



**WBPSW WBCS Prelims Exam Analysis 2023:** On 16th December 2023, West Bengal Public Service Commission conducted the WBCS prelims examination from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., and the mode of the exam was offline i.e. pen-paper-omr. The Level of exam was moderate and some of the questions were tricky. Our experienced team has solved all the questions and provided an answer key for the WBCS prelims exam 2023. Check the answers and calculate your score.

## WBPSW WBCS Prelims Exam Analysis - 16th December 2023 Answer Key Overview

Here, we'll cover the Answer Key for all the questions asked in wbcS prelims 2023 held on 16th December 2023 at 12 pm. The difficulty of the questions is also mentioned for understanding the competition. You can also download the pdf for the WBCS exam analysis and we'll also cover the section wise difficulty, good score, cutoff prediction.

## WBPSW WBCS Prelims Exam Analysis 2023 - Answer Key and Difficulty Level

The Questions Asked in WBCS Prelims Exam on 16th December 2023 are as follows: ([Watch Video](#))

1. Fill in the blank with the correct word: One should \_\_\_\_ one's studies with utmost seriousness.

**Correct Answer:** pursue

**Difficulty:** Easy

2. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence: I am indebted to my friend's wise \_\_\_\_.

**Correct Answer:** counsel

**Difficulty:** Moderate

3. Choose the word that best replaces the italicized words in the given sentence: In earlier times, rebels were executed for *killing the king*.

**Correct Answer:** regicide

**Difficulty:** Moderate

4. Choose the word which is nearest in meaning to 'Vicarious'.

**Correct Answer:** Indirect

**Difficulty:** Difficult

5. Choose the correct option to frame a question from the following sentence, using the appropriate punctuation - I asked him why he wasn't in class.

**Correct Answer:** I asked him, "Why are you not in class"?

**Difficulty:** Easy



6. Identify the incorrect pair.

**Correct Answer:** Kidney diseases - urologist

**Difficulty:** Moderate

7. Select the idiom that best replaces the words in italics in the following sentence - You should *review your options carefully before you make a decision*.

**Correct Answer:** look before you leap

**Difficulty:** Moderate

8. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate group of words: He has \_\_\_ meticulous in \_\_\_ the project, \_\_\_rise to \_\_\_ irregularities.

**Correct Answer:** not been; overseeing; giving; many

**Difficulty:** Easy

9. Select the correct proverb to fill in the blank in the following sentence: It is best to delay since \_\_\_\_.

**Correct Answer:** a stitch in time saves nine

**Difficulty:** Easy

10. Read the following sentences and then select the correct option.

(i) One should not interfere in the personal affairs of others.

(ii) The personal in that company are dissatisfied with their salaries.

**Correct Answer:** Only Sentence (i) is correct

**Difficulty:** Easy

11. Choose the word that can correctly replace both the italicized words in the following sentences.

Sentence (i) - I appreciate his *exuberant* nature.

Sentence (ii) - Everyone at the party was in a *festive* mood.

**Correct Answer:** ebullient

**Difficulty:** Difficult

12. Identify the mood in the following sentence - I would surely go there if I could.

**Correct Answer:** Subjunctive mood

**Difficulty:** Moderate

13. Choose the option that correctly changes the following sentence into indirect speech - He said, "I will go there tomorrow."

**Correct Answer:** He said that he would go there the next day

**Difficulty:** Easy

14. Who is 'psephologist'?

**Correct Answer:** Someone who specializes in statistical studies of voting patterns in elections

**Difficulty:** Difficult



15. Pick out the word that is not similar to the others.

**Correct Answer:** Stream

**Difficulty:** Easy

16. What kind of a person is a 'Clairvoyant'?

**Correct Answer:** An astrologer

**Difficulty:** Moderate

17. Correctly change the following sentence to the active voice, using the appropriate punctuation - My daughter exposed her preference for History over English.

**Correct Answer:** My daughter said, "I prefer History over English."

**Difficulty:** Easy

18. Which of the following is an auxiliary verb?

**Correct Answer:** Do

**Difficulty:** Easy

19. Of which of the phrases below is the term 'blog' an abbreviation?

**Correct Answer:** web log

**Difficulty:** Moderate

20. Select the word that best replaces the italicized word in both of the following sentences.

(i) The police are trying to control the crowd.

(ii) Junk food may have high levels of harmful chemicals.

**Correct Answer:** contain

**Difficulty:** Moderate

21. Fill in the blanks with the correct set of words: She was not interested \_\_\_\_ taking \_\_\_\_ French, but decided \_\_\_\_ opt \_\_\_\_ German instead.

**Correct Answer:** in; up; to; for

**Difficulty:** Easy

22. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words: We need to \_\_\_\_ this matter \_\_\_\_ thoroughly.

**Correct Answer:** look into; more

**Difficulty:** Easy

23. Select the word that best replaces both the italicized words in the sentences given below:

Sentence (i) - The management did not find him *suitable* for the job.

Sentence (ii) - He was not able to *arrange* all his belongings into one suitcase.

