

**(THIS EXAMINATION IS NOT FOR UNEMPLOYED CANDIDATES)**

**STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION**

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**NOTICE**

**LOWER DIVISION CLERK GRADE LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL  
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION-2017**

File No.3/1/2017-P&P-II Staff Selection Commission will hold a Limited Departmental Competitive Examination on 30-07-2017 (Sunday) for recruitment to vacancies in Lower Division Grade reserved for regularly appointed Group 'C' Staff in the Grade Pay of Rs. 1800/- in (i) Central Secretariat Clerical Service, (ii) Armed Forces Headquarters Clerical Service, (iii) Indian Foreign Service (IFS) (B), (iv) Central Passport Organization under Ministry of External Affairs (v) Ministry of Railways (Railway Board), (vi) Department of Legal Affairs (DoLA) and (vi) O/o Registrar General of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs. Only eligible employees for each of the above cadres will be considered for appointment in respective vacancies in the cadres. The examination will be held at New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Allahabad, Chennai, Bangalore, Guwahati, Chandigarh and Raipur. In case the Commission receives less than ten (10) applications from eligible candidates for appearing in the examination at a particular centre, such candidates may be directed by the Commission to appear from the Delhi Centre at their own expense and risk. There will be no Centre at any Indian Mission abroad. A candidate serving at an Indian Mission abroad will have to appear in this examination from any of the Examination Centres, mentioned above at his/ her own expense.

2. **NUMBER OF VACANCIES:-** The number of vacancies to be filled up on the basis of this examination will be as per the vacancies to be intimated by each of the Cadre Authority participating in this examination.

3. **PAY SCALE:** - Pay Band-I (Rs.5200-20200/-) with Grade Pay of Rs.1900/-.

4. **CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY:-**Any permanent or regularly appointed Group 'C' employee in the Grade Pay of Rs.1800/- in any of the above mentioned Services/ Cadres will be eligible to appear for vacancies existing only in their respective Services/ Cadres. They should also satisfy the following conditions in order to be eligible to appear in the examination.

(i) **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:-** As on 01.08.2017, the candidate must have passed 12<sup>th</sup> Standard examination from a recognized Board or equivalent.

**Note:-** Candidates who do not possess the minimum education qualification as on 01.08.2017 are not eligible to apply for the examination.

(ii) **LENGTH OF SERVICE:-** As on 01.08.2017, the candidates must have rendered not less than three years' regular service as a Group-C employee with Grade Pay of Rs.1800/-.

Note-I: A Group 'C' employee with Grade Pay of Rs. 1800/- who is on deputation to ex-Cadre post with the approval of the Competent authority shall be eligible to be admitted to the examination, if otherwise eligible.

Note.II: A Group 'C' employee with Grade Pay of Rs.1800/- who has been appointed to an Ex-Cadre post or to another service on transfer and continues to have a lien in the said Group 'C' post for the time being shall also be eligible to be admitted to the examination, if otherwise eligible.

(iii) **AGE LIMIT:-** Not more than 45 years of age as on 01.08.2017. This age limit is relaxable upto a maximum of 5 years for SC/ST candidates.

Provided that the upper age limit may be relaxed in respect of such categories of the persons as may be notified from time to time the Central Government to the extent and subject to the conditions notified in respect of each category.

5. **SELECTION OF CENTRE AND ADDRESS TO WHICH APPLICATION TO BE SENT:-** A candidate must select only one of the Centers mentioned in Para-1 above for appearing in the examination. Request for change of Examination Centre will not be ordinarily entertained. Candidate must send his/ her application to **Regional Director (NR), Staff Selection Commission, Block No. 12, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003**, through the Head of his/ her Department/ Office where he/ she is working so as to reach the Commission by the stipulated closing date.

Note: Cadre Authorities participating in the examination must forward the duly completed application form of the concerned eligible candidate to the Commission on or before the closing date stipulated in the Notice. Applications forwarded by any Cadre Authority after the closing date will not be accepted by the Commission. Such applications if received by the Commission will be rejected forthwith.

