ANDHRA PRADESH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION: VIJAYAWADA
DRAFT SYLLABUS COPY FOR GROUP-I MAINS EXAMINATION

**ENGLISH**

**Marks — 150**  
**Medium: English**  
**Time- 150 Minutes**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Serial No.</th>
<th>TYPE OF QUESTION</th>
<th>Marks to be allotted</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>01</td>
<td>ESSAY (A minimum of 200 words and a maximum of 250 words):</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Choose any one topic from a list of five. (Descriptive/ analytical/ philosophical/ based on Current Affairs)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>02</td>
<td>LETTER WRITING (in about 100 words):</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A formal letter expressing one's opinion about an issue. The issues can deal with daily office matters/ a problem that has occurred in the office/ an opinion in response to one sought by a ranked officer etc.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>03</td>
<td>PRESS RELEASE/ APPEAL (in about 100 words):</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The PR or appeal should be on an issue pertaining to a recent concern/problem/disaster/rumours etc.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>04</td>
<td>REPORT WRITING (in about 150 words):</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A report on an official function/event/field trip/survey etc.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>05</td>
<td>WRITING ON VISUAL INFORMATION (in about 150 words):</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A report on a graph/image/ flow chart/table of comparison/ simple statistical data etc.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>06</td>
<td>FORMAL SPEECH (in about 150 words):</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A speech (in a formal style) that is to be read out in a formal function. This could be an inauguration speech, an educational seminar/conference, a formal ceremony of importance etc.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>07</td>
<td>PRECIS WRITING:</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A precis in about 100 words for a 300-word passage.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
08 READING COMPREHENSION: 15
A reading passage of about 250 words to be given followed by short-answer type questions.

09 ENGLISH GRAMMAR: 20
Multiple choice questions set from the following list:
   a. Tenses
   b. Voice
   c. Narration (Direct-Indirect)
   d. Transformation of sentences
   e. Use of Articles and Determiners
   f. Use of Prepositions
   g. Use of Phrasal verbs
   h. Use of idiomatic expressions
   i. Administrative Glossary
   j. Synonyms/Antonyms
   k. One-word substitution
   1. Cohesive devices/Connectives/Linkers
   m. Affixes
   n. Words that cause confusion like homonyms/homophones.

10. TRANSLATION: 15
Translation of a short passage (of about 150 words) from Regional Language to English.

Total 150
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Serial No.</th>
<th>TYPE OF QUESTION</th>
<th>Marks to be allotted</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>ESSAY (A minimum of 200 words and a maximum of 250 words):</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Choose any one topic from a list of five. (Descriptive/ analytical/ philosophical/ based on Current Affairs)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>To ELABORATE the thought of poetic or verse (any two of the three) (about 100 words)</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>PRECIS WRITING: 1/3rd summary of the given passage in your words</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>COMPREHENSION: A reading passage of about 250 words to be given followed by short-answer type questions.</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>FORMAL SPEECH (Welcome, Farewell, Inauguration etc.) / Speech for the press conference (energy, farm credit, pollution, health related policy or problem) (in about 150 words)</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>To PREPARE THE STATEMENTS for publicity media (in about 100 words)</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>LETTER WRITING (in about 100 words):(Congratulation/Best wishes/Request/Complaint etc.)</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>DEBATE WRITING (in about 150 words) (Newspaper issues / current issues / editorial presenting individual opinion)</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>APPLICATION WRITING (in about 150 words)</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>REPORT WRITING (in about 150 words)</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>DIALOGUE WRITING OR DIALOGUE SKILLS: Dialogues between two people (in about 150 words) (Group discussion, work of the meeting, water, agriculture, health, sanitation, education related problems etc.)</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>TRANSLATION: Translation from English to Telugu Language</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>Grammar of Telugu</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total** 150
PAPER-I - GENERAL ESSAY

Marks - 150   Medium: English/Telugu   Time- 150 Minutes

The candidates are required to attempt three essays, one from each of the three sections, in about 800 words each.

Objective:
This paper is designed to test candidate's (i) knowledge / awareness of a variety of Subjects and (ii) their ability to compose a sustained piece of writing in the form of an essay.

Contents:

i. current affairs
ii. socio-political issues
iii. socio-economic issues
iv. socio-environmental issues
v. cultural and historical aspects
vi. issues related to civic awareness
vii. reflective topics

Areas of Testing:
This paper would test the following:

1. Ability to compose a well-argued piece of writing
2. Ability to express coherently and sequentially
3. Awareness of the subject

chosen Evaluation / Marking:
Credit will be given for the following:

1. Observing established rules and format for essay writing
2. Grammatical correctness of expression
3. Originality of thought and expression.
A. History and Culture of India:

1. Pre-Historic Cultures in India- Indus Valley Civilization- Vedic Culture- Mahajanapadas- Emergence of New Religions-Jainism, Buddhism- Rise of the Magadha and Age of the Mauryas- Ashoka Dharma- Foreign Invasions on India- The Kushans- The Satavahanas, the Sangam Age in South India- the Sungas- the Guptas- the Kanauj and their Contributions- Historical Accounts of Foreign travelers- Early Educational Institutions.