**Correct Answer:** fit

**Difficulty:** Easy



24. Choose the word which is the antonym of 'Chide'.

**Correct Answer:** Praise

**Difficulty:** Moderate

25. Choose the word which is synonymous with 'Adjunct'

**Correct Answer:** Additional

**Difficulty:** Moderate

26. Which of the following pairs comprises the smallest and the largest endocrine glands of humans respectively?

**Correct Answer:** Pineal body-thyroid

**Difficulty:** Difficult

27. Name the first newspaper in India.

**Correct Answer:** Bengal Gazette / Hicky's Gazette / Hicky's Bengal Gazette

**Difficulty:** Easy

28. The efficiency of a Carnot engine working between  $227^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$  is

**Correct Answer:** 40%

**Difficulty:** Difficult

29. Which one of the following is not a feature of the Indian federation?

**Correct Answer:** The federating units have been given unequal representation in the Rajya Sabha.

**Difficulty:** Moderate

30. Which Asian country is the host of 2023 IBA Women's World Boxing Championship?

**Correct Answer:** India

**Difficulty:** Easy

31. Who started the Faraizi movement in Bengal?

**Correct Answer:** Haji Shariyatullah

**Difficulty:** Easy

32. The British Committee of the Indian National Congress was started in 1889 under the chairmanship of:

**Correct Answer:** W. Wedderburn

**Difficulty:** Moderate

33. What is the aim of the 'Jan Vishwas Bill' which was recently tabled in Lok Sabha?

**Correct Answer:** Ease of doing business

**Difficulty:** Moderate

34. A stood 10th in the class, while B ranked 38 from the bottom. B's result is better than A and there are 2 students between A and B. Total number of students are

**Correct Answer:** 44

**Difficulty:** Easy



35. In India the centre for Coffee Research is

**Correct Answer:** Chikmagalore

**Difficulty:** Moderate

36. The Vaikom Satyagraha was launched in 1924 for

**Correct Answer:** opening the temples to the low castes Hindus.

**Difficulty:** Difficult

37. The first cotton textile mill, in India was set up in

**Correct Answer:** 1818

**Difficulty:** Easy

38. Which of the following acted as President of the Indian National Congress for six consecutive years?

**Correct Answer:** Abul Kalam Azad

**Difficulty:** Moderate

39. The ion of an element has three positive charges. Mass number of the atom is 27, and the number of neutrons is 14. What is the number of electrons in the ion?

**Correct Answer:** 10

**Difficulty:** Easy

40. Which state among the 'Sixteen Mahajanapadas' was ultimately successful in founding an empire?

**Correct Answer:** Magadha

**Difficulty:** Easy

41. The youngest President of the Indian National Congress, who held that office at the age of 35, was

**Correct Answer:** Abul Kalam Azad

**Difficulty:** Moderate

42. The historical importance of the second session of the INC held in Calcutta in 1886 was that-

**Correct Answer:** It was presided over by Dadabhai Naoroji.

**Difficulty:** Moderate

43. Which amendment of the Indian Constitution is related to the Anti-defection law?

**Correct Answer:** 52nd amendment

**Difficulty:** Easy

44. Which Mughal emperor was known as Alamgir I?

**Correct Answer:** Aurangzeb

**Difficulty:** Easy



45. The leader of the Ghadar Party in Bengal and Orissa was

**Correct Answer:** Jatindranath Mukherjee

**Difficulty:** Moderate

46. Who was instrumental in founding the National Planning Committee (the forerunner of the Planning Commission) in 1938, for drawing up a plan of economic development on the basis of industrialization?

**Correct Answer:** Subhas Chandra Bose

**Difficulty:** Moderate

47. Who was the last Sultan of Delhi?

**Correct Answer:** Ibrahim Lodi

**Difficulty:** Easy

48. Which city is the Headquarter of 'BIMSTEC'?

**Correct Answer:** Dhaka

**Difficulty:** Easy

49. Which of the following factors caused the greatest racial cleavage in India before the foundation of the Indian National Congress?

**Correct Answer:** The Vernacular Press Act

**Difficulty:** Difficult

50. "Rectify" is to "Mistake" as "Regain" is to

**Correct Answer:** Loss

**Difficulty:** Easy

51. If the seventh day of a month is three days earlier than Friday, what day will it be on the nineteenth day of the month?

**Correct Answer:** Sunday

**Difficulty:** Easy

52. Members of the Constituent Assembly were

**Correct Answer:** elected by Provincial Assemblies.

**Difficulty:** Easy

53. The perimeter of a triangle whose sides are in the ratio  $1/20 : 1/15 : 1/12$  is 30 cms. The length of the biggest side is

