



**Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration (YASHADA), Pune**  
**Dr. Ambedkar Competitive Examination Centre (ACEC)**

**Advertisement**

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the Entrance Examination to be held at respective centres in **offline mode** on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., for selecting a total of 70 candidates for Dr. Ambedkar Competitive Examination Centre at Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration (YASHADA), Pune. **The selected candidates will be facilitated through online coaching (sessions & test-series) till mains examination subject to their passing the civil services preliminary examination** to prepare them for the UPSC Civil Services Examination to be held in the year 2021.

THE CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO READ THIS ADVERTISEMENT AND ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FILLING OF ONLINE FORM MENTIONED IN WEBSITE: [www.geexam.com](http://www.geexam.com) VERY CAREFULLY AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.

**1. Minimum Educational Qualification :**

Bachelor's Degree from any recognized University (Medical graduates should have completed internship).

**2. Age (as on 01.08.2021) :** 21 to 32 years (For General Candidates). Age Relaxation 3 Years for OBC/VJ(A)/NT(B)/NT(C)/NT(D)/SBC/EWS and 5 Years for SC/ ST.

**3. Domicile :** Domicile of Maharashtra.

**4. Other :**

**A)** A candidate who has availed the benefit of coaching for Prelims or Mains in ACEC, YASHADA previously is NOT eligible for admission to the ACEC. The ST candidates will be getting admission as per the guidelines received from the Tribal Development Department by GR dated 15 July 2014.

**B)** For ST candidates caste validity certificate is compulsory (The documents shall have to be submitted by candidates at the time of admission)

**C)** For Minority candidate's caste validity certificate /caste certificate/ any documentary evidence of Minority Community/ self-declaration is compulsory. (The documents shall have to be submitted by candidates at the time of admission)

**D)** Candidates from OBC, VJ(A), NT(B), NT(C), NT(D) & SBC will have to submit Non Creamy Layer certificate at the time of admission. (Candidates from creamy layer will not be eligible for admission.

**E) Candidates availing the benefit of EWS are required to submit the certificate from Competent Authority at the time of admission.**

**F)** Candidates will not be allowed to pursue any other courses / job while they are receiving online coaching at ACEC, Yashada.

**A. Eligibility Criteria:**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

This Centre provides pre-examination coaching to candidates who are exclusively preparing for the Civil Services Examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). Therefore, only those candidates who are exclusively preparing for the Civil Services Examination conducted by the UPSC need to apply.

The candidates who are preparing for the examinations conducted by Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) along with the Civil Services Examination conducted by the UPSC are advised NOT TO APPLY as the candidates admitted to the ACEC, Yashada WILL NOT BE ALLOWED to study for examinations other than the Civil Services Examination conducted by the UPSC.

To ensure that the most deserving candidates who are interested in entering the All India / Central Services through the Civil Services Examination, the candidates need to give an undertaking in the prescribed format that they will devote all their time and energy to studying exclusively for this examination.

**B. Fees:** ALL the candidates have to pay an Examination Fee amounting to Rs. 375/-. This has to be paid **online or** through any of the branches of the Bank of Maharashtra after taking printout of the challan. The detailed procedure has been described in the 'Additional Instructions for the Candidates.'

**C. Beginning of Online Application Process: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021 onwards**

**D. Last date of the receipt of the Applications: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 (till 5:00PM)**

**E. Reservations:** The following chart gives the number of vacancies for different categories as per the policy of the ACEC as directed by the Government of Maharashtra.

(As decided by Selection Committee constituted under the guidelines of the Dept. of Social Justice & Special Assistance, Government of Maharashtra)

CATEGORY	NO. OF SEATS
S.C.	<b>30</b> (06 reserved for female candidates and 01 for person with disabilities)
S.T.	<b>12</b> (02 reserved for female candidates and 01 for person with disabilities)
V.J. (A)	<b>01</b>
N.T. (B)	<b>01</b>
N.T. (C)	<b>01</b>
N.T. (D)	<b>01</b>
S.B.C.	<b>01</b>
O.B.C.	<b>04</b> (01 reserved for female candidate)
EWS	<b>02</b>
General	<b>07</b> (02 reserved for female candidates and 01 for person with disabilities)
<b>TOTAL [A]</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Reservation Pattern for Minorities ( Total=10 Seats)</b>	
Muslim	<b>05</b> (01 reserved for female candidate)
Christian	<b>01</b>
Buddhist	<b>01</b>
Sikh	<b>01</b>
Parsi	<b>01</b>
Jain	<b>01</b>
<b>TOTAL [B]</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL SEATS [A + B] =</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>[Overall 12 seats reserved for female candidates and 03 for persons with disabilities candidates]</b>	