2. The Pallavas, the Badami Chalukyas, the Kalyani Chalukyas and the Cholas- Socio Cultural Contributions, Language, Literature Art and Architecture- Delhi Sultanates- Advent of Islam and its Impact- Religious Movements like Bhakti and Sufi and Its Influence-Growth of Vernacular Languages, Scripts, Literature, Fine Arts- Socio Cultural Conditions of the Kakatiyas, the Vijayanagaras, the Bahmanis, the Qutubshahis and cotemporary South Indian kingdoms.


B. History and Culture of Andhra Pradesh:

6. **Ancient:** The Satavahanas, the Ikshvakus, the Salankayanas, the Pallavas and the Vishnukundins- -Social and Economic Conditions- Religion, Language, Literature, Art and Architecture- Jainism and Buddhism in Andhra-The Eastern Chalukyas, the Rashtrakutas, the Renati Cholas and others- Socio-Cultural life, Religion- Telugu Script and Language, Literature, Art and Architecture.

7. **Medieval:** Socio- Cultural and Religious Conditions in Andhradesa 1000 to 1565 A.D.- Growth of Telugu Language and Literature (Kavitraya- Asthadiggajas)- Fine Arts, Art& Architecture during the reign of Kakatiyas, Reddis, Gajapatis and Vijayanagaras and their feudatories- Monuments-Significance, Contribution of Qutubshahis to Andhra History and Culture-Regional Literature- Praja Kavi - Vemana and others.


C. Geography: India and Andhra Pradesh


PAPER III - POLITY, CONSTITUTION, GOVERNANCE, LAW AND ETHICS

Marks — 150  Medium: English / Telugu  Time - 150 Minutes

(A) Indian Polity and Constitution:
1. Indian Constitution and its salient features.
2. Functions and duties of the Indian Union and the State Governments.
3. Issues and challenges pertaining to the Federal structure — Role of Governor in States.
4. Distribution of powers between the Union and States (Union list, State list and Concurrent list) — Issues and challenges.
5. Rural and Urban Local Governance under 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment.
7. Parliament and State Legislatures — structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these.
8. Judiciary in India — Structure and functions, important provisions relating to emergency and constitutional amendments, judicial review, Public Interest Litigation.

(B) Public Administration and Governance:
10. Role of Civil Services in Democracy.
11. Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues and problems of implementation.
12. Development processes - the role of civil society, NGOs and other stakeholders.
13. Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial authorities.
C) Ethics in Public Service (Human Values and Ethics in Public Service)


17. Attitude: Content, Functions, its influence and relation with thought and behaviour, Moral and Political attitudes, role of Social influence and persuasion.


19. Role of family, society and Educational Institutions in imparting values to citizens, lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrations.


21. Issues and challenges in Ethics-
   Ethical and moral values in governance, Ethical issues in international relations, corruption, Lokpal, Lokayukta.

22. Contributions of moral thinkers and Philosophers in India.

23. Case studies in the above areas (15 to 22)

D) Basic Knowledge of Law in India


28. Civil Law : Basics of CPC – Difference between Order and Decree – Hierarchy of writs in India


1. Challenges of Indian Economy – Pre and Post Independent India

2. Agricultural development and Main Issues: Its development so far – Contribution of agriculture to India’s GDP – Issues of Financing, Production, Marketing and Distribution of Agriculture.

   Agricultural pattern in Andhra Pradesh – Regional Disparities in agriculture – Issues of Financing, Production, Marketing and Distribution. Contribution of agriculture to SGDP.

3. Resource Mobilization -Types of resources: Physical capital and finance capital - Need for resource mobilization- Sources of resource mobilization: Public Sector and Private Sector - Savings and investment - Budgetary resources: Tax and non tax - Role of Public Debt in resource mobilization and effects: Market borrowing, loans, grants etc. Role of fiscal and monetary policies in resource mobilization - Role of foreign investment in resource mobilization, desirability and consequences - Multilateral agencies and resource mobilization - Physical resources


4. Inclusive growth: Meaning and concept of Inclusion - India’s experience - Ground reality and working of flagship schemes - India’s growth story in this context - Why India’s growth is not inclusive - Rural economy based growth. - Sustainable agriculture, food security and resilience for growth - Public distribution schemes - Financial inclusion as an instrument of inclusive growth - Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation as a strategy for inclusive growth - Social sector development as an instrument for inclusive growth - Public private partnership for inclusive growth - Industrial Integration for inclusive growth - Sectoral and regional diversification as a tool for inclusive growth.


