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Q1) What is ACEC?
Ans:- Dr. Ambedkar Competitive Examination Center (ACEC) was set up at YASHADA, Pune in May 2006, under the Special Component Plan (SCP) under social justice and special assistance department (Government of Maharashtra) through Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Research and Training Institute Pune for providing coaching for Civil Services Examinations to the weaker section of the society.
ACEC aims at tapping the talent in students, encouraging them to appear for Civil Services Examination and helping them to improve their preparation for the examination.
It also aims at inculcating, in them, the culture of serving the community as a whole. The ACEC trains candidates for Civil Services examination for recruitment to various cadres of Central Services, like IAS, IPS, IFS, etc. conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
Students should note that ACEC does not provide any training programme for MPSC, Indian Forest Services, Indian Engineering Services and Indian Medical Services Examination.

Q2) Which facilities are provided at ACEC?
Ans:-
✓ Free Accommodation at YASHADA.
✓ Stipend. Rs. 2250/- per month (based on attendance)
✓ Library and Study Room
✓ Free Coaching & Counseling
✓ Computer / Internet
✓ Current study material for reference
✓ Meditation/ Yoga
✓ Regular Test Series
All the above facilities are available free of cost for the selected candidates from all the categories.

Q3) What is UPSC?
Ans:- UPSC means Union Public Service Commission. It conducts Civil Services examination for recruitment to various cadres of Central Services, like IAS, IPS, IFS, etc.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION
The UPSC examination is conducted in Three Stages.
i) Preliminary Examination (Screening Test) – Mid May
ii) Main Examination - October
iii) Interview - April / May
The Advertisement is published in ‘Employment News’ and ‘Rojgaar Samachar’ in November/December.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION:-
An Objective (multiple choice) type examination consists of two papers:
Paper – I General Studies (150 questions)- 150 Marks
Paper-II Optional Subject (120 questions) - 300 Marks
IMP Note: Negative marking with one third of marks (0.33)

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MAIN EXAMINATION:
It is descriptive examination, which consists of nine papers of conventional essay type.

**COMPULSORY PAPERS**
Paper - I One of the Indian Languages - 300 Marks
(To be selected by the candidate from the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution)
Paper – II English - 300 Marks
(These two papers are of ‘qualifying nature’ and marks obtained in these papers are not counted for merit.)
Paper- III - Essay - 200 Marks
Papers-IV & V - General Studies - 300 Marks each

**OPTIONAL PAPERS**
Papers VI & VII (Paper I and Paper II) - 300 Marks each
Papers VIII & IX (Paper I and Paper II)- 300 Marks each
(Any two subjects to be selected from the list of optional subjects.
Each subject will have two papers. *(The list is stated above)*

**Grand Total (Paper III to IX) - 2000 Marks**
Interview - 300 Marks
Total for Main Examination Including Interview Test - 2300 Marks

**Eligibility Conditions:-**
- **Minimum Educational Qualifications**: Graduate in any faculty from recognized University
- **Age Limit**: A candidate must have attained the age of 21 yrs. and must not have attained the age of 30 yrs. as on 1st August of the relevant year.
- **Relaxation in age limit**
  - 5 years to SC/ST
  - 3 years to OBC
  - 10 years in case of Blind, Deaf- Mute Orthopadically handicap person
- **Number of Attempts:**
  - Maximum 4 attempts.
  - SC/ST: NO limit if otherwise eligible.
  - OBC: 7 attempts if otherwise eligible.
  - An attempt at a Preliminary Examination shall be deemed to be an attempt at the examination.
- For details please visit UPSC website: ‘www.upsc.gov.in’
Q3) What is the admission procedure for ACEC?
Ans:- The ACEC will conduct COMMON ENTRANCE TEST (CET) on 14th November, 2010 for the selection of candidates to 11 month full time Training Programme for the Civil Services Examination (IAS/IPS/IFS) to be conducted by the UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (UPSC) in 2011.

The scheme for the Entrance Examination: -

The CET will consist of one paper as per UPSC Preliminary Examination.
Paper – I General Studies/Aptitude Test: 150 Questions of 150 marks
Duration: 2 hours (11 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.)
(Multiple Choice questions with Negative Marking 1/3 rd Marks will be deducted for each wrong answer)
Note: - Last year’s question paper is available for reference on the website ‘www.Yashada.org/acec’

Syllabus for G.S./Aptitude for Entrance Test: -

✓ General Science
✓ Current Events of National and International Importance
✓ History of India and Indian National Movement
✓ Indian and World Geography
✓ Indian Polity and Economy
✓ General Mental Ability
✓ Social Issues

Q4) Who can apply for ACEC Entrance Test?
Ans:- Eligibility Condition:
a) Graduate from any recognized University.
b) Age as on 1st August 2011
   21-30 years. (Open Category)
   21-33 years. (OBC, SBC, NTB, NTC, NTD, VJ)
   21-35 Years (SC/ST)
c) Domicile of Maharashtra.
d) Candidates belonging to OBC, NT (C) and NT (D) category must submit NON-CREAMY LAYER certificate issued after 1st April 2010 by competent authority at the time of admission.
Category wise distribution of Seats

- 50 candidates will be given admission as per following reservation pattern.
  (Approved by Government Appointed Selection Committee)
- This coaching programme is conducted under the **Schedule Caste Sub Plan** (SCCP).

