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## Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) – Pattern

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### Introduction

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- Most of the aspirants preparing for Civil Services Examination (especially Hindi medium) also appear in 'Combined Civil Services Competitive Examination' conducted by Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC), Ranchi.
- Studying the syllabus of Preliminary and Mains Examination of the UPSC plays a significant role in this examination, so students preparing for the Civil Services Examination are successful in this examination as well.

### Examinations conducted by the Commission

- The state based government, semi-government, judicial and other subordinate services in Jharkhand are mainly organized by the Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC), Ranchi.
- The most popular examination conducted by this commission is 'Combined Civil Services Competitive Examination', also known as 'Jharkhand PCS'.

### Nature of Exam

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- This competitive examination conducted by the commission generally consists of three levels sequentially-
  1. Preliminary Examination – Objective Nature
  2. Mains Examination- Objective & Descriptive Nature
  3. Interview - Oral
- In the year 2013 (from 5th competitive examination) for the first time in the first phase of this examination (Preliminary Examination) and in the year 2016 (from the Sixth Competitive Examination, which is now known as 'Combined Civil Services Competitive Examination'), significant changes have been made in the nature and syllabus of its preliminary and mains examination. Its detailed description is given below.

### Exam Process

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- **Process of Preliminary Examination**

- First of all, the release related to these examinations is issued by the commission, after that the process of filling the online application form starts. The detailed information related to the process of filling the form is given under the heading 'How to apply online?' under the 'Release'.
- A detailed description of various aspects related to the examination is given in the release. Therefore, it is beneficial to study it before filling the form.
- After the completion of the form filling process, the preliminary examination is usually conducted after 2 to 3 months.
- The preliminary examination is conducted on the same day at different centers of the state as decided by the commission.
- The preliminary examination conducted by the Commission is objective (multiple choice) in nature in which one has to choose the correct option out of four possible options (a, b, c and d) given for each question.
- The selected options related to the question are filled in an OMR sheet given by the commission. It is to be filled with black ball point pen.
  - There is no provision of any kind of negative marking for wrong answers in this examination conducted by the Govt.
  - If the candidate gives more than one answer to a question, it is considered as a wrong answer.
- The question papers are given in two languages (Hindi and English). In case of language dispute in any word/sentence, the word/sentence written in English language is considered as the basis.
- In the year 2016, the Commission changed the nature and syllabus of the Preliminary Examination.
  - Accordingly, in place of Aptitude Test (CSAT), 'General Knowledge of Jharkhand' has been adopted as the second paper.
  - At present, in this preliminary examination of the commission, two compulsory papers (respectively 'General Studies' and 'General Knowledge of Jharkhand') are asked, the examination of which is completed on the same day in two different shifts in two hours duration. Its detailed information is given in the title 'Syllabus'.
- The preliminary exam has a total of 400 marks.
  - In the first paper, a total of 100 questions related to 'General Studies' are asked, for which a maximum 200 marks are fixed.
  - In the second paper, a total of 100 questions related to 'General Knowledge of Jharkhand' are asked for which maximum 200 marks are fixed.
  - Normally 65-70% marks are required to pass this exam, but sometimes this percentage can be less depending on the difficulty level of the questions.
  - The preliminary examination is qualifying in nature. The marks obtained in this are not added with the marks of mains exam or interview.

- **Mains Exam Process**

- The number of candidates to be admitted to the mains examination is 15 times the total number of vacancies to be filled from different categories of service and posts as displayed in the advertisement.
- For the successful candidates in the preliminary examination, the mains examination is organized in Ranchi at various centers of the state as decided by the commission.
- There was a radical change in the syllabus of this mains examination in the year 2016. Earlier, in this mains examination, along with general studies, two optional subjects were also asked, which have been removed now.
- Now six compulsory papers will be asked in this mains examination. It will be of conventional objective and descriptive nature. The answers to all the questions in each question paper will have to be written in the answer-book given by the Commission within the stipulated time limit of not more than three hours. Its detailed information is given in the title 'Syllabus'.
- JPSC Now the mains examination will be of total 1050 marks.