



ONLINE COMPETITIVE WRITTEN EXAMINATION (CBT) FOR RECRUITMENT OF TECHNICAL OFFICER (Gr. III) AGAINST CSIR-CMERI ADVERTISEMENT NO. 05 /2018

INFORMATION HANDOUT

This handout contains details pertaining to various aspects of the online exam you are going to take on 28th December, 2025. You are advised to study the handout carefully as it will help you in the examination.

As already informed, the tests structure is reproduced below:

Sr. No.	Name of the Test	No. of Questions	Max. Marks	Version	Duration
Paper I	Mental Ability Test	50	100	Bilingual i.e. Hindi and English except the questions on English Language	60 Minutes
Paper II	General Awareness	25	75		30 Minutes
	English Language	25	75		
Paper III	Technical Knowledge	100	300		90 Minutes
	Total	200	550		180 Minutes

Paper I, II & Paper III will be administered without break and will be completed in a single sitting. **Please note that paper II and III will be evaluated only for those candidates who have secured the minimum threshold marks in Paper-I (to be determined by the Selection Committee).** However, the marks obtained in Paper I will not be taken into account while preparing the final merit list.

The time for the test is 180 minutes (i.e. Paper-I : 60 minutes, Paper-II: 30 minutes and Paper-III: 90 minutes); however, you may have to be at the venue for approximately 300 minutes, including the time required for biometric verification logging in, collection of the e-Admit cards, going through instructions, etc. All tests except for the test of English Language, will be presented in English and Hindi version. You can attempt any questions pertaining to the particular paper in the time allotted to that particular paper only. All the questions will have multiple choices. Out of the four answers to a question only one will be the correct answer. **You have to select the most appropriate answer and 'mouse click' that alternative which you feel is appropriate/correct. The alternative/option that you have clicked and saved (or marked for review) will be treated as your answer to that question. There will be penalty for wrong answers marked by you in Paper II & Paper III. For every wrong answer marked by you, 1 mark assigned to that question (out of 3) will be deducted as penalty. There will be no penalty for wrong answers in Paper I.**

The Scores of Online Examination will be obtained by adopting the following procedure: -

Number of questions answered correctly by a candidate in each objective test is considered for arriving at the Corrected Score after applying penalty for wrong answers.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

The Sample Questions for Written Examination have already been notified vide Notice dtd. 21.10.2022, available in the CSIR-CMERI official website.

[A] Details of the Online Examination Pattern

- (1) The examination would be conducted online i.e. on a computer.
- (2) All questions will be in English and Hindi, except for questions in the test of English Language.
- (3) All the questions will have multiple choices. Out of the four answers to a question only one will be the correct answer/ most appropriate. You have to select the most appropriate answer and 'mouse click' that alternative which you feel is appropriate/correct. The alternative/ option that is clicked on and saved (or marked

review) will be treated as the answer to that question. Answer to any question will be considered for final evaluation only when you have submitted the answers by clicking on "Save & Next" or "Mark for Review & Next".

- (4) The clock has been set at the server and the countdown timer at the top right corner of your screen will display the time remaining for you to complete the exam. When the clock runs out the exam ends by default - you are not required to end or submit your exam.

- (5) The question palette at the right of screen shows one of the following statuses of each of the questions numbered



You have not visited the question yet.



You have not answered the question.



You have answered the question.



You have NOT answered the question, but have marked the question for review.



The question(s) "Answered and Marked for Review" will be considered for evaluation.

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The Marked for Review status simply acts as a reminder that you have set to look at the question again. If an answer is selected for a question that is Marked for Review, the answer will be considered in the final evaluation.

- (6) To select a question to answer, you can do one of the following :

- (a) Click on the question number on the question palette at the right of your screen to go to that numbered question directly. Note that using this option **does NOT save your answer** to the current question.
- (b) Click on '**Save & Next**' to save answer to current question and to go to the next question in sequence.
- (c) Click on '**Mark for Review and Next**' to save answer to current question, mark it for review, and to go to the next question in sequence.

- (7) To select your answer, click on one of the option buttons.

- (8) To change your answer, click another desired option button.

- (9) To save your answer, you **MUST** click on **Save & Next**.

- (10) To deselect a chosen answer, click on the chosen option again or click on the **Clear Response** button.

- (11) To mark a question for review click on **Mark for Review & Next**. *If an answer is selected for a question that is **Marked for Review**, the answer will be considered in the final evaluation.*

- (12) To change an answer to a question, first select the question and then click on the new answer option followed by a click on the **Save & Next** button.

- (13) Questions that are saved or marked for review after answering will ONLY be considered for evaluation.**

- (14) You are requested to follow the instructions of the "Test Administrator" carefully. If you do not follow the instructions/rules, it would be treated as a case of misconduct/adoption of unfair means and such a candidate would be liable for debarment from appearing for examination as per the duration decided by CSIR-CMERI.

