



Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC)

Introduction Booklet

- The premier administrative service examination of Bihar.
- Conducted for recruitment to various government posts.
- Evaluation of knowledge, aptitude, and leadership capability.

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Preliminary Examination Syllabus & Exam Pattern

- The Preliminary Examination conducted by the Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC) comprises a single question paper of General Studies.
- This exam is organized with the objective of evaluating the candidates' general awareness, intellectual ability, and foundational understanding of various subjects.
- The nature of the question paper is objective (multiple-choice questions). Candidates are required to select the correct answer from the given choices for each question.
- If a candidate marks more than one answer for a question, that answer will be considered invalid and categorized as a wrong answer.
- The marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination are only used to determine the eligibility of candidates for the Main Examination.
- These marks are not included in the final merit list or in the interview scores.

Preliminary Exam Pattern

Paper 1 - General Studies

Description	Information
Number of Questions	150
Maximum Marks	150
Exam Duration	2 Hours
Language of Questions	Hindi and English
Negative Marking	1/4th of the marks allotted to that question for each wrong answer
Cut-off	Determination of merit based on marks obtained

Syllabus of General Studies

Questions are asked from the following subjects in the General Studies paper of the Preliminary Examination:

- Current events of national and international importance
- History of India
- Indian National Movement and Bihar's contribution to it
- Major features of the history of Bihar
- General Science
- General Geography
- Major geographical divisions and important rivers of Bihar
- Indian Polity and Economy
- Major changes in the economy of Bihar post-independence
- General Mental Ability

Subject-wise Details

General Science: Under this section, questions are based on daily life experiences, observations, and scientific facts. The level of questions is such that can be expected from any educated person who has not made a special study of any scientific discipline.

History: Under this, a general understanding of Indian history in social, economic, and political perspectives is tested, particularly with reference to the major events in the history of Bihar.

Geography: Special emphasis is laid on the geography of India and Bihar. This includes topics related to the social, economic, and physical geography of the country, as well as Indian agriculture and natural resources.

Indian Polity and Economy: This section tests the understanding of the Indian political system, constitutional structure, Panchayati Raj system, community development programs, and the Indian planning process, along with their context in Bihar.

Indian National Movement: This includes the social and cultural renaissance of the 19th century, the growth of nationalism, and major events of the freedom struggle, along with the role of Bihar in the movement.

General Mental Ability: This section includes questions from Logical Reasoning, Analytical Ability, Decision Making, and Problem Solving Skills.

Main Examination Syllabus & Exam System

The Main Examination is conducted for candidates who qualify in the Preliminary Examination. The Main Examination is organized to evaluate the analytical capacity, subject understanding, and expression skills of the candidates.

Structure of the Main Examination

The Main Examination comprises a total of 5 papers, which are divided into two parts:

1. **Compulsory Papers:** General Hindi, Essay, General Studies I, General Studies II.
2. **Optional Subject:** One subject has to be selected from the prescribed list (This paper is of objective/MCQ format).
 - A time duration of 3 hours is designated for each paper.
 - The papers of General Hindi, Essay, and General Studies are of descriptive nature.

Qualifying Criteria

General Hindi: It is mandatory to secure a minimum of 30% marks. However, its marks are not added to the final merit list.

Optional Subject: Its marks are also not included in the final merit determination. Candidates are required to obtain the minimum qualifying marks as follows:

Category	Minimum Qualifying Marks
General Category	40%
Backward Class (BC)	36.5%
Extremely Backward Class (EBC)	34%
Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe, Women & Disabled Candidates	32%

Merit Determination: The merit list of the Main Examination is determined solely on the basis of marks obtained in Essay, General Studies I, and General Studies II. Candidates successful in the Main Examination are invited for the Interview.

Current Exam Pattern of Main Examination

Paper	Subject	Marks
Paper 1	General Hindi (Qualifying)	100
Paper 2	Essay	300
Paper 3	General Studies I	300
Paper 4	General Studies II	300
Paper 5	Optional Subject (Qualifying)	100

Main Examination - Detailed Description of Papers

Paper 1 (General Hindi): Essay (30 Marks), Grammar (30 Marks), Syntax/Sentence Structure (25 Marks), Summary/Précis Writing (15 Marks).

Paper 2: Essay (300 Marks)

Paper 3 (General Studies I):

- Modern History of India and Indian Culture (Evolution from the mid-19th century, Gandhi, Tagore, and Nehru).
- Role of Bihar in the Indian Freedom Struggle (Santhal Rebellion, Revolt of 1857, Birsa Movement, Champaran Satyagraha, Quit India Movement of 1942).
- Art and Culture (Mauryan Art, Pal Art, and Patna Kalam Painting).
- Statistical Analysis, Graphs, and Diagrams (Analysis of graphs, charts, and data).

Paper 4 (General Studies II):

- Indian Polity (Political system of India and Bihar, Constitutional structure).
- Indian Economy and Geography of India (Economic development, planning, natural resources, and physical geography).
- Science and Technology (Role, impact, and practical application of science and technology in the development of India and Bihar).

Paper 5: List of Optional Subjects

Optional Subject (Column 1)	Optional Subject (Column 2)
Agriculture	Political Science & International Relations
Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Science	Psychology
Anthropology	Public Administration
Botany	Sociology
Chemistry	Statistics
Civil Engineering	Zoology
Commerce & Accountancy	Hindi Language & Literature
Economics	English Language & Literature
Electrical Engineering	Urdu Language & Literature
Geography	Bengali Language & Literature
Geology	Sanskrit Language & Literature
History	Arabic Language & Literature
Labour & Social Welfare	Pali Language & Literature
Law	Maithili Language & Literature
Management	Persian Language & Literature
Mathematics	Philosophy