

Civil Services Examination, 2016 – minimum qualifying marks

In the Civil Services Examination 2016, the minimum qualifying standards/marks secured by the last recommended candidate in various categories at various stages are as under:-

Exam	General	OBC	SC	ST	PH-1	PH-2	PH-3
CS(Prelim)*	116.00	110.66	99.34	96.00	75.34	72.66	40.00
CS(Main)#	787	745	739	730	713	740	545
CS(Final)	988	951	937	920	927	951	817

*Cut off marks on the basis of GS Paper-I only. However, GS Paper-II was qualifying with 33% (66.66 marks) (Rule-15 of Civil Services Examination, 2016)

Subject to 10% marks in each of the seven competitive papers i.e. Essay, GS-I, GS-II, GS-III, GS-IV, Optional-I and Optional-II.