**Correct Answer:** 12.5

**Difficulty:** Moderate

54. Where was the capital of Kanishka?

**Correct Answer:** Purushpur

**Difficulty:** Easy



55. The term 'Political Justice' is mentioned in the Indian Constitution under which of these?

**Correct Answer:** Under Preamble of the Constitution and Fundamental Rights

**Difficulty:** Difficult

56. Which hormone is responsible for breaking the dormancy of a seed?

**Correct Answer:** Gibberellin

**Difficulty:** Moderate

57. Under the rule of which emperor Nalanda University was founded?

**Correct Answer:** Kumaragupta I

**Difficulty:** Easy

58. Which neighbouring country of India has passed its first Citizenship Amendment Bill?

**Correct Answer:** Nepal

**Difficulty:** Moderate

59. The two main industries in Haldia Industrial Region-

**Correct Answer:** Petroleum refinery and Chemical Fertilisers production

**Difficulty:** Moderate

60. Between whom was the First Battle of Panipat fought in 1526?

**Correct Answer:** Babur and Ibrahim Lodi

**Difficulty:** Easy

61. Where was the first Buddhist Council held?

**Correct Answer:** Rajagriha

**Difficulty:** Moderate

62. In the world in Postal Services India ranks

**Correct Answer:** First

**Difficulty:** Moderate

63. Meaning of Man - Land ratio is

**Correct Answer:** the ratio between the total population and the actual utilization of land in a country.

**Difficulty:** Moderate

64. Which of the following is not a fundamental duty under the Indian Constitution?

**Correct Answer:** To protect monument of national importance

**Difficulty:** Easy

65. If  $f(x) = 5^x + (1/5^x) + 2$ , then the value of  $f(-x)$  is

**Correct Answer:**  $f(x)$

**Difficulty:** Easy



66. Dadabhai Naoroji was elected to the British House of Commons as a member of the party.

**Correct Answer:** Liberal

**Difficulty:** Moderate

67. Which country has awarded Ardeshir B.K. Dubash, the 'Order of Merit in the Diplomatic Services'?

**Correct Answer:** Peru

**Difficulty:** Difficult

68. If number of molecules present in 9g of water is  $n$ , then number of molecules present in 44 g of carbon-di-oxide is

**Correct Answer:**  $n$

**Difficulty:** Moderate

69. In which substage of interphase is DNA doubled?

**Correct Answer:** S

**Difficulty:** Easy

70. Who among the following has been given the power by the Indian Constitution to 'impose reasonable restrictions' on the fundamental rights?

**Correct Answer:** Parliament

**Difficulty:** Easy

71. Who observed: "The Congress is in reality a civil war without arms"?

**Correct Answer:** Sir Syed Ahmad Khan

**Difficulty:** Moderate

72. Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion - process was used for energy production in India in

**Correct Answer:** Lakshadweep

**Difficulty:** Moderate

73. The major percentage of Central Government subsidy in 2023-24 is on

**Correct Answer:** Food

**Difficulty:** Easy

74. In India the state with highest yield of Pulse (Dal) per hectare

**Correct Answer:** Rajasthan

**Difficulty:** Moderate

75. In India the Food Processing Industry is most developed in

**Correct Answer:** Gujarat

**Difficulty:** Easy





76. With which country has India recently signed the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA)?

**Correct Answer:** Australia

**Difficulty:** Moderate

77. The word, 'Biodiversity' was coined by

**Correct Answer:** W. G. Rosen

**Difficulty:** Easy

78. The Nehru Committee Report got a decent burial at the hands of the Congress at the \_\_\_\_\_ session of the INC.

**Correct Answer:** Calcutta

**Difficulty:** Easy

79. The first cotton textile mill, in India was set up in

**Correct Answer:** Kolkata - Ghosuri

**Difficulty:** Moderate

80. Which of the following is not regarded as public expenditure in India?

**Correct Answer:** Investment spending by the public companies

**Difficulty:** Moderate

81. Who wrote 'Kumarasambhavam'?

**Correct Answer:** Kalidasa

**Difficulty:** Moderate

82. Name the Sultan who first organised expeditions to conquer the Deccan.

**Correct Answer:** Alauddin Khalji

**Difficulty:** Easy

83. Five boys A, B, C, D and E play a game of cards. Each boy has 10 cards. E borrows 3 cards from A and gives away 5 to C who in turn gives 4 to B, while B passes 2 to D. How many cards does D have?

**Correct Answer:** 12

**Difficulty:** Moderate

84. Who introduced 'Din-i-Ilahi'?

**Correct Answer:** Akbar

**Difficulty:** Moderate

85. What happens when the potassium iodide solution is added to a solution of lead nitrate?

**Correct Answer:** White precipitation of lead iodide is formed.

**Difficulty:** Easy



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86. NITI Aayog has released the "North-East Region District SDG Index" with the support from

**Correct Answer:** (A) UNDP (United Nations Development Programme)

**Difficulty:** Easy

87. Pitt Island, where recently many pilot whales died, is located in which country?

**Correct Answer:** New Zealand

**Difficulty:** Easy

88. In India Aman rice is cultivated during

**Correct Answer:** sown in S. W. Monsoon season and harvest at the end of the monsoon

**Difficulty:** Moderate

89. The rainfall type that causes most deaths on Ladakh plateau-

**Correct Answer:** Cloud bursts

**Difficulty:** Easy

90. If 721890 denotes PARDON, 53164 denotes MERCY, DEMOCRACY will denote

**Correct Answer:** 835961264

**Difficulty:** Easy

91. Socio-economic planning is a part of

**Correct Answer:** Concurrent list

**Difficulty:** Easy

92. A man encashes a cheque of Rs. 6000/- from a Bank. The Bank pays him in 200 rupee notes and 100 rupee notes, totalling 48. The number of 200 rupee notes is