6. **Scheme of the examination:-**

Paper No	Subject	Maximum Marks	Duration and Timing for General Candidates	Duration and Timings for VH/OH (afflicted by Cerebral Palsy and locomotor disability wherein the dominant writing extremity is affected to the extent of slowing down the performance of the candidate candidates)
I.	Short Essay (Hindi or English)	100	1 hour 30 minutes. 10.00 AM to 11.30 AM	2 Hours 10.00 AM to 12.00 Noon

II Objective Type in Computer Based Mode	(a) Language (General English or Samanya Hindi) (50 questions) - 50 marks General Knowledge (50 questions) - 50 marks	100	2 Hours  02.00 PM to 04.00 PM	2 Hours 40 minutes.  02.00 PM to 04.40 PM
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Note-I: Question Paper shall not be provided in Braille and there will be no option for answering in Braille.

**SYLLABUS OF EXAMINATION:-**

PAPER-I	SHORT ESSAY (100 Marks)	One Essay of 400-500 words to be written on any of the several specified subjects.
Paper-II	(a) LANGUAGE (General English or Samanya Hindi) (50-Questions) - 50 marks.  (b) General Knowledge (50-Questions) -50 Marks.	Candidate will be tested in simple composition, and Applied Grammar.  Knowledge of current events, matters of every day observation, experience and general information about India.

7. Candidates are allowed the option to answer both the question papers either in English or in Hindi (in Devnagri Script). The option will be for both the papers viz. Short Essay (Paper-I) and Language & General Knowledge (Paper-II). The question papers will be in bilingual form. Paper II will be of objective type consisting of multiple choice questions. The Commission has decided that in Paper-II, there will be negative marking of 0.25 marks for each wrong answer. Candidates are therefore, advised to keep this in mind while answering the questions.

Note:-I Candidates exercising the option to answer the papers either in English or in Hindi (in Devangri Script) must indicate their PREFERENCE/OPTION to do so clearly in Column-10 of the Application Form, otherwise it would be presumed by the Commission that they would answer the papers in English.

Note:-II The option once exercised will be final and no request for change of option will ordinarily be entertained.

Note:-III Zero marks will be awarded for answer written in a language other than the one opted by the candidate in respect of Paper-I. Further, if answers are written partly in one language and partly in another language, such answer scripts will not be evaluated and such candidates will be awarded zero marks.

Note:-IV The Commission has discretion to fix qualifying marks in Paper I & II. Paper I of only those candidates will be evaluated who obtain qualifying marks in Paper II.

8. **Provision for Compensatory Time and Scribe:-**

(a) The Visually Handicapped/ Cerebral Palsy candidates will be allowed compensatory time in the examination. In addition, the Orthopedically Handicapped (OH) candidates (other than a candidate afflicted by Cerebral Palsy) who has a locomotor disability (40% or more) wherein the dominant writing extremity is affected to the extent of slowing down the performance of the candidate (such deficiency to be indicated in the medical certificate submitted by the candidate), such candidates can also avail the assistance of a scribe and a compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour in the examination, subject to such requests being made in the application form. The details of which are given in the para-6 under the heading “Scheme of Examination”.

Persons with visual disability of less than forty percent will not be considered as visually handicapped persons. One eyed candidates and partially blind candidates who are able to read the normal Question Paper set with or without magnifying glass and who wish to write/ indicate the answer with the help of Magnifying Glass will be allowed to use the same in the Examination Hall and will not be entitled to a Scribe. Such candidates will have to bring their own Magnifying Glass to the Examination Hall.

No attendant will be allowed with such VH/CP/OH candidates inside the examination premises.

(b) The Visually Handicapped candidates including Blind and Partially Blind persons with visual disabilities of not less than forty (40%) percent who apply for the examination and who intend to engage a SCRIBE on their behalf for writing/ indicating the replies in the examination will have to appear from any one of the Nine Examination Centre viz. New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Allahabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Guwahati, Chandigarh and Raipur at their own risk and expense. They must also furnish the details of the degree of visual disability to authenticate their position/ status as PwD candidate at serial No.6 of the application form.

