AICAT
for
Prime Minister’s
Rural Development Fellows Scheme
Ministry of Rural Development | Government of India
Paper Guidelines

PMRDFs 2014
Assessment Process

Selection for the PMRDF involves a three-tiered assessment process, which includes:

I. **All India Competency Assessment Test (AICAT) (Online): 28\(^{th}\) December 2013**

   AICAT is an assessment of their understanding and orientation, and problem-solving abilities in a positive manner. Applicants will be shortlisted based on their performance in the AICAT. The shortlisted candidates will be tested using tools like essay writing & interview to ascertain their motivation, leadership, professional skills and pro-poor orientation.

II. **Written Test (Issue based): 16\(^{th}\) January 2014**

III. **Personal Interview: 16\(^{th}\) & 17\(^{th}\) of January 2014**

### Framework for AICAT Paper

**Assessment process –**

- Objective test
- Number of questions - 90
- Sections - 5
- Time – 90 minutes
- Timing - 2.30-4.00 p.m
- Each question is for 1 mark [ For Reading Comprehension each question is for 2 marks]
- Negative marking - 0.25 [No negative marking for Reading Comprehension]
- Each section will have 20 questions [Reading Comprehension section has 10 questions]

**Sections- (20 Marks each)**

1. Reading Comprehension – 2 passages with 5 questions each
2. Data Interpretation & Inference - 4 Data Sets
3. General Awareness – 20 Questions
4. Logical reasoning – 20 Questions
5. Knowledge about National Programmes and Schemes – 20 Questions

✓ common paper pattern
✗ Each question to have 4 options
✗ No sectional qualifying marks