



Bihar Public Service Commission

Introduction

The **Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC)** conducts the **Integrated Combined Competitive Examination (CCE)**, commonly referred to as the **BPSC CCE**, for the recruitment of candidates into various **Group A and Group B services in the Bihar state administration**.

- Some of the key Group A and B posts recruited through the BPSC CCE include:
- **Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP)**
- **District Commander**
- **Prison and Correctional Services Inspector**
- **Block Development Officer (BDO)**
- **Revenue Officer (RO)**
- **Assistant Director**
- **Supply Inspector**
- **Labour Enforcement Officer**
- **District Planning Officer, etc.**

These examinations are typically held at intervals of one to two years, depending on vacancies, and are not conducted annually.

The following section provides a detailed overview of the **BPSC Exam Pattern** and **Selection Process**.

Exam Process

Stage of Exam	Type of Exam	Duration	Total Marks
Prelims	Objective	2 Hours	150 Marks
Mains	Descriptive/Objective Optional Paper (Qualifying)	3 Hours for Each Paper	1100 Marks
Interview	Personality Test	Not Defined	120 Marks

Process of Preliminary Examination

- **Release of Notification:** The BPSC first releases a notification regarding the examination. After the release, the process of filling out the online application form begins.
- **Timeline of Preliminary Examination:** After the completion of the application process, the preliminary examination is usually conducted **3 to 4 months later**.
 - The preliminary examination is conducted in a **single shift on the same day** at various centers across the state, as decided by the commission.
- **Language and Other Provisions:** The question paper is available in two languages

namely **Hindi and English**.

- In case of any discrepancy or dispute regarding the language of the question, preference will be given to the version printed in English.

- **Qualifying Nature of the Exam:** The preliminary examination is qualifying in nature, meaning the marks obtained in this stage are not added to the marks of the main exam or the interview.
- **Recent Changes:** Now on the basis of this examination, the number of candidates to be selected for the Main Examination will be ten times the total notified vacancies (**earlier this number was about 10% of the total number of candidates** who appeared in the Preliminary Examination).

Aspect	Details
Nature of Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Objective type; candidates choose the correct option from four provided options.
Question Paper and Marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One General Studies paper (objective type). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Total: 150 questions ◦ Maximum Marks: 150 ◦ Duration: 2 hours
Passing Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Generally, candidates must score 60-70% marks to pass (varies with the difficulty level).
Marking Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each correct answer earns 1 mark. ▪ There will be a penalty of 1/3 mark for each wrong answer. ▪ Multiple answers for a question are treated as incorrect.

Mains Examination Process

- For candidates who successfully qualify for the preliminary examination, the **main examination** is conducted in Patna at various centers designated by the BPSC. The main examination will have a **total of 900 marks (except the qualifying general Hindi paper and optional paper)**.
- **Structure of Question Paper:**

Component	Details
Compulsory Papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General Hindi (Qualifying) ▪ General Studies Paper 1 ▪ General Studies Paper 2 ▪ Essay Paper
Optional Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Candidates must select one optional subject from the list provided by the commission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The standard of the optional subject will be similar to the three-year honors examination level of Patna University. ▪ The optional paper will be MCQ-based and qualifying in nature. ▪ Once selected, the optional subject

choice is final and cannot be changed.

BPSC Mains Examination: Updated Structure

Subject	Nature	Ma	Dur atio n	Remarks
General Hindi	Descriptive (Qualifying)	100	3 Ho urs	Minimum 30% required; marks not added to merit list
General Studies I	Descriptive	300	3 Ho urs	Marks included in the merit list
General Studies II	Descriptive	300	3 Ho urs	Marks included in the merit list
Essay	Descriptive	300	3 Ho urs	Marks included in the merit list
Optional Subject	MCQ-based (Qualifying)	100	3 Ho urs	Marks not added to merit list ; minimum qualifying marks apply.

Qualifying Marks for Optional Subject

Category	Minimum Qualifying Marks
General	40%
Backward Classes (BC)	36.5%
Extremely Backward Classes (EBC)	34%
SC/ST, Women, Disabled	32%

Key Details Regarding Merit List and Examination Rules

Category	Details
Preparation of Merit List	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Based on combined marks from General Studies and Essay papers.▪ Qualified candidates will be invited for an interview before the commission
Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Candidates may write in Hindi (Devanagari script), English, or Urdu.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Writing in any other language is not allowed.▪ Technical terms, phrases, or excerpts in English are permitted within responses in the chosen

	language.
Answer Writing Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Candidates must write answers in their own handwriting. ▪ Assistance from others is not allowed under any circumstances.
Answer Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Credit is given for organised, concise, and effectively expressed answers in minimal words.
Calculator Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Simple calculators are allowed for statistical analysis, drawing, and illustrations in GS Paper-I during the main examination. ▪ Calculators are strictly prohibited during the preliminary examination.
Rechecking of Marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Candidates can request a recheck of total marks for ₹5 per subject via Indian Postal Order (IPO). ▪ Requests must be made within 60 days of the main examination result declaration

Interview Process

- Candidates who qualify for the main examination must appear for an interview before the commission after a gap of approximately one month.
 - The number of candidates invited for the interview is typically **2.5 times** the number of available seats.
- The **personality test** carries a weightage of **120 marks**.
- The interview assesses the **personality** of the candidates through oral questions posed by the members of the commission.
 - The duration of the interview process may extend over several days, depending on the number of candidates.
- The **final merit list** is prepared based on the cumulative marks obtained in the **main examination** and the **interview**.
- The list of finally selected candidates is generally released within **one week** after the completion of the entire interview process.