

Decision on objections on questions in papers of Group – I Examination, 2016

Subsequent to the conduct of examination in September, 2016 for Group – I, certain objections are received. The objections on Paper – V were referred to one expert committee and objections on other papers were referred to another expert committee. After considering the recommendations, the Commission took decision which is as follows:

1. On the objection that questions should be framed only with reference to the period 2011-12 & 2012-13, "current events" are events that "happen in near proximity of time of the examination" and cannot be dated back to an earlier period merely because the original examination was held in that period. On questions other than the topic of "current events" also, when no specific period is mentioned in the syllabus, it cannot be stated that questions are to be related to a particular period. The questions are also within the syllabus only. Hence the objections on this point are unfounded.
2. In question 9(a) of Paper – II, the English version mentions "Andhra Maha Sabha" while the Telugu version mentions "Andhra Mahila Sabha". It is decided that if any candidate writes answer either on "Andhra Maha Sabha" or "Andhra Mahila Sabha" (both in case of Telugu and English versions), marks would be awarded according to the answer.
3. With regard to question 5(a) of Paper - III, as there is a minor error wherein instead of "responsibility", "reforms" is mentioned. Therefore, it is decided that full marks would be awarded to candidates who attempted either question 5(a) or question 5(b) as a measure of fairness.
4. In paper – V, question 2(b) and question 3 are found to be out of syllabus. Therefore, to all candidates who attempted question 2 and question 3, full marks would be awarded as a measure of fairness.
5. In paper – V, Questions 8(a)(ii) and 8(b)(iii) are found to be incorrect. Hence, they would be removed and the marks for the balance portions of question 8 would be increased equally so that the marks meant for question 8 remain intact.
6. In paper – V, Question 9(a)(i), 9(a)(iii) and 9(a)(v) are found to be incorrect. In view of this to all candidates who attempted question 9, full marks would be awarded as a measure fairness.
7. In paper – V, Question 10(a)(ii) is found to be incorrect whereas other portions of question 10 are correct. Here also, as a measure of fairness, to all candidates who attempted question 10, full marks would be awarded.

(Sd/- Secretary)