**Correct Answer:** 12

**Difficulty:** Moderate

93. All revenues received by the Union. government by way of direct and indirect taxes, money borrowed and receipts from loans given by the government flow into

**Correct Answer:** the Consolidated Fund of India.

**Difficulty:** Moderate

94. Complete the letter series

St\_\_\_s\_\_\_trss\_\_\_rsst\_\_\_s

**Correct Answer:** rstr

**Difficulty:** Easy

95. Bal Gangadhar Tilak was given the epithet of 'Lokmanya' (Universally Respected) during

**Correct Answer:** Home Rule movement

**Difficulty:** Difficult



96. The density of water at 20°C is 998 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and that at 40°C is 992 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. The coefficient of the cubical expansion of water is

**Correct Answer:**  $3.00 \times 10^{-4} \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$

**Difficulty:** Difficult

97. The Eastern Himalayas of India is known for the fruit cultivation of

**Correct Answer:** Lichis

**Difficulty:** Easy

98. A,B,C,D,E are five girls. A,D,E are tall, others are short. B, D, E are dark, others are fair. C,E are fat, others are thin. In the first desk, sits a short, fair, fat girl. Who is she?

**Correct Answer:** C

**Difficulty:** Moderate

99. Parliamentary authorization is necessary prior to expenditure from

**Correct Answer:** the Consolidated Fund of India

**Difficulty:** Easy

100. Who wrote the book 'Amuktamalyada'?

**Correct Answer:** Krishnadevaray

**Difficulty:** Moderate

101. One of the following terms includes the rest of the lot. Identify that single term:

Glucocorticoids, Adrenaline, Mineralocorticoids, Suprarenal gland.

**Correct Answer:** Suprarenal gland

**Difficulty:** Easy

102. Financial instruments that generate proceeds for investment in environmentally sustainable projects are called

**Correct Answer:** Green bonds

**Difficulty:** Easy

103. Which among the following countries is associated with the Terminator Tank Support System - the BMPT'?

**Correct Answer:** Russia

**Difficulty:** Moderate

104. According to Newlands law of octaves, beryllium resembles which of the following elements?

**Correct Answer:** Magnesium

**Difficulty:** Moderate

105. Mahatma Gandhi presided over the Annual Session of Congress only once at

**Correct Answer:** Belgaum, 1925

**Difficulty:** Easy

106. Choose the correct diagram to represent books, bengali books and novels.

Correct Answer:

Difficulty: Easy

107. Identify the substance which can dissolve in water:

Correct Answer: All of the above (Glucose, Urea, Acetone)

Difficulty: Easy

108. When is 'International Customs Day 2023' observed?

Correct Answer: January 26

Difficulty: Easy

109. After the Surat Split in 1907, the second split in the Congress took place in 1918 on the issue of

Correct Answer: Both (B) Montagu Declaration and (C) Election of Mrs. Annie Besant as President of the INC (1917) above

Difficulty: Difficult

110. The main source of methane gas in India-

Correct Answer: Paddy fields

Difficulty: Moderate

111. In Assam the Tea Research Centre is at

Correct Answer: Jorhat

Difficulty: Moderate

112. In India the first Paper Mill was set up in West Bengal at

Correct Answer: Srirampur

Difficulty: Easy

113. Where did Chandragupta II establish his second capital?

Correct Answer: Ujjayini

Difficulty: Easy

114. In India production of dairy products are comparatively low-

- (A) Demand for fresh milk is high.
- (B) Most people have low purchasing power for dairy products.
- (C) Most milch cattle are lean.
- (D) All the reasons above

Correct Answer: All the reasons above

Difficulty: Difficult



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115. Which of the following is not a capital receipt in the government budget?

**Correct Answer:** Provident fund deposits

**Difficulty:** Easy

116. Which provision of the fundamental rights is directly related to the exploitation of children?

**Correct Answer:** Art. 23

**Difficulty:** Easy

117. Who is known as the 'Parrot of India'?

**Correct Answer:** Amir Khasru

**Difficulty:** Easy

118. There are four girls A, B, C, D. A and B play football and volleyball. B and C play cricket and football, C and D play badminton and cricket, D and A play volleyball and badminton. Who plays badminton, cricket and volleyball?

**Correct Answer:** D

**Difficulty:** Moderate

119. NEAT 3.0 is a platform associated with which Union Ministry of India?

**Correct Answer:** Ministry of Education

**Difficulty:** Moderate

120. Which of the following diseases is autosomal?

**Correct Answer:** Thalassemia

**Difficulty:** Difficult

121. In India the main textile fibre crop is

**Correct Answer:** Cotton

**Difficulty:** Easy

122. After the partition of Bengal, the two new provinces which came into existence were

**Correct Answer:** East Bengal and West Bengal

**Difficulty:** Easy

123. Who founded a National Society, a National Paper, a National School and National Gymnasium and made the word 'National' popular in the later half of the 19th century?

