

ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Odisha Civil Services Examination, 2022.

Online applications are invited from the prospective candidates through the proforma Application Form to be made available in the WEBSITE (<http://opsc.gov.in>). The link for online application and submission shall be available from **17.01.2023 to 16.02.2023** (Note- **16.02.2023** is the last date for submission of registered online Application) for admission to the Odisha Civil Services Preliminary Examination, 2022 for recruitment to the Posts and Services coming under the Odisha Civil Services (Group-A & Group-B) along with Scale of Pay as mentioned below. The Examination will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Odisha Civil Services (Combined Competitive Recruitment Examination) Rules, 1991 as amended from time to time along with Odisha Civil Services (CCRE) (third) Amendment Rules, 2022. The relevant portions of the said Rules are available in the Website of the Commission.

Sl. No.	Name of the Posts/Services	Scale of Pay
1	2	3
GROUP - A		
1	Odisha Administrative Service, Group-A (Junior Branch)	Rs. 56,100/- in Level-12-Cell-1 in the Pay Matrix under Rule-3 of ORSP Rules, 2017.
GROUP - B		
1	Odisha Co-operative Service, Group-B	Rs. 44,900/- in Level-10-Cell-1 in the Pay Matrix provided under Rule-3 of ORSP Rules, 2017.
2	Odisha Labour Service, Group-B	Rs. 44,900/- in Level-10-Cell-1 in the Pay Matrix provided under Rule-3 of ORSP Rules, 2017.
3	Odisha Revenue Service, Group-B	Rs. 44,900/- in Level-10-Cell-1 in the Pay Matrix provided under Rule-3 of ORSP Rules, 2017.
4	Odisha Transport Service, Group-B	Rs. 44,900/- in Level-10-Cell-1 in the Pay Matrix provided under Rule-3 of ORSP Rules, 2017.
5	Odisha Taxation & Accounts Service, Group-B	Rs. 44,900/- in Level-10-Cell-1 in the Pay Matrix provided under Rule-3 of ORSP Rules, 2017.

At present, only online applications are invited from candidates for admission to the OCS preliminary/main written examination. After declaration of result of main written examination, the candidates, who qualify to appear at the V.V. Test, will be required to submit the printout/hard copy of online application form, along with the photocopies of the other documents as stated under Para-09 of this advertisement on the day of document verification, for consideration of their eligibility.

2. POSITION OF VACANCIES AND RESERVATION THEREOF:

As per requisition submitted by General Administration & Public Grievance Department, Government of Odisha, the vacancy position along with reservation for each category/sub-category thereof is given below:-

Sl. No	Name of the Post/ Services	Total No. of vacancy	No. of posts reserved for						
			UR	SEBC	SC	ST	PWD	EX-SM	Sports Person
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	OAS Gr-A (JB)	244 (81-w)	143 (47-w)	35 (12-w)	29 (10-w)	37 (12-w)	10 Cat-I (Sub category-a)-3 Cat-II (Subcategory-b)-3 Cat-III (Subcategory-c)-2 Cat-IV (Subcategory-d)-1, (Subcategory-e)-1	—	02
2	OCS Gr-B	7(3-w)	5(3-w)	01	—	01	—	—	—
3	OLS Gr-B	50 (17-w)	25 (8-w)	6(2-w)	8 (3-w)	11 (4-w)	02 Cat-I (Sub category- a)-1 Cat-III (Sub category-c)-1(w)	02	01
4	ORS Gr-B	295 (97-w)	151 (50-w)	26 (08-w)	43 (14-w)	75 (25-w)	13 Cat-I- 04 (Subcategory-a- 03) (Sub category-a backlog vacancy-01) Cat-II (Subcategory- b-03) Cat-III (Subcategory-c-03) Cat-IV (Subcategory-d-02) (Subcategory-e- 01)	09	03
5	OTS Gr-B	22 (07-w)	12 (03-w)	03 (01-w)	04 (01-w)	03 (02-w)	01 Cat-I- (Subcategory-a)-01	01	—
6.	OT & AS Gr-B	65 (22-w)	51 (17-w)	—	05 (02-w)	09 (03-w)	03 Cat-I (Subcategory-a)-01 Cat-II (Subcategory-b)-01 Cat-III (Subcategory-c)-01	02	01
	TOTAL	683 (227-w)	387 (128-w)	71 (23-w)	89 (30-w)	136 (46-w)	29	14	07

a) Out of the vacancies mentioned above, **29** posts are reserved for **PWD** category (**10**-Category-I, **07**-Category-II, **07**-Category-III & **05**-Category-IV).

b) Besides, **14** posts are reserved for Ex-Servicemen and **07** posts are reserved for Sports persons.

