



MPSC State Services Exam - Pattern

Introduction

The Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) is responsible for organising various subordinate services, **including posts related to state-specific administration**. The MPSC conducts the State Service Exam, also known as the MPSC Rajyaseva Exam, for recruitment to various administrative roles within Maharashtra.

MPSC SSE Exam Pattern Overview

- The MPSC SSE examination comprises three distinct stages: **Prelims, Mains, and Interview**.
 - Each stage is **designed with a unique pattern to test the candidates' aptitude, knowledge, and personality** comprehensively.
- Below is the detailed structure of the MPSC SSE exam:

Stage	Key Features	Number of Papers	Marks
Prelims	Objective in Nature	2	Paper 1: 200 marks Paper 2: 200 marks
Mains	Descriptive examination for candidates qualifying the Prelims	7	1750
Interview	Final stage to assess candidates' suitability for public service	-	275

- **Selection and Recruitment:**
 - Candidates who qualify in the Prelims and Mains are shortlisted for the Interview.
 - Those **who clear the Interview round are eligible for recruitment** to the posts they have applied for.

Prelims Exam Pattern

Subject	Total Questions	Total Marks	Exam Duration
Paper 1: General Studies (Compulsory)	100	200	2 Hours
Paper 2: General Aptitude Test (CSAT) (Qualifying)	80	200	2 Hours

MPSC SSE Prelims Exam Pattern Details:

- **Negative Marking:** For each incorrect answer, 1/4th of the total marks allotted for that question will be deducted.
- **Qualification Criteria:** Candidates will qualify for the MPSC SSE Prelims and proceed to the Mains exam **only if they pass both papers (GS and CSAT paper)** and meet the cutoff scores set by the Maharashtra Public Service Commission.
 - The Paper-II is a qualifying paper with minimum qualifying marks fixed at 33%.
 - The marks obtained in Prelims are **not added in the final score which contains the marks of the Mains (written) exam or interview.**
- **Language:** The MPSC Prelims question paper is available in both Marathi and English languages.

Mains Exam Pattern

- As per the MPPSC Mains marks division, papers 1 and 2 are 300 marks each, whereas papers 3, 4, 5 and 6 are 250 marks each.
- Candidates **who qualify for the MPSC Mains Exam by meeting the specified cut-off** will be eligible to appear for the MPSC interview.

Subject	Total Marks	Exam Duration	Language for Attempting Paper	
Paper 1	Marathi Language*	300	3 Hours	Marathi
Paper 2	English Language*	300	3 Hours	English
Paper 3	Essay	250	3 Hours	Marathi / English
Paper 4	General Studies:-1 (Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society with some weightage to Maharashtra)	150	3 Hours	Marathi / English
Paper 5	General Studies:-2 (Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations with some weightage to Maharashtra)	250	3 Hours	Marathi / English
Paper 6	General Studies:-3 (Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management with some weightage to Maharashtra)	250	3 Hours	Marathi / English
Paper 7	General Studies:-4 (Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude)	250	3 Hours	Marathi / English
Paper 8	Optional Subject Papers 1	250	3 Hours	Marathi / English

Paper 9	Optional Subject Papers 2	250	3 Hours	Marathi / English
* implies that Paper I and Paper II are only qualifying in nature.				

Interview

- MPSC interview is the last stage for candidates appearing in the examination. Only those candidates who **qualify for MPSC prelims and mains will be eligible to appear for the interview round.**
- In the year 2024, **a total of 275 marks** were fixed for the interview in this exam of MPSC.
- The Merit list is prepared on the basis of the aggregate of marks obtained in the mains examination and interview.

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