

# APPSC Group 1 Exam Pattern

## APPSC Group 1 Selection Process

The APPSC **Group 1 examination** is conducted by the **Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission** to recruit candidates for prestigious administrative posts in the state government. The selection process is designed to assess candidates on their knowledge, analytical ability, administrative aptitude, and overall personality.

Candidates aspiring for Group 1 services must qualify through multiple stages of examination, each evaluating different competencies required for administrative roles.

## Stages of the APPSC Group 1 Selection Process

The APPSC Group 1 recruitment process consists of **three stages**:

1. Preliminary Examination
2. Mains Examination
3. Personal Interview

The Preliminary Examination acts as a **screening test** to shortlist candidates for the Mains Examination. Candidates who successfully clear the Mains Examination will be invited for the Personal Interview. The final selection is made based on the combined marks obtained in the Mains Examination and the Interview.

### 1. Preliminary Examination Pattern

The Preliminary Examination is conducted to shortlist candidates for the Mains Examination. The marks obtained in this stage are not included in the final merit list.

#### Key Features

- Objective type questions (Multiple Choice Questions)
- Two papers in the examination
- Each paper consists of **120 questions for 120 marks**
- Duration of each paper: **120 minutes**
- Negative marking of **1/3 mark** for each incorrect answer

#### Paper-wise Distribution

| Paper          | Subjects   | Questions | Marks | Duration    |
|----------------|--|-----------|-------|-------------|
| <b>Paper 1</b> | History and Culture<br>Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations<br>Indian and Andhra Pradesh Economy and Planning<br>Geography | 120       | 120   | 120 Minutes |
| <b>Paper 2</b> | General Mental Ability, Administrative and Psychological Abilities   | 120       | 120   | 120 Minutes |

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| Science and Technology<br>Current Events of Regional, National and International<br>Importance |  |  |  |
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## 2. Mains Examination Pattern

Candidates who qualify in the Preliminary Examination are eligible to appear for the Mains Examination. The Mains Examination is conducted in descriptive format and is crucial for determining the final merit ranking.

### Key Highlights

- Conducted in offline mode
- Consists of seven papers
- Each paper carries 150 marks
- Duration of each paper: 180 minutes

The Telugu and English papers are qualifying in nature, and their marks will not be counted in the final merit list. The marks obtained in the remaining five General Studies papers will be considered for final ranking.

### Detailed Paper Structure

| Paper   | Name of Paper   | Duration       | Marks |
|---------|---|----------------|-------|
| Paper 1 | Telugu Language (Qualifying Paper)  | 180<br>Minutes | 150   |
| Paper 2 | English Language (Qualifying Paper)   | 180<br>Minutes | 150   |
| Paper 3 | General Essay on contemporary themes and issues of regional, national, and international importance | 180<br>Minutes | 150   |
| Paper 4 | History, Culture and Geography of India and Andhra Pradesh  | 180<br>Minutes | 150   |
| Paper 5 | Polity, Constitution, Governance, Law and Ethics  | 180<br>Minutes | 150   |
| Paper 6 | Economy and Development of India and Andhra Pradesh   | 180<br>Minutes | 150   |
| Paper 7 | Science, Technology and Environmental Issues  | 180<br>Minutes | 150   |

### **3. Personal Interview**

Candidates who successfully qualify in the Mains Examination will be invited for the Personal Interview, also known as the Personality Test.

The interview evaluates the candidates:

- Leadership and administrative potential
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Decision-making ability
- Awareness of social and governance issues
- Overall suitability for public service

| Stage              | Marks    |
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| Personal Interview | 75 Marks |

### **APPSC Group 1 Final Merit List**

The final merit list is prepared based on the combined marks obtained in:

- Five General Studies Papers of the Mains Examination
- Personal Interview

The Preliminary Examination is qualifying in nature and its marks are not included in the final ranking.

Candidates who clear all stages will be recommended for appointment to Group 1 administrative services in the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