**Correct Answer:** Nabagopal Mitra

**Difficulty:** Easy

124. What is the name of the new department created by the Reserve Bank of India in 2022?

**Correct Answer:** Department of Fin-Tech

**Difficulty:** Easy



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125. A Public Service Commission was established in India for the first time by

**Correct Answer:** The Government of India Act, 1919

**Difficulty:** Easy

126. A bird is sitting in a wire cage hanging from the spring balance. Let the reading of the spring balance be  $W_1$ . If the bird flies about inside the cage, the reading of the spring balance becomes  $W_2$ . Which of the following is true?

**Correct Answer:**  $W_1 = W_2$

**Difficulty:** Easy

127. Who was the first historical emperor of India?

**Correct Answer:** Chandragupta Mourya

**Difficulty:** Easy

128. Name the Chalukya king who defeated Harshavardana.

**Correct Answer:** Pulakeshin II

**Difficulty:** Easy

129. Where is the Headquarter of the Asian Pacific Postal Union?

**Correct Answer:** Bangkok

**Difficulty:** Easy

130. Which country has built an 'Artificial Moon' project?

**Correct Answer:** China

**Difficulty:** Moderate

131. In the world, by cattle rearing. India ranks

**Correct Answer:** first

**Difficulty:** Easy

132. In the following "date" series, what will come next?

18-07-2002, 25-07-2002, 02-08-2002, 11-08-2002

**Correct Answer:** 21-08-2002

**Difficulty:** Easy

133. Let,  ${}^n P_r = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-r+1)$ , where  $n, r$  are integers such that  $1 \leq r \leq n$ . If  ${}^n P_4 = 5040$ , find  $n$ .

**Correct Answer:** 10

**Difficulty:** Moderate

134. Which sportsperson has been named as the 'BBC Sports Personality World Sportstar of the Year' for 2022?

**Correct Answer:** Lionel Messi

**Difficulty:** Easy



135. Which Union Ministry is associated with the pilot phase of The Open Network for Digital Commerce?

**Correct Answer:** Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**Difficulty:** Easy

136. Which of the following reproductions is found in plants alone?

**Correct Answer:** Vegetative reproduction

**Difficulty:** Easy

137. Who built the Adina Mosque of Pandua?

**Correct Answer:** Sikandar Shah

**Difficulty:** Easy

138. Who is the head of the commission for the sub-categorization of OBC's?

**Correct Answer:** Justice G. Rohini

**Difficulty:** Easy

139. For a floating body to be in stable equilibrium, where should its centre of buoyancy be located?

**Correct Answer:** Above the centre of gravity

**Difficulty:** Moderate

140. Two drops of liquid merge to form a single drop. In this process energy is

**Correct Answer:** released

**Difficulty:** Easy

141. Which neighboring state of India has marked its 75th independence anniversary on 4 February, 2023?

**Correct Answer:** Sri Lanka

**Difficulty:** Easy

142. Where is the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization (WTOAB) located?

**Correct Answer:** Geneva

**Difficulty:** Easy

143. Which Mughal emperor granted 'Farman' in 1717 to the British East India Company?

**Correct Answer:** Farrukhshiyar

**Difficulty:** Moderate

144. Who was Mihirkula/Mihirgula?

**Correct Answer:** Huna king

**Difficulty:** Moderate

145. Name the Chola king who adopted the title of 'Gangoikonda'.

**Correct Answer:** Rajendra Chola I

**Difficulty:** Easy

146. Which of the following constitutes a capital account in the Balance of Payments in India?

1. Foreign loans
2. Foreign Direct Investments
3. Remittances from abroad
4. Portfolio investment

**Correct Answer:** 1, 2 and 4

**Difficulty:** Difficult

147. Find the least number added to  $8798 \times 8792$  to make it a perfect square.

**Correct Answer:** 9

**Difficulty:** Moderate

148. Which of the following accounts for the highest amount spent on Indian imports?

**Correct Answer:** Petroleum, oil and lubricants

**Difficulty:** Easy

149. The Revolution related to increased production of eggs in India is-

**Correct Answer:** Silver

**Difficulty:** Easy

150. Find the number, in the marked (?) position.



**Correct Answer:** 11

**Difficulty:** Moderate

151. In an examination, 55% of the candidates failed in English, 65% failed in Mathematics, whereas 24% failed in both. Find the percentage of candidates passed in both subjects.

**Correct Answer:** 4%

**Difficulty:** Moderate

152. An iron ball is heated. The percentage increase will be largest in

**Correct Answer:** Volume

**Difficulty:** Easy

153. In the service sector the most modern and developed economic activity is

**Correct Answer:** Quinary

**Difficulty:** Difficult





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154. Which Indian sportsperson has been appointed as the 'Friendship Ambassador' by Switzerland Tourism?

