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INFORMATION HANDOUT

ONLINE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT OF SECURITY GUARDS

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INTRODUCTION

This booklet contains details pertaining to various aspects of the online examination you are going to take and important instructions about related matters. **The answers will be indicated online, hence you should carefully read instructions regarding the method of indicating answers.** You are advised to study this booklet carefully as it will help you in preparing for the examination.

Before appearing for the online examination, you should strictly ensure yourself that you fulfill the eligibility criteria stipulated in the advertisement in all respects.

Please note that since this is a competitive examination, mere passing is not adequate. You have to obtain a high rank in the order of merit to get eligibility for future selection process. You should, therefore, put in best efforts in the examination.

ONLINE EXAMINATION

In the online examination there will be following objective test:

Sr. No.	Name of Tests	No. of Questions	Maximum Marks	Version of Tests	Duration (In Minutes)	Type of Test
1	Knowledge of English Language	20	20	English	75	Objective
2	Aptitude Test	20	20	English & Tamil		Objective
3	Arithmetic Test	20	20	English & Tamil		Objective
4	Psychometric Test	20	20	English & Tamil		Objective
	Total	80	80		1 hr 15 min	

- All the questions will have multiple choices. Out of the four answers to a question only one will be the correct answer
- There will be no penalty for wrong answers marked by you. However, you are advised not to mark your answers by random guessing.
- The above tests except the Test of English will be available bilingually, i.e. in English and Tamil.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Please note that the types of questions in this handout are only illustrative and not exhaustive. In the actual examination you will find questions of a higher difficulty level on some or all of these types and also questions on the types not mentioned here.

KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

This is a test to see how well you know English. Your English language ability would be tested through questions on grammar, vocabulary, sentence completion, synonyms, antonyms, comprehension of a passage, etc. Study and answer the sample questions given below:

Q.1-3. Directions: Pick out the most appropriate word from amongst the words given below each sentence to complete it meaningfully.

Q.1. He quickly glanced the book to find what it said about the Indian economy.

(1) at (2) through (3) in (4) to

Q.2. The counsel urged the court to down the obnoxious law.

(1) enact (2) enforce (3) cancel (4) strike

- Q.3.** The local official the Minister of the situation.
 (1) explained (2) warned (3) apprised (4) told
- Q.4-6. Directions:** Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part of the sentence is your answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'No error'.
- Q.4.** I am twenty two years old / when I first / joined the bank. No error
 (1) (2) (3) (4)
- Q.5.** To the Hindus / the Ganga is holier than / any other river. No error
 (1) (2) (3) (4)
- Q.6.** Of all the teachers / in our school / our class teacher were very strict. No error
 (1) (2) (3) (4)

APTITUDE TEST

- Q.1-2. Directions:** In each of the following questions, there are letter groups or words in each question. Three of these letter groups or words are alike in some way, while one is different. Find the one which is different.
- Q.1.** (1) black (2) red (3) green (4) paint
- Q.2.** (1) Mango (2) Apple (3) Orange (4) Rose
- Q.3-4. Directions:** In each of the following questions, there is a question mark in which only one of the four alternatives given under the question satisfies the same relationship as is found between the two terms to the left of the sign :: given in the question. Find the correct answer.
- Q.3.** Foot : man :: hoof : ?
 (1) leg (2) dog (3) horse (4) boy
- Q.4.** Day : Night :: Kind : ?
 (1) Dark (2) Bright (3) Cruel (4) Generous
- Q.5.** The town of Paranda is located on Green lake. The town of Akram is West of Paranda. Tokhada is East of Akram but West of Paranda. Kakran is East of Bopri but West of Tokhada and Akram. If they are all in the same district, which town is the farthest West ?
 (1) Paranda (2) Kakran (3) Akram (4) Other than those given as options
- Q.6.** In a row of girls, if Seeta who is 10th from the left and Lina who is 9th from the right interchange their seats, Seeta becomes 15th from the left. How many girls are there in the row?
 (1) 16 (2) 18 (3) 19 (4) Other than those given as options
- Q.7.** If the letters in the word TOPS can be rearranged to form a meaningful word beginning with O, the last letter of that word is your answer. If more than one such word can be formed, M is the answer and if no such word can be formed, X is the answer.
 (1) T (2) M (3) X (4) Other than those given as options

