

ONLINE RECRUITMENT EXAMINATION FOR CATEGORY III POSTS (PHASE - I)

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INFORMATION HANDOUT

This handout contains details pertaining to various aspects of the online exam you are going to undertake and important instructions about related matters. You are advised to study the handout carefully as it will help you in preparing for the examination.

The on-line examination will comprise the following objective type multiple choice tests as stated below :

Sr. No.	Name of the Test	Number of Questions	Maximum Marks	Duration	Medium of Examination
1	English Language	25	25	15 Minutes	English
2	Reasoning Ability	25	25	15 Minutes	Bilingual (English & Hindi)
3	Numerical Aptitude	25	25	15 Minutes	Bilingual (English & Hindi)
4	General Studies* comprising of Indian History, Indian Economy, Geography & General Science upto Class 8 th level-20 Questions Current Affairs – 5 Questions	25	25	15 Minutes	Bilingual (English & Hindi)
	Total	100	100	60 Minutes	

***The nature of questions will be such that they do not require specialized study of any discipline.**

The time for the exam is 60 minutes; however you may have to be at the venue for approximately 120 minutes including the time required for logging in, collection of the call letters, going through the instructions etc. All tests except test of English Language will be provided in English and Hindi. You can attempt any question within the time allotted to that test. All the questions will have multiple choices. Out of the five answers to a question only one will be the correct answer. **You have to select the most appropriate answer and 'mouse click' that alternative which you feel is appropriate/ correct. The alternative/ option that you have clicked on will be treated as your answer to that question. There will be penalty for wrong answers marked by you. However, you are advised, not to mark answers by random guessing. Further, for every wrong answer marked by you, 1/4th of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.**

The Scores of Online Examination will be obtained by adopting the following procedure :

- Number of questions answered correctly by a candidate in each objective test is considered for arriving at the Corrected Score after applying penalty for wrong answers.
- The Corrected Scores so obtained by a candidate are made equivalent to take care of the minor difference in difficulty level, if any, in each of the objective tests held in different sessions to arrive at the Equated Scores*

*Scores obtained by candidates on any test are equated to the base form by considering the distribution of scores of all the forms.

- Scores on total is reported with decimal points upto two digits.

Please note that the types of questions in this handout are only illustrative and not exhaustive. In the actual examination you will find questions of a higher difficulty level on some or all of these types and also questions on the types not mentioned here.

Some sample questions are given below.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

This is a test to see how well you 'know' English. Your English language ability would be tested through questions on grammar, vocabulary, sentence completion, synonyms, antonyms, comprehension of a passage, etc. Study the sample questions given below. Please remember, in the test paper there may be questions of several other types also.

Q.1. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical or idiomatic error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. That part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'No error'. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any).

The regaining of freedom / as we well know has given rise for / many dormant issues /
(1) (2) (3)
and conflicts in our society. (4) No error (5)
(4) (5)

Q.2-3. Directions : In each of the following questions, select from amongst the five alternatives, the word most opposite in meaning of the word given in capitals.

Q.2. LIVELY
(1) simple (2) weak (3) dull (4) angry (5) moron

Q.3. INADVERTENT
(1) adequate (2) available (3) sluggish (4) negligent (5) intentional

Q.4. Pick out from the words given below this sentence the word which would complete the sentence correctly and meaningfully.

He wants me to look _____ his garden during his absence.
(1) at (2) over (3) after (4) into (5) from

REASONING ABILITY

This is a test to see how well you can think. It contains questions of various kinds. Here are some sample questions.

Q.1. Some leaders are dishonest. Neelam is a leader. Which of the following inferences definitely follows from these two statements ?

- (1) Neelam is honest (2) Neelam is dishonest
(3) Some leaders are honest (4) Leaders are generally dishonest
(5) Neelam is sometimes dishonest

Q.2. If the letters of the following alphabet interchange positions, so that A takes the place of Z and Z takes the place of A; B takes the place of Y and Y takes the place of B and so on, what will be the 13th letter from the right ?

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
(1) M (2) N (3) O (4) L (5) Other than those given as options

Q.3. If the first and the second letters in the word 'DEPRESSION' were interchanged, also the third and the fourth letters, the fifth and sixth letters and so on, which of the following would be the seventh letter from the right ?

- (1) R (2) O (3) S (4) I (5) Other than those given as options

Q.4. In a row of girls, if Seeta who is 10th from the left and Lina who is 9th from the right interchange their seats, Seeta becomes 15th from the left. How many girls are there in the row?

- (1) 16 (2) 18 (3) 19 (4) 22 (5) Other than those given as options

NUMERICAL APTITUDE

This test is to measure how fast and accurate you are in dealing with numbers.