**Correct Answer:** Neeraj Chopra

**Difficulty:** Easy

155. Which institution has released the 'Adaptation Gap Report 2022'?

**Correct Answer:** UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme)

**Difficulty:** Easy

156. Forests having no free entry by people in India-

**Correct Answer:** National Park

**Difficulty:** Moderate

157. The first Satyagrahi selected by Mahatma Gandhi to launch the Individual Satyagraha in October 1940, was

**Correct Answer:** This is a controversial question. In 1940, Gandhi chose Acharya Vinoba Bhave as his first Satyagrahi, Jawaharlal Nehru was the second Satyagrahi. However, none of the two were in the options given.

**Difficulty:** Difficult

158. Madan Lal Dhingra murdered Curzon Wylie in London in 1909 as a protest against

**Correct Answer:** the inhuman transportation and hanging of Indian youth.

**Difficulty:** Moderate

159. Which among the following was set up under Part III of the States Reorganization Act, 1956?

**Correct Answer:** Zonal council

**Difficulty:** Moderate

160. A, B, C, D, E, F are seated around a hexagonal table. A is seated opposite B, who is between C and D. A is between E and F, while E is to the left of D. Which of the following pairs is facing each other?

**Correct Answer:** (C, E)

**Difficulty:** Moderate

161. Which of the following states in India is exempted from reservation of Scheduled Castes in Panchayati Raj institutions?

**Correct Answer:** Arunachal Pradesh

**Difficulty:** Moderate

162. A, B, C, D are four friends. C is older than D but younger than B. A is older but not older than B. Arrange A, B, C, D in ascending order of their age.

**Correct Answer:** D, C, A, B

**Difficulty:** Easy



163. Which state/union territory has launched a '15-point Winter Action Plan' to control air pollution?

**Correct Answer:** New Delhi

**Difficulty:** Easy

164. Which is the reducing agent in the thermite reaction carried out for repairing of the railway track?

**Correct Answer:** Aluminium metal

**Difficulty:** Easy

165. In which issue of the following Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha enjoy equal power?

**Correct Answer:** Amendment of the Constitution

**Difficulty:** Easy

166. The Rourkela, Iron and Steel Plant is located in-

**Correct Answer:** Iron ore mining area

**Difficulty:** Easy

167. Daily number of periods of teaching is 6 for class VI to VIII and 7 for classes IX and X in a school. If no teacher can be assigned more than 5 periods a day, what is the minimum number of teachers needed?

**Correct Answer:** 7

**Difficulty:** Moderate

168. The major source of revenue in 2022-23 was

**Correct Answer:** Corporate Tax

**Difficulty:** Moderate

169. A muslim organization, which proposed during the First World War that Muslims should participate and try to reach an accord with the Congress, was

**Correct Answer:** Muslim League

**Difficulty:** Moderate

170. Which of the following would have an inflationary effect on the economy?

1. RBI releasing new bonds in the market
2. RBI decreasing the SLR
3. RBI increasing the Bank Rate
4. Abolition of CRR

**Correct Answer:** 1 and 4 only

**Difficulty:** Easy

171. Population explosion took place in India during

**Correct Answer:** This is a controversial question because the period from 1951 to 1981 is known as the period of population explosion in India. However, the closest option is 1961-1981. So, this will be our answer.

**Difficulty:** Moderate



172. Suppose  $x * y = x + y$ , if  $x < y$

=  $x - y$ , if  $x > y$

=  $2x$ , if  $x = y$

Evaluate:

$5 * (7 * 2) + (5 * 7) * 2$

**Correct Answer:** 20

**Difficulty:** Easy

173. Name the king whose achievements were described in the Nanaghat inscription.

**Correct Answer:** Satakarni I

**Difficulty:** Easy

174. The Diamond Quadrilateral of India will connect

**Correct Answer:** India's four main industrial cities by superfast roadways.

**Difficulty:** Easy

175. The largest centre of Paper Industry in India-

**Correct Answer:** Neapanagar

**Difficulty:** Easy

176. The word Congress was borrowed from

**Correct Answer:** This is a controversial question. Either option A (The Congress (Parliament) of the USA) or B (North American History, to connote an assembly of people), can be true. However, according to us 'North American History, to connote an assembly of people' is the right answer.

**Difficulty:** Difficult

177. In a cricket match, 5 batsmen A, B, C, D, E scored an average of 35 runs. D scored 5 more than E. E scored 20 fewer than A. B scored as many as D and E combined. B and C scored 75 between them. How many runs did C score?

