

*In the Civil Services Examination (CSE) 2023, the minimum qualifying marks for candidates in various categories at different stages (Preliminary, Main, and Final) are crucial to understand the selection process. These marks help identify the last recommended candidate in each category.*

## 1. Preliminary Examination (CS Prelim)

The cut-off marks for the Preliminary Examination are determined based on GS Paper-I only. GS Paper-II, which is qualifying in nature, requires candidates to secure at least 33% as per Rule-15 of the Civil Services Examination, 2023.

The minimum qualifying marks in the Preliminary Examination for various categories are as follows:

- **General:** 75.41
- **EWS (Economically Weaker Section):** 68.02
- **OBC (Other Backward Classes):** 74.75
- **SC (Scheduled Caste):** 59.25
- **ST (Scheduled Tribe):** 47.82
- **PwBD-1:** 40.40
- **PwBD-2:** 47.13
- **PwBD-3:** 33.68
- **PwBD-5:** 40.40

## 2. Main Examination (CS Main)

To qualify for the Main Examination, candidates must score a minimum of 10% marks in each of the seven competitive papers, which include the Essay, General Studies-I, General Studies-II, General Studies-III, General Studies-IV, Optional Paper-I, and Optional Paper-II.

The minimum qualifying marks in the Main Examination for various categories are as follows:

- **General:** 741
- **EWS:** 706
- **OBC:** 712
- **SC:** 694
- **ST:** 692
- **PwBD-1:** 673
- **PwBD-2:** 718
- **PwBD-3:** 589
- **PwBD-5:** 756

## 3. Final Examination (CS Final)



The final stage of the Civil Services Examination is based on the total marks secured by candidates in the Main Examination (Written) and the Personality Test (Interview). The minimum qualifying marks for the last recommended candidate in the final list are as follows:

- **General:** 953
- **EWS:** 923
- **OBC:** 919
- **SC:** 890
- **ST:** 891
- **PwBD-1:** 894
- **PwBD-2:** 930
- **PwBD-3:** 756
- **PwBD-5:** 445

### Tie-Breaking Rules

In cases where two or more candidates have secured equal aggregate marks in the Civil Services Examination, 2023, the tie(s) are resolved according to the following principles:

1. **Marks in Compulsory Papers & Personality Test:** The candidate with higher marks in the Compulsory Papers (Essay, General Studies-I, General Studies-II, General Studies-III, General Studies-IV) and the Personality Test combined is ranked higher.
2. **Seniority in Age:** If the marks in Compulsory Papers and Personality Test are equal, the candidate who is senior in age is ranked higher.

These principles ensure fair ranking when candidates have the same scores.

