

Changes in Civil Services Main Examination

As per the notification issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Civil Services (Mains) Exam will have a new pattern from year 2013 onwards.

Following is the allocation of marks according to new pattern(from 2013 onwards):

PAPER	AREA/SUBJECT	Maximum Marks (From 2013 onwards)	Maximum Marks (previous -till 2012)
<i>Qualifying Paper -A</i>	<i>One of the Indian Languages from the languages included in the eighth schedule</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>300</i>
<i>Qualifying Paper-B</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>300</i>
1	Essay	250	200
2	GS-I (Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)	250	600 marks (Till 2012, these four papers existed as two papers each of 300 marks)
3	GS-II (Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations)	250	
4	GS-III (Technology, Economic Development, Bio-Diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)	250	
5	GS-IV (Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude)	250	

6	Optional Subject(I) Paper-1	250	300
7	Optional Subject(I) Paper-2	250	300
8	Optional Subject(II) Paper-1	Not Applicable	300
9	Optional Subject(II) Paper-2	Not Applicable	300
	WRITTEN TOTAL	1750	2000
	PERSONALITY TEST (INTERVIEW)	275	300
	GRAND TOTAL	2025	2300

Following are the changes in the Written Part of the Main Examination of Civil Services Exam:

- 1) Instead of two optionals, candidates will now be required to take **only one** optional on which there will be two papers
- 2) General Studies is now divided into **four** papers instead of the earlier two papers
- 3) The papers on “Indian Language & English” will be qualifying in nature. The marks obtained will not be counted for final ranking.
- 4) A separate paper on 'Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude' has been included as part of General Studies.
- 5) Marks for interview have been reduced from 300 to 275 marks.
- 6) Marks allotted for different papers (General Studies and Optional) have been reduced to 250 per paper.
- 7) Candidates will have the option of answering any of the question papers(except Qualifying Papers) in any of the Indian languages