



West Bengal Civil Service (WBCS) Exam Syllabus - Mains

The Mains examination of the West Bengal Civil Service (WBCS) Exam delves deeper into candidates' analytical abilities and understanding of various subjects relevant to administration. It evaluates knowledge across various disciplines. This phase plays a crucial role in determining a candidate's suitability for higher responsibilities in public administration.

A detailed information of the WBCS Mains syllabus is provided below for reference.

WBCS Mains Syllabus - Compulsory Papers

Papers	Description	Marks		Format of Paper
Paper I	Bengali / Hindi / Urdu / Nepali / Santali - <ul style="list-style-type: none">Letter writing (within 150 words) / Drafting of Report (within 200 words),Précis Writing, Composition and Translation from English to Bengali/ Hindi/ Urdu/ Nepali/ Santali	200	3 Hours	
Paper II	English - <ul style="list-style-type: none">Letter writing (within 150 words) / Drafting of Report (within 200 words),Précis Writing, Composition and Translation from Bengali/ Hindi/ Urdu/ Nepali/ Santali to English	200	3 Hours	
Paper III	General Studies - I <ul style="list-style-type: none">Indian History with special emphasis on National Movement andGeography of India with special reference to West Bengal.	200	3 Hours	Objective
Paper IV	General Studies - II <ul style="list-style-type: none">Science and Scientific & Technological advancement, Environment.General Knowledge and Current Affairs.	200	3 Hours	Objective
Paper V	The Constitution of India and Indian Economy including role and functions of the Reserve Bank of India.	200	3 Hours	Objective
Paper VI	Arithmetic and Test of Reasoning.	200	3 Hours	Objective

Details of Mains Syllabus

- The **Topic 'Environment' in paper General Studies II (Paper IV)** will include the following:-
 - Bio diversity and Coastal Regulation Zone, Global Warming, Industrial and Environmental Pollution, Ozone Layer and related issues.
- The **Topic 'Indian Economy including role and functions of the Reserve Bank of India' of the Compulsory Paper- V** will consist of the following:-
 - Central State relation and devolution of central funds to state, Planning process and objectives of five years plan, Functions of RBI and Monetary policy, Central Finance Commission & State Finance Commission and Fiscal Policy of Government of India.
- The standard of Arithmetic part of **Compulsory Paper - VI (Arithmetic & Test of Reasoning)** will be similar to that of the Compulsory Mathematics paper at the Madhyamik Examination of the Board of Secondary Education, West Bengal.
 - **Test of Reasoning will cover Analytical Reasoning:** Data Sufficiency, Logical Reasoning: (i) Logical Deduction (ii) Forcefulness of the Arguments (iii) Implication of sentences (iv) Inferring from diagrams, Series: (i) Letter series, (ii) Number series, Inferring from Data, Analogy tests, Symbol Interpretation, Mathematical puzzles, Odd man out, Perception test, Non-verbal reasoning & Selecting the correct sequence.
- The standard of other compulsory papers will be of the level of learning expected from a graduate of any faculty of a recognized University.

WBCS Main Exam Optional Subject Paper

Optional Subject Papers			
1. Paper I	200 Marks	Duration - 3 Hours	Objective type Paper
2. Paper II	200 Marks	Duration - 3 Hours	Objective type Paper

List of Optional Subjects (Only for Group A & B)	
1. Bengali	20. Economics
2. Hindi	21. Electrical Engineering
3. Sanskrit	22. Geography
4. English	23. Geology
5. Pali	24. History
6. Arabic	25. Law
7. Persian	26. Mathematics
8. French	27. Management
9. Urdu	28. Mechanical Engineering
10. Santali	29. Medical Science
11. Comparative Literature	30. Philosophy
12. Agriculture	31. Physiology
13. Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science	32. Physics
14. Anthropology	33. Political Science
15. Botany	34. Psychology
16. Chemistry	35. Sociology
17. Civil Engineering	36. Statistics
18. Commerce and Accountancy	37. Zoology
19. Computer Science	

Standard of Optional Subject Exam

- The standard of the two papers of the **optional subject** will be approximately that of an Honours Degree Examination as prescribed by the recognized Indian Universities **except** Law, Medical

Science and Engineering subjects which will be that specified for the LLB, MBBS and BE or equivalent courses respectively recognized by Indian Universities /Institutions.

For Trend Analysis of Previous Year Questions Mains Exam of WBCS, check [WBCS Information Brochure by Drishti PCS](#).

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