Candidates belonging to PWD, Ex-Servicemen & Sports Persons, when selected as per reservation provided for them, shall be adjusted against the categories to which they belong, which means that the PWD/Ex-Servicemen/Sports Persons, if belonging to Scheduled Caste will claim the vacancy reserved for S.C., if belonging to Scheduled Tribe will claim the vacancy reserved for S.T. and so on. Thus the PWD/Ex-Servicemen/Sports Persons, who do not belong to any of the reserved communities i.e. S.C./S.T./S.E.B.C., would claim the unreserved vacancies.

- c) In case of non-availability of eligible/suitable women candidate(s) belonging to the respective category, the unfilled vacancies of that category shall be filled up by eligible & suitable male candidate(s) of the same category.
- d) The exchange of reservation between SC & ST will not be considered.
- e) The number of vacancies to be filled up on the basis of this recruitment is subject to change by the Government without notice, depending upon the exigencies of public service at the discretion of the State Government.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

(i) Citizenship-

A candidate must be a citizen of India.

(ii) Age limits :

A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years and must not be above the age of 38 years as on the 1st day of January, 2022, i.e. he/she must not have been born earlier than **2nd January, 1984** and not later than **1st January, 2001**.

The upper age limit is relaxable by 05 (five) years for candidates belonging to S.C./S.T./S.E.B.C./ Women/ Ex-Serviceman and by 10 (ten) years for PWDs whose **permanent disability is 40% or more**.

Persons with Disabilities belonging to SC/ST/SEBC category are eligible for cumulative age relaxation benefit.

SAVE AS PROVIDED ABOVE THE AGE LIMITS PRESCRIBED CAN IN NO CASE BE RELAXED.

Date of birth entered in the High School Certificate or equivalent Certificate issued by the concerned Board/Council will be accepted by the Commission.

NOTE :- Candidates should also note that once a Date of Birth has been claimed by them and entered in the records of the Commission for the purpose of admission to an examination, no change will be allowed subsequently on any grounds whatsoever. If, on verification at any subsequent stage, any variation is found in their date of birth from the one entered in their High School Certificate or equivalent certificate, the candidature of the candidate concerned, will be rejected and or she/he may be debarred from present and future recruitments.

(iii) **Educational Qualification** :

A candidate **must hold a Bachelor's Degree** from any University incorporated by an Act of the Central or a State Legislature in India or an Educational Institution established by an Act of Parliament or deemed to be a University under Section-3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or a Foreign University approved by the Central Government from time to time.

4. **OTHER ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS** :

- (i) He/she must be able to read, write and speak Odia and have-
 - (a) Passed Middle School Examination with Odia as a Language subject; or
 - (b) Passed High School Certificate or equivalent examination with Odia as medium of examination in non-language subject; or
 - (c) Passed in Odia as a language subject in the final examination of Class-VII from a School or Educational Institution recognized by the Government of Odisha or the Central Government; or
 - (d) Passed a test in Odia in Middle English School Standard conducted by the School & Mass Education Department of the Government of Odisha.
- (ii) A candidate, who has more than one spouse living or in case of a woman candidate, if married to a person having one spouse living, shall not be eligible for appearing at the examination, unless the State Government has exempted his/her case from operation of this limitation for any good and sufficient reasons;
- (iii) Government Servants, whether temporary or permanent, are eligible to apply provided that they possess the requisite qualifications and are within the prescribed age limit as provided under Para-3 of the Advertisement, failing which their candidature summarily be rejected. All candidates are required to obtain an NOC (**No Objection Certificate**) from their competent authority and attach it with the online application form at the time of submission of documents. **They must inform their respective Heads of Departments in writing regarding submission of their application for this recruitment and obtain "No Objection Certificate"**.
- (iv) If a candidate has, at any time, been debarred for a certain period/chance(s) by the Odisha Public Service Commission or other State Public Service Commission or U.P.S.C. from appearing at any Examination/Interview, he/she **will not be eligible** for such recruitment for that specified period/chance(s).
- (v) **Only those candidate, who possess the requisite qualification and fulfil other eligibility conditions by the closing date of submission of online applications will be considered eligible.**
- (vi) The period of probation will be applicable as prescribed in the recruitment rules of different services.

