The Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission in its meeting held on 20-08-2019 decided to amend further the following Rules of the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (Procedure & Transaction of Business and Procedure for the conduct of Examinations & Personality Tests Etc.) Rules, 2018 notified vide Office Order No.3-8/86-PSC dated 12-11-2018 and amended further vide Office Orders dated 11-12-2018, 10-06-2019 & 03-08-2019 as under:-

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<td>7 (B) (ii) (a)</td>
<td>In the Computer Based Test (CBT) (objective type) there will be 100 questions of 01 mark each on the basis of syllabus approved by the Commission for the test. Each question will be followed by four (a, b, c, d) answer options. The candidate will have to click on the circle adjacent to the option he / she thinks is correct. The answer key of CBT (objective type) shall be uploaded online on the ‘MY EXAMINATION MY ONLINE REVIEW’ in the User IDs of all appeared candidates immediately after its conduct for inviting objection(s) for which 03 (three) days time from the day of publishing of answer key (day of publishing of the answer key plus 3 (three) next days upto 11.59 P.M. of the last date of receipt of objections after which the link will be disabled) shall be given to them to submit their objection(s) in online mode only. Objection(s) submitted in any other mode will not be entertained. The received objection(s), if any, will be got verified from the concerned Subject Expert / Paper Setter. Based on the opinion / decision of the concerned Subject Expert / Paper Setter to the objection(s) raised by the candidates the revised answer key shall be prepared &amp; finalized. After finalization of answer key category-wise zone of consideration in the ratio of 1:4 in the case of 20 &amp; above category-wise posts advertised, in the ratio of 1:5 in the case of 11 to 19 category-wise posts advertised and in the ratio of 1:6 + 3 in the case of 10 or less than 10 category-wise posts advertised will be prepared and provided by the Secrecy Cell on the basis of performance of the candidates in the CBT to check their eligibility by the Branch responsible for making direct recruitment on the basis of documents uploaded by them on the OTRS portal submitted on the day of CBT. In case the number of candidate(s) to be declared qualified for personality test fall(s) below the prescribed ratio then to meet this shortfall an additional category wise zone of consideration as per requirement shall be prepared by the Secrecy Cell. In respect of the scrapped question(s) no credit to appeared candidates shall be given. The final answer key alongwith</td>
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question paper shall be uploaded on the website of the Commission immediately after the declaration of the result of the CBT. No objection(s) / representation(s) shall be entertained against the final answer key.

7 (B) (ii) (b)

(i) In the offline Screening Test (objective type) (except Preliminary Examinations) there will be 100 questions of 01 mark each on the basis of syllabus approved by the Commission for the test. Each question will be followed by four (a, b, c, d) answer options. The candidate will have to encircle / blacken the option he / she thinks is right / correct on the OMR answer sheet with blue / black ball pen. The answer key of offline Screening Test (objective type) shall be uploaded on the website of the Commission immediately after the conduct of offline screening test for inviting objections from the appeared candidates for which 07 (seven) days time (day of publishing the key plus seven days upto 05.00 P.M. of the prescribed last date of receipt of objections) shall be given. The received objection(s), if any, will be got verified from the concerned Subject Expert / Paper Setter. Based on the opinion / decision of the concerned Subject Expert / Paper Setter to the objection(s) raised by the candidates the revised answer key shall be prepared & finalized. After finalization of answer key the OMR answer sheets of the candidates who appeared in the offline Screening Test shall be scanned in the OMR Scanner and evaluated by using the final answer key to prepare a category-wise zone of consideration in the ratio of 1:4 in the case of 20 & above category-wise posts advertised, in the ratio of 1:5 in the case of 11 to 19 category-wise posts advertised and in the ratio of 1:6 + 3 in the case of 10 or less than 10 category-wise posts advertised will be prepared by the Secrecy Cell on the basis of performance of the candidates in the offline Screening Test, to check their eligibility by the Branch responsible for making direct recruitment on the basis of documents uploaded by them on the OTRS portal submitted on the day of offline Screening Test. In case the number of candidate(s) to be declared qualified for personality test fall(s) below the prescribed ratio i.e. six candidates for a single post and three candidates for every subsequent post then to meet this shortfall an additional zone of consideration as per requirement shall be prepared by the Secrecy Cell. In respect of scrapped question(s) no credit to appeared candidates shall be given. The final answer key shall be uploaded on the website of the Commission immediately after the declaration of the result of the offline screening Test. No objection(s) / representation(s) shall be entertained against the final answer key.

(ii) In the case of Preliminary Examination (objective type) the candidate will have to encircle / blacken the option he / she thinks is right / correct
on the OMR answer sheet out of four (a, b, c, d) answer options with blue / black ball pen. The answer key(s) of the Preliminary Examination (objective type) shall be uploaded on the website of the Commission immediately after the conduct of the preliminary examination for inviting objections from the appeared candidates for which 07 (seven) days time (day of publishing the key plus seven days upto 05.00 P.M. of the prescribed last date of receipt of objections) shall be given (in the case of preliminary examination for recruitment to the post(s) of Civil Judge only 03 (three) days time (day of publishing the key plus three days upto 05.00 P.M. of the prescribed last date of receipt of objections) shall be given to the appeared candidates for inviting objections in the answer keys). The received objection(s), if any, will be got verified from the concerned Subject Expert / Paper Setter. Based on the opinion / decision of the concerned Subject Expert / Paper Setter to the objection(s) raised by the candidates the revised answer key shall be prepared & finalized. After finalization of answer key, the OMR answer sheets of the candidates who appeared in the Preliminary Examination shall be scanned in the OMR Scanner and evaluated by using the final answer key to prepare a category-wise zone of consideration in the prescribed ratio in proportion to the number of post(s) advertised, by the Secrecy Cell on the basis of performance of the candidates in the said Preliminary Examination. In respect of scrapped question(s) no credit to appeared candidates shall be given. The final answer key shall be uploaded on the website of the Commission immediately after the declaration of the result of said Preliminary Examination. No objection(s) / representation(s) shall be entertained against the final answer key.

The above amendments shall come into force with immediate effect.

Sd/-
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