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Regarding the structure and Papers of the Combined Competitive Examination (Mains), 2020

As the new syllabi of the Combined Competitive Examination (Mains), 2020 entails a significant change in terms of structure and papers from the earlier Combined Competitive Examinations, therefore, in order to guide the candidates in understanding the new pattern and help prepare for the examination, the following information have been provided:

The Combined Competitive Examination (Mains) 2020 will consist of a written examination and an Interview/Personality Test. The written Examination will consist of 8 (eight) papers of conventional essay type in the subjects set out in part-B of the Syllabi for Combined Competitive (Preliminary and Main Examination). For more details in this regard, candidates may check the official website of APSC.

Instead of the traditional Question Paper and Answer Booklet, candidates will be provided with a Question-cum-Answer Booklet (QCA). Space shall be provided in the Question cum Answer Booklet (QCA) for answering the questions and the Question paper in detachable form will be provided along with the QCA Booklet, which can be taken away by the candidate at the end of the Examination. No extra pages will be provided to candidates.

SL.N O	SUBJECT	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	TOTAL MARKS	
1	Essay	Essay paper will consist of two Sections, each Section containing of 4 Essay topics, out of which the candidates will be required to write two essays (one from each Section). Each Essay will carry 125 marks. There will be word limit and page limit for the essays.	250	
2	General Studies-I, II, III and V	There will be a total of 20 (twenty) questions and all questions will be compulsory. 10 Questions of 10 marks and 10 Questions of 15 marks. No optional questions will be provided. There will be page limit for the answers.	250 x 4	
3	General Studies-IV	There will be a total of 19 (nineteen) questions and all questions will be compulsory. 13 Questions will carry 10 marks and 6 Questions will be of 20 marks. No optional questions will be provided. There will be page limit for the answers.	250	
4	Optional Paper-I & II	Optional Paper-I shall consist of two Sections. Each section will consist of 4 Questions. There will be 2 mandatory questions, one from each section. From the remaining 6 questions, the candidates will require to attempt 3 questions, choosing at least one from each section. (Total Question to be attempted by candidates is 5, out of 8 questions).	250 x 2	
		Total Marks	2000	

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