

MPPSC State Service Syllabus 2026

Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission — Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission — State Service Examination

Vacancies	Announced yearly for administrative and allied Group A & B services across the state of Madhya Pradesh
Age Limit	21–40 years typically (relaxation per MP government norms for SC/ST/OBC/PwBD/women)
Qualification	Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognised university
Application Fee	Approximately ₹500 for General/OBC candidates (unreserved), with reductions for SC/ST/PwBD/MP-domicile categories as per the notification
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Overview

MPPSC State Service Examination recruits into Madhya Pradesh's administrative and allied services, including Deputy Collector, DSP and other Group A/B posts within the state government. Selection follows the standard three-stage structure — a screening Preliminary exam (General Studies plus CSAT-style General Aptitude), a descriptive Main examination covering multiple General Studies papers with Madhya Pradesh-specific content woven throughout, and a final Interview. MPPSC's syllabus places particular emphasis on the state's tribal heritage, geography and specific government schemes, reflecting Madhya Pradesh's demographic and administrative priorities.

What's New in the 2026 Cycle

- Prelims includes both a General Studies paper and a General Aptitude Test (CSAT-style), similar in structure to UPSC CSE.
- Madhya Pradesh's tribal heritage, culture and state-specific government schemes carry notable weight across both Prelims and Mains.
- Mains consists of multiple General Studies papers (typically four) without a separate optional subject, differing from UPSC CSE and BPSC's structure.
- MPPSC's exam calendar and pattern have seen periodic revisions in recent cycles — always verify current paper structure against the latest notification.

Exam Pattern

Preliminary Examination — General Studies

Mode: Offline, OMR-based objective MCQ | Duration: 2 hours

Section	Questions	Marks
History, Geography, Polity, Economy, Environment & Current Affairs (with MP-specific emphasis)	100	200

Negative marking: As per the current notification (verify against the official notice) | **Nature:** Merit-determining for the Prelims cut-off; not counted in the final rank.

Preliminary Examination — General Aptitude Test (CSAT-style)

Mode: Offline, OMR-based objective MCQ | Duration: 2 hours

Section	Questions	Marks
Comprehension, Reasoning, Aptitude & Basic Numeracy	100	200

Negative marking: As per the current notification | **Nature:** Qualifying only — minimum threshold required; marks not added to the Prelims cut-off.

Main Examination

Mode: Offline, descriptive | Duration: 3 hours per paper

Section	Questions	Marks
General Studies Papers I–IV	—	800

Negative marking: Not applicable — descriptive papers | **Nature:** Counted for final merit.

Interview (Personality Test)

Mode: Board interview | Duration: —

Section	Questions	Marks
Personality, communication & suitability for MP's administrative services	—	175

Negative marking: Not applicable | **Nature:** Counted for final merit.

MPPSC State Service — Detailed Subject-Wise Syllabus

Prelims — General Studies

MP's tribal heritage and state schemes are consistently tested — don't treat this as peripheral content.

- Current events — national & international, with strong Madhya Pradesh-specific weightage
- Indian & MP history, including tribal heritage
- Indian & MP geography
- Indian polity & governance
- Indian & MP economy, government schemes
- General science & environment

Prelims — General Aptitude Test

Qualifying only, but still requires genuine, consistent practice to clear comfortably.

- Comprehension
- Logical reasoning & analytical ability
- Decision-making & problem-solving
- Basic numeracy & data interpretation

Mains — General Studies Papers I–IV

No optional subject means broad, even preparation across all four papers is essential — don't over-specialise.

- Indian & Madhya Pradesh history, culture & tribal heritage
- Indian Constitution, polity & governance, with MP-specific administrative structure
- Indian & MP economy, agriculture & rural development
- Science & technology, environment, disaster management & MP-specific developmental issues

Selection Process

- 1 Preliminary Examination — General Studies (merit) and General Aptitude Test (qualifying).
- 2 Main Examination — four General Studies papers.
- 3 Interview (Personality Test).
- 4 Final merit list prepared from combined Mains and Interview marks.

Salary & Job Profile

MPPSC State Service officers are placed across various pay levels depending on the specific post — Deputy Collector and DSP-equivalent posts typically start around Pay Level 9 of the state pay matrix, plus Dearness Allowance, HRA and post-specific allowances.

Best Books for Preparation

- Indian Polity — M. Laxmikanth (for GS foundation)
- NCERT textbooks (Class 6–12) — History, Geography, Polity, Economics
- Madhya Pradesh-specific GK & current affairs guides, with attention to tribal heritage and state schemes
- MPPSC Previous Year Solved Papers — various publishers

Previous Cut-off Trends (Approximate)

MPPSC State Service Prelims and final cut-offs vary by category and the specific cycle's vacancy count and paper difficulty. Always check MPPSC's official cut-off release for the specific cycle rather than relying on prior-year figures as a fixed target.

Preparation Tips

- Build dedicated Madhya Pradesh-specific knowledge — particularly tribal heritage, culture and state schemes — alongside standard national GS content.
- Since Mains has no optional subject, distribute your preparation evenly across all four General Studies papers rather than specialising deeply in one area.
- Don't neglect the General Aptitude Test despite it being qualifying only — a comfortable clearance margin avoids unnecessary risk.
- Practise structured, example-rich answer writing for Mains, since MP-specific case studies and examples often earn extra credit.

Exam Day Guidelines

- Carry the Admit Card and a valid original photo ID to every stage.
- Only black ballpoint pens are typically permitted for the Prelims OMR sheets — carry spares.
- For Mains, carry your own stationery as permitted, since four descriptive GS papers require substantial writing.
- Arrive well before reporting time for document and biometric verification.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does MPPSC Mains include an optional subject, like UPSC CSE?

No, MPPSC State Service Mains consists of four General Studies papers without a separate optional subject, differing from UPSC CSE and BPSC's structure.

Is Madhya Pradesh's tribal heritage really emphasised in the syllabus?

Yes, given the state's significant tribal population and cultural diversity, MP's tribal heritage and culture carry notable weight across both Prelims and Mains General Studies content.

Are MPPSC Prelims General Studies marks counted in the final result?

Yes, unlike the General Aptitude Test (which is qualifying only), the General Studies paper's marks are used to determine the Prelims cut-off, though ultimately Mains and Interview decide the final rank.

What posts can I get through MPPSC State Service?

Administrative posts including Deputy Collector, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), and other Group A/B posts within Madhya Pradesh's state administrative services.