

# Bihar PCS (BPSC) Preliminary & Mains Detailed Syllabus

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## BPSC Syllabus and Exam Pattern

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1. Prelims: This stage involves a single objective-type paper worth 150 marks.
2. Mains: The Mains phase includes four papers.
3. Interview: The interview phase carries 120 marks.

To progress to the subsequent stage, candidates are required to successfully clear each preceding stage. For instance, passing the preliminary examination enables candidates to proceed to the main examination, and successful performance in the main examination leads to an invitation for the BPSC Exam's interview.

Stage	Type of Exam	Mode	Total Marks	Duration
Prelims	Objective	Offline	150	2 Hours
Mains	Subjective	Offline	One qualifying paper (Hindi)	900 (3 Papers of 300 marks each)
				3 hours for each Paper
Personal Interview	Physically Present	Offline	120	Not Defined

## **BPSC Prelims Exam Pattern:**

<b><u>BPSC Prelims Exam Pattern</u></b>			
<b>Name of Exam</b>	<b>No of Papers</b>	<b>Conducting Body</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Combined Competitive Exam	1 - General Studies (150 marks)	Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC)	2 hours

## **BPSC Syllabus Prelims:**

The BPSC Prelims exam is designed to evaluate a candidate's basic understanding of general knowledge. It serves as the initial step for candidates aspiring to clear the BPSC Mains Exam. The 69th BPSC Prelims in 2023 is Was Conducted on September 30, 2023.

The BPSC Prelims exam consists of a single paper, known as the General Studies paper, which covers the following topics:

1. **Current Affairs:** Questions related to current affairs of both national and international significance.

### **GENERAL STUDIES:**

2. **General Science:** This section assesses a candidate's knowledge and appreciation of general science. It includes topics that an educated person with no specific scientific background should be aware of, including everyday observations and experiences.
3. **History:**
  - o History of India and its salient features.

- History of Bihar, with an understanding of its social, economic, and political dimensions.
4. **Geography:**
    - Geography of India, covering physical, social, and economic geography, as well as key characteristics of Indian agriculture and natural resources.
    - Geography of Bihar, including the geographical division of the state and major river systems in Bihar.
  5. **Indian Polity:** Candidates are expected to have a general understanding of topics like Panchayati Raj, community development, and planning in India and Bihar.
  6. **Indian Economy:** This section focuses on major changes in Bihar's economy in the post-independence period.
  7. **Indian National Movement:** This part assesses the candidate's knowledge of **Bihar's participation in various movements**, including the Revolt of 1857, Partition of Bengal, Champaran Satyagraha, Non-Cooperation Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement, and Quit India Movement. Candidates should be able to discuss the nature and characteristics of the 19th-century revival, the development of nationalism, and the achievement of independence concerning the Indian National Movement. It also explores the role of Bihar in the Indian freedom movement.
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### **BPSC Mains Exam Pattern:**

Candidates are eligible to appear for the BPSC Mains exam only if they clear the BPSC Preliminary exam and meet the Commission's specified cut-off scores. The performance in the BPSC Prelims Exam is not considered in the final evaluation as it is of a qualifying nature. **General Hindi** is a mandatory requirement for the BPSC Main Exam. Additionally, there will be two General Studies papers, each carrying

300 marks. Candidates will also have an optional paper, chosen at the time of the application, which is worth 300 marks.

<b><u>BPSC Mains Exam Pattern</u></b>			
<b>Stage of Exam</b>	<b>Name of Paper</b>	<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Main Exam (Subjective)	General Hindi (Qualifying)	100	3 Hours
	General Studies Paper 1	300	3 Hours
	General Studies Paper 2	300	3 Hours
	Optional Paper	300	3 Hours

### **BPSC Syllabus for Mains:**

The BPSC Mains exam primarily focuses on assessing the candidates' understanding of General Studies. The Mains exam is divided into four papers.

