

5. **AGE**

5.1 **Candidates should not be below 18 years and above 37 years of age as on 01-01-2021**

5.2 The upper age limit may be relaxed up to 45 years for Punjab Government and its Board/Corporation/Commission and Authorities employees, all States/ Central Government employees.

5.3 The upper age limit is relaxed up to 42 years for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes of Punjab.

5.4 Ex-servicemen of Punjab Domicile shall be allowed to deduct the period of his service in the Armed Forces of Union from his actual age and if the resultant age does not exceed the maximum age limit prescribed for direct appointment to such a vacancy in the Service Rules concerned by more than three years, he shall be deemed to satisfy the condition regarding age limit.

5.5 The upper age limit is also relaxed up to 42 years for Widows, Divorcees and certain other Categories of Women.

5.6 The upper age limit is also relaxed up to 47 years for Persons with Disability of Punjab.

6. **PATTERN AND SCHEME OF COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR SELECTION**

6.1 **PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION**

The procedure for selection of candidates for the post of Inspector, Cooperative Societies in the Department of Cooperation, Government of Punjab will consist of written examination as per the following details:

Subject Matter	No. of Questions (each question has 4 marks)	Total Marks
Written Competitive Examination	120	480

No interview shall be conducted for selection to these posts.

The written competitive examination for the post will be scheduled soon. The exact date of exam will be decided and intimated later keeping in view the public health safety issues.

6.2 **PATTERN OF THE WRITTEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION**

The pattern for written competitive examination comprising of 120 questions (@ 4 marks for each question) is as follows:

S. No.	Topic	No. of Questions	Marks (Each Question carries 4 marks)	Type of Questions
1.	Questions from Logical Reasoning and Mental Ability	40	160	MCQs (Multiple Choice Questions)
2.	Questions from General Knowledge & Current Affairs of National and International importance.	80	320	
Total		120	480	

The important points to note:

- I. Each question carries 4 (four) marks and for each correct answer candidate will get 4 (four) marks.***
- II. There will be Negative Marking (one mark for each question) in the written***

examination for questions wrongly answered i.e., for each incorrect answer, 1 (One) mark will be deducted from the total score.

- III. *To answer a question, the candidate has to find, for each question, the correct answer/ best option.*
- IV. *Answer key will be uploaded on the PPSC website (after written examination), and the candidates will be permitted to raise objections (if any). Candidates will be given four days to deliberate before putting up the objections.*
- V. *Unanswered/Unattempted questions will be given no marks. In case, a question is withdrawn, all candidates will be given **four (04) marks** irrespective of the fact whether the question has been attempted or not attempted by the candidate.*

6.3 DURATION OF TEST

The test will be of two (02) hours duration.

6.4 SYLLABUS OF THE WRITTEN TEST

The Question Paper will be based on the given syllabus from Logical Reasoning, Mental ability and General Knowledge (**Annexure-VII**)

6.5 MODE OF EXAMINATION

The examination is a pen & paper-based test, to be answered on the specially designed machine gradable OMR sheet using ball point pen.

6.6 INFORMATION ABOUT EXAM CENTRE

Information about the examination center(s) shall be mentioned on Admit Cards of all candidates. The Public Notice to download the Admit cards shall be given shortly on the website of the Commission.

6.7 ELIGIBILITY AND SCRUTINY OF APPLICATION FORMS AND TESTIMONIALS

- 6.7.1 All candidates who apply for ibid posts will be treated "provisionally eligible" for appearing in the competitive exam. Acceptance of applications at this stage and allotment of Roll Numbers by PPSC does not indicate acceptance of candidature by the PPSC, since there is no scrutiny of documents before the written test.
- 6.7.2 The scrutiny of application forms shall be done after the conduct of the examination. During the process of scrutiny, the application forms and other relevant documents, certificates, etc. of the candidates shall be examined to determine their eligibility as on **22/12/2021**. Candidates not meeting the eligibility criteria will be rejected after the scrutiny process or any time thereafter if found ineligible.
- 6.7.3 The candidates applying for the Competitive Examination should ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination. Their admission at all the stages of examination for which they are admitted by the Commission will be purely

ANNEXURE (VII)- Syllabus

General Knowledge, Logical Reasoning & Mental Ability

(a) General Knowledge & Current Affairs

General Knowledge and Current affairs of National and International importance including:

- (i) Economic issues.
- (ii) Polity issues.
- (iii) Environment issues
- (iv) Science and Technology.
- (v) Any other current issues.
- (vi) (a) History of India with special reference to Indian freedom struggle movement
(b) History of Punjab- 14th century onwards.

(b) Logical Reasoning & Mental Ability

- (i) Logical reasoning , analytical and mental ability
 - (ii) Basic numerical skills, numbers, magnitudes, percentage, numerical relation appreciation.
 - (iii) Data analysis, Graphic presentation charts, tables, spreadsheets.
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