WBCS(EXE.) EXAMINATION

The West Bengal Civil Service (Executive) etc. Examination is a state-level competitive exam conducted by the West Bengal Public Service Commission (WBPSC) to recruit officers for administrative, executive, and allied services in the Government of West Bengal.

Selection Stages

A. Preliminary Examination: Screening test comprising a single objective paper (200 MCQs, 200 marks).

B. Main Examination: Written examination comprising 6 compulsory papers (200 marks each) and 1 optional subject consisting of 2 descriptive papers (200 marks each; required exclusively for Groups A & B).

C. Personality Test (Interview): Assessment stage for candidates shortlisted from the Mains written examination.

Eligibility Criteria

Education: Bachelor's Degree in any discipline.

Language: Ability to read, write, and speak Bengali fluently (exempt for candidates whose mother tongue is Nepali).

Nationality: Citizen of India (or other eligible nationals declared by GoI).

Age Limits (as of January 1 of Exam Year):

- Group A & C: 21 – 36 years
- Group B (WBPS): 20 – 36 years
- Group D: 21 – 39 years
- Relaxations (WB Domicile): +5 yrs for SC/ST, +3 yrs for OBC, up to 45 yrs for PwBD.

Physical Standards: Minimum height of 1.65 m (Male) and 1.50 m (Female) required for Group B (WBPS).

Preliminary Examination Breakdown (200 Marks | 2.5 Hours)

8 Subject Sections carrying 25 marks (25 MCQs) each:

- English Composition
- General Science
- Current Events (National & International)
- History of India

- Geography of India (with emphasis on West Bengal)
- Indian Polity and Economy
- Indian National Movement
- General Mental Ability

Main Examination Breakdown (200 Marks / 3 Hours per Paper)

- **Paper I (Descriptive**): First Language (Bengali/Hindi/Urdu/Nepali/Santali) — Letter, Report, Précis, Translation.
- **Paper II (Descriptive):** English — Letter, Report, Précis, Translation.
- **Paper III (MCQ):** General Studies I — Indian History & Indian/WB Geography.
- **Paper IV (MCQ):** General Studies II — Science, Environment, GK & Current Affairs.
- **Paper V (MCQ):** Indian Constitution & Indian Economy (including RBI).
- **Paper VI (MCQ):** Arithmetic (Madhyamik standard) & Test of Reasoning.
- **Papers VII & VIII (Descriptive — Group A & B Only):** Optional Subject Paper I & Paper II (400 Marks total).

List of Optional Subjects:

1. Bengali
2. Hindi
3. Sanskrit
4. English
5. Pali
6. Arabic
7. Persian
8. French
9. Urdu
10. Santali
11. Nepali
12. Comparative Literature
13. Agriculture
14. Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science
15. Anthropology
16. Botany
17. Chemistry
18. Civil Engineering
19. Commerce and Accountancy
20. Computer Science
21. Economics
22. Electrical Engineering
23. Geography
24. Geology
25. History
26. Law
27. Mathematics
28. Management
29. Mechanical Engineering
30. Medical Science
31. Philosophy
32. Physiology
33. Physics
34. Political Science
35. Psychology
36. Sociology
37. Statistics
38. Zoology.

Subjects and Marks (Main Examination)

Sl. No.	Compulsory Papers	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
1	**Bengali/Hindi/Urdu/Nepali/Santali** – Letter Writing (within 150 words) / Drafting of Report (within 200 words), Précis Writing, Composition and Translation from English to Bengali/Hindi/Urdu/Nepali/Santali	200	200	200	200
2	**English** – Letter Writing (within 150 words) / Drafting of Report (within 200 words), Précis Writing, Composition and Translation from Bengali/Hindi/Urdu/Nepali/Santali to English	200	200	200	200
3	**General Studies-I:** (i) Indian History with special emphasis on National Movement and (ii) Geography of India with special reference to West Bengal	200	200	200	200
4	**General Studies-II:** Science and Scientific & Technological Advancement, Environment, General Knowledge and Current Affairs	200	200	200	200
5	**The Constitution of India and Indian Economy**, including role and functions of Reserve Bank of India	200	200	200	200
6	**Arithmetic and Test of Reasoning**	200	200	200	200
7	**Optional Subject** – One subject to be chosen; two papers of 200 marks each	400	400	—	—
8	**Personality Test**	200	200	150	100

	Total Marks	**1800**	**1800**	**1350**	**1300**

Marks for the Personality Test

Group	Marks
Group A & B	200
Group C	150
Group D	100

Executive Post Profile & Career Growth

- **Primary Roles:**
  Block Development Officer (BDO), Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO), Executive Magistrate, and Secretariat appointments (Assistant/Joint/Special Secretary).
- **Progression Path:**
  BDO / Executive Magistrate → SDO → ADM / Joint Secretary → DM / Special Secretary → IAS Promotion
- **Pay & Level:**
  Pay Level 16 (Basic Pay: ₹56,100 – ₹1,44,300/month; Starting Gross: ~₹65,000 – ₹72,000/month plus perks like government housing and official vehicle).

WBCS Preliminary Exam Cut-Off (Last 5 Years)

Year	General (UR)	OBC-A	OBC-B	SC	ST	Total Selected
2023	101.25	101.25	101.25	94.50	76.25	5,102
2022	130.39	130.39	130.39	124.44	104.37	5,496
2021	121.67	121.67	121.67	114.00	94.33	3,833
2020	127.00	119.00	122.00	113.67	98.33	4,690
2019	105.13	101.05	101.06	96.18	73.13	15,997