**BPSC Mains Syllabus for Hindi:** The Hindi paper in BPSC Mains is a compulsory, qualifying, and descriptive paper. The syllabus for this paper is based on the standards set by the Bihar School Education Board (BSEB). To prepare for this subject, candidates may refer to credible Hindi textbooks. The topics covered in the Mains Syllabus for Hindi include:

1. □□□□□ (Essay)
2. □□□□□□□ (Grammar): This section covers topics such as synonyms (□□□□□□□□□□), figures of speech (□□□□□□), antonyms (□□□□□), spelling (□□□□□□), Sanskrit-based Hindi words (□□□□□ □□□ □□□□), gender (□□□□), cases (□□□□), and more.

3. □□□□□ □□□□□□□ (Syntax)

4. □□□□□□□□ (Summarization)

**BPSC Mains Syllabus GS Paper 1:** General Studies Paper 1 in BPSC Mains covers various topics related to Indian history, culture, and Bihar's role in these areas. The syllabus includes:

- Modern History of India and Indian Culture, with a special focus on the history of India (including Bihar) from the mid-19th century.
- The introduction and growth of Western education, including technical education, in Bihar's Modern History.
- Bihar's contribution to India's freedom struggle.
- Key historical events such as the Santhal Uprising, Revolt of 1857 in Bihar, Birsa Movement, Champaran Satyagraha, and Quit India Movement in 1942.
- Knowledge of the chief features of Mauryan and Pal art, including Patna Qulam Painting.
- Basic knowledge of prominent figures like Mahatma Gandhi, Tagore, and Nehru.
- The paper may also include exercises in statistical analysis, graphs, and diagrams to test the candidate's ability to draw reasonable inferences from data and identify limitations or contradictions.

**BPSC Mains Syllabus GS Paper 2:** General Studies Paper 2 focuses on Indian politics, with a special emphasis on Bihar. The syllabus includes:

- Indian Polity: Covers the political system in India and Bihar.
- Indian Economy: Examines planning in India.
- Geography of India: Encompasses economic, physical, and social geography of India, with a focus on Bihar.
- Science and Technology: Evaluates the impact and contributions of science and technology to the development of India and Bihar, with an emphasis on applied aspects.

**BPSC Mains Optional Subjects:** Candidates are allowed to choose one optional subject from the 34 subjects available for the BPSC Mains exam. This subject is intended to showcase their in-depth knowledge and expertise in a specific field, and it plays a crucial role in determining their Mains exam score.

<b><u>BPSC Mains Optional Subjects</u></b>	
Agriculture	Philosophy
Anthropology	Physics
Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science	Political Science and International Relations
Botany	Psychology
Chemistry	Public Administration
Commerce and Accountancy	Sociology
Civil Engineering	Statistics
Economics	Zoology
Electrical Engineering	English Language and Literature
Geography	Urdu Language and Literature
Geology	Hindi Language and Literature
History	Persian Language and Literature
Law	Arabic Language and Literature
Labour and Social Welfare	Pali Language and Literature
Mechanical Engineering	Maithili Language and Literature
Mathematics	Bangla Language and Literature
Management	Sanskrit Language and Literature

**BPSC Essay Writing Syllabus:**

The Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC) conducts the Mains Examination to assess candidates for various administrative positions in the state of Bihar. The essay writing section in the Mains Examination is

of utmost significance, requiring candidates to demonstrate their ability to communicate effectively and coherently in writing. This essay paper is allotted a total of 300 marks and is divided into three distinct parts, each carrying 100 points.

Here's how the essay paper is structured:

1. There are a total of 12 essay questions provided.
2. Candidates are required to select and answer three essay questions, one from each section.
3. The selected essay topics should be elaborated in essays containing approximately 700-800 words.

This essay writing assessment plays a crucial role in evaluating the candidates' ability to express their thoughts and ideas effectively and is a key component of the BPSM Mains Examination.