

13. PLAN OF EXAMINATION :-

1. The Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination comprises of two successive stages:-

- (a) **Combined Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination** (Objective Type) for the selection of candidates for the Main (Written) Examination; and
- (b) **Combined Civil Services (Main) Examination (Written and Interview)** for the selection of candidates for the various services and posts.

2. Preliminary Examination :-

The examination shall comprise of two compulsory papers of 200 marks each, namely, General Studies – I and General Studies – II

- (i) All questions of compulsory papers will be of objective type (Multiple Choice Question) and each paper will be of 2 hours duration.
- (ii) The question papers will be set both in Hindi and English
- (iii) Selection list for the Main (Written) Examination shall be prepared on the basis of total marks obtained in both the papers. However, the minimum qualifying marks will be as prescribed under Rule 17(i) of The Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2023.
- (iv) There shall be a selection list for admission to the Main Examination which shall be prepared in the following manner:

Candidates will be arranged by the Commission in order of merit. An initial selection list shall first be prepared which shall contain candidates equal to approximately 15 times, the total number of advertised vacancies. The marks obtained by the last candidate shall be considered as the UNR cutoff.

If the representation of any of the reserved categories (horizontal or vertical) is less than 15 times the advertised vacancies of that category, then the cut off for the same shall be reduced till adequate representation (15 times the advertised vacancies) is ensured.

All candidates getting marks equal to their respective category cut off shall be included in the selection list for admission to the main examination.

All candidates in the selection list have to meet the minimum qualifying standard as mentioned in sub-Rule 17(i) of The Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2023.

3. Main Examination :-

The Main Examination will consist of a Written Examination and an Interview Test.

- (i) The Written Examination will consist of 6 papers as detailed in Para-20 of the Advertisement.
- (ii) Selection list for the Interview Test shall be prepared on the basis of the total marks obtained in Papers – II to VI (5 papers in all) subject to scoring minimum qualifying marks i.e. 30 in Paper – I and minimum qualifying marks in aggregate as prescribed under Rule 17(i) of The Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2023, in the remaining 5 papers.
- (iii) There shall be a selection list for the Interview Test which shall be prepared in the following manner:

Candidates will be arranged by the Commission in order of merit. An initial selection list shall be first prepared which shall contain candidates equal to approx 2.5 times the total number of advertised UNR vacancies. The marks obtained by the last candidate shall be considered as the UNR cutoff.

Those candidates belonging to reserved categories in the initial selection list who have not taken any benefit/relaxation of being in a reserved category shall be considered as UNR candidates for the purpose of this selection list.

Reserved category candidates selected against reserved category seats have to be equal to approximately 2.5 times the number of advertised vacancies of the respective category. For this purpose, the cut off shall be further lowered for each reserved category to include more candidates in the selection list. This shall be in addition to the reserved category candidates selected as UNR candidates in the initial selection list.

All candidates have to meet the minimum qualifying standard as mentioned in sub-Rule 17(i) The Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2023.

- (iv) The Commission shall summon the candidates for the Interview, who have obtained such qualifying marks in the written part of the Main Examination as may be fixed by the Commission. However, this qualifying marks will not be less than the minimum qualifying marks prescribed under rule 17(i) of The Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2023.

Provided further that if adequate number of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes/Extremely Backward Classes (Annexure-I)/ Backward Classes (Annexure-II)/Economically Weaker Section (EWS) are not available amongst the candidates to be declared qualified for admission to the Interview Test, the commission shall reduce the cut off marks for them till adequate number of candidates belonging to these categories are declared qualified for the Interview Test but the reduced cut off marks shall not be less than the minimum marks mentioned in Rule-17(i) of The Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2023.

- (v) The total marks for Interview Test would be 100 and there shall be no minimum qualifying marks therein.
- (vi) The final merit list will be prepared on the basis of overall marks obtained in Main (Written Examination) and Interview Test except marks obtained in Paper –I.