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Note: -
- **The decision of the Government appointed Selection Committee will be final.**

Q5) How to apply for ACEC Entrance Test?

Ans:-

a) The application forms for CET will be available online from 25th August 2010. The application form can be downloaded from the Web site: www.yashada.org/acec and www.geexam.com

b) All the students should draw a Demand Draft (DD) of Rs. 250/- in favour of “The Director, CTSE, Pune” payable at Pune. Please write full name and short address on the reverse side of the D.D.

c) The details of the DD should be filled in online application form.

d) Student should take print out, paste recent passport size photograph, sign the form and post the duly filled application form along with the DD so as to reach on or before 8th October, 2010.

e) Forms without DD will not be accepted.

f) Application forms, Syllabus and Hall Ticket will be sent by post. However, it can be downloaded from the website ‘www.geexam.com’ and ‘www.Yashada.org/acec’

Q6) What is the tentative schedule?

Ans:- Calendar of Events (Tentative Schedule)

**Entrance Test For UPSC Coaching Programme 2011**

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| Date for filling the application forms     | 25/08/2010 TO 08/10/2010 |

Last date for submission of filled application form with D.D. (Rs. 250/-) on or before- 08/10/2010
Hall Tickets will be available online by 25/10/2010
Common Entrance Test will be conducted on
(Tentative Centers:- Pune, Aurangabad, Nasik, Nagpur) 14/11/2010
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Result of Common Entrance Test (Tentative date) 26/11/2010
Admission – filling up of the forms, original documents verification,
Hostel allotment as per merit and depositing of the caution money, etc. 29/11/2010
TO 4/12/2010
Inauguration of the coaching session for U.P.S.C. Civil Services Preliminary Examination 2011 8/12/2010
Regular Classes to Start (as per time table) 9/12/2010

Q7) Which are the reference books for the entrance test?
Ans:-
**General Studies**

**A) Indian History**
- NCERT Books- 11th and 12th standard. (Ancient India, Medieval India,
  Modern India (Old and New)
  Modern India:
    - India’s Struggle for Independence - Bipan Chandra
    - Modern India-Grover & Grover
    - Modern India- S.N. Sen.
    - Modern India - Spectrum Publication
    - TMH Guide-for Ancient India Medieval India Modern India

**B) Geography**
- NCERT – 6th to 12th Standard.
- India Year Book- For relevant Statistical data.
- One Atlas (Standard) for Studying of the maps (Orient Longman)
- Pratiyogita Darpan
- Wizard Special issue
- Relevant Manorama Year Book Matter
- Hindu-Special issue on- Industry, Agriculture

**C) Indian Polity**
- NCERT-10th and 11th Standard
- Our Parliament-Subhash Kashyap
- Our Constitution –Subhash Kashyap
- Indian Constitution -Bakshi
- Special issue- Wizard
- Special issue-Pratiyogita Darpan.

**D) Indian Economy**
- Evolution of Indian Economy-NCERT Book
- Indian Economy – Dutta and Sundaram
- Special issue-Pratiyogita Darpan. (Yearly)
- Economic Survey
✓ Chronicle – ‘Economy Watch’ section
✓ Wizard- Economy update
✓ Economy Watch
✓ Special articles from Economic Times.
✓ ‘ET Classroom’ From Economic Times.
✓ Yojana-Monthly

E) General Science
✓ NCERT =-5th to 12th
✓ TMH Guide
✓ ‘Science Reporter’- Monthly

F) Mental Ability
Mental Ability Book- R.S. AAGARWAL
Verbal and Non-verbal reasoning- R.S. AAGARWAL

G) Current Affairs –
Chronicle, Daily Hindu, One Marathi Daily Newspaper.
Special issues – Civil Service Times (CST)
Wizard, Yojana, Kumkshetra, Lokrajya,

I) Analysis of Last Five years UPSC- Prelims.
G.S. Questions is essential to use reading (Books) material very effectively.

Note: -
✓ All the NCERT (CBSE) Books (1st to 12th standard) are available online and can be downloaded freely from web address: -
✓ All other reference books are available at leading bookstores providing study material for various competitive examinations.
✓ For latest updates about national, international news; students can join MPSC katta by sending sms “Join MPSC katta” to 9870807070.

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