

Agriculture Development Officer in the Department of Agriculture and Welfare of Farmers, Punjab is in following sequence:-

- (b) There will be a written test of 300 marks (120 questions of 2.5 marks each) and an interview of 40 marks as per following details:

From the syllabus of the subject	100 questions	250 marks
From Logical Reasoning, Mental Ability	10 questions	25 marks
From General Knowledge and Current Affairs	10 questions	25 marks
Total questions (Duration of examination is 2 hours)	120 questions	300 marks
Interview		40 marks
Total Marks		340

- (c) **Candidates not more than two times the number of posts (in their order of merit of written exam) shall be short-listed for appearing in the interview. However, this number shall be subject to variation if two or more candidates at the last number (the number at the end) get equal marks, then all of them shall be considered for appearing in the Interview (subject to eligibility), warranting the corresponding increase in the stipulated ratio.**

7.0 The salient features of the written competitive exam shall be as follows:-

- (a) There will be no negative marking in the written test, for questions wrongly answered or questions not answered.
- (b) After the answer key is put on the PPSC website (after written examination), candidates will be permitted to raise objections if any. Candidates will be given four days to deliberate before putting up objections. Any objection found 'frivolous' may draw negative marking, equal to the weightage of the question.
- (c) The aim of the Interview is to assess the candidate's suitability for the job in terms of his personal qualities by a Panel Interview.
- (d) Final result shall be prepared on the basis of the grand total of the marks obtained by the Candidates in the **Written Competitive Examination and the Interview.**
- (e) The marks of written competitive examination obtained by the candidates or cut off marks for interview will not be disclosed at the time of short listing the candidates for interview, to avoid the same influencing the interview panel. However the complete details of written marks and interview marks will be available on the website of Commission after compiling the final result.

8.0 Syllabus of subject for the posts of Agriculture Development Officer is as under (B.Sc. (Agriculture) level) :-

Technologies for improved cultural practices for Kharif and Rabi crops from seeding to seed i.e. grain maturation. Field preparation, sowing methods, time of sowing etc. Efficient management practices for fertilization, irrigation, weed control, nutrient re- cycling, mulches and crop residue management; crop rotation, multiple cropping, mixed cropping, intercropping. Cultivation of cash crops. Integrated disease and pest management in Kharif and Rabi crops.

9.0 Information about the examination centre(s) shall be mentioned on Admit Cards of all candidates, which will become live on 03-03-2020, 01:00 P.M. onwards at <http://ppsc.gov.in>

9.1 All candidates who apply for ibid posts will be treated “provisionally eligible” for appearing in the competitive exam. Acceptance of applications at this stage

Mental Ability

- Time and Work
- Profit and Loss
- Use of Tables & Graphs
- Whole Numbers
- Fractions Numbers
- Decimals
- Number Systems
- Time and Distance
- Ratio and Time
- Mensuration
- Percentages
- Discount
- Interest
- Ratios and Proportions
- Fundamental Arithmetical Operations
- Averages

Logical Reasoning

- Decision Making
- Visual Memory
- Arithmetical Reasoning
- Coding-Decoding
- Syllogistic Reasoning
- Non-Verbal Series
- Directions
- Arrangements
- Number Series
- Analogies
- Statement Conclusion
- Number Ranking
- Embedded Figures
- Clocks & Calendars
- Alphabet Series
- Cubes and Dice
- Blood Relations
- Mirror Images

General Knowledge & Current Affairs

- Indian Constitution
- Critical Days
- Social- Economic & Cultural Issues
- General Science

- History – India & Punjab
- National & International Organizations
- Science & Technology
- People & Personalities
- Sports
- Abbreviations
- Indian Polity
- Who's Who?
- Books & Authors
- Awards & Honours
- Economy – India
- Geography – India, Punjab & World

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