



**HPAS Selection Process:** Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (HPSC) Himachal Pradesh Administrative Services Combined Competitive (HPAS) Selection Process details are given below...

**Selection Procedure:** Himachal Pradesh Administrative Combined Competitive Examination will consist of three successive stages to complete the selection process.

**1. Preliminary Examination:** The preliminary examination will consist of two objective type papers (multiple choice questions) and carry a maximum of 400 marks. The duration of Papers No.I and II (General Studies and Aptitude Test) will be two hours each. There will be penalty (Negative Marking) for wrong answers marked by a candidate in the objective type question papers. 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. Marks obtained by the candidates in the (Preliminary) examination will not be counted for the purpose of final order of merit.

**2. Main Written Examination:** The candidates declared qualified in the Preliminary examination will be entitled for admission to the Main written examination. 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.

**3. Viva Voce:** The number of candidates to be called for viva-voce test after the Main written examination by the Commission shall be at its discretion on the basis of marks obtained by them in the Main written examination only. Final selection will be determined on the basis of written performance in the main examination and viva-voce.

**Note:** i. Marks obtained in the Main written examination as well as in the viva-voce test would determine their final merit for selection.

ii. The option exercised by the candidates will be taken into consideration while determining their order of merit for selection to the various posts/services

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