**Correct Answer:** 20

**Difficulty:** Difficult

178. Which sector contributed the most to the real Gross Value Added at basic prices in the last decade?

**Correct Answer:** Financing, real estate and professional services

**Difficulty:** Moderate

179. Which among the following Indian cities has hosted the 'Khadi Fest-2022' Exhibition?

**Correct Answer:** Mumbai

**Difficulty:** Easy

180. Which country has passed the gender recognition reform bill?

**Correct Answer:** Scotland

**Difficulty:** Easy



181. Which of the following are known as the Bombay Triumvirate?

**Correct Answer:** Ferozshah Mehta, K. T. Telang and Badruddin Tyabji

**Difficulty:** Moderate

182. Who founded the Aligarh Anglo-oriental college?

**Correct Answer:** Sir Syed Ahmed Khan

**Difficulty:** Easy

183. The major share of expenditure in the Union budget 2023-24 goes to-

**Correct Answer:** Interest payments

**Difficulty:** Moderate

184. Baking soda is a mixture of

**Correct Answer:** sodium hydrogen carbonate and tartaric acid

**Difficulty:** Easy

185. Find the value of

$(1 - \frac{1}{3})(1 - \frac{1}{4})(1 - \frac{1}{5}) \dots (1 - \frac{1}{99})(1 - \frac{1}{100})$

**Correct Answer:** .02

**Difficulty:** Moderate

186. The concept of five year plans in the Indian Constitution is borrowed from

**Correct Answer:** Russia

**Difficulty:** Easy

187. Bal Gangadhar Tilak introduced the Ganapati Festival in 1893. He held the first Shivaji festival in

**Correct Answer:** This is a controversial question because the Shivaji Festival was first held in 1894, after the Ganapati festival in 1893. Now, since the closest answer to that is 1896, we will mark that as the correct answer.

**Difficulty:** Difficult

188. A drop of water is broken into two drops. The sum of which property of the two drops is equal to that of the single one?

**Correct Answer:** Volume

**Difficulty:** Easy

189. Cause of myopia is

**Correct Answer:** expansion of eyeball

**Difficulty:** Easy

190. P is the mother of X, who is the wife of Z Y is the brother of P and Q is the husband of P. How is P related to Z?

**Correct Answer:** Mother-in-law

**Difficulty:** Easy



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191. Name the Sultan of Delhi who first introduced the north-west frontier policy.

**Correct Answer:** Balban

**Difficulty:** Moderate

192. Who was the Tenth and Last Guru of the Sikhs?

**Correct Answer:** Guru Govind

**Difficulty:** Easy

193. There are 75 questions in a question paper, each carrying 2 marks. 1 mark is deducted for each question answered incorrectly. A student answering all the questions got 45 marks. What is the number of questions correctly answered by the student?

**Correct Answer:** 40

**Difficulty:** Easy

194. Which of the following British Act envisages the parliamentary system of government in India?

**Correct Answer:** Charter Act of 1853

**Difficulty:** Easy

195. Combine three resistors  $5\ \Omega$ ,  $4.5\ \Omega$  and  $3\ \Omega$  in such a way that the total resistance of this combination is maximum with value

**Correct Answer:**  $12.5\ \Omega$

**Difficulty:** Easy

196. Who gave the title of Rani to the Naga women leader Gaidinliu?

**Correct Answer:** Jawaharlal Nehru

**Difficulty:** Easy

197.  $\text{Mg (s)} + \text{O}_2 \text{ (g)} \rightarrow \text{MgO (s)} + \text{energy}$ , this reaction may be classified as a/an

**Correct Answer:** Exothermic reaction

**Difficulty:** Easy

198. A metallic ball has a spherical cavity at its centre. If the ball is heated what happens to the cavity?

**Correct Answer:** Its volume increases

**Difficulty:** Easy

199. The brain behind the bomb attack on Viceroy Lord Hardinge at Chandni Chowk, Delhi in December 1912, was

**Correct Answer:** Rasbehari Bose

**Difficulty:** Moderate

200. Which Indian state has declared Malakhamb as its state sport?

**Correct Answer:** Madhya Pradesh

**Difficulty:** Moderate



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# WBPSW WBCS Prelims Exam Analysis 2023 - Subject Wise Analysis

The WBCS Prelims Exam 2023 consists of 200 questions across eight distinct sections. Moreover, the exam unfolds with a unique distribution of questions in each section, adding a touch of unpredictability to the intellectual journey. In the WBCS Prelims Exam 2023, conducted on 16th December 2023, the distribution of questions from different sections were as follows:

Sections	Questions/Marks
English Composition	25
General Mental Ability	23
Geography of India with special reference to WB	22
History of India	26
Indian Polity and Economy	24
Indian National Movement	21
General Science	26
Current events of National and International Importance	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>

Curious about the sweet spot of 'Good Attempts' in each section? Look no further! Below is a curated list that unveils the optimal attempts for each segment, guiding you through the labyrinth of the WBCS Prelims Exam 2023. This valuable resource not only sheds light on the intricacies of each section but also provides a holistic view of the overall landscape. Ready to gauge your performance?

## WBPSW WBCS Prelims Exam Analysis 2023 - Good Attempts

In the intricate web of the WBCS Preliminary Exam 2023, deciphering the concept of "Good Attempts" becomes paramount. As we navigate through the various sections of the examination, let's know what would have been a good number of attempts to score well in the WBCS Prelims Exam conducted on 16th December 2023.