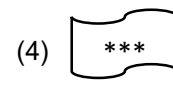
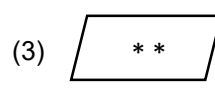
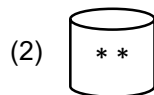
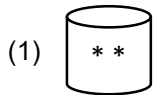
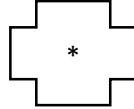
ARITHMETIC TEST

- Q.1.** At 10 paise each, how many paise will 6 lemons cost ?
 (1) 6 (2) 10 (3) 60 (4) 610
- Q.2.** Which of the following can be exact multiple of 4 ?
 (1) 27114 (2) 58204 (3) 48402 (4) 32286
- Q.3.** If the profit made by selling a pen for Rs. 10 is as much as its cost, what is the cost price of the pen ?
 (1) Rs. 3/- (2) Rs. 5/- (3) Rs. 10/- (4) Rs. 20/-
- Q.4.** $2168 + 3154 + 2369 = ?$
 (1) 7791 (2) 7691 (3) 7681 (4) 7781

- Q.5.** If 3 workers collect 48 Kg. Cotton in 4 days, how many kg. Cotton will 9 workers collect in 2 days ?
(1) 216 (2) 32 (3) 108 (4) 72

PSYCHOMETRIC TEST

- Q.1.** Identify the suggested answer shape that shares a feature in common with the question shapes.



- Q.2.** Which liquid would boil last?
(1) Water (2) Mercury (3) Alcohol (4) Milk

- Q.3.** Which of the given options will fill in the (?)

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- (1) 25 (2) 20 (3) 30 (4) None of the given options

- Q.4.** Read the passage and answer the question:

The ambulance service estimates that as many as 500 lives are lost because of the slower emergency response times caused by road humps. Critics of road humps also claim that they cause more pollution as drivers repeatedly slow down and speed up and that they cause more congestion by disrupting the flow of traffic. Residents complain of the noise of cars crossing them and accelerating away from them. Some of these claims run counter to published research which shows that road humps cause average speeds to drop by 10 mph and as a result save lives. Since 1980 and the widespread introduction of road humps, figures show that the level of deaths and serious injury fell by 60 per cent.

According to the given passage which of the following is true?

- (A) Road humps have no advantages
(B) Road humps cause delays in ambulance service
(1) Only Statement A is true
(2) Only Statement B is true
(3) Both Statement A and B are true
(4) Both Statement A and B are false

DETAILS OF THE ONLINE EXAMINATION PATTERN

- (1) Total duration of examination is 75 minutes.
(2) The clock will be set at the server. The countdown timer in the top right corner of screen will display the remaining time available for you to complete the examination. When the timer reaches zero, the examination will end by itself. You will not be required to end or submit your examination.

- (3) The Question Palette displayed on the right side of screen will show the status of each question using one of the following symbols:

-  You have not visited the question yet.
-  You have not answered the question.
-  You have answered the question.
-  You have NOT answered the question, but have marked the question for review.
-  The question(s) "Answered and Marked for Review" will be considered for evaluation.

The Marked for Review status for a question simply indicates that you would like to look at that question again. *If a question is answered and Marked for Review, your answer for that question will be considered in the evaluation.*

- (4) You can click on the ">" arrow which appears to the left of question palette to collapse the question palette thereby maximizing the question window. To view the question palette again, you can click on "<" which appears on the right side of question window.
- (5) You can click on your "Profile" image on top right corner of your screen to change the language during the exam for entire question paper. On clicking of Profile image you will get a drop-down to change the question content to the desired language.
- (6) You can click on  to navigate to the bottom and  to navigate to the top of the question area, without scrolling.

Navigating to a Question:

- (7) To answer a question, do the following:
- a. Click on the question number in the Question Palette at the right of your screen to go to that numbered question directly. Note that using this option does NOT save your answer to the current question.
 - b. Click on **Save & Next** to save your answer for the current question and then go to the next question.
 - c. Click on **Mark for Review & Next** to save your answer for the current question, mark it for review, and then go to the next question.

Answering a Question :

- (8) Procedure for answering a multiple choice type question:
- a. To select your answer, click on the button of one of the options.
 - b. To deselect your chosen answer, click on the button of the chosen option again or click on the **Clear Response** button.
 - c. To change your chosen answer, click on the button of another option.
 - d. To save your answer, you MUST click on the **Save & Next** button.
 - e. To mark the question for review, click on the **Mark for Review & Next** button. *If an answer is selected for a question that is Marked for Review, that answer will be considered in the evaluation.*
- (9) To change your answer to a question that has already been answered, first select that question for answering and then follow the procedure for answering that type of question.
- (10) Note that ONLY Questions for which answers are saved or marked for review after answering will be considered for evaluation.

