


Are you aiming for a career in the West Bengal government sector? If yes, the WBCS exam is the key to fulfilling that aspiration. Moreover, this guide will delve into the details of the WBCS Exam Pattern 2023, equipping you with essential information on understanding the exam's structure and grasping the scoring criteria. In addition to this, we will also explore the official notification, syllabus and exam dates. Therefore, we encourage you to stay updated with us to remain informed about ongoing announcements.




WBCS EXE (ETC) Exam Pattern 2023

Let's unravel the WBCS Exam Pattern 2023. Understanding the blueprint of the exam is the foundation of a well-thought-out study plan. The exam pattern offers a road map that helps you navigate through the various stages of the selection process. Moreover, The sequence begins with the Preliminary exam, followed by the Mains exam, and culminates with the Personality Test.



WBCS EXAM PATTERN

Lets begin to prepare for the exams in the given chronology!

	English Composition + General Science + Current Events of National and International Importance + History of India	Geography of India with special reference to West Bengal + Indian politics and economy + Indian National Movement + General mental ability	Maximum Marks	Time Duration
 Prelims +	 Mains +	 Personality test	200	2.5 hours
	English + Bengali, Hindi, Urdu, Nepali, and Santali	General Studies-I + General Studies-II	200 each	3 hours each
	The Constitution of India and the Indian Economy + Test of Reasoning		-	-
	This test serves the purpose of assessing your personal attributes, including quick thinking, clear and logical expression of ideas, intellectual and moral integrity, leadership prowess, and the breadth of your interests.		-	-

[Source: The Dronas]

Having gained a visual understanding of the WBCS exam pattern, let's now delve into a thorough discussion of each of these stages.

WBCS EXE (ETC) Exam Pattern 2023 - Prelims



WBCS Exam Pattern 2023 - 200 Questions in 150 Minutes

- The Preliminary examination consists of a single paper focused on "general studies."
- This paper will encompass 200 multiple-choice questions and is structured in an objective format.
- Furthermore, it holds a maximum of 200 marks.
- Lastly, the exam will last for a duration of 2.5 hours.

WBCS EXE (ETC) Exam Pattern 2023 - Mains

- The Main Examination comprises six Compulsory papers.
- Further, for Group A and/or B candidates, the main examination will have two more papers, i.e., Paper VII and Paper VIII.
- For Paper VII and Paper VIII, candidates will have to choose one optional subject from the provided list.
- Each paper, whether Compulsory or Optional, is of 200 marks and has a 3-hour duration.
- Out of the six compulsory papers, four (General Studies-I, General Studies-II, The Constitution of India and Indian Economy, Arithmetic and Test of Reasoning) are MCQ type.
- The MCQ papers are answered on OMR answer sheets.
- The remaining two compulsory papers (Paper I and Paper II) are conventional type written examinations.

WBCS EXE (ETC) Exam Pattern 2023 - Personality Test

Once you qualify for the main examination and secure selection based on merit, you'll proceed to a personality test. In this phase, you'll engage in discussions on various general topics of interest. This test serves the purpose of assessing your personal attributes, including quick thinking, clear and logical expression of ideas, intellectual and moral integrity, leadership prowess, and the breadth of your interests.

Now that you have all the necessary information regarding WBCS Exam Pattern 2023 at your fingertips, why don't we lead you through the exam notification, followed by the syllabus?

WBCS EXE (ETC) Notification 2023

The much-awaited

[WBCS notification for 2023](#)

was revealed by the West Bengal Public Selection Commission on February 26, 2023. Moreover, it was officially released on the

[WBPSA's official website](#)

. Following this, the application form link was promptly activated allowing candidates to submit their applications until February 28, 2023. While the notification did not specify the exact number of vacancies, it conveyed that positions would be determined based on examination results and disclosed at a later stage. To delve deeper into the various aspects of the notification, including the application process, check out our blog post titled "

[WBCS Notification 2023](#)

." After acquainting yourself with the WBCS eligibility criteria for 2023 and the notification, let's delve into the timeline of



WBCS EXE (ETC) Syllabus 2023

Preliminary Exam

In the WBCS Preliminary Examination syllabus, there are a total of eight topics to cover.

