BPSC 72nd CCE Syllabus 2026 (Prelims & Mains)

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Overview

Official exam scheme for the Integrated 72nd Combined Competitive Examination (CCE) of the Bihar Public Service Commission, from the advertisement published on 5 May 2026. The Preliminary examination is a 150-mark General Studies paper; the Main examination has General Hindi (qualifying), two General Studies papers, an Essay and a qualifying objective optional paper; then a 120-mark Personality Test.

Important information

Item	Details
Stages	Preliminary (objective, screening) -> Main (written) -> Personality Test
Negative marking (Prelims)	1/3 mark per wrong answer
Answer options (Prelims)	Five options (A–E). Mark E to leave a question unanswered; leaving all five unmarked costs 1/3 mark
Prelims qualifying marks	General 40%, BC 36.5%, EBC 34%, SC/ST, women and PwD 32%
Candidates for Mains	10 times the notified vacancies (category-wise)
Candidates for interview	2½ times the notified vacancies
Final merit	GS Paper I (300) + GS Paper II (300) + Essay (300) + Personality Test (120) = 1020 marks
Qualifying papers	General Hindi (30%) and the optional subject are qualifying only

Exam pattern

Paper / Stage	Subjects	Questions	Marks	Duration
Prelims (screening)	General Studies (objective, multiple choice)	—	150	2 hours
Mains: General Hindi (qualifying)	General Hindi — 30% needed, not counted for merit	—	100	3 hours
Mains: General Studies Paper I	General Studies	—	300	3 hours
Mains: General Studies Paper II	General Studies	—	300	3 hours
Mains: Essay	Essay	—	300	3 hours
Mains: Optional subject (qualifying)	One optional subject — objective (MCQ), not counted for merit	100	100	2 hours
Personality Test (Interview)	—	—	120	—

Detailed syllabus

1. Prelims: General Studies (150 marks)

- General Science
- Current events of national and international importance
- History of India and salient features of the history of Bihar
- General Geography
- Major geographical divisions of Bihar and its important rivers
- Indian Polity and Economy
- Major changes in the economy of Bihar after independence
- Indian National Movement and the contribution of Bihar to it
- General Mental Ability

Topic areas as stated in the advertisement (translated from Hindi).

2. Mains: General Hindi (qualifying) (100 marks)

30% marks needed; not counted in the merit. Detailed topics are not printed in the advertisement; see BPSC's official syllabus.

3. Mains: General Studies Paper I (300 marks)

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4. Mains: General Studies Paper II (300 marks)

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5. Mains: Essay (300 marks)

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6. Mains: Optional subject (qualifying, objective) (100 marks)

- Agriculture (04)
- Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science (05)
- Anthropology (06)
- Botany (07)
- Chemistry (08)
- Civil Engineering (09)
- Commerce and Accountancy (10)
- Economics (11)
- Electrical Engineering (12)
- Geography (13)
- Geology (14)
- History (15)
- Labour and Social Welfare (16)
- Law (17)
- Management (18)
- Mathematics (19)
- Mechanical Engineering (20)
- Philosophy (21)
- Physics (22)
- Political Science and International Relations (23)
- Psychology (24)

- Public Administration (25)
- Sociology (26)
- Statistics (27)
- Zoology (28)
- Hindi Language and Literature (29)
- English Language and Literature (30)
- Urdu Language and Literature (31)
- Bangla Language and Literature (32)
- Sanskrit Language and Literature (33)
- Persian Language and Literature (34)
- Arabic Language and Literature (35)
- Pali Language and Literature (36)
- Maithili Language and Literature (37)

Choose one subject (subject code in brackets). 100 objective questions; the minimum marks set by the State Government must be obtained, but the marks are not counted in the merit.

Official sources

Official syllabus: https://bpsc.bihar.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/BPSC_content/Notices/Advertisement-Integrated-72th-CCE-PT_BPSC-20260505-p1euvo.pdf

Official website: https://bpsc.bihar.gov.in

Online version: https://www.jobnirdesh.com/syllabus/bpsc-72nd-cce-syllabus

Always confirm the syllabus with the official notification of the conducting body before you prepare or apply.