

## Scheme for Indian Forest Services Examination

### Plan of Examination IFS 2010

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The competitive examination for the Indian Forest Service comprises :-

**(A) The written examination consisting of the following papers :-**

<b>Paper I</b>	General English	300 marks
<b>Paper II</b>	General Knowledge	300 marks
<b>Paper III Paper IV Paper V Paper VI</b>	Any two subjects to be selected from the list of the optional subjects set out in para 2 below. Each subject will have two papers.	200 Marks for each paper
	<b>Total</b>	1400 Marks

**(B) Interview for Personality Test of such candidates as may be called by the Commission-  
Maximum marks : 300**

2. List of **Optional Subjects** (subject to provisions below):-

- i) Agriculture
- ii) Agricultural Engineering
- iii) Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Science
- iv) Botany
- v) Chemistry
- vi) Chemical Engineering
- vii) Civil Engineering
- viii) Forestry
- ix) Geology
- x) Mathematics
- xi) Mechanical Engineering
- xii) Physics
- xiii) Statistics
- xiv) Zoology

Provided that the candidates will not be allowed to offer the following combination of subjects :-

- (a) Agriculture **and** Agricultural Engineering

(b) Agriculture and Animal Husbandary and Veterinary Science.

(c) Chemistry and Chemical Engg.

(d) Mathematics and Statistics.

(e) Of the Engineering subjects viz. Agricultural Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering - not more than one subject;

**Note :** The standard and syllabi of the subjects mentioned above are given in Schedule to this Appendix.

**General :**

1. All the question papers for the examination will be of conventional (essay) type.
2. All Question Papers must be Answered in English. Question Papers will be set in English only.
3. The duration of each of the papers referred to above will be three hours.
4. Candidates must write the papers in their own hand. In no circumstances, will they be allowed the help of a scribe to write the answers for them.
5. The Commission have discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all the subjects of the examination.
6. If a candidate's handwriting is not easily legible, a deduction will be made on this account from the total marks otherwise accruing to him/her.
7. Marks will not be allotted for mere superficial knowledge.
8. Credit will be given for orderly, effective and exact expression combined with due economy of words in all subjects of the examination.
9. In the question papers, wherever required, SI units will be used.
10. Candidates should use only International form of Indian numerals (i.e. 1,2,3,4,5,6 etc.) while answering question papers.
11. Candidates will be allowed the use of Scientific (Non-Programmable type) Calculators at the conventional (Essay) type examination of UPSC. Programmable type Calculators will however not be allowed and the use of such calculators shall tantamount to resorting to unfair means by the candidates. Loaning or interchanging of calculators in the Examination Hall is not permitted.

## SECTION-II

Personality Test–The candidates will be interviewed by a Board of competent and unbiased observers who will have before them a record of this career. The object of the interview is to assess the personal suitability of the candidate for the Service. The candidate will be expected to have taken an intelligent interest not only in his/her subjects of academic study but also in events which are happening around him both within and outside his own State or country, as well as in modern currents of thoughts and in new discoveries which should rouse the curiosity of well-educated youth.

2. The technique of the interview is not that of a strict cross examination, but of a natural, though directed and purposive conversation, intended to reveal mental qualities of the candidate. The Board will pay special attention to assessing the intellectual curiosity, critical powers of observation and assimilation, balance of judgment and alertness of mind, initiative, tact, capacity for leadership; the ability for social cohesion, mental and physical energy and powers of practical application; integrity of character; and other qualities such as topographical sense, love for out-door life and the desire to explore unknown and out of way places.

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