

NO.PSC/ADMN/2024/1689 SINDH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION THANDI SARAK, HYDERABAD DATED: 18.12.2024

OFFICE ORDER:

In continuation of the Sindh Public Service Commission vide No. 2023 notified Regulations, Management) (Recruitment PSC/ADMN/2023/1030 dated 23.10.2023 duly vetted by the Law Department, Government of Sindh vide letter No. S.REG:(12)/2023/195 dated 20.10.2023 and in continuation of Amendment No. PSC/ADMN/2023/1173 dated 23.11.2023, Amendment No.02 vide Office Order No. PSC/ADMN/2023/1202 dated 05.12.2023, Amendment No.03 vide Office order No. PSC/ADMN/2024/451 dated 06.05.2024, Amendment No.04 vide Office Order No. PSC/ADMN/2024/1113 No.05 09.09.2024 and Amendment vide office Order PSC/ADMN/2024/1393 dated 11.11.2024; Chairman, Sindh Public Service Commission is pleased to notify following amendments duly approved by the Commission: -

AMENDMENT:

1. <u>In Regulation 2 (1), after clause (xlii), a new clause (xlii-a) shall</u> be inserted:

(xlii-a) "Screening Test" means a preliminary test conducted to evaluate and shortlist candidates for eligibility to participate in a more comprehensive subsequent examination, like the Combined Competitive Examination or anyother such examination, the purpose being to assess candidate's basic knowledge, abilities, skills and aptitude for advancement to the next higher level of examination.

2. <u>The existing Regulation 74 shall be replaced by the following provisions:</u>

74. Screening Test (1) All the candidates who have applied for the Combined Competitive Examination (CCE) shall mandatorily appear in the Screening Test to be administered for the purpose of preliminary selection for the written examination to be conducted subsequently.

(2) The following shall be criteria for the Screening Test:

- . The test shall consist of 200 multiple choice questions. Each question shall carry one mark. There shall be no negative marking.
- ii. Total time allowed for the test shall be 200 minutes (Three hours & 20 minutes).
- iii. Qualifying threshold for the test shall be 33 percent marks (66 marks).

- iv. The test shall be administered through Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) technology or shall employ Computer-based Testing or any other technological means in vogue and available in the Commission.
- v. The answer keys will be uploaded as soon as possible on the Commission's web portal. The result shall be announced within a short span of time.
- vi. Appearance in the screening test shall not be counted towards the number of attempts for CCE prescribed in Regulation 77 even when a candidate, after passing the screening test, does not appear in the subsequent written examination.
- vii. Score of Screening Test shall be valid only for the same year's CCE and shall not be counted towards overall marks determining final merit position
- (3) The candidate who does not appear in the screening test for any reason whatsoever, shall be disqualified for further process of the Combined Competitive Examinations for Executive and other cadres (BS 17).
- 3. In <u>Regulation No.79</u>, <u>after the semi-colon appearing after the word "eligible"</u>, the following phrase shall be added: "has obtained at least the passing score in the screening test as set forth in Regulation 74;".
- 4. In Regulation 81, at serial number (iii) under clause (d), the marks of interview shall be read as 300 in place of the existing 200.
- 5. Regulation 88 clause (i) Screening Test for CCE shall be substituted with the following:

"Syllabus in respect of Screening Test for CCE may comprise of the following subjects/areas:

- a) General English Vocabulary, grammar, idioms, phrases, synonyms, Antonyms, fill in the blanks, prepositions, analogies, comprehension etc. with the weightage of 20%.
- b) General Knowledge and General Abilities with the weightage of 80%, which includes:
 - Pakistan Affairs
 - Current Affairs
 - Everyday Science
 - World Geography including celestial bodies
 - Basic Arithmetic SSC level, Algebra SSC level, Geometry SSC level,
 Analytical problem solving and Logical problem solving
 - Fundamentals of Digital Literacy and IT Skills
 - Islamic Studies or Comparative Study of Major Religions (For minority candidates)

Note (i): Syllabi for the subjects of Screening Test are as per existing Syllabus of Combined Competitive Examination (CCE) for Executive and other Cadres (BPS - 17) as notified by the Government of Sindh vide no PSC/EXAM: (C.S)/ 2019/317 dated 24.06.2019 and hosted by SPSC on its website.

Note (ii): Minority candidates may opt either for Islamic Studies or Comparative Study of Major Religions. But once an alternate is chosen, the candidate shall have to stick to that particular subject.

Note (iii): The syllabus for Fundamentals of Digital Literacy and IT Skills is separately given on the Commission's web portal.

CHAÎRMAN SINDH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

A copy for information to: -

- 1. The Members (All), Sindh Public Service Commission.
- 2. The Controller of Examination, Sindh Public Service Commission.
- 3. The Director (I.T), Sindh Public Service Commission.
- 4. The Deputy Controller of Examinations, Sindh Public Service Commission.
- 5. The Deputy Secretary (Admin & Accounts), Sindh Public Service Commission.
- 6. The Superintendent, Sindh Government Printing Press, Karachi with a request to publish the same in the next issue of the Sindh Government Gazette and supply 200 copies thereof to the Commission.
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