

UPSC Combined Medical Services Examination

Scheme of Examination

The examination shall be conducted according to the following plan:-

Part-I WRITTEN EXAMINATION - (500 marks) – The candidates will take the written examination in two Papers, each Paper carrying a maximum of **250 marks**. Each Paper will be of **two hours** duration.

Part-II Personality Test carrying **100 marks** of such of the candidates who qualify on the results of the written examination.

(A) Written Examination: The components and syllabus of two Papers and the weightage to different components in the two papers are given below: -

Paper I (Code No. 1)		Maximum Marks : 250
(a)	General Ability	30 questions
(b)	General Medicine	70 questions
(c)	Paediatrics	20 questions
Total questions in Paper I = 120 (30 General Ability, 70 General Medicine and 20 Paediatrics)		

Paper II (Code No. 2) : Maximum Marks : 250

(a)	Surgery	-	40 questions
(b)	Gynaecology & Obstetrics	-	40 questions
(c)	Preventive & Social Medicine	-	40 questions

Total questions in Paper II = 120 (40 Surgery, 40 Gynaecology & Obstetrics and 40 Preventive & Social Medicine)

(B) Personality Test - (100 marks) – Candidates who qualify in the written examination will be called for Interview/Personality Test to be conducted by the Union Public Service Commission. The Interview/Personality Test will carry 100 marks.

The interview for Personality Test will be intended to serve as a supplement to the written examination for testing the General Knowledge and ability of the candidates in the fields of their academic study and also in the nature of a personality test to assess the candidate's intellectual curiosity, critical powers of assimilation, balance of judgment and alertness of mind, ability for social cohesion, integrity of character, initiative and capability for leadership.

2. The written examination in both the papers will be completely of objective (Multiple choice answer) type. The question Papers (Test Booklets) will be set in English only.
3. Candidates must write the Papers in their own hand. In no circumstances will they be allowed the help of a scribe to write answers for them.
4. The Commission have discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or both the papers of the examination.
5. **Penalty for wrong answers**
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 (0.33)** 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 happens 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.
6. Candidates are not permitted to use calculators for answering objective type papers. They should, therefore not bring the same inside the Examination Hall.