**F. Scheme of Examination:** There will be an examination of two hours duration having a maximum of 200 marks. The detailed scheme of examination will be as per the following:

**General Studies - Paper I: 100 marks**

This part will consist of a total of 50 questions of Multiple Choice type modelled on the General Studies, Paper -1 of the UPSC's Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, carrying a total of 100 marks.

**Topics:**

**50 Questions : (General Studies) :**

A total of 50 questions will be on the following topics carrying 2 marks for each question:

- 1} Current events of national and international importance.
- 2} History of India and Indian National Movement.
- 3} Indian and World Geography - Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World.
- 4} Indian Polity and Governance - Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.
- 5} Economic and Social Development -Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector initiatives, etc.
- 6} General issues on Environmental Ecology, Bio-diversity and Climate Change - that do not require subject specialization
- 7} General Science.

**Civil Services Aptitude Test – CSAT- Paper II : 100 marks**

This part will consist of a total of 40 questions of Multiple Choice type modelled on the General Studies, Paper – II (CSAT) of the UPSC's Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, carrying a total of 100 marks.

**40 Questions: (CSAT) :**

A total of 40 questions will be on the following topics carrying 2.5 marks for each question:

- 1} Comprehension
- 2} Interpersonal skills including communication skills;
- 3} Logical reasoning and analytical ability
- 4} Decision-making and problem solving
- 5} General mental ability
- 6} Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude, etc.) (Class X level), Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency etc. - Class X level)

For LIST OF RECOMMENDED REFERENCE BOOKS, Please see: **Appendix**

There will be **NEGATIVE MARKING** where each incorrect answer will attract a penalty of  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the marks allotted to that question being deducted from his / her score. (Except for questions on decision making)

**Merit list will be prepared on the basis of:**

1. The candidates should secure at least 33 % in GS-II (C-SAT)
2. The GS paper I of only those candidates will be evaluated who have secured minimum 33 % marks in GS-II (C-SAT) or more.
3. The merit list will be prepared on the basis of marks secured in GS paper I only.
4. The marks secured in GS-II (C-SAT) are of qualifying nature hence will not be considered for drawing merit list.

Candidates are advised to visit the websites of Dr. Ambedkar Competitive Examination Centre (ACEC), YASHADA, Pune ([www.yashada.org/acec](http://www.yashada.org/acec)) and the **Centre for Talent Search & Excellence (CTSE), Nowrosjee Wadia College campus, Pune** ([www.geexam.com](http://www.geexam.com)) for knowing the status of application form, to take print out of the application form and to download the admit card.

**G. Examination Centres:** With an aim to reach out to the most deserving candidates in all the nooks and corners of the State of Maharashtra, the ACEC has increased the number of centres. Therefore there will be a minimum of 36 centres. **The Centre of Examination will be in all the 36 Districts of Maharashtra, either at the District Headquarters or at a Central Place in the District.** The candidate has to choose the centre from where he/she wants to appear. However the ACEC reserves the right to cancel any centre due to non-availability of adequate number of candidates for that centre as well as to alter the above schedule and centres of examination with due notice to concerned parties. The candidate has to mention his/her second preference for his/her examination centre in the application form so that he/she could be allotted the centre of his/her second choice in case the centre of his/her first choice cannot be active. Once allotted any request for the change of examination centre will not be entertained in any case. **In view of current Covid-19 pandemic situation, the preferred centre allocation should be the district place or adjoining district place of the residential address of the candidate as mentioned in relevant documents such as Aadhar Card or Passport.**