- (vii) The candidate must have good moral character. Also a candidate must be of good mental condition and bodily healthy and free from any physical defect likely to interfere with the discharge of his/her duties as an officer of the Service/Post. A candidate, who, after such medical examination, as the Government may prescribe, is not found to satisfy these requirements, will not be appointed.
- (viii) A candidate who claims change in his/her name after having passed the High School Certificate Examination or equivalent examination, is required to furnish copy of publication of the changed name in local leading daily newspaper as well as copy of notification in the Odisha Gazette in support of his/her change of name.

5. PLAN AND CONDUCT OF EXAMINATION :

The Combined Competitive Recruitment Examination shall consist of the following successive stages :-

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

The **Preliminary Examination** shall comprise of two compulsory papers of objective types (Multiple Choice Questions) carrying a maximum of 200 marks each in the subjects set out in section-1 of SCHEDULE-III of OCS(CCRE) (third) Amendment Rules, 2022 (Annexure-I), and each paper shall be of (02) two hours duration.

- (a) General Studies - Paper-I - 200 marks
- (b) General Studies - Paper-II - 200 marks

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 nearly as possible but not more than 12 times of the total number of vacancies to be filled in the year through this examination.

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 determined by the Commission as mentioned in Schedule-I of OCS(CCRE) (third) Amendment Rules, 2022 (Annexure-I).

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 questions. 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.

The details of Plan of Examination reflected in Schedule-II, Scheme, Subjects & Marks for the Preliminary and Main Examinations as reflected in Schedule-III of OCS(CCRE) (third) Amendment Rules, 2022 and Syllabus for the Preliminary Examination and Main Examination are appended as Annexure-I to this Advertisement

Evaluation of the papers, namely 'Essay', 'General Studies' and Optional Subjects 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.

The details of medium of language for answering the papers in Written Examination and appearing Personality Test is appended as Annexure-II to this Advertisement.

The Main Examination shall carry 2000 marks including 250 marks for Interview .

Note- Any details relating to this recruitment like cut-off marks, answer keys, individual marks etc. shall only be declared on the website of the Commission after publication of the final results and select list.

6. ZONE(S) OF EXAMINATION :

Both Preliminary and Main Examination will be held at five Zonal Centres of the State, viz: Balasore, Berhampur, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Sambalpur depending on the number of candidates from the respective zones. Candidates are required to select the zone of their choice where they would like to appear at the Examination, at the time of filling the online application form. While every effort will be made to allot candidates to the zone of their choice, the Commission may, at their discretion, allot any other zone to the candidates when circumstances so warrant. **REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF ZONE WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.** The Candidates are not allowed to appear at a centre other than the one indicated by the Commission.

7. NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS :

Every candidate appearing at the Civil Services Examination, who is otherwise eligible, shall be permitted **06 (six)** attempts at the examination: Provided that -

(i) There shall be **no such limit** for the S.C. and S.T. candidates.

(ii) The number of attempts permissible to candidates belonging to Socially & Educationally Backward Classes, who are otherwise eligible, shall be **09 (nine)**. This relaxation will be available to the candidates, who are eligible to avail reservation applicable to such candidates.

"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".

- NOTE :**
- 1. An attempt at a Preliminary Examination shall be deemed to be an attempt at the Examination.**
 - 2. If a candidate actually appears in any one paper in the Preliminary Examination, he/she shall be deemed to have made an attempt at the Examination.**

8. **IMPORTANT POINTS :**

- (I) The provisions of the Odisha Conduct of Examinations Act, 1988 (Odisha Act-2 of 1988) are applicable to this Examination (Preliminary & Main) conducted by the Odisha Public Service Commission. Any violation of the above Act and violation of "**Instructions to candidates**" (as provided in the advertisement, application form, Brochure, Admission Certificate & Answer Script etc.) will be seriously viewed and disciplinary action will be taken against the concerned candidates as deemed proper.
- (II) (a) Reservation and Concessions meant for S.E.B.C, S.C. & S.T. **by birth**, are admissible to Socially & Educationally Backward Classes/Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes **of Odisha only**.

