisha's Physiography and Riverine system.
- Salient features of Indian society, Diversity of India and Odisha.

- Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and remedies.
- Effects of globalization on Indian society as a whole and Odisha.
- Distribution and growth of tribes and tribal population in Odisha; Urbanization – Growth of urban population and urban centres in Odisha.
- Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.

PAPER-III

General Studies-II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and Inter-State Relations

Governance, Constitution, Polity and Inter-state 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, Odisha Right to Public Services Act and Odisha Lokayukta Act.
- Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions, and responsibilities of various Constitutional bodies.
- Statutory, regulatory, and various quasi-judicial bodies.
- 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 Central and State Civil services in a democracy.
- Panchayati Raj Institution (PRIs) in Odisha.
- Odisha and its neighborhood – relations.

Social Justice

- Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation – India and Odisha.
- Development processes and the development industry – the role of MSMEs & women SHGs.
- Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the State and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions, and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections- India and Odisha.
- Issues relating to development and management of social sector/ Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources – India and Odisha.
- Issues relating to poverty and hunger – Sustainable Development Goals.

PAPER-IV

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

Science & Technology

- Science and Technology-developments and their applications and effects in everyday life.
- Achievements of Indians in science & technology; Indigenisation of technology and developing new technology.
- Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, Robotics, Nanotechnology, Bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.

Economic Development

- Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.
- Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.
- Government Budgeting – India and Odisha.
- Land reforms in India & Odisha.
- Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.
- Infrastructure: Energy, Posts, Roads, Airports, Railways in the Country and Odisha.
- Industrialisation in Odisha – Issues and prospects.

Agriculture

- Major 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 in India & Odisha.
- 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 in India & Odisha – Doubling of Farmers' Income.
- Food processing and related industries in India & Odisha – scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.

Biodiversity and Environment

- Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.
- Disaster and Disaster Management in the Country and in Odisha – State institutions and policies on Disaster Management.
- Linkages between development and spread of extremism. Left wing extremism in Odisha.

Security and Disaster Management

- Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention – Arts & policies relating to Cyber Security and Money laundering.
- Security challenges and their management in border areas – linkages of organized crime with terrorism.
- Various Security forces and agencies of the Country and Odisha and their mandate.

PAPER-V

General Studies-IV: Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude

This paper will include questions to test the candidates' attitude and approach to issues relating to integrity, probity in public life and his problem-solving approach to various issues and conflicts faced by him in dealing with society. Questions may utilize the case study approach to determine these aspects. The following broad areas will be covered:

- Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, Determinants and Consequences of Ethics in Human Actions; Dimension of Ethics; Ethics - in Private and Public

Relationships. Human Values – Lessons from the Lives and Teachings of Great Leaders, Reformers and Administrators; Role of Family, Society and Educational Institutions in Inculcating Values.

- Attitude: Content, Structure, Function; its Influence and Relation with Thought and Behaviour; Moral and Political Attitudes; Social Influence and Persuasion.
- Aptitude and Foundational Values for Civil Service, Integrity, Impartiality and Non-partisanship, Objectivity, Dedication to Public Service, Empathy, Tolerance and Compassion towards the weaker-sections.
- Emotional Intelligence-Concepts, and their Utilities and Application in Administration and Governance
- Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from India and World.
- Public/Civil Service Values and Ethics in Public Administration: Status and Problems; Ethical Concerns and Dilemmas in Government and Private Institutions; Laws, Rules, Regulations and Conscience as Sources of Ethical Guidance; Accountability and Ethical Governance; Strengthening of Ethical and Moral Values in Governance; Ethical Issues in International Relations and Funding; Corporate Governance.
- Probity in Governance: Concept of Public Service; Philosophical Basis of Governance and Probity; Information Sharing and Transparency in Government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work Culture, Quality of Service Delivery, Utilization of Public Funds, Challenges of Corruption.
- Case Studies on above issues.