Sections	Good Attempts
English Composition	17-19
General Mental Ability	20-22
Geography of India with special reference to WB	15-17
History of India	17-19
Indian Polity and Economy	16-18
Indian National Movement	15-17
General Science	15-17
Current events of National and International Importance	21-23
<b>Total</b>	<b>136-152</b>

Now, that you know the number of attempts that will be considered good in the WBCS Prelims exam 2023, let's move further to analyse their difficulty levels.

## WBPSW WBCS Prelims Exam Analysis 2023 - Difficulty Level

As mentioned above, in this segment of the blog we will provide you with the difficulty level of each of the above mentioned segments.

Sections	Level
English Composition	Easy to Moderate
General Mental Ability	Easy
Geography of India with special reference to WB	Easy to Moderate
History of India	Easy to Moderate
Indian Polity and Economy	Easy to Moderate
Indian National Movement	Easy to Moderate
General Science	Easy to Moderate
Current events of National and International Importance	Easy to Moderate
<b>Overall</b>	Easy to Moderate

## WBPSW WBCS Prelims Exam Analysis 2023 - Expected Cut off

The curtain rose on the WBCS Phase 1 examination on December 16, 2023. Originally slated for November 5, a twist of fate led to its rescheduling, as per the official notice from WBPSW. With bated breath, candidates await the unveiling of the WBCS 2023 results, a gateway to the subsequent revelation of the WBCS Cut Off 2023.

However, before we dive into the realm of anticipated cutoffs, it's crucial to anchor our expectations in the trends of yesteryears. The estimations that follow are woven from the fabric of previous years' cutoff data. Join us as we unravel the expected WBCS Cut Off for Phase 1, seeking clues to the threshold that separates dreams from reality. Just to avoid any confusion, please note that Phase 1 is also referred as Prelims.

## WBCS Expected Cut off 2023 - Prelims

Category	Cut off
Unreserved	135
SC	129
ST	109
OBC	135

Moreover, this approximation will assist you in setting a realistic goal, allowing you to strategize your exam preparation effectively. It's important to note that the provided cutoffs are merely for reference, serving as target scores for the WBCS preliminary examination 2023.

Having gained insight into the anticipated WBCS Cut off 2023, let's proceed to examine the cutoff trends from previous years.

## WBPSW WBCS Prelims Exam Analysis 2023 - Cut off Trends

Before we embark on a journey into the intricate analysis of WBCS cutoffs in recent years, let's take a moment to explore the evolving trends within these crucial thresholds. Delve into the visual feast of knowledge presented in the infographic below, offering valuable insights into the cutoff dynamics observed in the years gone by. Let the patterns and fluctuations of the past guide us as we navigate the landscape of WBCS preliminary exam and their ever-changing cutoffs.



**WBCS Cut off Trend**

Score **135/200** in your Prelims to get through!

\*\*expected score

Expected cut off for 2023, General



**135/200**



\*\*for General Category

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Now that you have an understanding of the trends in cutoffs from previous years, let's delve into the specifics of cutoffs, with a focus on all categories, over the last few years.

## WBPSW WBCS Prelims Exam Analysis 2023 - Previous Years' Cut offs

To begin with, we have included tables below, offering reference points for WBCS cutoffs in previous years. The data spans from 2022 to 2020. We trust that the information provided will assist you in establishing a more realistic target for your preparation. It's worth emphasizing that the featured WBCS prelims cutoffs are categorized by UR, SC, ST, and OBC.

### WBCS Cut off Prelims 2022

Category	Cut off
Unreserved	130.39
SC	124.44
ST	104.37
OBC	130.39

## WBCS Cut off Prelims 2021

Category	Cut off
Unreserved	121.67
SC	114
ST	94.33
OBC	121.67

## WBCS Cut off Prelims 2020


Category	Cut off
Unreserved	127
SC	113.67
ST	98.33
OBC	122

Additionally, it's essential to understand that the cutoffs mentioned above are intended for reference only. Therefore, they serve as a guide to provide you with an idea of what to expect for the **upcoming WBCS Cut off 2023**. Use this data to set your target score accordingly. Having discussed the WBCS Cut off 2023 and examined previous years' trends, let's now explore the blueprint of the WBCS Exam Pattern 2023.

## WBPSW WBCS Prelims Exam Analysis 2023 - Exam Pattern




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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			200	2.5 hours
+				
 Mains	English + Bengali, Hindi, Urdu, Nepali, and Santali	General Studies-I + General Studies-II	200 each	3 hours each
+				
 Personality test	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 Dhronas]

## WBCS EXE (ETC) Exam Pattern 2023 - Prelims

- The Preliminary examination consists of a single paper primarily 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.

In order to know more in detail you can read our blog [WBCS EXE \(ETC\) Exam Pattern 2023](#), by clicking on the embedded link.

As we bring the curtains down on our comprehensive WBCS Exam Analysis 2023, the echoes of December 16th linger, resonating with the aspirations and endeavors of countless aspirants. We've dissected the nuances, navigated through each question of the preliminary round, and delved into the anticipated cutoffs. As the countdown to results begins, let this analysis be your compass, guiding you through the intricacies of the WBCS exam landscape. Until the results unfold, stand proud of your efforts, and may success be the crown that adorns your aspirations.