- English Composition
- General Science
- Current Events of National and International Importance
- History of India
- Geography of India with special reference to West Bengal
- Indian politics and economy
- Indian National Movement
- General mental ability

Main Exam

The main examination will consist of six compulsory papers (**Paper I to Paper VI**), and you'll have the choice of one optional subject for **Paper VII** and **Paper VIII** (only for Group A and/or B candidates). Let's understand the paperwise syllabus for the mains examination.



- **Paper I: Bengali/Hindi/Urdu/Nepali/Santali**
 - Letter writing (within 150 words)
 - Drafting of Report (within 200 words)
 - Précis Writing
 - Composition
 - Translation from English to Bengali/Hindi/Urdu/Nepali/Santali
- **Paper II: English**
 - Letter writing (within 150 words)
 - Drafting of Report (within 200 words)
 - Précis Writing
 - Composition
 - Translation from Bengali/Hindi/Urdu/Nepali/Santali to English
- **Paper III: General Studies-I**
 - Indian History with special emphasis on National Movement
 - Geography of India with special reference to West Bengal
- **Paper IV: General Studies-II**
 - Science and Scientific & Technological advancement
 - Environment
 - General Knowledge
 - Current Affairs
- **Paper V: The Constitution of India and Indian Economy**
 - Role and functions of the Reserve Bank of India
- **Paper VI: Arithmetic and Test of Reasoning**

For the **Paper VII** and **Paper VIII**, you will have to choose a subject from the list of optional subjects as given below:

Optional Subjects	
Bengali	Computer Science
Hindi	Economics
Sanskrit	Electrical Engineering
English	Geography
Pali	Geology
Arabic	History
Persian	Law
French	Mathematics
Urdu	Management
Santal	Mechanical Engineering
Comparative Literature	Medical Science
Agriculture	Philosophy
Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science	Physics
Anthropology	Political Science
Botany	Psychology
Chemistry	Sociology
Civil Engineering	Statistics
Commerce and Accountancy	Zoology

Remember that Paper I, Paper II, Paper VII, and Paper VIII will be conventional written type. Whereas, Paper III, Paper VI, Paper V, and Paper VI will be objective type. Moreover, explore our blog post on the

[WBCS Syllabus 2023](#)

to understand the allocation of weightages to individual topics.

WBCS EXE (ETC) Marking Scheme 2023

- The Preliminary Examination consists of a total of 200 marks, featuring 200 objective-type questions.
- Following the Preliminary Examination, the Main Examination encompasses a total of 1200 marks, distributed equally across the six mandatory papers, each carrying 200 marks.
- Additionally, the optional subject comprises two papers, each with a weightage of 200 marks.
- It's crucial to note that a negative marking system applies. If you disclose your identity, such as writing your name, roll number, ticket number, or any identifiable marks within an answer script for a specific paper, there will be a deduction of 10% from the total marks earned on that paper.



WBCS EXE (ETC) Exam Dates 2023

To prevent any crucial steps from being missed, we've organized all the essential WBCS dates in a table. Please take a moment to review it and ensure nothing is overlooked.

Events	Dates
Commencement of online application	28th February, 2023
Closing date of online application	21st March, 2023
Closing date for submission of fees (online)	21st March, 2023
Closing date for submission of fees (offline)	22nd March, 2023
Preliminary Exam Date 2023	16th December, 2023

For up-to-date announcements and crucial information, refer to our blog post titled

[WBCS Exam Date 2023](#)

. We trust that this blog has successfully unravelled the complexities surrounding the WBCS Exam Pattern 2023, offering the answers you were seeking earlier. Lastly, we would like you to manifest your success. Picture yourself confidently responding to questions, flipping through pages with a smile, and exiting the exam room feeling a sense of accomplishment. Imagine the joy of achieving the results you desire, and you will reach your aspirations.