Navigating through sections:

- (11) Sections in this question paper are displayed on the top bar of the screen. The section you are currently viewing is highlighted.
- (12) Candidate can view the corresponding section summary as part of the legend that appears in every section above the question palette.

Submitting the exam:

- (13) After the expiry of time the candidates will not be able to attempt any question or check their answers. On completion of test time, answers of the candidates would be saved automatically by the computer system even if they have not clicked the "Submit" button.
- (14) Please note :
 - (a) Candidates will not be allowed to "finally submit" unless they have exhausted the actual test time of the examination.
 - (b) Under no circumstances should a candidate click on any of the 'keyboard keys' during the test once the exam starts as this will lock the exam.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) Please note date, reporting time and venue address of the examination is given in the call letter.
- (2) You may visit the venue one day before the Examination to confirm the location so that you are able to report **on time**. Latecomers will not be allowed.
- (3) The call letter should be brought with you to the examination venue along with your recent passport size photograph duly pasted on it. (Pasted photograph should be same photograph as was uploaded at the time of application).
- (4) You must scrupulously follow the instructions of the Test Administrator and Bank Representative at the examination venue. If you violate the instructions, you will be disqualified and will be asked to leave the examination venue.
- (5) No use of books, note books or written notes, cell phones (with or without camera facility) or any other electronic device will be allowed during the examination.
- (6) Please bring the call letter with your photograph affixed thereon, a photocopy of photo identity proof stapled with it and same (currently valid) photo ID in original - **THIS IS ESSENTIAL**. Please submit the call-letter along with photocopy of photo identity proof duly stapled together to the Invigilator. Currently valid photo identity proof may be PAN Card/Passport/Permanent Driving License/Voter's Card with photograph/Bank Passbook with photograph/Photo Identity proof with photograph issued by a Gazetted Officer or by a People's Representative on official letterhead/Valid recent Identity Card issued by a recognised College/University/ Aadhar Card/E-Aadhar Card with a photograph/Employee ID. **Please Note - Ration Card and Learner's Driving License will NOT be accepted as valid ID proof.** Please note that your name as appearing on the call letter (provided by you during the process of registration) should exactly match the name as appearing on the photo identity proof. Female candidates who have changed first/last/middle name post marriage must take special note of this. If there is any mismatch between the name indicated in the Call Letter and Photo Identity Proof you will not be allowed to appear for the examination. In case of candidates who have changed their name will be allowed only if they produce Gazette notification/their marriage certificate/affidavit. Photo ID should be valid as on the day of the examination.
- (7) Do not leave your seat unless you are allowed.
- (8) Travelling Allowance is not admissible. No travelling allowance or other expenses in connection with the examination will be paid.
- (9) Bank would be analyzing the responses (answers) of individual candidates with other candidates to detect patterns of similarity of right and wrong answers. If in the analytical procedure adopted by Bank in this regard, it is inferred/ concluded that the responses have been shared and scores obtained are not genuine/ valid, Bank reserves right to cancel the candidature of the concerned candidates without any notice and the result of such candidates (disqualified) will be withheld. No objection in this regard shall be entertained.
- (10) You should bring with you a ball-point pen. Sheets of paper will be provided which can be used for rough work or taking down the question number you would like to review at the end of the test before submitting your answers. After the test is over you **MUST** submit these sheets of paper before leaving the venue. You must write your Registration Number, Roll Number, Name and Date of Exam on the rough sheets.
- (11) The possibility of occurrence of some problem in the administration of the examination cannot be ruled out completely which may impact test delivery and/or result from being generated. In that event, every effort will be made to rectify such problem, which may include movement of candidates, delay in test. Conduct of a re-examination is at the absolute discretion of Bank. Candidates not willing to move or not willing to participate in the delayed process of test delivery shall be summarily rejected from the process.

