

RPSC RAS Syllabus 2026

Rajasthan Public Service Commission — Rajasthan Public Service Commission — Rajasthan Administrative Service (Combined Competitive Examination)

Vacancies	Announced yearly for administrative and allied Group A & B services across the state of Rajasthan
Age Limit	21–40 years typically (relaxation per Rajasthan government norms for SC/ST/OBC/PwBD/women)
Qualification	Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognised university
Application Fee	Approximately ₹350–₹600 depending on category, as per the current notification
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Overview

RPSC RAS is Rajasthan's principal state civil services examination, recruiting into the Rajasthan Administrative Service and allied Group A/B posts including RAS, RPS (Rajasthan Police Service), and other administrative roles. It follows the standard three-stage structure — a screening Preliminary exam, a descriptive Main examination, and a final Interview — with a syllabus that weaves Rajasthan's distinctive history, culture, geography, art forms and tribal heritage throughout both stages, reflecting the state's rich and complex regional identity. Unlike some other state PSC exams, RPSC RAS Mains does not currently include a separate optional subject paper, relying instead on General Studies coverage.

What's New in the 2026 Cycle

- Rajasthan's distinctive art, culture, folk traditions and tribal heritage carry substantial weight throughout the syllabus, more so than in many other state PSC exams.
- No separate optional subject paper in Mains — General Studies papers cover the full syllabus breadth.
- Recruitment covers multiple services simultaneously (RAS, RPS and other allied services) through a single combined examination and common merit process.
- Prelims serves purely as a screening stage; Mains and Interview together decide the final service allocation and merit.

Exam Pattern

Preliminary Examination

Mode: Offline, OMR-based objective MCQ | Duration: 3 hours

Section	Questions	Marks
General Knowledge & General Science (with strong Rajasthan-specific emphasis)	150	150

Negative marking: As per the current notification (verify against the official notice) | **Nature:** Screening stage only — not counted in the final merit.

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 Rajasthan's administrative services		100

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

RPSC RAS — Detailed Subject-Wise Syllabus

Prelims — General Knowledge & General Science

Rajasthan's art, culture and heritage carry outsized weight compared to many other state PSC exams — dedicate real preparation time here.

- Current events — national & international, with strong Rajasthan-specific weightage
- Rajasthan's history, culture, art & architecture
- Rajasthan's geography, demography & natural resources
- Indian polity & governance
- Indian economy & Rajasthan's economic development
- General science & environment

Mains — General Studies Papers I–IV

Weave Rajasthan-specific examples and case studies into your answers wherever relevant — generic answers score lower here than state-specific ones.

- History, art, culture & heritage of Rajasthan
- Indian Constitution, polity & governance, with Rajasthan's administrative structure
- Rajasthan's & India's economy, agriculture & rural development
- Science & technology, environment, disaster management & Rajasthan-specific developmental issues
- Ethics, integrity & aptitude relevant to public administration

Selection Process

- 1 Preliminary Examination — screening stage.
- 2 Main Examination — four General Studies papers.
- 3 Interview (Personality Test).
- 4 Final merit list prepared from combined Mains and Interview marks, with service allocation based on rank and preference.

Salary & Job Profile

RPSC RAS officers are placed across various pay levels depending on the specific service and post — RAS and RPS 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
- Rajasthan-specific GK, art, culture & heritage guides — essential given the exam's heavy state-specific weightage
- RPSC RAS Previous Year Solved Papers — various publishers

Previous Cut-off Trends (Approximate)

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

Preparation Tips

- Build genuinely deep knowledge of Rajasthan's history, art, culture and tribal heritage — this isn't a peripheral topic here but a core, heavily-tested area.
- Since Mains has no optional subject, distribute preparation evenly across all four General Studies papers.

- Practise structured, example-rich answer writing, weaving in Rajasthan-specific case studies and schemes wherever relevant.
- Follow Rajasthan-specific current affairs and government schemes closely alongside national news.

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 sheet — 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 RPSC RAS have an optional subject in Mains?

No, RPSC RAS Mains consists of General Studies papers covering the full syllabus breadth, without a separate optional subject paper.

Which services does RPSC RAS recruit for?

The combined examination covers the Rajasthan Administrative Service (RAS), Rajasthan Police Service (RPS) and other allied Group A/B state services through a single merit process.

How much weight does Rajasthan-specific content carry?

Rajasthan's art, culture, history, geography and tribal heritage carry substantial weight throughout both Prelims and Mains, more prominently than in some other state PSC exams.

Are RPSC RAS Prelims marks counted in the final result?

No, Prelims is purely a screening stage; the final merit list is based on Mains and Interview marks.