(b). **Community (caste status) once mentioned by the candidates under the appropriate box of the online application form, will be treated as final and the same shall not be changed subsequently under any circumstances.**
- (III) A candidate found guilty of seeking support for his/her candidature by offering illegal gratification or applying pressure on any person connected with the conduct of the recruitment process or found indulging in any type of malpractice in course of the selection or otherwise, shall, in addition to rendering himself/herself liable to criminal prosecution, be disqualified not only for the recruitment for which she/he is a candidate, but also may be debarred, either permanently or for a specified period, from any recruitment or selection to be conducted by the Commission.
- (IV) This advertisement should not be construed as binding on the Government to make appointment.
- (V) **Any misrepresentation or suppression of information by the candidate in the online application, will result in cancellation of his/her candidature or penalty, as decided by the Commission be imposed on the candidate.**
- (VI) Mere empanelment in the select list shall not confer any right for appointment unless the Government is satisfied after making such enquiry as may be deemed necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the Service.
- (VII) No request for withdrawal of candidature and change of category will be entertained under any circumstances.
- (VIII) Candidates must answer the Papers in their own hand-writing. Only PWD candidates who are unable to write will be allowed to take help of scribe to write the answers for them by giving option while **filling up the online application** subject to the provisions made under Para-13(4) of the SSEPD Department Resolution No. 1843/SSEPD, dt-25.02.2021.
- (IX) All persons appointed under the Government of Odisha on or after 1st January,2005 shall not be eligible for pension as defined under sub-rule(1) of Rule-3 of the Odisha Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1992; but shall be covered by the defined Contributory Pension Scheme in accordance with the Odisha Civil Services (Pension) Amendment Rules, 2005.

- (X) The Commission reserves the right to adopt the methods and principle of evaluation of answer scripts of both the Preliminary and Main Examinations.
- (XI) **Online applications submitted to OPSC, if found to be incomplete in any respect, are liable to rejection without entertaining any correspondence with the applicants on that score;**
- (XII) **Admission to the Examination/Viva Voce will be provisional. If on verification at any stage before or after the examination, it is found that a candidate does not fulfil all the eligibility conditions, his/her candidature will be liable to rejection. Decision of the Commission in regard to eligibility or otherwise of candidate shall be final;**
- (XIII) Candidates are required to bring the copies of certificates and other requisite documents as stated under Para-9 of this advertisement at the time of document verification.

9. CERTIFICATES/DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED :

Candidates who qualify in the Main written examination and called for document verification should be in readiness to submit the Hard copy of Online Application Form, along with true copies of the following documents duly self certified. The candidates are required to mention on each document “**submitted by me**” and put their full signature & date on the same. They must not attach the original certificates with their hard copy of online Applications. Only those who are called for the Personality Test or Interview will be required to bring with them the original certificates on the day of verification as decided by the Commission,

failing which he/she shall not be allowed to appear at the Personality Test or Interview. A notice to this effect will be issued later on.

If a candidate fails to furnish any of the original certificates and documents in respect of the attested copies submitted with the application for verification by him/her, for verification on the date fixed by the Commission, his/her candidature will be rejected.

- (a) H.S.C. or equivalent certificate in support of declaration of age issued by the concerned Board/Council;
- (b) Bachelor's Degree Certificate issued by the concerned University;
- (c) Certificate of any other higher qualification(s) issued by the University/Institution;
- (d) Caste Certificate **by birth** in support of claim as S.C./S.T./S.E.B.C., wherever applicable(Please see Note-1-Para-09).
- (e) Required Odia Test Pass Certificate from the competent authority, wherever applicable (Please see Note-2-Para-09).
- (f) Discharge Certificate issued by the Commanding Officer of the Unit last served; Ex-servicemen candidates must submit an Affidavit that he has not been appointed against any civil post after Military Service, wherever applicable.

