



Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) - Strategy

Preliminary Examination Strategy

- **Understanding the Syllabus:** Begin by thoroughly reviewing the syllabus of the examination, considering all its components. Based on your convenience and interest, prioritize the subjects accordingly.
- **Analysis of Previous Exams:** Examine questions from past preliminary examinations, paying close attention to subjects and topics with a higher tendency of being asked.
- **Strengthening Conceptual Knowledge:** Focus on strengthening conceptual and factual knowledge based on the identified sections. Adopt a scientific approach to studying, making it easier to retain information. Making concise notes simultaneously can aid in retention.
- **Consistent Study:** Success in this examination hinges on regular and dedicated study. Allocate 5-6 hours daily for study, with an additional 1-2 hours for current events and revision.
- **Subject-wise Analysis:** Utilize the subject-wise trend analysis provided for the preliminary examination's first paper over the past years.
- **Current Affairs Preparation:** Stay updated on current affairs. You may enrich your preparation by utilizing resources such as Drishti Website, Drishti PCS YouTube Channels, and Drishti Monthly Magazine.
- **Preparation for Paper-II:** Recognize the qualifying nature of Paper-II and treat it with equal seriousness. Practice questions related to Mathematics, Reasoning, Comprehension, Communication skills etc., by categorizing previously asked questions.

Final Round of Preparation for Preliminary Examination

- **Avoid New Topics:** Refrain from studying new sections or topics in the last 2-3 days before the exam. Focus on revising what you've learned so far to build confidence in your preparation.
- **Maintain Confidence:** Maintain confidence in your preparation and avoid succumbing to stress. Sufficient sleep on the night before the exam is crucial for optimal performance.
- **Order of Answering:** Determine the order of answering questions based on your preparation level. Start with topics you're most confident about, then proceed to those where you have slight doubts.
- **Attempt Questions Carefully:** Since there's 1/3rd negative marking, ensure to attempt questions carefully.
- **Strategic Approach in Paper-II:** Similarly, adopt a strategic approach for Paper-II, prioritizing questions that are less time-consuming and have higher chances of correctness.
- **Maintain Faith:** Remember that success is attainable with a precise strategy and consistent effort. Trust in your preparation, and with perseverance, the desired outcome will be within your reach.

Main Examination Strategy

- **Comprehensive Preparation:** Due to the descriptive nature of the main examination, a comprehensive strategy focusing on conceptual understanding and analytical skills across all subjects is essential.
- **Scientific Approach to Study:** Instead of rote memorization, study the course material with a

scientific approach. Emphasize enhancing writing skills and analytical abilities. Integrate traditional subjects with contemporary issues and aim to write at least one answer daily. Additionally, create short notes for quick revision in the final days.

- **Collect Comprehensive Study Material:** Gather all study material required for the examination at one place to save time and streamline preparation efforts.
- **Focus Areas in Question Papers:** Familiarize yourself with important aspects of the Constitution, Governance related topic, Bilateral, Regional and Global groups, Important topics of Economy, Development of Science & Technology, Environment & Disaster management, Ethics Case Studies, as per the respective question papers.
- **Current Affairs Preparation:** Study current affairs with a focus on the main examination. Utilize resources such as Drishti website, Drishti PCS YouTube channels, and Drishti Monthly Magazine.
- **Effective Answer Writing:** Practice writing short and concise answers while understanding the correct context of the questions and focusing on keywords and key points. Use flowcharts and digrams to visually organise your thoughts, ensuring clarity and focus. Clear, creative answers with examples and relevant concepts are highly valued.

Last Minute Strategy

- **Revision and Writing Practice:** Avoid studying new topics in the last few days before the exam. Instead, focus on revising previously studied topics and continue practicing writing answers.
- **Prioritize Strong Areas:** During the examination, prioritize answering questions from sections where you have a strong grasp of the content. This will boost your confidence and create a positive environment.
- **Underline Important Points:** Employ effective answer writing techniques such as underlining important points. However, ensure that it aligns with the requirements of each question.

Personality Test (Interview)

- The candidate will be interviewed by a panel of Members of the Commission who will have before them a record of his/her career. He/She will be asked questions on matters of general interest. The object of the interview is to assess the personal suitability of the candidate for a career in public service. The interview test is intended to judge the mental calibre of a candidate. In broad terms, this is really an assessment of not only his intellectual qualities but also social traits and his interest in current affairs. Some of the qualities to be judged are mental alertness, critical powers of assimilation, clear and logical exposition, balance of judgement, variety and depth of interest, ability for social cohesion and leadership, intellectual and moral integrity.
- The Commission shall also be assisted during the Interview by Expert(s) in Behavioural Sciences and Public Administration as may be selected/nominated by the Chairman of the Commission.
- The technique of the interview is not that of a strict cross-examination but of a natural, though directed and purposive conversation which is intended to reveal the mental qualities of the candidate.
- The interview test is not intended to be a test either of the specialized or general knowledge of the candidates which has been already tested through their written papers. Candidates are expected to have taken an intelligent interest not only in their special subjects of academic study but also in the events which are happening around them both within and outside their own State or Country.

Interview Strategy

- **Preparation:** Candidates must prepare for the interview by understanding what to focus on and how to enhance their skills and abilities.
- **Strengths and Weaknesses:** Candidates should identify their strengths and weaknesses to effectively prepare for the interview.
- **Engagement:** The Interview panel assesses how well candidates engage with them during the interview.
- **Creativity:** Candidates are expected to demonstrate creativity in their responses to showcase their unique perspectives.
- **Expression:** The ability to express oneself effectively carries significant weight in the interview.
- **Appearance:** While appearance and attire contribute minimally, they still play a role in creating a

favorable impression.

- **Factual Information:** Providing accurate factual information demonstrates preparedness and knowledge in relevant areas.
- **Perspective:** Candidates should adopt a balanced perspective when discussing controversial issues and showcase their depth of understanding.

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