

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
PERSONNEL & A.R. (A) DEPARTMENT
ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 11th August, 2025

No. PER.6/97/225 — In pursuance of sub-rule (2) of Rule 6 of the **Meghalaya Civil Service (MCS) Rules, 1975**, and in supersession of the syllabus approved by the Cabinet on the 8th March, 2017, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to prescribe that the following syllabus and pattern of examination shall henceforth be followed for the **Meghalaya Civil Service Examination**.

SECTION I
PLAN OF EXAMINATION

1. The competitive examination shall comprise two successive stages:
 - (i) **Preliminary Examination** (Objective Type) for the selection of candidates for the Main Examination; and
 - (ii) **Main Examination** (Written and Interview) for the selection of candidates for the Meghalaya Civil Service.
2. The Main Examination shall consist of a written examination and an interview test. The written examination shall comprise seven papers of conventional essay type as specified in sub-section (B) of Section II, out of which one paper shall be qualifying in nature.
3. The marks obtained by candidates in the Main Examination (written portion as well as interview) shall determine their final ranking.

SECTION II
Scheme and Subjects for the Preliminary and Main Examination

A. Preliminary Examination

- (1) The Preliminary Examination shall comprise two compulsory papers — **Paper-I** and **Paper-II** — of 200 marks each.
- (2) Both papers shall be of the objective type (multiple choice questions).
- (3) Paper II shall be of qualifying nature with minimum qualifying marks fixed at 33%.
- (4) Details of the syllabi are:

I. Paper I (200 marks) Duration: Two hours

- (i) Current events of national and international importance
- (ii) History of India and Indian National Movement
- (iii) Indian and World Geography – Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the world
- (iv) Indian Polity and Governance - Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.
- (v) Economic and Social Development – Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc.
- (vi) General Issues on Environmental Ecology, Bio-Diversity and Climate Change that do not require specialization
- (vii) General Science
- (viii) General Knowledge and Current Affairs on the State of Meghalaya

II. Paper II (200 marks) Duration Two hours

- (i) Comprehension
- (ii) Interpersonal skills including communication skills
- (iii) Logical reasoning and analytical ability
- (iv) Decision making and problem solving
- (v) General Mental Ability
- (vi) Basic Numeracy (numbers and their relations, order of magnitude, etc.) of Class X level, Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency, etc. of Class X level)

B. Main Examination

The written examination shall consist of the following papers:

Sl. No.	Paper	Subject	Marks	Duration
1	Qualifying Paper	English (Matriculation or equivalent standard)	300	3 hours
2	Paper I	Essay	250	3 hours
3	Paper II	General Studies-I (Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)	250	3 hours
4	Paper III	General Studies-II (Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations)	250	3 hours
5	Paper IV	General Studies-III (Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)	250	3 hours
6	Paper V	General Studies-IV (Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude)	250	3 hours
7	Paper VI	Meghalaya (History, Polity, Socio-Economic Issues, Culture and Heritage, Literature, Geography, etc.)	250	3 hours

Note :

- (1) The paper on English will be of a qualifying nature only with minimum qualifying marks fixed at 33%. The marks obtained in this paper will not be counted for ranking.
- (2) Marks obtained by the candidates in Paper I to Paper VI will be counted for merit ranking.

C. Interview/Personality Test (150 marks)

The candidate will be interviewed by the Commission who will have before them a record of his career. He will be asked questions on matters of general interest. The object of the interview is to assess the personal suitability of the candidate for a career in public service by the Commission. The test is intended to judge the mental calibre of a candidate. In broad terms this is really an assessment of not only his intellectual qualities but also social traits and his interest in current affairs. Some of the qualities to be judged are mental

alertness, critical powers of assimilation, clear and logical exposition, balance of judgment, variety and depth of interest, ability for social cohesion and leadership, intellectual and moral integrity.

The technique of the interview is not that of a strict cross-examination but of a natural, though directed and purposive conversation which is intended to reveal the mental qualities of the candidate.

The interview test is not intended to be a test either of the specialized or general knowledge of the candidates which has been already tested through their written papers. Candidates are expected to have taken an intelligent interest not only in their special subjects of academic study but also in the events which are happening around them both within and outside their own State or Country as well as in modern currents of thought and in view discoveries which should rouse the curiosity of well-educated youth.

D. Marks (Main Examination & Interview/Personality Test)

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| (1) Total (Written merit papers) | 1500 Marks | |
| (2) Personality Test | 150 Marks | (10% of Written Test) |
| (3) Grand Total | 1650 Marks | |
| (4) The marks obtained by the candidates in in Paper I to Paper VI of the Main Examination and Interview/Personality Test shall determine their final ranking. | | |

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(C. V. D. Diengdoh, IAS)

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Personnel & A.R. (A) Department

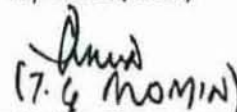
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Dated Shillong, the 11th August, 2025.

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(7.6.2025)

Additional Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
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