Guidelines for the Written Test : PMRDFs 2014

The written test to be conducted on 16\textsuperscript{th} January 2014, aims to position the Aptitudes and Abilities of the candidate with respect to the expectations of the fellowship. For this round of selection, the candidates are expected to write an essay in English on any one of the topics centered around the social, economic, environmental issues central to the welfare and livelihoods of the people. It aims to evaluate the candidates’ values such as mutual respect, respect for diversity, etc. It would explore the candidates’ ability to think independently and deal with the social, economic and administrative forces that have implications for the welfare and development of the people. It further intends to evaluate the candidates’ ability to take initiatives, critically reflect on social issues and explore creatively the coexistence between individual good and collective good. It thus attempts to evaluate the candidates’ ability to contextualise the utility of plurality of approaches. The evaluation would be based on the candidates’ ability to:

- Understand and analyse a socio-economic issue
- Ways of addressing the issue
- Dealing with the system to address the issue

**Date of Exam - 16\textsuperscript{th} January 2014**

**Total Marks : 40**

**Time : 10 AM to 10.45 AM**

**Reporting time : 9.00 AM**

The candidates are expected to take their seat by 9.45 AM

Any candidate reporting after 10 AM shall not be allowed to attend the exam.

A mock paper has been uploaded for candidate’s reference.
Important Instructions to the Candidate

1. Duration of the exam is 45 minutes (10.00 a.m -10.45 a.m)
2. Candidates are expected to be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.
3. Paper attempted in any other language other than ENGLISH will not be accepted.

Details of the Exam

• Write an essay on ANY ONE of the topics given below. If a candidate attempts more than one essay, only the first essay written by the candidate will be considered for evaluation. The others will be ignored.
• Language: English
• Total Marks: 40
• Word Limit: NOT Exceeding 500 words
• Substantiate your arguments with facts and examples.

1. Section 377 of the I.P.C and LGBT rights
   Or
2. Constitutional and legal provisions for protection of Scheduled Castes
   Or
3. Strategies for reversing Child Sex Ratio