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## 8.0 CRITERIA FOR SHORT-LISTING OF CANDIDATES:

As provided in Rule 6 (2) of the Punjab Civil Services (Executive Branch) (First Amendment) Rules, 2011, the Commission shall conduct a screening test to shortlist the candidates and shall prepare a list of eligible persons, three times the number of vacancies.

### 8.1 Selection of the candidates:

As provided in Rule 6 (2) & 6 (3) of the Punjab Civil Services (Executive Branch) (First Amendment) Rules, 2011, for final selection of the candidates from the list prepared on the basis of screening test, the Commission shall determine the suitability of candidates on the basis of Annual Confidential Reports, seniority, experience and performance in the Interview by associating two representatives of the State Government; one serving as Secretary, Personnel and General Administration and the other, a senior IAS officer nominated by the Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab.

### 8.2 Criteria for making selection:

The criteria for making selection to the posts of PCS (E.B.) Register-C are as follows:-

Sr. No.	Details	Weightage (Marks)
1	Screening Test (Maximum Marks 100)	(50% of Screening Test) 50
2	Length of Service	15
3	Assessment of Service Records (ACRs/APARs)	20
4	Interview	15
	Total	<b>100</b>

### NOTE :-

It is for the information of all candidates that the Common Screening Test for Register A-II and Register-C is tentatively scheduled to be held during the month of **September/October-2026**. The exact date and schedule will be notified later on.

## **9.0 PATTERN AND SCHEME OF SCREENING TEST:**

### **9.1 Procedure of screening test:**

- a) The Screening Test shall consist of 100 questions, with each question of 01 mark. For final selection, 50% weightage of the marks scored in the screening test will be considered.
- b) The questions shall be of Objective Type with Multiple Choices.
- c) The level of questions shall be of Graduation standard.
- d) The duration of the test will be of two (02) hours. (For Persons with Disabilities (with 40% or more disability), compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour is allowed.
- e) The Commission shall conduct a Common Screening Test for both the registers i.e. Register A-II and Register-C for shortlisting the candidates. However, merit of the candidates shall be prepared separately for each Register.

### **9.2 Pattern of the screening test:**

- a) The question paper will be printed in English and Punjabi language.
- b) Each question will carry one mark and, for each correct answer candidate will get 1 (One) mark.
- c) **There will be Negative Marking for the wrong answer and 0.25 marks will be deducted for every wrong answer.**
- d) To answer a question, the candidate has to mark for each question, the most appropriate option out of the given options.
- e) Unanswered/Un-attempted questions will be given no marks. In case, a question is withdrawn, all candidates will be given one (01) mark irrespective of the fact whether the question has been attempted or not attempted by the candidate.
- f) Candidates are advised to go through instruction mentioned on question paper and OMR answer sheets before starting of the exam.
- g) Answer key will be uploaded on the PPSC website (after screening test), and the candidates will be permitted to raise objections (if any) within four days using the link available on the web page of the respective posts for consideration by the Commission. Objections received through any other mode (i.e. by email or by post etc.) will not be entertained.

### 9.3 **Minimum qualifying Marks:**

Eligible persons, three times of the number of vacancies as mentioned at clause 2.0 (in the order of merit of written examination) who have scored a minimum of **30 percent marks in screening test shall only** be short-listed for appearing in the interview.

### 9.4 **Syllabus of the screening test:**

The syllabus for the screening test as notified by the Government of Punjab vide No.G.S.R.37/Const.Art.309/Amd.(II)/2012 dated 24.7.2012 is as under:-

General knowledge in the subjects of Civics, Constitution of India, Indian History, Geography, General Science, Punjabi, English, History of Punjab and General Knowledge. (**Annexure-D**)

Out of the aforesaid subjects, at least ten questions shall be included from each subject in the screening test.

### 9.5 **Scribe Facility And Compensatory Time For Pwd Candidates**

As per Section 2(r) of The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, "Person with Benchmark Disability" means a person with not less than 40% of a specified disability where the specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where the specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, as certified by the certifying authority.

#### a) **Compensatory Time**

Compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour of examination shall be allowed to all candidates having benchmark disability (40% or more disability), and candidates covered under section 2(s) of the RPwd Act, 2016 (refer 9.5 (b) iii) subject to submission of the UDID Card/Online Disability Certificate at the Reception Counter of PPSC by hand or through email at **[suptd.exam@ppsc.gov.in](mailto:suptd.exam@ppsc.gov.in)** on or before **30.07.2026**.

