

**4. a. Plan and Pattern of Examination:**

The competitive examination shall comprise three stages namely:

**Stage - I: Preliminary Examination- 150 marks.**

The indicative Syllabus is in **Annexure-C** of the Advertisement.

The examination will be conducted through CBRE/OMR mode. The questions will be of MCQ type. Other details like duration of the examination, number of questions etc. will be shared in due course on the website through Notice.

Candidates numbering minimum five (05) times of the vacancies category wise shall be shortlisted for Main written Examination based on their marks secured in the Preliminary Examination.

**Stage - II: (a) Main Written Examination:**

**Technical paper (s)- 200 Marks.**

The indicative Syllabus of technical paper for the post of **Assistant Statistical Officer & Statistical Assistant** will be published shortly.

The examination will be conducted through CBRE/OMR mode. Details about the type of questions, duration of the examination, number of questions etc. will be shared in due course on the website through Notice.

(b) Candidates applying for any of the two posts are required to qualify the **Computer Skill Test**.

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**Note:** In pursuance of GA & PG Department Notification No-29246, Dated-18<sup>th</sup> October 2022, the Preliminary and Main written Examination, shall be conducted both in Odia and English. The candidate shall exercise his/her option for medium of examination in the online application form. All may note that the option once given cannot be changed.

**Stage -III: Certificate Verification:**

Candidates numbering 1.5 (**One & half**) times of the vacancies advertised (Post Wise &Category-wise) shall be shortlisted for Certificate Verification basing on the marks secured in the Main Written Examination.

In case, during the stage of Certificate Verification, the Commission observes that the vacancy(ies) for a particular category of post(s) is/are not likely to be filled up completely, an additional number of candidates who have qualified in the order of merit shall be called **only for one more time, at the discretion of the Commission** for filling up the number of vacancies.

(I) There shall be no provision for re-evaluation/ re-checking of the scores. No correspondence in this regard shall be entertained.

(II) The Commission may conduct the Preliminary examination and/or the Main Written examination with objective papers through OMR or CBRE (Computer Based Recruitment Examination) Mode. In case of CBRE/ OMR mode of examination being conducted in more than one session/sitting, Commission will adopt the normalization process as per the advisory Notice No.2444/OSSC dated 02.09.2021(available on the website of the Commission i.e. [www.oss.gov.in](http://www.oss.gov.in)) for processing the result so as to offset the difficulty level that may arise in such use of multiple set of question papers in the said examination.

(III) There will be a penalty (Negative marking) for wrong answers marked by the candidate in examinations consisting of Multiple-Choice Questions. **The Quantum of penalty/ negative marking will be 0.25 marks for each one mark question.**

(IV) The Commission shall prepare a list of candidates who obtain minimum qualifying marks in the Preliminary written examination as fixed by this Commission in their discretion, for the next stage of the Main written examination. The commission may fix different minimum qualifying marks for different category candidates (UR, SC, ST, SEBC etc.) and different posts/ services.

**(V) Qualifying marks in Computer Skill Test will be 50 % of the total marks.**

(VI) Based on the performance in Technical Paper(s) of the Main written examination and having qualified in Computer skill test whatever applicable, candidates will be shortlisted for document verification.

**The candidature of the candidates will be rejected /not considered for selection if she/he fails to attend any of the tests/examinations/Certificate Verification.**

- b. The candidates who fail to appear at any stage of the recruitment process will not be considered for final selection and their names will be deleted from the merit list.
- c. Any complaint on the conduct of the examination must be sent to the commission by email "[support.oss.gov.in](mailto:support.oss.gov.in)" within 05(five) days of completion of examination.