**H. Candidates will visit the website [www.geexam.com](http://www.geexam.com) to fill online application.**

**Schedule for filling the application is mentioned below.**

- Last Date of filling the application form: **21<sup>st</sup> January, 2021.**
- Last Date of depositing fees in Bank : 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.
- Date of Examination : 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 11:00 AM
- Declaration of Answer Key : 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 at 11:00 AM
- Objection for Answer Key : 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 05:00 PM
- Download the **admit card** after **11<sup>th</sup> February, 2021** onwards

**I. Additional Instructions for the candidates:**

- I. **All the candidates should please note that they will have to download their respective admit cards from the website [www.geexam.com](http://www.geexam.com) It WILL NOT BE sent by post or any other means IN ANY CASE.**
- II. Candidates should not send any document, application form or bank challan by post/courier etc. either to ACEC or CTSE.
- III. Any request for change in any of the details entered in the application form including the choice of examination centre will not be considered.
- IV. Candidates who have not completed their graduation (including those who are appearing for final year examination) should not apply for this examination.
- V. For differently abled candidates and extra time of 10min/hour will be given therefore and extra time of 20 minutes will be given for attempting the paper to the differently abled candidates.

**Please Contact CTSE on Email : [ctsewadia@gmail.com](mailto:ctsewadia@gmail.com)**

**Phone : 020/26168486**

**For the entire process of the entrance examination. Communication with ACEC, Yashada will not be encouraged.**

**Sd/-  
DIRECTOR, ACEC,  
YASHADA, PUNE**

## Appendix

### LIST OF RECOMMENDED REFERENCE BOOKS (This list is only suggestive and not exhaustive)

#### (For General Studies Paper-1)

##### Indian History :

- ☒ NCERT Books for Stds. 10th, 11th and 12th (Ancient, Medieval and Modern India) - Old and New.
- ☒ India's struggle for Independence - Bipan Chandra
- ☒ Modern India - Grover and Grover
- ☒ Modern India - S. N. Sen
- ☒ Modern India - Spectrum Publication

##### Geography :

- ☒ NCERT Books for Stds. 6th to 12th
- ☒ Certificate Physical Geography - Goh Cheng Leong
- ☒ India Yearbook (Publication division)
- ☒ for relevant statistical data
- ☒ Atlas (Standard) to study maps
- ☒ Pratiyogita Darpan and Wizard special issues.

##### Indian Polity :

- ☒ NCERT Books for Stds. 11th and 12th
- ☒ Our Parliament - Subhash Kashyap
- ☒ Our Constitution - Subhash Kashyap
- ☒ Introduction to the Constitution of India - D.D.Basu
- ☒ Indian Constitution - P. M. Bakshi

##### Indian Economy :

- ☒ Evolution of Indian Economy - NCERT book
- ☒ Indian Economy - Dutta and Sundaram
- ☒ Economic survey of India
- ☒ Special issues of Pratiyogita Darpan
- ☒ Chronicle - "Economy Watch Section"
- ☒ ET classroom and special articles from Economic Times.

##### General Science :

- ☒ NCERT Books for Stds. 5th to 10th
- ☒ Tata McGraw Hill (TMH) Guide
- ☒ Science Reporter

#### ( or General Studies Paper-2- C-SAT ):

- ☒ Mental Ability - R.S. Agarwal
- ☒ Competition Success - Intelligent Test - W. N. Dandekar
- ☒ Ultimate In Mental Ability Test - Lt. Col. M. G. Diwan
- ☒ Quantitative Aptitude for CAT - Arun Sharma
- ☒ Word Power made Easy - N. Lewis
- ☒ How to read better and faster - Lewis
- ☒ Puzzles - S. Devi, George Summers
- ☒ Non Verbal and Logical Reasoning - R. S. Agarwal
- ☒ Quantitative Aptitude - R. S. Agarwal
- ☒ CSAT Manual 2011 - Pearson
- ☒ CSAT Manual - TMH

##### Current Affairs : Newspapers

The Hindu, Times of India, Indian Express, Maharashtra Times, Any Marathi Newspaper

##### Current Affairs : Magazines

- ☒ Civil Service Chronicle,
- ☒ Wizard (Special Issues),
- ☒ Pratiyogita Darpan (Special Issues), Frontline
- ☒ Yojana, Kurukshetra,
- ☒ Lokrajya, Science reporter, Down to Earth