

REVISED SYLLABUS FOR CSS 2016 AND ONWARDS

CSS written exam consists of 12 papers, of which 6 are compulsory and 6 are optional. Candidates cannot skip the compulsory subjects or choose them at their own will. To pass the CSS exam, you must score at least 40% in each compulsory subject, 33% in each optional subject, and have an overall aggregate of 50% (600 marks out of 1200) in the written exam. You must also score at least 33% (100 marks out of 300) in the final interview.

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS (600 MARKS) The three papers of General Knowledge (GK-1, GK-2 & GK-3) are to be passed collectively by scoring 120 marks from 300. There are 20 objective-type questions (MCQs) in each compulsory and optional paper except for the essay, applied mathematics, and pure mathematics papers. The question paper in Islamic Studies or Comparative Study of Major Religions (for non-Muslims) is to be answered in English or Urdu only. Non-Muslim candidates may either opt Islamic Studies or Comparative Study of Major Religions as may suit to them. Students may download the analysis of past papers for the compulsory subjects from the CSS Exam Desk website.

NO.	SUBJECT TITLE	QUALIFYING MARKS
01.	English Essay	40 marks out of 100
02.	English (Precis and Composition)	40 marks out of 100
03.	Islamic Studies or Comparative Study of Major Religions (for non-Muslims)	40 marks out of 100
04.	General Knowledge Papers	120 marks out of 300
	GK-1 (General Science and Ability)	
	GK-2 (Current Affairs)	
	GK-3 (Pakistan Affairs)	

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (600 MARKS) Candidates must check the past papers and the course outline before finalizing an optional subject. They may also consult others, such as friends, teachers, and mentors. However, the final decision should be their own. Students should learn from others, but they should avoid blindly following their advice. Instead, they should identify their own area of interest and choose an optional subject accordingly. It is important to remember that changing your optional subject after a poor performance in the first attempt is not a good idea. Instead, students should analyze their shortcomings and work on them to improve their performance in the next attempt.

To learn more about the optional subjects, please visit the CSS Exam Desk website.

Group — I: To select one subject of 200 marks only.

NO.	SUBJECT TITLE	QUALIFYING MARKS
11.	Accountancy & Auditing	66 marks out of 200
12.	Economics	66 marks out of 200
13.	Computer Science	66 marks out of 200
14.	Political Science	66 marks out of 200
15.	International Relations	66 marks out of 200

Group — II: To select subject(s) of 200 marks only.

From this Group — II, if you opt Geology, you also have to take another subject of 100 marks.

NO.	SUBJECT TITLE	QUALIFYING MARKS
16.	Physics	66 marks out of 200
17.	Chemistry	66 marks out of 200
18.	Applied Mathematics	33 marks out of 100
19.	Pure Mathematics	33 marks out of 100
20.	Statistics	33 marks out of 100
21.	Geology	33 marks out of 100

Group — III: To select one subject of 100 marks only.

NO.	SUBJECT TITLE	QUALIFYING MARKS
22.	Business Administration	33 marks out of 100
23.	Public Administration	33 marks out of 100
24.	Governance and Public Policies (GAPP)	33 marks out of 100
25.	Town Planning and Urban Management	33 marks out of 100

Group — IV: To select one subject of 100 marks only.

NO.	SUBJECT TITLE	QUALIFYING MARKS
26.	History of Pakistan and India/Indo- Pak History	33 marks out of 100
27.	Islamic History and Culture	33 marks out of 100
28.	British History	33 marks out of 100
29.	European History	33 marks out of 100
30.	History of USA	33 marks out of 100

Group — V: To select one subject of 100 marks only.

NO.	SUBJECT TITLE	QUALIFYING MARKS
31.	Gender Studies	33 marks out of 100
32.	Environmental Sciences	33 marks out of 100
33.	Agriculture & Forestry	33 marks out of 100
34.	Botany	33 marks out of 100
35.	Zoology	33 marks out of 100
36.	English Literature	33 marks out of 100
37.	Urdu Literature	33 marks out of 100

Group — VI: To select one subject of 100 marks only.

NO.	SUBJECT TITLE	QUALIFYING MARKS
38.	Law	33 marks out of 100
39.	Constitutional Law	33 marks out of 100
40.	International Law	33 marks out of 100
41.	Muslim Law and Jurisprudence	33 marks out of 100
42.	Mercantile Law	33 marks out of 100
43.	Criminology	33 marks out of 100
44.	Philosophy	33 marks out of 100

Group — VII: To select one subject of 100 marks only.

NO.	SUBJECT TITLE	QUALIFYING MARKS
45.	Journalism and Mass Communication	33 marks out of 100
46.	Psychology	33 marks out of 100
47.	Geography	33 marks out of 100
48.	Sociology	33 marks out of 100
49.	Anthropology	33 marks out of 100
50.	Punjabi	33 marks out of 100
51.	Sindhi	33 marks out of 100
52.	Pashto	33 marks out of 100
53.	Balochi	33 marks out of 100
54.	Persian	33 marks out of 100
55.	Arabic	33 marks out of 100

NOTE: Question papers in Urdu, Punjabi, Sindhi, Pashto, Balochi, Persian, or Arabic should be answered in the respective languages. However, questions relating to translation from the respective language into English or vice versa may be answered as directed in the question paper. There will be two papers of 100 marks each for subjects that carry 200 marks. For subjects that carry 100 marks, there will be one paper. Each paper will be of 3 hours duration. Students should also download the FPSC examiners' feedback of previous CSS exams from the CSS Exam Desk website to understand the nature of question papers.