Directions : In each of the following questions one number is missing. The place where the number is missing is shown by a question mark (?). You have to find out which one of the answers shown against 1, 2, 3 and 4 can replace the question mark. If none of these four can replace the question mark, you will indicate (5) i.e. 'Other than those given as options' as your answer.

- Q.1.** $\frac{24}{65} \times \frac{13}{56} \times \frac{5}{7} = ?$
 (1) $\frac{3}{49}$ (2) $\frac{15}{245}$ (3) $\frac{3}{77}$ (4) $\frac{15}{56}$ (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.2.** $(27 + 498) \div 25 = ?$
 (1) 17 (2) 25 (3) 21 (4) 12 (5) Other than those given as options

Also, there may be some questions based on graphs and tables.

Q.3-5. Directions : Given below is a table showing percentages out of a total of 700 employees ranking six attributes that help promotion. Rank I is the highest. Study the table carefully and answer questions that follow :

% of Employees Giving Different Ranks						
Attribute	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Seniority	32	17	22	19	5	5
Perseverance	14	19	17	9	27	14
Efficiency	15	19	21	14	14	17
Intelligence	10	14	10	14	17	35
Honesty	24	17	7	9	27	16
Sociability	5	14	23	35	10	13

- Q.3.** Which attribute for promotion has received the highest rank ?
 (1) Perseverance (2) Seniority (3) Honesty (4) Sociability (5) Efficiency
- Q.4.** How many employees gave rank III to intelligence ?
 (1) 119 (2) 98 (3) 77 (4) 70 (5) 10
- Q.5.** Which attribute is considered the least important for promotion ?
 (1) Honesty (2) Intelligence (3) Perseverance (4) Efficiency (5) Sociability

GENERAL STUDIES COMPRISING OF INDIAN HISTORY, INDIAN ECONOMY, GEOGRAPHY & GENERAL SCIENCE UPTO CLASS 8TH LEVEL, CURRENT AFFAIRS

- Q.1.** To combat the menace of money laundering, which of the following financial institutions has introduced the 'Know Your Customer' Scheme ?
 (1) IDBI (2) RBI (3) NABARD (4) SIDBI (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.2.** OSCAR awards are given for best performance in which of the following field ?
 (1) Films (2) Literature (3) Sports (4) Science (5) Social Service
- Q.3.** Which of the following stands for I in RBI ?
 (1) India (2) International (3) Insurance (4) Income (5) Institute
- Q.4.** The famous Gomateshwar idol is in which of the following states ?
 (1) Maharashtra (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Orissa (5) Karnataka
- Q.5.** The famous Ayodhya temple is located on the bank of the river _____
 (1) Ganga (2) Godavari (3) Sarayu (4) Ban Ganga (5) Narmada

(A) Details of the On-line Examination Pattern

- (1) The examination would be conducted on-line i.e. on a computer.

- (2) The tests except test of English Language will be provided in bilingual i.e. English and Hindi.
- (3) All the questions will have multiple choices. Out of the five answers to a question only one will be the correct answer. **The candidate has to select the most appropriate answer and 'mouse click' that alternative which he/ she feels is appropriate/ correct. The alternative/ option that is clicked on will be treated as the answer to that question. Answer to any question will be considered for final evaluation, only when candidates have submitted the answers by clicking on "Save & Next" or "Mark for Review & Next".**
- (4) The clock has been set at the server and the countdown timer at the top right corner of your screen will display the time remaining for you to complete the test. When the clock runs out the exam ends by default - you are not required to end or submit your exam.
- (5) The question palette at the right of screen shows one of the following statuses of each of the questions numbered:



You have not visited the question yet.



You have not answered the question.



You have answered the question.



You have NOT answered the question, but have marked the question for review.



The question(s) "Answered and Marked for Review" will be considered for evaluation.

The Marked for Review status simply acts as a reminder that you have set to look at the question again. *If an answer is selected for a question that is Marked for Review, the answer will be considered in the final evaluation.*

- (6) To select a question to answer, you can do one of the following :
 - (a) Click on the question number on the question palette at the right of your screen to go to that numbered question directly. Note that using this option **does NOT save your answer** to the current question.
 - (b) Click on '**Save & Next**' to save answer to current question and to go to the next question in sequence.
 - (c) Click on '**Mark for Review and Next**' to save answer to current question, mark it for review, and to go to the next question in sequence.
- (7) To select your answer, click on one of the option buttons.
- (8) To change your answer, click another desired option button.
- (9) To save your answer, you **MUST** click on **Save & Next**.
- (10) To deselect a chosen answer, click on the chosen option again or click on the **Clear Response** button.
- (11) To mark a question for review click on **Mark for Review & Next**. *If an answer is selected for a question that is Marked for Review, the answer will be considered in the final evaluation.*
- (12) To change an answer to a question, first select the question and then click on the new answer option followed by a click on the **Save & Next** button.
- (13) Questions that are saved or marked for review after answering will ONLY be considered for evaluation.**
- (14) Test name(s) will be displayed on the top bar of the screen. The test you will view will be highlighted.
- (15) After clicking the **Save & Next** button on the last question for a test, you will be taken to the first question of the (next) test only after the time allotted to that test elapses.
- (16) You cannot shuffle between tests during the examination as all tests are separately timed.

