

Scheme and Subjects for the
Orissa Civil Services
Examination

SCHEDULE – II

[(Vide Rule 4(3)]

The Scheme of Examination

- I.** The Competitive Examination shall comprise as follows, namely :-
- (i) Preliminary Examination,
 - (ii) Main Examination,
 - (iii) Personality Test or Interview.
- II.** Candidates who will qualify in the Preliminary Examination, shall be called by the Commission, to appear in the Main Examination. The qualifying marks in the Preliminary Examination shall be such as may be fixed by the Commission. The marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination shall not be counted for ranking. The Main Examination shall comprise Oriya Language, English, English Essay, General Studies-I & II papers, two optional subjects having two papers each as prescribed in Scheduled-III.
- III.** Candidates who obtain such minimum qualifying marks in the Main Examination as may be fixed by the Commission at their discretion shall be called for personality test. The personality test or interview shall carry 250 Marks and no minimum qualifying marks for personality test or interview shall be fixed.

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

SCHEDULE – III
[(Vide Rule 4(5))]
Scheme and subjects for the Examination

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

Paper - I	General Studies	...	150 Marks
Paper - II	One subject to be selected from the following Optional Subjects.	...	300 Marks
		Total -	450 Marks

- (i) Agriculture
- (ii) Agricultural Engineering
- (iii) Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Science
- (iv) Anthropology
- (v) Botany
- (vi) Chemistry
- (vii) Civil Engineering
- (viii) Commerce & Accountancy
- (ix) Economics
- (x) Electrical Engineering
- (xi) Education
- (xii) Forestry
- (xiii) Fisheries Science
- (xiv) Geography
- (xv) Geology
- (xvi) Home Science
- (xvii) History
- (xviii) Law
- (xix) Management
- (xx) Mathematics
- (xxi) Mechanical Engineering
- (xxii) Philosophy
- (xxiii) Physics
- (xxiv) Political Science & International Relations
- (xxv) Psychology
- (xxvi) Public Administration
- (xxvii) Sociology
- (xxviii) Statistics
- (xxix) Zoology

NOTE (i) The scope of the syllabi for optional subject papers for the Preliminary/Main Examination is broadly of the Honours Degree level, i.e., a level higher than the Bachelors Degree and lower than the Masters Degree. In the case of Engineering and Law, the level corresponds to the Bachelors' Degree.

(ii) The Preliminary Examination is meant to serve as screening test only. The marks obtained in Preliminary Examination by the candidates who are declared qualified for admission to main examination will not be counted for determining their final order of merit. The number of candidates to be admitted to the Main Examination would be 12 times of the total number of vacancies advertised. Only those candidates who are declared by the Commission to have qualified in Preliminary Examination against a particular advertisement will be eligible for admission to the Main Examination against the said advertisement.

1 (B). Main Examination –

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

Paper – I	Oriya Language	...	300 Marks
Paper – II	English	...	300 Marks
Paper – III	English Essay	...	200 Marks
Paper – IV	General Studies-I	...	300 Marks
Paper – V	General Studies-II	...	300 Marks
Paper – VI, VII, VIII & IX.	Any two subjects to be selected from the list of optional subjects set out below. Each subject will have two papers.	...	300 Marks for each paper
	Personality Test or Interview shall carry	...	250 Marks

2. LIST OF OPTIONAL SUBJECTS FOR MAIN EXAMINATION

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

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

- a) Oriya, Hindi, Persian, Sanskrit, Urdu, English
 - b) Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Agricultural Engineering.
 - c) Mathematics & Statistics
 - d) Anthropology & Sociology
 - e) Political Science & International Relations and Public Administration.
 - f) Commerce & Accountancy and Management.
 - g) Agriculture and Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Science.
 - h) Management and Public Administration
 - i) Education and Psychology
 - j) Agriculture and Agricultural Engineering.
- (ii) Each of the Papers i.e. Paper-I (Oriya language) and Paper-II (English) will be of Matriculation standard and shall be qualifying in nature. The marks obtained in these two papers shall not be counted for ranking.
- (iii) The papers on Essay, General Studies and Optional Subjects of only those candidates shall be evaluated who attain such minimum standard as may be fixed by the Commission at their discretion for the qualifying papers in Oriya Language and English.
- (iv) The question papers for the Main Examination shall be of conventional (essay) type.
- (v) Candidates shall have to answer all the question papers except the Indian Languages paper in English.
- (vi) The question papers other than Indian Language and Literature shall be set in English.
- (vii) The details of syllabi are to be set out by the Commission.

3. General instructions –

- (i) Candidates must answer the papers in their own handwriting and in no circumstances they will be allowed the help of a scribe to write the answer for them.
- (ii) The Commission shall be competent to fix the qualifying marks in any or all the subjects of the examination.
- (iii) If a candidate's handwriting is not easily legible, a deduction will be made on this account from the total marks otherwise accruing to him.
- (iv) Marks will not be allotted for mere superficial knowledge.
- (v) Credit will be given for orderly, effective and exact expression combined with due economy of words in all subjects of the examination.
- (vi) In the Question Papers, wherever necessary, questions involving the metric system of weights and measures only will be set.
- (vii) Candidates shall use only international form of Indian numerals (i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 etc.) while answering Question papers.
- (viii) Candidates will be allowed the use of scientific (Non-programmable type) calculators at the conventional (Essay) type examination of O.P.S.C. Programmable type calculators will, however, not be allowed and the use of such calculators shall tantamount to resorting to unfair means by the candidates. Loaning or interchanging of calculators in the Examination Hall is not permitted.

Candidates are not permitted to use calculators for answering objective type papers (Test Booklets). They should not, therefore, bring the same inside the Examination Hall.
- (ix) Candidates are not allowed to bring Mobile phones, pagers or any other communication devices into the premises of the Examination Centre and premises of the Commission.

4. Personality Test/Interview –

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