

**OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA
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Examination Wing

Circular No. 10 of 2022

(Only for IA&AD)

No. 145/07-Exam/Clarification MCQ Pattern/2022

Dated: 24/03/2022

To

Heads of Department of IA&AD offices

(As per standard e-mail list)

Subject: Clarification(s) subsequent to change of pattern to MCQ in all departmental examinations which are being conducted locally by HoDs

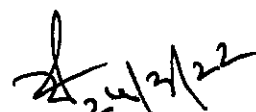
Madam/Sir,

Exam Wing Circular No. 01 of 2022 dated 06/01/2022 refers.

Consequent upon change of pattern of departmental examinations which are being conducted locally by Heads of Department, from conventional mode to Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) with existing terms and conditions which were applicable to descriptive questions and revision of syllabus of Departmental examination for Auditors/Incentive examination for Sr. Auditors, field offices have sought several clarifications in this regard. Therefore, with the approval of the Competent Authority, the list of clarifications/decisions is attached (Annexure).

The clarifications/decisions will be effective from the next departmental examinations to be held in the second part of 2022 i.e. 1st July 2022 onwards.

Yours faithfully,



(Hirak Bagchi)

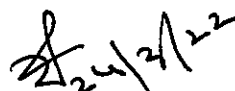
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Annexure

| Sl No. | Particulars | Clarification sought for | Clarification/decision |
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| 1 | Change of pattern to MCQ in Departmental Examinations (a) DE for Auditors/ Accountants (b) DE for 12 th Passed MTS (c) IE for Sr. Auditors/ Sr. Accountants (d) Divisional Accountants Grade Examination (e) Preliminary exam for SAS | (i) Any change in Syllabus of SAS Preliminary exam? | (i) No, only pattern of questions have been changed to MCQ. (ii) The duration has been changed to 2 hours |
| | | (ii) Whether books are allowed | No books are allowed in MCQ pattern of exam. |
| | | (iii) What is the duration of the exam with MCQ? | 2 hours |
| | | (iv) Whether there is any change in the scheme of valuation consequent on change in pattern? | The existing system of valuation will continue till the examination is in offline mode. Once infrastructure is built up and on implementation of Computer Based Test (CBT) in field offices, there would be no need to send the answer script to another office for evaluation. |
| | | (v) Whether the papers including much calculation in Divisional Accountants Grade Examination are to be made in MCQ pattern? | Yes |
| | | (vi) What will be the number of questions in MCQ format? | 100 MCQ |
| | | (vii) What is the exemption marks? | (i) Pass and exemption marks in Preliminary Test of SAS examination, Departmental Examination for Auditors/Accountants, Divisional Accountants Grade Examination and Departmental Examination |

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| | | | for 12 th pass MTS is 45% in each paper. (ii) Pass marks in Incentive Examination for Sr. Auditors/ Sr. Accountants is 50%. |
| 2 | Revised Syllabus of Departmental Exam for Auditors | (i) Whether exemption secured in respective paper/subject be allowed | Yes, allowed as per the extant rule. |
| | | (ii) Is it required to separate pass/exemption marks on each section of Paper-1 of Civil Audit? | There is no provision for sectionwise pass/exemption marks in revised syllabus of departmental examination for Auditors of Civil Audit. |
| | | (iii) What is the number of chances? | (i) Existing number of chances i.e. six will continue. (ii) The counting of number of chances availed would start afresh from the forthcoming examination in the year 2022. |
| | | (iv) How the practical exam should be conducted, and how the completed files of the candidates would be sent to outside office, in the absence of any dedicated software? | IT Practical should be conducted on computer. Every answer may be saved in a separate file & the file(s) may be sent by email/DVD/CD by ensuring appropriate and strict security controls. |
| | | (v) Provision of Negative marking | Negative marking to the extent 0.25 mark (25 percent) is introduced to maintain quality and to guard against guess work. |


 Sr. AO (Exam)