

## **Examination Scheme for Recruitment to the post of Assistant Research/Reference Officer**

The Examination Scheme for recruitment to the post of Assistant Research/Reference Officer in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat consists of three stages --

- 1. Preliminary Examination**
- 2. Main Examination**
- 3. Interview**

### **1. Preliminary Examination (Objective Type-Multiple choice answers)**

The Preliminary Examination is a screening test for selection of candidates for the main examination and is of objective type. It consists of only one paper of **180 marks (Duration 3 hours)** having three parts as indicated below:

<b>Paper</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Marks</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Part A	<b>General Intelligence</b> (60 questions)	60	3 hours
Part B	<b>General Awareness</b> (60 questions)	60	
Part C	<b>English Language</b> (60 questions)	60	

The marks secured by the candidates in this examination are not counted for the preparation of final merit list.

### **2. Main Examination**

The Main Examination is of descriptive type and consists of the following papers:

<b>Paper</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Marks</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Paper I	<b>English Language</b>	80	2 hours
Paper II	<b>Constitution of India</b>	100	3 hours
Paper III	<b>Drafting of Research/ Reference Note</b>	100	2 hours

### **3. Interview (20 marks)**

The interview is structured to evaluate the interests, knowledge, traits, aptitude, skills etc. of the candidates with a view to assess his/her overall personality and to judge his/her suitability for the post.

#### 4. Minimum Qualifying Marks

The minimum qualifying percentage of marks in **Main Examination (Descriptive Type) and Interview** is as follows:-

Category	SC/ST	OBC	UR
Minimum qualifying percentage of marks.	40%	45%	50%

*N.B. If the written examination involves more than one paper the candidate are required to secure minimum qualifying percentage of marks in overall aggregate of all such papers.*

#### 5. Merit List

Merit List is prepared based on the overall marks obtained in Main Examination -Descriptive Type (280 Marks) and Interview (20 marks). Candidates eliminated at any stage of recruitment process are not included in the final merit list.