**Provision of Magnifying Glass**

Candidates who are able to read the Question Paper and are able to write/indicate the answers with the help of Magnifying Glass will be allowed to use the Magnifying Glass in the Examination Hall. Such candidates will not be treated as Visually Handicapped candidates for the purpose of availing the assistance of Scribe or the question papers for VH candidates. However, such candidates will have to bring their own Magnifying Glass in the Examination Hall and shall not be provided with a Scribe.

“One eyed” candidates and those whose degree of visual disability is less than forty (40%) percent shall not be provided a SCRIBE. Such candidates will not be treated as Visually Handicapped for the purpose of availing benefit compensatory time and provision of scribe.

9. **SELECTION OF CANDIDATES:-** The Commission have the discretion to fix different qualifying standards in different papers. The names of the candidates who are considered by the Commission to be suitable for appointment on the result of the examination shall be arranged in a single list in order of merit separately for each Cadre/Service.

**Note:** Selection to the Lower Division Clerk Grade in different services / cadres shall be made to the extent of the available vacancies in order of merit subject to the reservation for candidates of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and physically handicapped persons, in accordance with the orders issued from time to time by the Central Government in the Department of Personnel and Training.

10. **CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION:** The allocation will be made service-wise, as per the vacancies. The final merit position will be determined by adding marks of Paper-I and Paper-II.

11. **RESOLUTION OF TIE CASES**

In cases where more than one candidate secure the equal aggregate marks, tie will be resolved by applying the following methods one after another:-

- (i) Total marks in Paper-I and Paper-II
- (ii) Marks in Paper-II
- (iii) Marks in Paper-I
- (iv) Date of birth with older candidates placed higher
- (v) Alphabetical order in the first names of the candidates

12. **TYPEWRITING TEST:-** (i) Appointment, on the basis of result of this examination shall be subject to the condition that unless a candidate has already passed one of the periodical typewriting tests in English or Hindi held by Staff Selection Commission, the candidate will have to pass the Type Test at minimum typing speed of 35 w.p.m. in English or 30 w.p.m. in Hindi on Computer [35 w.p.m. and 30 w.p.m. correspond to 10500 key depressions per hour and 9000 key depression per hour respectively on an average of 05 key depression for each word] to be held by the Commission within a period of one year from the date of appointment failing which, no annual increment (s) will be allowed to him/ her until he/ she has passed/ cleared the Typing Test prescribed by the Commission.

(ii) The candidates who do not pass the said type-writing test within the period of probation shall be liable to be reverted to their substantive appointment or temporary posts held by them before their appointment to lower Division Clerk Grade.

(iii) Notwithstanding anything contained in clauses (i) and (ii) above, a candidate, who has been declared by the competent medical authority, i.e., the Civil Surgeon, to be permanently unfit to pass the type-writing test because of a physical disability, may be exempted from the requirement of passing the type-writing test and, in the event of his being so exempted, the provisions of clauses (i) and (ii) shall cease to be applicable to him from the date of such exemption.

The VH/ OH (afflicted by Cerebral Palsy or locomotor disability wherein the dominant writing extremity is affected to the extent of slowing down the performance of the candidate candidates) with disability of forty (40%) percent and above will be given Compensatory time to type.

The Commission will engage passage dictators for each of such Visually Handicapped candidates who will read out the given text material to the candidate during the Type Test.

13. **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION:-** (i) Application in prescribed format as given in Annexure-I of the Notice or on Plain Paper (in A4 size) duly typed in double space on one side, in the format and manner as given in the application form (Annexure-I) of the Notice and duly signed by the candidate. Signature should not be in capital letters, The application should be filled by the candidate in his/ her own handwriting giving all the required information. One recent good quality passport size photograph should be pasted on the application form and one identical photograph should be attached with the application. Duly filled in application, complete in all respects must reach the Regional Director (NR), Staff Selection Commission, Block No. 12, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003, latest by 25.06.2017 (5.00 PM) and by 02.07.2017 (5.00 PM) in the case of candidates residing in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Jammu & Kashmir, Lahaul and

Spiti District and Pangi Sub-Division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Lakashadweep and for candidates residing abroad. The forwarding authority should put his/her signatures and Office Seal on photograph of the candidate pasted on the application form so that half portion of Seal appears on application form & half thereof on the photograph without defacing the candidate's photograph.

