



# Bihar PCS Preliminary & Mains Syllabus

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## PRELIMINARY TEST

### GENERAL STUDIES

- **General Science.**
  - Questions on **General Science** will cover general appreciation and understanding of science, including matters of everyday observation and experience, as may be expected of a well educated person who has not made a special study of any scientific discipline.
- **Current events** of national and international importance.
- **History** of India and salient features of the history of Bihar.
  - In History, emphasis will be on broad general understanding of the subject in its social, economic and political aspects.
  - The candidates are expected to be familiar with the broad aspects of the history of Bihar.
- General **Geography** and geographical division of Bihar and its major river systems.
  - In Geography, emphasis will be on geography of India and Bihar.
  - Questions on the Geography of India and Bihar will relate to physical, social and economic Geography of the country including the main features of Indian agricultural and natural resources.
- Indian **Polity and Economy** and major changes in the economy of Bihar in the post independence period.
  - Questions of Indian Polity and Economy will test knowledge on the country's political system, panchayati raj, community development and planning in India and Bihar.
- **Indian National Movement and the part played by Bihar** in it and also Questions on General Mental Ability.
  - Question on the Indian National Movement will relate to the nature and character of the nineteenth century resurgence, growth of nationalism and attainment of Independence and candidates will be expected to answer questions on the role of Bihar in the freedom movement of India.

## MAIN EXAMINATION

### 01- GENERAL HINDI (सामान्य हिन्दी)

इस परीक्षा में सामान्य हिन्दी का परीक्षण निम्नलिखित प्रकार से होगा (सामान्य हिन्दी) परीक्षा में प्रश्नों का क्रम निम्नलिखित है। प्रश्नों का क्रम निम्नलिखित है: प्रश्न क्रमांक-संख्या प्रश्न का अंक प्रश्नों का क्रम निम्नलिखित है।

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### GENERAL STUDIES

General studies papers I and paper II will cover the following areas of knowledge:-

## 02. GENERAL STUDIES PAPER- I

1. Modern History of India and Indian culture.
2. Current events of national and international importance.
3. Statistical analysis, graphs and diagrams.

- In paper-I, Modern History of India and Indian Culture will cover the broad history of the country (with special reference to Bihar) from about the middle of nineteenth century.
- The modern history of Bihar will include questions on the introduction and expansion of western education (including technical education).
- It will also have questions on Bihar's role in the freedom struggle of India.
- Questions will relate to the Santhal Uprising, 1857 in Bihar, Birsa movement, Champaran Satyagrah and the Quit India Movement 1942.
- A knowledge of the chief features of Mauryan and Pal art and Patna Kalam painting will be expected from the examinees.
- It would also include questions on Gandhi, Tagore and Nehru.
- The part relating to statistical analysis, graphs and diagrams will include exercises to test the candidate's ability to draw common sense conclusions from information presented in statistical, graphical or diagrammatic form and to point out deficiencies, limitations or inconsistencies therein.

## 03. GENERAL STUDIES PAPER- II

1. Indian Polity
2. Indian economy and Geography of India
3. The role and impact of science and technology in the development of India.

- In Paper II, the part relating to Indian Polity, will include questions on the political system in India including Bihar.
- In the part pertaining to the Indian Economy and Geography of India, questions will be put on planning in India and the physical, economic and social geography of India and Bihar.
- In the third part relating to the role and impact of science and technology in the development of India, questions will be asked to test the candidate's awareness of the role and impact of science and technology in India and Bihar Emphasis will be on applied aspects.

## 04. Optional Paper III

- There will be only one optional subject exam for 100 marks and the questions will be MCQ based. It will be qualifying in nature. It will be mandatory to obtain minimum qualifying marks of 40% for general candidates, 36.5% for Backward classes, 34% for Extremely Backward classes and 32% for SC/ST, Women and Disabled candidates.
- These marks are not added to the merit list.
- The candidates have to select one optional subject out of subjects mentioned in notification.
- The choices are given below and the syllabus for optional subjects can be viewed in the BPSC Syllabus PDF.
- Optional Subjects in BPSC Syllabus are:
  - English Language and Literature, Urdu Language and Literature, Hindi Language and Literature, Persian Language and Literature, Arabic Language and Literature, Pali Language and Literature, Maithili Language and Literature, Bangla Language and Literature, Sanskrit Language and Literature, Chemistry, Sociology, Physics, Agriculture, Statistics, Botany, Zoology, Philosophy, Political, Science and International Relations, Psychology, Public Administration, Labour and Social Welfare, Management, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Geography, Geology, History, Law, Civil Engineering, Economics, Commerce and Accountancy, Electrical Engineering, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science,

Anthropology.

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