- (g) Permanent Disability Certificate (indicating percentage of disability, i.e.40% or more) issued by the concerned Medical Board, wherever applicable.
- (h) Sports Certificate, issued from Director of Sports, Odisha.
- (i) If a candidate claims to possess qualification, equivalent to the prescribed qualification, the rule/authority (with number & date) under which it is so treated, must be furnished with the hard copy of the online Application.
- (j) Certificate of good character from the Principal/Proctor/ Dean or Professor in charge of Department of Teaching of the College or University/ Institution in which last studied.
- (k) Two recent passport size photographs unsigned & unattested, which has been uploaded with online application form.
- (l) **No Objection Certificate** from their competent authorities in case of Government Servants.

NOTE-1 : Candidates claiming to be belonging to S.Cs./ S.Ts./ S.E.B.Cs. category by birth are required to submit copy of the relevant Caste Certificate as mentioned in their online application form & issued by the competent authority in the prescribed form. Candidates of SEBC category (other than Creamy Layer) must submit copy of Caste Certificate issued by the competent authority within the last three years by the closing date for submission of online application form in the prescribed form. The SEBC certificate which is more than three years old by the closing date of submission of online application form is liable for rejection.

- (i) Women candidates belonging to S.C./S.T./S.E.B.C. categories are required to submit Caste Certificates by birth showing "daughter of". Caste Certificates by virtue of marriage (i.e. showing "wife of") are not acceptable and liable for rejection .
- (ii) OBC Certificates will not be accepted in lieu of SEBC Certificates **AND CANDIDATES SUBMITTING OBC CERTIFICATE ARE LIABLE FOR REJECTION.**

NOTE-2 : Degree Certificate, Caste Certificate, Odia Test Pass Certificate, Discharge Certificate of Ex-servicemen and Identity Card issued from Director of Sports & Permanent Disability Certificate of Persons with Disabilities (indicating % of disability) must have been issued by the competent authority within the last date fixed for submission of online application forms.

10. GROUND OF REJECTION OF APPLICATIONS :-

Applications of candidates will be **rejected** on any of the following grounds-

- (a) Incomplete online application form;
- (b) Declaration not signed (full signature) by the candidate in the hard copy of online application form.
- (c) Age limit of candidate not coming under para-3 of the Advertisement (Overage relaxation shall not be allowed to PWD candidates having **less than 40% disability**).
- (d) No required education qualification as provided under Para-3(iii) of the Advertisement.
- (e) Not furnishing copies of Certificates/documents etc. as provided under Para-09 of the Advertisement.
- (f) Odia Test (ME standard) not passed/Odia Test pass evidence not furnished, as required under Para-4(i) of the Advertisement;
- (g) Submission of wrong information/false information about qualification/ age/Odia Test Pass evidence/category status (SC/ ST/SEBC/ PWD/Sports Person/Ex-servicemen/Women etc).
- (h) Ineligible applications which are violative of the provisions in Para-7 of the Advertisement regarding No. of attempts.
- (i) Suppression of facts/information about eligibility, if any.
- (j) Any other grounds as per the decision of the Commission.
- (k) Application submitted by the candidate to OPSC, if found to be incomplete in any respect and **at any stage**.
- (l) If a candidate fails to furnish any of the original certificates and documents for verification on the date fixed by the Commission;
- (m) Application received through any other mode (except online through the proforma Application to be made available on **WEBSITE OF OPSC**).
- (n) Non-submission of equivalence certificate issued by concerned University/Board.

N.B.: Application/candidature of a candidate shall be rejected at any stage of recruitment process, when discrepancy is noticed/ detected.

11. HOW TO APPLY:

(a) **Candidate must go through the details of this Advertisement available in the Website of OPSC before filling up online application form.**

(b) Candidates must apply online through the Website of the OPSC <http://opsc.gov.in>. **Applications received through any other mode would not be accepted and summarily be rejected.**

(c) The Online application form is automated and system driven and will guide the candidate seamlessly in filling the application. The requisite options shall be enabled and information shall be asked as per data furnished by the candidate. Before filling up the information, ensure that accurate information is fed, for edit option is limited & on conformation there is no scope for further edit even wrongful entry has been made while filling up application. No further representation from the candidate shall be entertained on that score.

