

**HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Instructions to candidates with regards to Screening Test of Research Officer,
Class-I (Gazetted) in the Department of Planning, H.P. advertised vide Advt. No.
4/2-2021 dated 11-02-2021.**

The candidate must read the following instructions. Failure to observe any instruction will render him/her liable to such action as the Commission may deem fit to take under the facts and circumstances:-

1. There will be one paper for this examination as per time table given below:-

Date	Time of Objective Type Screening Test	No entry will be allowed after 11.00 A.M.
01-08-2021	11.00 A.M to 01.00 P.M.	

Note: Candidates are advised to follow SOP/ guideline issued by the Government of Himachal Pradesh and also issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India from time to time with regard to Covid-19 pandemic.

- 2 Candidates having symptoms of fever, cough, cold or candidates coming from containment zone and having no symptoms of COVID-19 will be made to sit in a separate room in the examination centre.
- 3 The candidates must read and strictly follow SOP regarding conduct of examination to contain the spread of COVID-19 Pandemic. The SOP is available on the website of the Commission.
- 4 The candidates are advised to bring their water, Sanitizer in transparent bottles and wear masks etc. to contain the spread of Covid-19.
- 5 No candidates will be allowed to enter the Examination Hall/ Rooms without mask and thermal screening.
- 6 The candidates are advised to download “Aarogya Setu App”. They are further advised to maintain social distance and avoid crowding at entry and exit points.
- 7 The candidates are advised to reach the venue 1 hour before the commencement of the examination.
- 8 a) Immediately after downloading of e-Admission letter-cum- Identity Card along with instructions, the candidate should check very carefully discrepancies, if any, and bring to the notice of the H.P. Public Service Commission without loss of time. He / She must bring his / her e- Admission letter-cum- Identity Card to the examination hall failing which he/she will not be allowed to sit in the Examination / Test.

- b) The candidate should note that he / she is responsible for the safe custody of e-Admission letter-cum- Identity Card and that in the event of his / her e-Admission letter-cum- Identity Card being used by any other person for securing admission to the examination, the onus lies on the candidate himself / herself to prove that he / she has not procured the services of an impersonator.
 - c) A candidate is allowed to appear only in the centre allotted to him / her.
 - d) The candidate is required to paste a passport size latest self attested photograph in the space provided on the e-Admission letter-cum- Identity Card. No candidate will be allowed to appear in the examination without e-Admission letter-cum Identity Card along with latest passport size self attested photograph duly pasted on it. Candidates without e- admit card will not be allowed to appear in the examination.
 - e) The candidates are advised to produce a valid photo ID proof in original i.e. Aadhar Card, Voter Card or Driving License etc. in the examination centre Room/ Hall.
 - f) There will be negative marking (Penalty) for wrong (incorrect) answers (as detailed below) for all questions.**
 - g) There are four alternatives for the answers to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, one fourth (0.25) of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.**
 - h) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer even if one of the given answers happen to be correct and there will be same penalty as above for that question.
 - i) If a question is left blank i.e. no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.
- 9 CANDIDATES WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITY HAVING VC/LDCP
- ✓ The candidate who has disability of 40 % or more and is not in position to read or write shall have the discretion of opting for his own scribe/ reader by making prior request in writing along with disability certificate issued by the competent medical board in support of his claim to the Controller of Examination 07 days before the examination/test. Such candidate who shall make the use of scribe/reader shall be given 20 minutes per hour, compensatory time.
 - ✓ The candidate should have the discretion of opting for his own or may request the Controller of Examination for the same.

- 10 The candidate must note that his / her admission is strictly provisional and on claim basis made by him / her on the Online Recruitment Application (ORA). The admission to this examination does not imply that his/ her candidature has finally been cleared by the Commission or that entries made by the candidate in his/ her application form for the examination have been accepted by the Commission as true and correct.

