

## HPSC HCS Exam Pattern:

### HPSC HCS Prelims Exam Pattern

It consists of two papers, namely,

Subjects	No. of Questions	Maximum Marks	Time Duration
General Studies	100	100 Marks	2 Hours
CSAT	100	100 Marks	2 Hours

Note:

- Both exams are objective in nature.
- There is 1/4th negative marking for each wrong answer attempted.
- Merit is decided on collective marks of two papers.
- There is no sectional or subject-specific cutoff. Instead, a total of two is considered while determining the cut off marks for the next level.

### HPSC HCS Mains Exam Pattern

It includes 5 papers, namely,

Subjects	Time (Hours)	Marks
Paper-1: English (including English essay)	03 Hours	100
Paper-2: Hindi (including Hindi essay in Devanagari script)	03 Hours	100
Paper-3: General Studies	03 Hours	100
Paper-4: General Studies-IV & V: Two optional subjects to be selected from the given list.	03 Hours	300 (150*2)
Total		600

### HPSC HCS Interview/Personality Test:

After the main examination, the shortlisted candidates appear for the interview/personality test which is of 75 marks.

**Finally, a total of 675 marks are considered while preparing the final merit list.**