



HPAS Exam Pattern: Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (HPSC) Himachal Pradesh Administrative Services Combined Competitive (HPAS) Exam pattern details are given below...

Exam Pattern: Himachal Pradesh Administrative Services Combined Competitive Examination consists of following stages.

1. Stage -I: Preliminary Examination
2. Stage -II: Main Written Examination

Scheme of Examination:

1. Preliminary examination: Initially, Preliminary examination consisting of 02 papers based on objective type (multiple choices) questions on the following pattern will be held.

Paper-I: General Studies (Code No.01). This paper shall be of 200 marks and there shall be 100 objective type (Multiple choice) questions.

Paper-II: Aptitude Test (Code No.02). This paper shall be of 200 marks and in this paper there shall be 100 objective type (multiple choice) questions. The duration of Papers No.I and II (General Studies and Aptitude Test) will be two hours each.

This preliminary examination will consist of two objective type papers (multiple choice questions) and carry a maximum of 400 marks. The number of candidates to be admitted to the Main Examination will be about 20 times the total approximate number of vacancies to be filled in the year in the Posts / Service. Only those candidates who have been declared to have qualified the preliminary examination by the H.P. Public Service Commission in a year will be eligible for admission to the main examination of that year provided they are otherwise eligible for admission to the Main Examination.

Note: There will be penalty (Negative Marking) for wrong answers marked by a candidate in the objective type question papers.

- (i) There are four alternatives for the answers to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, one third of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.
- (ii) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer even if one of the given answers happen to be correct and there will be same penalty as above for that question.
- (iii) If a question is left blank i.e. no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.

2. Main Written Examination: The candidates declared qualified in the Preliminary examination will be entitled for admission to the Main written examination, if otherwise found eligible. The number of candidates to be called for Main written examination will be about 20 times of the total number of vacancies to be filled in on the basis of aforementioned examination. The candidates who are declared qualified in the (Preliminary) examination shall be required to apply for (Main) written examination separately on the prescribed application form available from the official website. The candidates are required to send the complete main application form alongwith required documents alongwith requisite examination fee to the Commission's office on or before the last date for receipt of application as mentioned in the notice for inviting main application form.

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