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Subject: Pattern of Question Papers of PCS Main Written Examination

It is for the information of all concerned that the broad pattern of Question Papers for ibid examination shall be as follows:

1.0 General Studies Paper -I, Paper-II and Paper-III

Total Marks of each Paper: 250

In each Paper there shall be total **Twenty (20) Questions. All questions shall be compulsory.** The details of question pattern are as follows:

- a) There shall be 15 questions of 12 marks each.
Word limit for each question shall be 200 words (maximum)
- b) There shall be 5 questions with two sub-parts, each sub-part of 7 marks, i.e each question shall be of 14 marks
Word limit for each sub-part shall be 100 words (maximum)

2.0 General Studies Paper-IV

Total Marks: 250

There shall be total **Seventeen (17) Questions. All questions shall be compulsory.** The details of question pattern are as follows:

- a) There shall be 10 questions of 12 marks each.
Word limit for each question shall be 200 words (maximum)
- b) There shall be 5 questions with two sub-parts, each sub-part of 7 marks, i.e each question shall be of 14 marks
Word limit for each sub-part shall be 100 words (maximum)
- c) There shall be two questions on Problem Solving and Decision Making and each shall be of 30 Marks. Word limit for each answer shall be 400 words (maximum)

3.0 Essays

Total Marks: 150

- a) There will be three short Essays of 50 Marks each.
- b) Each Essay shall be written in maximum 800 words.
- c) For each Essay, choice of topics shall be given.

4.0 Language Papers

Total Marks of each Paper(English / Punjabi): 100

The break-up of marks for the Papers of English and Punjabi language has already been broadly mentioned in the Notification of Syllabus.

NOTE: The above mentioned pattern is for the general information of the candidates. The Commission reserves the right to make any modification or alteration in the pattern of Question Papers any time in future without notice and without assigning any reason.

Dated: 5th March, 2014

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