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## Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission (MPPCS) FAQs

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### **Question 1: What is the meaning of qualifying Paper II (CSAT) in the Preliminary Examination of MPPSC?**

**Answer:** To qualify in the second paper 'CSAT' which is known as 'General Aptitude Test' in the Preliminary Examination of MPPSC means that it is mandatory to get minimum 40% marks in this paper as the total number of questions in this paper is 100 and maximum marks are 200. Therefore, it is mandatory for the candidates to secure minimum 80 marks or more in this paper to ensure their success.

The copy of the first paper is not evaluated for the candidates who have scored less than 80 marks in this paper, so it is mandatory to get the qualifying marks in the second paper regardless of the performance in the first paper.

The minimum qualifying marks has been fixed at 40% for the general category and candidates from other states; 30% for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Classes and disabled category of the state.

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### **Question 2: In what order should the questions be solved during the Preliminary Examination? Does a particular sequence benefit?**

**Answer:** The answer cannot be one for everyone. If you are comfortable with all the topics of the General Studies and Aptitude Test (CSAT) and your speed is also satisfactory then you can be successful by solving questions in any order. In such a situation, it is better to increase the order in which the questions come up, solving them in the same order. But if your position is not so secure then you should consider the sequence of questions. In such a situation, first of all, solve those questions which take the least time.

If you have a good grip with the context of a particular state of Madhya Pradesh, then you should solve 20-25 questions related to it first because they will take less time and the chances of getting the answers right will be more. After solving these 20-25 questions, your

position will be very strong. Thereafter, you go on solving the questions that you are comfortable with and skip the ones which are beyond your comprehension. Leave a mark for the questions in respect of which you feel that they can be done if you

The same procedure can be followed in the question paper of CSAT also. That is, those questions should be solved first in which time is less and the chances of getting the answer correct are more.

One suggestion can also be to avoid doing the same type of questions continuously. If you feel like this, then solve some questions of 'logical reasoning' and maths in the middle, after that solve other questions. There is no provision of negative marking for wrong answers so do not leave any question unanswered and try to solve the remaining questions on the basis of guesswork at the end.

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**Question 3: Time-management becomes the biggest challenge in the exam, what should be done for that?**

**Answer:** Follow the suggestions given in the answer to the previous question. Apart from that, attend mock test series before the exam and test in each paper how much time one gets to cover which section of the question. If you identify the more time-consuming questions in advance, then the time will not be wasted in the exam. With repeated practice, the speed can be increased.

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**Question 4: What is 'cut-off'? How is it determined?**

**Answer:** 'Cut-off' means the minimum marks obtained by which a candidate has been successful in the examination. Every year in the MPPSC examination, the 'cut-off' is determined by the result of the preliminary examination, main examination and interview. The candidates who score the 'cut-off' or more are declared successful and the rest are unsuccessful. Under the reservation system, this cut-off is different for different categories of candidates.

The cut-off in the Preliminary Examination is determined on the basis of the marks obtained in the Paper I General Studies, as Paper II is CSAT qualifying only.

The nature of the cut-off is not fixed, it fluctuates every year. Its determination depends on factors such as the number of seats, the difficulty level of the question papers and the number and quality of candidates. If the papers will be easy or if the number and quality of candidates are high, the cut-off will increase and will automatically decrease in adverse situations.

Some say that the candidates who get more than the qualifying marks in the CSAT paper are given preference while those who get lesser marks are eliminated from the exam. In fact, both of these things are misleading. You should not pay attention to such rumours.

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**Question 5: I am weak in maths from the beginning, can I crack CSAT?**

**Answer:** Yes, you can definitely succeed. Out of 100 questions in CSAT, about 15-20 questions are asked from Mathematics and half of them are from Reasoning. These questions are simple in nature. So with a little effort they get solved. If possible, prepare some topics in mathematics that you understand and from which questions are often asked. For example, if you prepare headings like Percentage and Ratio, then 3-4 math questions will be fine.

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**Question 6: How many questions are asked in the MPPSC preliminary examination with reference to the particular state of Madhya Pradesh? How to prepare for it?**

**Answer:** MPPSC In the preliminary examination, about 20-25 questions are asked in the context of 'Madhya Pradesh State Special'. In this question paper of General Studies, out of total 100 questions, 20-25 questions are asked only in the context of the particular state of Madhya Pradesh, the importance of this subject itself makes it clear. In the context of 'Madhya Pradesh State Special', questions are asked based on the history, art and culture and geography of Madhya Pradesh as well as its politics and economy. Similarly, it is beneficial to study the entire syllabus of the preliminary examination in the context of the state of Madhya Pradesh. It will be beneficial to study the book 'Madhya Pradesh State Special' published by the Publication Department of Madhya Pradesh Government or any standard state level book available in the market in solving the questions related to Madhya Pradesh state.