5. Government Budgeting : Budget terminology - Types of budget - Features of outcome budgeting - Merger of Railway and General Budget - Benefits of budgeting - Flaws in budgeting process - Budget analysis


6. Industrial policy and industrial development:- New Economic Policy and Industrial policy under the policy of liberalization, privatization and globalization - Reforms since the New Economic Policies, New Industrial policy 1991 - Main features of Industrial development in India - Sectoral composition - Roles of private
sector and public sector in employment, productivity, profit etc. - Strategies for disinvestment and privatization - Role of Small, Medium and Micro enterprises.

Government Policy, main problems, effects of globalization - New manufacturing policy Industrial disbursal and Industrial corridors - SEZs- Main issues like land use, relocation of same industries that exist, exports earnings vs loss of tax income - Industrial sickness, institutional mechanism to support the sick industries, exit policy issues - Main constraints in the industrial development of India - Effects of globalization on industries, Sub-prime crisis and sovereign debt crisis on Industry in India.

**Industrial Finance in India:** Role of development banking, commercial banking - venture capital, angel capital in industrialization and promotion of entrepreneurship.

**Industrial Policy and Development in Andhra Pradesh:** Industrial Corridors – Main issues like land use, location of industries, regional distribution


**Infrastructure development programmes in India** – the Golden Quadrilateral, National Highway Development Programme, Industrial Corridors, Manufacturing hubs, Sethusamudram project, J&K railway project, weather forecast and disaster management, television and broadcasting, telecommunications. Important issues: Ownership and financing, Pricing of Public utilities, Infrastructure as avenues for investment, Public Private Partnership and related issues, Operation and Maintenance of roads, railways, irrigation and power projects-Main problems and solutions. Impact on social development, Environmental impacts.

**Investment in India:** Capital and investment - Factors affecting investment – FDI - Angel Investors and Start-ups - M&A - Role of State - PPP (Public-Private Partnership) - Savings and Investment Trends


12/15 Group I Mains (2018)
Paper -V SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Marks — 150 Medium: English / Telugu Time- 150 Minutes

1. Integration of Science, Technology and Innovation for better human life; Science & Technology in everyday life; National Policies on proliferation of Science, Technology and Innovation; India's contribution in the field of Science and Technology. Concerns and challenges in the proliferation and use of science and technology; Role and Scope of Science and Technology in nation building. Major Scientific institutes for Science and Technology in AP and India. Major Scientific Institutes for Research and Development in AP and India. Achievements of Indian Scientist in the field of Science and Technology-Indigenous technologies and developing new technologies.

2. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) - its importance, advantages and challenges; E-governance and India; Cyber Crime and policies to address security concerns. Government of India Policy on Information Technology (IT). IT Development in AP and India.

3. Indian Space Programme - Past, Present and Future; Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) — it's activities and achievements; Satellite Programmes of India and Use of Satellites in different fields like Health, Education, Communication Technology, Weather forecasting affecting human lives; Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO).

4. Indian's energy needs, efficiency and resources; Clean energy resources; Energy policy of India - Government Policies and Programmes. Conventional and Non- Conventional energy resources. Energy demands, Indian Energy Sciences, Conventional energy powers, Thermal, renewable energy resources, Solar, wind, Bio and wasted based; energy policies Geothermal and Tidel Sources, energy Policies in India, energy security. Salient features of Nuclear Policy of India; Development of Nuclear programmes in India, Nuclear Policies at the International level and India's stand on them.

Indian's energy needs, efficiency and resources; Clean energy resources; Energy policy of India - Government Policies and Programmes. Conventional and Non- Conventional energy resources. Energy demands, Indian Energy Sciences, Conventional energy powers, Thermal, renewable energy resources,
Solar, wind, Bio and wasted based, energy policies Geotharmal and Tidel Sources, energy Policies in India, energy security.

Salient features of Nuclear Policy of India; Development of Nuclear programmes in India, Nuclear Policies at the International level and India's stand on them.


Global Environmental issues and role of information Technology in Environment and Human Health, Ozone layer depletion, Acid rain. Global Warming and its impacts.


White Revolution, Green Revolution, and Green Pharmacy
7. Nature, Scope and Applications of Biotechnology and Nanotechnology in India; Ethical, Social and Legal concerns, Government policies; Genetic engineering, issues related to it and its impact on human life.


9. Issues related to Intellectual Property Rights in the field of Science and Technology. Promotion of Science in AP and India.