



**অসম লোকসেৱা আয়োগ**  
**ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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**SCHEME OF EXAMINATION & INSTRUCTION TO THE CANDIDATES:**

1. The Combined Competitive Examination comprises two successive stages:
  - (i) Preliminary Examination for the selection of candidates for the Main Examination, and
  - (ii) The Main Examination (Written & Interview) for the selection of candidates for various services and posts.
2. The Main Examination consists of Written Examination and Interview Test. The Written Examination consists of two compulsory papers on General English and General Studies and two other papers each on any two subjects from the list of Optional Subjects as mentioned in the list below.

The interview (viva- voce) will carry 200 marks as shown herein below (with no qualifying marks).

Marks thus obtained by the candidates in the Main Examination (Written part as well as Interview) would determine their final ranking. Candidates will be allotted to the various services keeping in view of their ranks in the Examination and respective preference expressed by them for different posts.

The question papers will be set in English. The standard and syllabus of each subject are approximately those of the Degree level course of the universities situated in the state of Assam. The details of the syllabi for Main Examination may be downloaded from our website [www.apsc.nic.in](http://www.apsc.nic.in)

**MAIN EXAMINATION (WRITTEN & VIVA-VOCE)**

- (a) General English: 300 marks, one paper : 3 hours
- (b) General Studies : 300 marks, one paper : 3 hours
- (c) Any two of the Optional Subjects to be selected from the list of the 29 subjects shown below.  
Each subject will have 2 papers of 3 hours duration having 200 marks each.

**Interview (Viva-voce) :200 marks (with no qualifying marks)**

**3. LIST OF OPTIONAL SUBJECTS FOR THE MAIN EXAMINATION:**

01	Agriculture	16	Geology
02	Anthropology	17	History
03	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Science	18	Law
04	Botany	19	Modern Indian Languages and Classical languages (A)Assamese, (B) Bengali, (C) English, (D) Hindi, (E) Bodo, (F) Persian (G) Sanskrit and (H) Arabic
05	Chemical Engineering	20	Mathematics
06	Civil Engineering	21	Mechanical Engineering
07	Chemistry	22	Medical Science
08	Commerce	23	Philosophy
09	Computer Science	24	Physics
10	Economics	25	Political Science
11	Education	26	Psychology
12	Electrical Engineering	27	Sociology
13	Electronics	28	Statistics
14	Fisheries	29	Zoology
15	Geography		

4. Candidates will not be allowed to offer the following combination of subjects:

- (i) Anthropology and Sociology
- (ii) Mathematics and Statistics
- (iii) Philosophy and Psychology
- (iv) Agriculture and Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Science
- (v) Of the Engineering Subjects, not more than one subject

**5. The questions of the Main Examination are of Conventional Essay Type.**

6. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) Candidates must write the answers in their own hand. In no circumstances, they will be allowed the help of a scribe to write the answer for them except those who are provided scribe as Person with Disability candidate as per their prayer.
- (ii) The Commission has discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all the subjects of the said examination.
- (iii) Credit will be given for orderly effective and exact expression combined with due economy of words in all the subjects of the examination.
- (iv) In the question papers, whenever necessary, questions involving the metric system of weights & measures only will be set.
- (v) Candidates will have to appear in all subjects/ Papers of the Main Examination offered by them.

7. INTERVIEW TEST

The candidates will be interviewed by a board who will have before them a record of their career. Candidates will 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.

In broad terms this is really an assessment of not only his/her intellectual qualities but also social traits and his/ her interest in current affairs. Some of the qualities to be judged are 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. It will be in the nature of purposive conversation to see that the candidates have intelligent interest not only in their special academic studies but also in the events which are happening around them both inside and outside their own State or country as well as in modern currents of thoughts and discoveries.

8. A CANDIDATE WHO IS OR HAS BEEN DECLARED BY THE COMMISSION TO BE GUILTY OF:

- (i) Obtaining support for his/ her candidature by any means.
- (ii) Impersonations.
- (iii) Procuring impersonation by any person.
- (iv) Submitting fabricated documents or documents which have been tampered with.
- (v) Making false or incorrect statement or suppressing material information.
- (vi) Resorting to any other irregular or improper means in connection with his/ her candidature for the examination.

- (vii) The candidates should not bring any book, scale or drawing instrument, Slide Rule, calculator, Log Table and rough paper as these are not allowed.
- (viii) **Candidates are not allowed to carry any electronic/ magnetic/ mechanical communication device including mobile phone, bluetooth, earphone, tablet etc. inside the examination hall whether in use or not will be deemed to have been using unfair means and would accordingly be liable for penal action as deemed fit by the Commission The Commission shall not be responsible for safe custody of mobile phones etc. and as such will have no liability in case of loss or damage.**
- (ix) Candidates must abide by the instructions given by the Supervisor/ Invigilator. Failure to do so will make the candidates liable to such punishment as the Commission may decide.
- (x) Writing irrelevant matter, including obscene language or pornographic matter in the scripts, or misbehaving in any other manner in the examination hall, or Harassing or doing bodily harm to the Supervisory Officer/ Invigilators/ staff employed by the Commission for the conduct of their examination, or Violating any of the instructions issued to the candidates, or Attempting to commit any of the acts specified in the foregoing clauses, shall render him/ her
- (a) To be disqualified by the Commission from the examination for which he/ she is a candidate.
  - (b) To be debarred permanently or for a specified period:
    - (i) By the Commission from any examination or selection held by them,
    - (ii) By the State Government from any employment under them and
  - (c) For Criminal prosecution
  - (d) If he/she is already in service under the Govt. to disciplinary action under the relevant rules.

Provided further that the Commission may dispense with the procedures prescribed in the Rules and disqualify candidates for reasons to be recorded from any particular examination, if it is satisfied that the candidate adopted unfair means in the said Examination.

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