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**Question 7: Whether giving 'Mock Test' will help MPPSC is helpful in the preliminary exam? If yes, then how?**

**Answer:** Attempting mock tests proves to be very beneficial for MPPSC preliminary examinations. The biggest advantage of this is that you learn to control the stress in the exam, as well as improve the ability of time management.

Giving mock tests gives you an idea of what your level is as compared to your competitors. Also in different exams you can experiment to see in which order the questions are arranged which gives you the best results. On the basis of these experiments, you can decide your exam strategy.

Keep in mind that all these benefits are available only if you have chosen the mock test series carefully.

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**Question 8: I feel uncomfortable with Hindi grammar from the very beginning. Can I be successful in the main exam of MPPSC?**

**Answer:** Yes, you can definitely be successful. The fifth paper of the mains examination is related to linguistic knowledge, in which questions with a total of 200 marks are asked with reference to 'General Hindi', whose answer is to be written in the answer-book given by the commission. In this, the question paper of 'General Hindi' is of graduation level. Its curriculum includes Pallavan, Sandhi, Samas, Summarization, Standard Vocabulary and Elementary Grammar, Unseen passages, rhetoric and translation. The truth is that these questions of Hindi grammar are very easy in which even a general aspirant can get average marks by doing regular practice.

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**Question 9: I am weak in English from the beginning. Can I apply for MPPSC? Will I be successful in the main exam?**

**Answer:** Yes, you can definitely succeed. The fifth question paper of the mains examination is related to linguistic knowledge, in which questions are asked with a total of 200 marks, the answer of these questions is to be written in the answer-book given by the commission. In this paper knowledge of English is required in the translation section with only 20 marks (remaining 180 marks are from General Hindi). In this, the given sentence/passage has to be translated from English to Hindi and from Hindi to English. The truth is that these sentences/passages are given in very easy language and even a normal student can translate it well by practicing it regularly.

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**Question 10: Should all the questions be filled together on the OMR sheet or should they be filled ONE BY ONE?**

**Answer:** It is better to take out answers of 4-5 questions and fill them on the sheet. With each question, more time is spent filling it on the OMR sheet. On the other hand, sometimes it happens that many candidates want to fill the OMR sheet together at the end but due to paucity of time they are unable to fill the same.

The right way to avoid such an accident is to keep filling the answers of 4-5 questions at once. The questions in CSAT usually consist of 5-6 questions based on a single paragraph or information.

In such a situation, all those questions should be attempted together and they should also be filled on the OMR sheet. Since the circles have to be filled with a black or blue ballpoint pen, take special care while filling them. Never use whitener.

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**Question 11: What is the role of the question paper of 'Hindi Essay and Draft Writing' in the MPPSC main examination? What strategy should be adopted to get good marks in it?**

**Answer:** The sixth paper of this main examination is related to 'Hindi essay and draft writing', in which questions related to two essays of 75 marks and draft writing of 25 marks will be asked, which will be answered in the answer-book given by the commission for a maximum of two hours. To be written within the time limit. Out of total 1400 marks in the MPPSC mains examination Hindi Essay and draft writing has 100 marks, the importance of this subject and participation in the final selection is self-evident.

The originality and personality of a person is tested through essay writing. In fact, essay writing is an art that can be developed through continuous practice under skilled guidance.

In the past, there was a lack of study material for the essay as there was no standard book available in the market. But recently the book 'Essay-Drishti' published by Drishti Publications has removed this shortcoming.

The essays written in this book are not only divided according to the category from the point of view of the examination, but also the language-style and approach level of each essay. Apart from this, to get good marks in it, you can appear in any mock test series related to it before the exam. If possible, you can attend the essay class run by 'Drishti the Vision' Institute.

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**Question 12: MPPSC What is the role of interview in this exam conducted by? How to prepare for it?**

**Answer:** In the year 2014, a total of 175 marks were fixed for the interview in this exam of MPPSC (earlier it was of 250 marks). As the final merit list is prepared on the basis of the sum of the marks obtained in the main examination and interview, That's why the interview plays an important role in the final selection in these exams.

The personality of the candidates is tested during the interview, in which oral questions are asked by the members of the commission at the designated place in the commission, to which the candidate has to answer orally.

Although the interview is the last stage of these exams, it is beneficial to start preparing for it from the very beginning. In fact, the personality development of any candidate is a continuous process.