- (15) You may ask the Test Administrator about your doubts or questions only before the commencement of the test. No query shall be entertained after the commencement of the examination.

- (16) After the expiry of assigned time, you will not be able to attempt any question or check your answers. Your answers would be saved automatically by the computer system even if you have not clicked the "Submit" button.

- (17) Please note :**

(a) You will not be allowed to "finally submit" unless you have exhausted the actual test time.

(b) Under no circumstances should you click on any of the 'keyboard keys' once the exam starts as this will lock the exam.

[B] General Instructions:

- (1) Please note the Login ID, date, time and venue address of the examination given in the e-Admit card.

- (2) You may visit the venue one day before the Online Examination to confirm the location so that you are able to report on time (as printed on the e-Admit card) on the day of the examination. Late comers will not be allowed.

- (3) Please bring the e-Admit card with your photograph affixed thereon, currently valid photo identity proof in original and a photocopy of the same ID proof which you bring in original - **THIS IS ESSENTIAL**. Please hand over the e-Admit card alongwith photocopy of photo identity proof duly stapled together to the invigilator. Currently valid photo identity proof may be **PAN Card/Passport/Permanent Driving License/Voter's Card/Bank Passbook with**

photograph/Photo Identity proof issued by a Gazetted Officer on official letterhead /Photo Identity proof issued by a People's Representative on official letterhead/Valid recent Identity Card issued by a recognized College/University/Aadhar/E-Aadhar Card with a photograph/Employee ID/Bar Council Identity card with photograph. Please Note - Ration Card and Learner's Driving License will NOT be accepted as valid ID proof.

- (4) Biometric data (thumb impression) and photograph will be verified at the examination venue. Decision of the Biometric data verification authority with regard to its status (matched or mismatched) shall be final and binding upon the candidates. **Refusal to participate in the process of biometric data capturing / verification on any occasion may lead to cancellation of candidature.** With regards to the same, please note the following :
- If fingers are coated (stamped ink/mehndi/coloured...etc.), ensure to thoroughly wash them so that coating is completely removed before the examination day.
 - If fingers are dirty or dusty, ensure to wash them and dry them before the thumb impression (biometric) is captured.
 - Ensure fingers of both hands are dry. If fingers are moist, wipe each finger to dry them.
 - If the primary finger (thumb) to be captured is injured/damaged, immediately notify the concerned authority in the examination centre.
(Any failure to observe these points will result in non-admittance for the examination).
- (5) In order to save time on frisking (Metal Detectors will be used), the candidates are advised to follow the below mentioned dress code:
- Light clothes which cannot be used for hiding any instruments or communication devices.
 - Half sleeves but not having big buttons or any badge, brooches etc. which could be used to hide the communication device, Bluetooth, camera etc.
 - Slippers, sandals and not the shoes/ socks.
 - Light Clothes without any metal items like zippers, button etc.
- However, candidates coming in customary/ religious dresses should report at the centre well in advance prior to reporting time for proper frisking
- (6) You must scrupulously follow the instructions of the Test Administrator and CSIR - CMERI Representative at the examination venue. If you violate the instructions you will be disqualified and will be asked to leave the examination venue.
- (7) No use of calculators (separate or with watch), books, note books or written notes, cell phones (with or without camera facility), or any other electronic device will be allowed during the examination.
- (8) Your responses (answers) will be analysed with other candidates to detect patterns of similarity of right and wrong answers. If in the analytical procedure adopted in this regard, it is inferred/concluded that the responses have been shared and scores obtained are not genuine/valid, your candidature may be cancelled. Any candidate who is found copying or receiving or giving assistance or engaging in any behaviour unbecoming of a candidate will not be considered for assessment. CSIR – CMERI may take further action against such candidates as deemed fit by it.
- (9) You should bring with you a ball-point pen. A sheet of paper will be provided which can be used for rough work or taking down the question number you would like to review at the end of the test before submitting your answers. After the test is over you **MUST** hand over this sheet of paper to the Test Administrator before leaving the venue.
- (10) The possibility of occurrence of some problem in the administration of the examination cannot be ruled out completely which may impact test delivery and/or result from being generated. In that event, every effort will be made to rectify such problem, which may include movement of candidates, delay in test. Conduct of a re-exam is at the absolute discretion of test conducting body. Candidates will not have any claim for a re-test. Candidates not willing to move or not willing to participate in the delayed process of test delivery shall be summarily rejected from the process.
- (11) Anyone found to be disclosing, publishing, reproducing, transmitting, storing or facilitating transmission and storage of test contents in any form or any information therein in whole or part thereof or by any means verbal or written, electronic or mechanical or taking away the papers supplied in the examination hall or found to be in unauthorised possession of test content is likely to be prosecuted.
- (12) Candidates are advised to make their necessary travel/stay plan considering the exam duration.
- (13) **Please Note that : In case any discrepancy is found in English & Hindi versions of document, English version will prevail.**
- (14) Candidates are advised to take note of “The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024”.

WISH YOU GOOD LUCK !