- (12) Anyone found to be disclosing, publishing, reproducing, transmitting, storing or facilitating transmission and storage of test contents in any form or any information therein in whole or part thereof or by any means verbal or written, electronic or mechanical or taking away the papers supplied in the examination hall or found to be in unauthorised possession of test content is likely to be prosecuted.
- (13) Instances for providing incorrect information and/or process violation by a candidate detected at any stage of the selection process will lead to disqualification of the candidate from the selection process and he/she will not be allowed to appear in any recruitment process of the Bank in the future. If such instances go undetected during the current selection process but are detected subsequently, such disqualification will take place with retrospective effect.
- (14) Candidates are advised to take note of “The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024”.
- (15) Following items will not be allowed inside the examination hall (Lab):-
Any stationery item like textual material (printed or written), bits of papers, Geometry/Pencil Box, Plastic Pouch, Calculator, Scale, Writing Pad, Pen Drives, Log Table, Electronic Pen/Scanner, Any communication device like Mobile Phone, Bluetooth, Earphones, Microphone, Pager, Health Band etc. Other items like Goggles, Handbags, Hair-pin, Hair-band, Belt, Cap, Any watch/Wrist Watch, Camera, Any metallic item, Any eatable item opened or packed, water bottle (only transparent water bottle is allowed), Any other item which could be used for unfair means for hiding communication devices like mobile phone, camera, Bluetooth devices etc. Any candidate who is found either copying or receiving or giving assistance will be disqualified.
You are advised to avoid wearing ornaments like Ring, Earrings, Nose-pin, Chain/Necklace, Pendants, Badge, brooch etc.
- (16) Candidates should not furnish any particulars that are false, tampered, fabricated and should not suppress any material information while submitting online application. At the time of examination or in a subsequent selection procedure, if a candidate is (or has been) found guilty of – (i) using unfair means or (ii) impersonating or procuring impersonation by any person or (iii) misbehaving in the examination hall or disclosing, publishing, reproducing, transmitting, storing or facilitating transmission and storage of contents of the test(s) or any information therein in whole or part thereof in any form or by any means, verbally or written, electronically or mechanically for any purpose or (iv) resorting to any irregular or improper means in connection with his/ her candidature or (v) obtaining support for his/ her candidature by unfair means, or (vi) carrying mobile phones or similar electronic devices of communication in the examination hall – such a candidate may, in addition to rendering himself/ herself liable to criminal prosecution, be liable :
- to be disqualified from the examination for which he/ she is a candidate
- to be debarred either permanently or for a specified period from any examination conducted by Bank
- (17) Rough sheet(s) kept at each candidate desk will be used by candidate. You have to write your Roll Number, Registration Number, Name and date of examination on each of the rough sheet used by you.
- (18) In case a candidate wishes to report an issue in any question, an additional facility “Report Question” option (button) onscreen will be available in the examination.
- (19) **Candidate must submit the following documents before leaving Lab/Venue:**
- **Call letter**
- **Photocopy of photo ID proof**
- **Rough Sheets**
- (20) Candidates will be permitted to move out in an orderly manner one candidate at a time. Please wait for instructions from invigilator and do not get up from your seat until advised.

BIOMETRIC & IRIS SCAN

Biometric data (Right thumb impression), IRIS and Photograph will be captured at the examination venue. The photo captured will be matched with the photo uploaded by the candidate in the application. You must NOT change your appearance from the photo uploaded by you.

Biometric data (Right thumb impression) and IRIS capture will be done at the time of registration and verification will be done at a later stage of this Recruitment process. Decision of the Biometric data and IRIS data verification authority with regard to its status (matched or mismatched) shall be final and binding upon the candidates. Refusal

to participate in the process of Biometric and IRIS capture/ verification on any occasion may lead to cancellation of candidature. With regards to the same, please note the following:

- **For IRIS Capture:**

- (a) 'LEFT EYE (IRIS)' will be captured for all the candidates.
- (b) Candidates should remove Contact Lenses and Spectacles while capturing IRIS. Candidates are advised to avoid wearing contact lenses and prefer spectacles.

- **For Biometric Capture:**

- (a) If fingers are coated (stamped ink/mehndi/coloured...etc.), ensure to thoroughly wash them so that coating is completely removed before the examination day.
- (b) If fingers are dirty or dusty, ensure to wash them and dry them before the thumb impression (biometric) is captured.
- (c) Ensure fingers of both hands are dry. If fingers are moist, wipe each finger to dry them.
- (d) If the primary finger (Right thumb) to be captured is injured/damaged, immediately notify the concerned authority in the test centre.
(Any failure to observe these points will result in non-admittance for the examination)

WISH YOU GOOD LUCK