(d) Candidates are requested to upload the scanned image of latest passport size photograph along with scanned image of their full signature and scanned image of Left Hand Thumb Impression (LTI) in the online Application Form. Uploaded photograph, Specimen (full) signature and LTI must be clearly identifiable/ visible, otherwise the application of the candidate is liable to be rejected by the Commission and no representation from the candidate will be entertained.

(e) Candidates should keep at least two copies of latest passport size photograph which is uploaded in the online application form for future use.

(f) *On successful submission of the online application form, a Unique "Permanent Public Service Account Number (PPSAN)" will be assigned to the applicant. Candidates are required to take a print out of the finally submitted online Registration/ Re-registration and finally submitted online application forms and put his/her signature under the declaration for submission to OPSC along with copies of requisite certificate & documents as and when asked.*

(g) **The candidates are advised to submit the Online Application Form well in advance without waiting for the closing date to avoid last hour rush.**

(h) Admission Certificate to the eligible candidates of OCS Preliminary & Main Written Examination will be uploaded in the Website of OPSC prior to the date of Written Examination. The date & programme of Written Examination or interview will be published in the OPSC Website & in the Newspapers. The candidates are required to **download their Admission Certificate/Instructions to Candidate from Website.** No separate correspondence will be made for this purpose.

(i) Any complaint on the conduct of examination must be sent to the Grievance wing of the Commission by E-mail (opsc@nic.in) within 03(three) days of completion of the examination.

12. FACILITATION COUNTER AND WEBSITE FOR GUIDANCE OF CANDIDATES:-

For any Technical guidance for filling up of the online Registration and online Application Forms, candidates may contact OPSC **technical support** over telephone **No. 0671-2304707** between 10.30 A.M to 01.30 P.M. & 2.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M. of any Odisha Government working days.

In case of any guidance/information on this advertisement and recruitment, candidates may refer to **Para-11** of this Advertisement or go through the **FAQ** available in the website of the Commission or contact the O.P.S.C. Facilitation Counter over Telephone No.0671-2304141/ 2305611 & Extn.-218 on any Odisha Government working day between 10.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. & 2.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M.

The candidates are required to visit the website of the Commission at **<http://opsconline.gov.in>** for detailed information about important Notices, rejection of applications, date & time of Examination/Interview etc. and also to keep track of publication of various Notices to the effect in the leading local daily newspapers for information.

CLOSING DATE

(A) THE LINK FOR ONLINE APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION SHALL BE AVAILABLE IN THE WEBSITE FROM **17.01.2023** TO **16.02.2023**.
(NOTE :- **16.02.2023** IS THE LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF REGISTERED ONLINE APPLICATION FORM)

NB : THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM IF FOUND DEFECTIVE IN ANY RESPECT ARE LIABLE TO BE SUMMARILY REJECTED.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC GRIEVANCE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 18th October, 2022

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.

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- (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

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC GRIEVANCE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 18th October, 2022

No.29246-GAD-SC-RULES-0025/2022/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 to regulate the method of recruitment in different Civil Services and posts of the State, namely:-

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the Odisha Civil Services (Method of Examination in Odia Medium) Rules, 2022.

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

2. **Definitions.**— (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "State Government" means the Government of Odisha;

(b) "recruitment examination" means the method of examination prescribed in different recruitment Rules; and

(c) "Recruitment Rules" means the rules framed under the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India regulating the appointment to different State Civil Services and Posts and includes executive orders and instructions issued by the Competent Authority in this regard from time to time.

(2) All other words and expressions used in these rules but not specifically defined shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning as respectively assigned to them in the Odisha Service Code.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in any Recruitment Rules, all recruitment made through the written examination and the *Viva-voce*, if any, shall be both in Odia and English except the Language subject.

4. The candidate shall answer the questions in Odia language except the language subject :

Provided that the candidate who desires to answer the papers and to face the *Viva-voice*, if any, in English language, shall exercise his option at the time of filling up the Application form for the examination which cannot be changed:

Provided further that the candidate while answering the papers in Odia language may, if he so likes, indicate the technical terms in English.

By Order of the Governor
SURENDRA KUMAR
Principal Secretary to Government