- 11 The candidate shall enter the examination hall / room and occupy his / her seat immediately after getting thermal scanned at the entrance. They are not allowed to loiter in the premises. The Carbonless OMR Answer Sheet will be given to the candidates 10 minutes before the commencement of examination/ Test. The Carbonless OMR Answer Sheet should be handled carefully. It should not be mutilated or torn.
- 12 No candidate shall be admitted to the examination hall after the commencement of examination / Test. No candidate shall be permitted to leave the examination hall until the expiry of full allotted time.**
- 13 The Commission does not supply any article of stationery except authorized Carbonless OMR Answer Sheet. Working Sheet for rough work will be available at the end of Test Booklet. Items such as pen, ball point pen (Blue / Black), clip board, pencil etc. whatsoever is needed have to be brought by the examinees themselves.
- 14 The candidate shall not bring any article such as loose paper, books, notes, programmable calculators, log tables, slide rules etc. into the examination hall / Room. He / She is also not permitted to carry pager, mobile phone or any other type of gadget / electronic device for communication in the Examination Hall / Room. Any infringement of these instructions will entail disciplinary action including ban from future examinations. Candidates are advised not to bring any valuables / costly items in the examination hall / room, as safe keeping of the same cannot be assured. Commission will not be responsible for any loss in this regard.
- 15 The candidate must write his / her Roll number, application number, booklet series, Name of Paper and the examination centre in the prescribed columns at the top of the Carbonless OMR Answer Sheet with ball point pen (Blue /Black) before affixing his /her signature in the space provided therein. It should also be noted that all the squares and circles provided in the Carbonless OMR Answer Sheet are filled-in / encoded with blue or black ball point pen only.
- 16 The candidate should ensure that in case the booklet series viz. A, B, C or D is not printed on the Test Booklet or Test Booklet/answer sheet is found mutilated, he / she should immediately report the matter to the invigilator and get the test booklet of the same series/answer sheet replaced. Nothing should be written on the Test Booklet except his / her Roll Number. Instructions on the Test Booklet & Carbonless OMR Answer Sheet must be read very carefully.

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- 17 The candidate should ensure that the Roll Number, Application Number and Booklet Series should be written and encoded correctly. In case of wrong encoding of either Application Number, Roll Number or both by the candidate, the OMR sheet shall not be evaluated and shall be rejected straight away.**
- 18 The candidate should not tamper with or take away the upper part of Carbonless OMR Answer Sheet with him / her. He / She will be penalized for any such attempt.
- 19 No candidate shall be allowed to use white fluid / eraser to change / erase their responses on the Carbonless OMR Answer Sheet.
- 20 No candidate shall be allowed to go to the toilet during the last 05 minutes of the examination.

- 21 The candidate should also note that he / she should not stand near or loiter in and around the examination hall / room after being permitted to leave on conclusion of the examination/ Test.
- 22 The candidate must abide by the instructions as may be given by the Centre Superintendent / Deputy Superintendent / Invigilator during the examination / Test.
- 23 The candidate will furnish such necessary and correct information as may be asked for, from him / her in the examination hall by the Invigilator/ Deputy Superintendent / Centre Superintendent.
- 24 The e- Admission letter - cum - Identity Card with his / her latest passport size photo (self attested), affixed on the space provided for the purpose should be handed over to invigilator on the commencement of the examination.
- 25 The Screening Test(MCQ) will be of two hours duration consisting of 100 questions as per syllabus already uploaded on Commission's website .
- 26 In this Objective Type Examination / Test, the candidate has to choose one of the most suitable responses from amongst the given choices in the Test Booklet. For example, in case of mentioning proper name of the capital of India against four suggestions viz. (a) Shimla, (b) Delhi, (c) Mumbai , (d) Chandigarh, the most appropriate response containing circle (b) is to be blackened / encircled with Blue or Black ball point pen as under:-
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- 27 In case candidate has any doubt about any question in the question paper, he / she is advised to give a representation addressed to the Secretary, H.P. Public Service Commission, in this regard through the Centre Superintendent immediately after the conclusion of Objective Type Examination. Attention of the candidates is invited to laws relating to prevention of use of unfair means. Use of unfair means is an offence. Any examinee using unfair means shall be dealt with the provisions of relevant law in addition to debarring him / her from the present Written Objective Type Examination / Test as well as future examinations of the Commission.

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- 28 The Answer key of this Objective Type Examination / Test shall be displayed/ uploaded on the official website of the Commission at the earliest possible after the conduct of this examination. The Objections, if any, received within seven days will only be entertained.
- 29 Taking Tea is prohibited inside the examination hall / room. Smoking in the examination hall or in the premises is punishable offence.
- 30 No T.A. / D.A. will be paid by the Commission for taking this examination.