- (17) The candidates are requested to follow the instructions of the "Test Administrator" carefully. If any candidate does not follow the instructions / rules, it would be treated as a case of misconduct/ adoption of unfair means and such a candidate would be liable for debarment from appearing for examinations for a period as decided by FCI.
- (18) The candidates may ask the Test Administrator about their doubts or questions only before the commencement of the test. No query shall be entertained after the commencement of the examination.
- (19) After the expiry of time allotted to a particular test the candidates will not be able to attempt any question or check their answers. The answers of the candidate would be saved automatically by the computer system even if he/ she has not clicked the "Submit" button.
- (20) **Please note :**
- (a) **Candidates will not be allowed to "finally submit" unless they have exhausted the actual test time.**
 - (b) **Under no circumstances should a candidate click on any of the 'keyboard keys' once the exam starts as this will lock the exam.**

B] General Instructions:

- (1) Please note date, time and venue address of the examination given in the call letter.
- (2) You may visit the venue one day before the Online Examination to confirm the location so that you are able to report **on time** (as printed on the call letter) on the day of the examination. Late comers will not be allowed.
- (3) The call letter should be brought with you to the examination venue along with your recent passport size photograph duly pasted on it. (Preferably the same photograph as was as uploaded).
- (4) Eligible PwBD candidates using their own Scribe in the examination are required to submit 'Scribe Declaration Form' as per **Annexure-H** given in the detailed advertisement, on the day of examination at Examination Venue.
- (5) Person with Benchmark Disability should contact the Test Centre Administrator of the test venue at least 30 minutes before the time of examination for assistance in seating, if needed.
- (6) You must scrupulously follow the instructions of the Test Administrator and the FCI Representative at the examination venue. If you violate the instructions you will be disqualified and will be asked to leave the examination venue.
- (7) No use of calculators (separate or with watch), books, note books or written notes, cell phones (with or without camera facility), scale, algorithm tables or any other electronic device will be allowed during the examination. **After AarogyaSetu status display at the entry gate, candidates/scribe will be required to switch off their mobile phones, and deposit it at the designated location, to be collected while exiting.**
- (8) Please bring the call letter with your photograph affixed thereon, currently valid photo identity proof in original and a photocopy of the same ID proof which you bring in original - THIS IS ESSENTIAL. The call-letter along with photocopy of photo identity proof duly stapled together are to be submitted at the end of exam by putting it in the designated drop-box. Currently valid photo identity proof may be PAN Card/Passport/Driving License/Voter's Card with photograph / Bank Passbook with photograph/Photo Identity proof issued by a Gazetted Officer on official letterhead / Photo Identity proof issued by a People's Representative on official letterhead/Valid recent Identity Card issued by a recognised College/ University/ Aadhar/E-Aadhar Card with a photograph/Employee ID/Bar Council Identity card with photograph. Please Note - Ration Card and Learner's Driving License will not be accepted as valid ID proof for this exam. Please note that your name as appearing on the call letter (provided by you during the process of registration) should exactly match the name as appearing on the photo identity proof. Female candidates who have changed first/last/middle name post marriage must take special note of this. If there is any mismatch between the name indicated in the Call Letter and Photo Identity Proof you will not be allowed to appear for the exam. In case of candidates who have changed their name will be allowed only if they produce Gazette notification/their marriage certificate/affidavit. Photo ID should be valid as on the day of the examination.
- (9) Your responses (answers) will be analysed with **responses of** other candidates to detect patterns of similarity of right and wrong answers. If in the analytical procedure adopted in this regard, it is inferred/concluded that the responses have been shared and scores obtained are not genuine/valid, your candidature may be cancelled. Any candidate who is found copying or receiving or giving assistance or engaging in any behaviour unbecoming

of a candidate will not be considered for assessment. FCI may take further action against such candidates as deemed fit by it.

