

## **Examination Scheme for Recruitment to the post of Assistant Research/Reference Officer**

The Examination Scheme for recruitment to the post of Assistant Research/Reference Officer in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat consists of two stages --

- 1. Preliminary Examination**
- 2. Main Examination**

### **1. Preliminary Examination (Objective Type-Multiple choice answers)**

The Preliminary Examination is a screening test for selection of candidates for the main examination and is of objective type. It consists of only one paper of **180 marks (Duration 3 hours)** having three parts as indicated below:

<b>Paper</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Marks</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Part A	<b>General Intelligence and Reasoning Ability</b> (60 questions)	60	3 hours
Part B	<b>General Awareness</b> (60 questions)	60	
Part C	<b>English Language</b> (60 questions)	60	

The marks secured by the candidates in this examination are not counted for the preparation of final selection list.

### **2. Main Examination (Drafting of Research/Reference Note)**

The Main Examination is of descriptive type and consists of the following papers:

<b>Paper</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Marks</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Paper I	<b>English Language</b>	80	2 hours
Paper II	<b>Constitution of India</b>	100	3 hours
Paper III	<b>Drafting of Research/ Reference Note</b>	100	2 hours

### **3. Minimum Qualifying Marks**

The minimum qualifying percentage of marks in **Main Examination (Descriptive Type)** is as follows:-

<b>Category</b>	<b>SC/ST</b>	<b>OBC</b>	<b>UR</b>
<b>Minimum qualifying percentage of marks.</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>50%</b>

*N.B. If the written examination involves more than one paper the candidate is required to secure minimum qualifying percentage of marks in overall aggregate of all such papers.*

### **4. Merit List**

Merit List is prepared based on the marks obtained in Main Examination -Descriptive Type (280 Marks). Candidates eliminated at any stage of recruitment process are not included in the final merit list.

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