## ANNEXURE-(D)

**PUNJAB PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**Baradari Garden, Patiala-147001. Website: www.ppsc.gov.in**

Punjab Civil Services (Executive Branch)  
Syllabus: Register A-II and Register C

Note:

- a) The Screening Test shall consist of 100 Questions.
- b) Each Question shall be of one mark, thus the total would be of 100 Marks.
- c) The questions shall be Objective Type with Multiple Choices
- d) The level of questions shall be of graduation standard.
- e) **The Commission shall conduct a common Screening Test for both the Register A-II and Register-C, to shortlist the candidates. However, merit of the candidates shall be counted separately for the respective Register subject to their eligibility.**
- f) There will be Negative Marking (@ 0.25 marks for each question) in the written examination for questions wrongly answered i.e. for each incorrect answer, 0.25 marks will be deducted from the total score.
- g) **The topics listed in the syllabus are only indicative for the general guidance of the candidates and cannot be deemed as exhaustive list.**
- h) Eligible persons, three times of the number of vacancies as mentioned at clause 2.0 (in the order of merit of written examination) who have scored a minimum of 30 percent marks in screening test shall only be short-listed for appearing in the interview.
- i) The syllabus for the screening test as notified by the Government of Punjab vide notification No. G.S.R. 37/Const.Art.309/Amd. (II)/2012 dated 24.07.2012 is as under:-

"(2-A) The screening test referred to in sub-rule (2) shall be of hundred marks of general knowledge of graduation level in the subjects of Civics, Constitution of India, Indian History, Geography, General Science, Punjabi, English, History of Punjab and General Knowledge.

Out of the aforesaid subjects, there shall be hundred questions of multiple choice and at least ten questions shall be included from each subject in the screening test."

THE BROAD CONTENTS OF THE SUBJECTS MENTIONED IN THE NOTIFIED SYLLABUS ARE DELINEATED FOR THE REFERENCE OF THE CANDIDATES:-

**(i) CIVICS**

Basic concept of freedom, equality, social justice, rights & duties, citizenship, nationalism, secularism etc.

Panchayati Raj and Urban Local Bodies.

Elections- People's Representation Act, Electoral reforms, etc.

**(ii) CONSTITUTION OF INDIA**

Basic features, provisions, Schedules of the Indian Constitution, Key amendments.

**(iii) INDIAN HISTORY**

The Indus valley civilisation.

The Aryan and the Vedic age.

Jainism and Buddhism.

The Maurya and Gupta Periods.

Advent of Islam and Sultanate period (political, social & cultural).

The Bhakti Movement.

The Mughals (political, social & Cultural till Aurangzeb).

The coming of the European Powers and the advent of the British rule.

The Mutiny of 1857.

The British rule and the Indian National Movement (1857-1947)

**(iv) GEOGRAPHY**

Population – distribution, density, growth and comparison.

Migration – types, causes and consequences.

Human development. Human settlements. Land resources and agriculture. Water resources.

Mineral and energy resources. Manufacturing industries.

Planning and sustainable development in India. Transport and communication. International trade.

Geographical perspective on selected issues and problems.

**(v) GENERAL SCIENCE**

States of matter, structure of atom, versatile nature of carbon.

Acids, bases, salt: corrosion in metals, action of soaps.

Life on Earth – evolution, marine & terrestrial life.

Human body and life processes, nutrition, diseases – their causes & prevention, infectious diseases, lifestyle diseases.

Public health initiatives, mother and child health, immunisation & vaccination, HIV- AIDS, TB, Polio etc.

Force-laws of motion & gravitation, Archimedes principle.

Energy – kinetic & potential.

Light – reflection & refraction – concepts and applications.

Sound – propagation & reflection – concepts and applications.

Electric current – concepts and applications. Computers and telecommunication – concepts and applications.

**(vi) PUNJABI**

- a) Comprehension: An unseen passage followed by Questions to be answered
- b) Translation of English to Punjabi
- c) Grammar
- d) Vocabulary

**(vii) ENGLISH**

- a) Comprehension: An unseen passage followed by Questions to be answered
- b) Translation Punjabi to English
- c) Grammar
- d) Vocabulary

**(viii) HISTORY OF PUNJAB**

Major personalities in the history of Punjab, religious movements, major religions & spiritual personalities, Punjabi literature, folklore, performing arts, fine arts and crafts. Sufis, saints and gurus, Lodhis and Mughals, Sikh rulers, The British period, National movement in Punjab. Punjab in Independent India.

**(ix) GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Events of National and International Importance/Current Affairs, Environmental issues, etc.