

Pattern and Syllabus of Competitive Examination limited to Postman / Mail Guard / MTS / GDS for Appointment as Postal Assistant and Sorting Assistant

I. Pattern of Examination:

Note- Paper II removed

Sl No	Description	Paper-I	Paper-II Removed	Paper-III
1	Competitive or Qualifying	Competitive	Qualifying	Qualifying
2	Type of Question	Multiple Choice Questions	Multiple Choice Questions and Subjective	On Computer
3	Number of Questions	As per syllabus	As per syllabus	
4	Maximum Marks	100 in 2 Parts	50	25
5	Duration	120 Minutes	45 minutes	15 minutes
6	Language of Question Paper	Bilingual, i.e. Hindi and English (as well as in Local Language, as published under the provisions of Recruitment Rules, where Hindi is not a local language)		
7	Language of Answer Paper	Not Applicable as Multiple Choice Questions	As per question paper	
8	Minimum Qualifying Mark (Subject to reservation policy of Government.)	(a) For SC/ST - 33% in each Paper (b) For OBC - 37% in each Paper (c) For Others -40% in each Paper		

II. Criteria for Selection:-

- Examination for Paper I and Paper II will be conducted in continuity. Thereafter, Paper III, i.e. Data Entry Skill Test (DEST), will be conducted separately on the same day.
- Only such candidates who qualify in each Paper, viz. Paper-I, Paper-II and Paper-III, shall be considered for final selection and their merit shall be drawn in order of marks secured in Paper-I. Since Paper-II and Paper-III are only qualifying, marks secured in Paper-II and Paper-III shall not be added to marks secured in Paper-I to decide merit.
- After arranging the candidates in order of merit as at (b) above, number of candidates to be declared successful shall be equal to the number of vacancy in each category.

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- d) In the event of any vacancy notified for recruitment remains unfilled only due to non-joining of selected candidate, the next candidate in the merit list in the same category shall be considered for appointment. However, appointment of such candidate shall be only on the ground of refusal of promotion / declining offer of appointment and no wait list or approved panel shall be maintained.

III. Syllabus for Postal Assistant /Sorting Assistant Limited Departmental Competitive Examination:

Paper-I (120 Minutes)		
Part-A Maximum marks –50 [50 questions of 1 mark each]	Post Office Guide Part I (except Telegraphic Money Order)	10 questions
	Post Office Guide Part II (except British and Irish Postal order)	10 questions
	Basic terminologies related to IT Modernisation project of Department of Posts	10 questions
	Products and Services: Mails, Banking & Remittances, Insurance, Stamps and Business (Reference: India Post Website)	10 questions
	a) Postal Manual Volume VI – Part I	5 questions
	b) Postal Manual Volume VI – Part III (chapter I and II)	
	c) Updated SB Orders issued by Directorate till 31st December of the preceding year in which exam is being conducted	
a) Postal Manual Volume VII	5 questions	
b) Foreign Post Manual		
Part-B Maximum marks – 50 [50 questions of 1 mark each]	General Awareness / Knowledge	10 questions
	Topics to be covered (2 questions from each topic): a) Indian Geography b) Civics c) General knowledge d) Indian culture & freedom struggle e) Ethics and morale study	
	Basic Arithmetic	20 questions
	Topics to be covered (2 to 3 questions from	

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	each topic): a) BODMAS (brackets, orders, division, multiplication, addition, subtraction) b) percentage c) profit and loss d) simple interest e) Average f) Time and work g) Time and distance h) Unitary method	
	Reasoning and Analytical Ability (Non Verbal / Pictorial)	20 questions

PAPER-II (45 Minutes)		
Maximum marks -50	Translation from English to local language Multiple choice questions (10 English words closest meanings in local language to be identified)	15 questions of 1 mark each
	Translation from local language to English Multiple choice questions (10 local language words closest meaning in English words to be identified)	15 questions of 1 mark each
	Letter writing in local language (1 to be attempted out of 3 options)	10 marks
	Paragraph/ short essay in local language of 80 to 100 words (1 to be attempted out of 3 options)	10 marks

PAPER-III (15 Minutes)		
Maximum marks - 25 [Data Entry Skill Test (DEST)]	Skill test of data entry for 15 minutes on computer on the same day.	25 marks
	[Data entry of 1200 key depressions (\pm 5%)]	

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