- (10) Ball point pen will be provided at the venue. Candidates should not bring any stationary items such as pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners etc. to the exam venue. A sheet of paper will be provided at the venue which can be used for rough work or taking down the question number you would like to review at the end of the test before submitting your answers. After the test is over you MUST drop this sheet of paper along with the Call Letter in the designated drop-box.
- (11) The possibility of occurrence of some problem in the administration of the examination cannot be ruled out completely which may impact test delivery and/or result from being generated. In that event, every effort will be made to rectify such problem, which may include movement of candidates, delay in test. Conduct of a re-exam is at the absolute discretion of test conducting body. Candidates will not have any claim for a re-test. Candidates not willing to move or not willing to participate in the delayed process of test delivery shall be summarily rejected from the process.
- (12) If the examination is held in more than one session, the scores across various sessions will be equated to adjust for slight differences in difficulty level of different test batteries used across sessions. More than one session are required if the nodes capacity is less or some technical disruption takes place at any centre or for any candidate.
- (13) Anyone found to be disclosing, publishing, reproducing, transmitting, storing or facilitating transmission and storage of test contents in any form or any information therein in whole or part thereof or by any means verbal or written, electronic or mechanical or taking away the papers supplied in the examination hall or found to be in unauthorized possession of test content is likely to be prosecuted.
- (14) Instances for providing incorrect information and/or process violation by a candidate detected at any stage of the selection, process will lead to disqualification of the candidate from the selection process and he/she will not be allowed to appear in any recruitment process of FCI in the future. If such instances go undetected during the current selection process but are detected subsequently, the candidature of such candidates shall be cancelled and further action shall be taken as deemed fit.

SOCIAL DISTANCING MODE CONDUCT OF EXAM RELATED INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 **Candidate is required to report at the exam venue strictly as per the time slot mentioned in the Call Letter. Late comers will not be allowed to take the test.**

- 2 Mapping of 'Candidate Roll Number and the Lab Number' will NOT be displayed outside the exam venue, but the same will be intimated to the candidates individually at the time of entry of the candidate to the exam venue.
- 3 Items permitted into the venue for Candidates
Candidates will be permitted to carry only certain items with them into the venue.
 - a. Mask (WEARING A MASK is COMPULSORY)
 - b. Personal transparent water bottle (Candidate should bring his / her own water bottle)
 - c. Personal hand sanitizer (50 ml)
 - d. Exam related documents (Call Letter and Photocopy of the ID card stapled with it, ID Card in Original.)
 - e. Call Letter should be brought with the Photocopy of the Photo ID stapled with it. Original ID (same as Photocopy) is also to be brought for verification. The name on the ID and on the Call Letter should be exactly the same.
 - f. In case of Scribe Candidates - Scribe form duly filled and signed with Photograph affixed.No other Items are permitted inside the venue.
- 4 Candidate should not share any of their personal belonging/material with anyone
- 5 Candidate should maintain safe social distance with one another.
- 6 Candidate should stand in the row as per the instructions provided at venue.
- 7 If candidate is availing services of a scribe, then scribe also should bring their own Mask, sanitizer (50ml) and transparent water bottle. Wearing a mask is compulsory. Both candidate and Scribe will require to be wearing Mask.
- 8 A Candidate must have AarogyaSetu App installed on his mobile phone. The AarogyaSetu status must show candidate's risk factor. A candidate/scribe will have to display this status to the Security Guard at the entry into the exam venue. In case a candidate/scribe does not have a smart phone, he/she will have to bring in a signed declaration to this effect (declaration is provided along with this Call Letter) and show the same to the Security Guard at the entry into the exam venue. Candidates/scribe with **Moderate-or** High Risk Status on AarogyaSetu App will not be allowed entry. In case **any-of-the responses in** declaration suggest COVID 19 infection/symptoms, the candidate will not be permitted inside the exam venue. (If candidate is availing services of a Scribe, then Scribe should also follow the same instructions).
- 9 After Aarogya Setu status display at the entry gate, candidates/scribe will be required to switch off their mobile phones, and deposit it at the designated location, to be collected while exiting.
- 10 All candidates (and Scribe, if applicable) will be checked with Thermo guns at the entry point for temperature. In case, any person is observed to be having above normal temperature ($> 99.14^{\circ}$ F) or displaying any symptoms of the virus, they will not be allowed entry into the venue.
- 11 In candidate registration:
 - a. Candidate registration will be done through photo capture. Photo captured will be matched with the photo uploaded by you in the application (as printed in the call letter). You must NOT change your appearance from the photo uploaded by you.
 - b. Photograph will be taken while candidate is standing.
 - c. Seat number will be given to the candidate.
- 12 Rough sheet, call letter and ID proof management
 - Rough sheet(s) **provided to the candidate shall be** used by candidate.
 - Candidate must follow the instructions related to dropping the call letter with the ID proof copy in the boxes provided at the exit of lab/venue while leaving or at the designated place. Those candidates who avail the services of Scribe should submit Scribe form also along with the Call Letter and ID proof copy
 - Candidate must drop the rough sheets, call letter, ID proof copy in the boxes provided at the exit of lab/venue mandatorily while leaving or at the designated place indicated by Exam officials.
- 13 Post Examination Controls
 - On completion of examination, the candidates should move out in an orderly manner without crowding as instructed by the venue staff.

WISH YOU GOOD LUCK