No. 17.08/2018-SPB·I Government of India Ministry of Communications Department of Posts

Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001.

Dated: 16 May, 2019

To

- 1. All Chief Postmasters General / Postmasters General
- 2. Chief General Manager, BD Directorate / Parcel Directorate / PLI Directorate
- 3. Director, RAKNPA / GM, CEPT / Directors of all PTCs
- 4. Addl. Director General, Army Postal Service, New Delhi
- 5. All General Managers (Finance) / Directors Postal Accounts / DDAP

Subject: Revision of Syllabus and Pattern of Examinations conducted by Department of Posts for appointment to the posts of Multi Tasking Staff (MTS), Postman, Mail Guard, Postal Assistant and Sorting Assistant – regarding

Sir.

I am directed to refer to letter No. 60·10/2011-SPB·I dated 10.03.2011 and letter No. 45·14/2012·SPB·I dated 17.01.2014 on the pattern and syllabus of examination(s) conducted for filling up of the vacancies of Multi Tasking Staff (MTS), Postman, Mail Guard, Postal Assistant and Sorting Assistant. The Competent Authority has approved to revise the pattern and syllabus of the examinations as under:-

- a) Annexure A: Competitive Examination limited to Gramin Dak Sewak (GDS) for appointment as Multi Tasking Staff,
- b) Annexure B: Competitive Examination limited to MTS and GDS for appointment as Postman and Mail Guard,
- c) Annexure C: Competitive Examination limited to Postman / Mail Guard / MTS / GDS for appointment as Postal Assistant and Sorting Assistant,
- d) Annexure D: Competitive Examination for Direct Recruitment from Open Market for the posts of MTS / Postman / Mail Guard / Postal Assistant / Sorting Assistant.
- 2. All the examinations will be held without the aid of books.
- 3. The syllabus of examination includes a component to test the knowledge of local language of a candidate. The list of local languages, Postal Circle wise, is at Annexure E.



- Revised pattern, syllabus and local language mentioned herein shall come into force 4. from the date of issue of this communication and will be applicable to all examinations thereafter.
- 5.It is requested that the revised syllabus and pattern may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Director General (SPN)

Encl: As above

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- 5. Sr. Deputy Director General (Vigilance) & CVO / Sr. Deputy Director General (PAF)
- Director General, P&T (Audit), Civil Lines, New Delhi 6.
- 7. Secretary, Postal Services Board/ All Deputy Directors General
- Chief Engineer (Civil), Postal Directorate 8.
- 9. Director (DE). Postal Directorate
- 10. All Sections of Postal Directorate
- 11. All recognized Federations / Unions / Associations
- 12. GM, CEPT for uploading the order on the India Post website.
- 13. Guard File
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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:

Sl No	Description	Paper-I	Paper-II	Paper-III
1	Competitive or Qualifying	Competitive	Qualifying	Qualifying
2	Type of Question			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 As per question paper Multiple Choice Questions		paper
8	Minimum Qualifying Mark (Subject to reservation policy of Government.)			E III

II. Criteria for Selection:

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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:

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 II b) Postal Manual Volume VI – Part III (chapter I and II)	5 questions	
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		
General Awareness / Knowledge	10 questions	
Topics to be covered (2 questions from each topic): a) Indian Geography	li li li	
b) Civics c) General knowledge d) Indian culture & freedom struggle e) Ethics and morale study		
Basic Arithmetic	20 questions	
	Post Office Guide Part II (except British and Irish Postal order) Basic terminologies related to IT Modernisation project of Department of Posts Products and Services: Mails, Banking & Remittances, Insurance, Stamps and Business (Reference: India Post Website) a) Postal Manual Volume VI – Part II (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 b) Foreign Post Manual General Awareness / Knowledge 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	



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)	
	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

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

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Local Language of State/Union Territory for appointment to the posts of Multi Tasking Staff (MTS), Postman, Mail Guard, Postal Assistant and Sorting Assistant

S.No.	Name of Postal Circle	Geographical area of State / UT covered under the Postal Circle	Local Language of Postal Divisions falling under State UT
1	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh and Yanam district of Puducherry	Telugu
2	Assam	Assam (excluding Three Districts of Barak Valley and Bodoland Territorial Council Areas)	Assamese
	yali Mari	Three Districts of Barak Valley	Bengali
		Bodoland Territorial Council	Bodo
3	Bihar	Areas Bihar	TT:1:
4			Hindi Hindi
5	Chhattisgarh Delhi	Chhattisgarh Delhi	Hindi
6	Gujarat	Gujarat	
U	Gujarat	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	Gujarati
		Dadra and Nagar Haven Daman and Diu	
7	Haryana	Haryana	Hindi
8	Himachal	Himachal Pradesh	Hindi
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9	Jammu and Kashmir	Jammu and Kashmir	Urdu
10	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	Hindi
11	Karnataka	Karnataka	Kannada
12	Kerala	Kerala, Lakshadweep and Mahe district of Puducherry	Malayalam
13	Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	Hindi
14	Maharashtra	Maharashtra	Marathi
		Goa	Konkani
15	North-East	Arunachal Pradesh	Hindi / English
		Manipur	Manipuri
		Meghalaya	Hindi / English





S.No.	Name of Postal Circle	Geographical area of State / UT covered under the Poetal Circle	Local Language of Poetal Divisions falling under State / UT
		Mizoram	Mizo
		Nagaland	Hindi / English
		Ттірита	Bengali
16	Orissa	Odisha	Odia
17	Punjab	Punjab	Punjabi
		Chandigarh	Hindi / English
18	Rajasthan	Rajasthan	Hindi
19	Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu	Tamil
		Puducherry (excluding Mahe and Yanam district)	Tamil
20	Telangana	Telangana	Telugu
21	Uttar Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh	Hindi
22	Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand	Hindi
23	West Bengal	West Bengal	Bengali
		Sikkim	Nepali
		Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Hindi / English