(ii) Application received after the Closing Date or not accompanied by photograph in the manner prescribed in Para-13 (i) above shall be rejected summarily. A candidate must submit his/ her application through the Head of his/ her Department or Office concerned who will complete the endorsement at the end of the application form and forward it to the Commission. **It will be the responsibility of the Department or Office concerned to ensure eligibility of the candidates as laid down in Para-4. Applications received by the Commission after the closing date will be rejected forthwith without any correspondence with the candidate and no subsequent request for re-consideration will be entertained by the Commission under any circumstances.**

14. The candidates who apply in response to this advertisement are assigned Roll Numbers. The candidate must write his/her Roll Numbers alongwith his/her name, date of birth and name of the examination, while addressing any communication to the Commission. Communications from candidates not furnishing these particulars will not be entertained. Admission Card will be uploaded on the website of SSC Northern Region. Candidates will have to visit SSC NR website i.e. [www.sscnr.nic.in](http://www.sscnr.nic.in) two weeks before the examination date and download their Admit Card. In case of any issue in this regard, they must contact Regional Director (NR), Staff Selection Commission, Block No. 12, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 with documentary proof of applying for the examination. While appearing in the examination, candidates are required to put their signatures on the Admission certificate in the same manner as signed by them on the application form.

Candidates are not entitled to receive any Travelling Allowance from the Staff Selection Commission for taking this examination. Any change in address must be communicated immediately to the Commission's Office, giving details of Roll Number, Name and New Address in Capital letters.

**ANNEXURE-I**

**STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION**

APPLICATION FOR LOWER DIVISION CLERK GRADE LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL  
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION – 2017 (FOR GROUP ‘C’ STAFF IN GRADE PAY OF  
RS.1800/-)

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Passport size photograph of the  
Candidates to be pasted here.  
Forwarding authority to sign  
& put seal half on the  
photograph without defacing  
photograph and half on the  
application form.

1. Name of the Candidate (in capital letters) in English


In Hindi


2. Postal Address (including candidate’s name at which communications should be sent) Please enclose three slips indicating your name and address.


3. Date of Birth (as recorded in Matriculation or equivalent certificate)

Date		Month		Year			
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

(a) Are you a Group 'C' employees in Grade pay of Rs.1800/- or in higher grade in the Ministry/ Office participating in Central Secretariat Clerical Service/Armed Force Headquarters Clerical Service/ Indian foreign Service (B) Grade VI/ Central Passport Office (MEA)/ Railways Board/ DoLA/ O/o Registrar General of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs

Yes	No
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b) If yes, write the name and address of the Cadre Controlling Authority/Office where working.

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(C) Tick mark (  $\checkmark$  ) in the appropriate box indicating the service/ Department / Office for which you are appearing.

C.S.C.S

AFHQ

IFS (B)

Central Passport Organization (MEA)

Ministry of Railways  
(Railway Board)

D/o Legal Affairs (DoLA)

Registrar General of India

(d) Whether you are working on deputation basis? If yes, name and address of the present office.

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NOTE:- This examination is meant only for the persons working as group 'C' employees in Grade Pay of Rs. 1800, in various offices of Govt. of India which participate in CSCS, AFHQ, IFS (B), Central Passport Office (MEA), Railways Board, DoLA, Registrar General of India the application will be considered only if they are forwarded through the Offices participating in these cadres. The application of all other candidates will be summarily rejected.

4. Gender: If Female Write-1   
If Male Write-2

5 (a) Are you a member of Schedule Caste  
(Write 'Yes' or 'No')

(b) Schedule Tribe  
(Write 'Yes' or 'No')

(c) Other Backward Classes  
(Write 'Yes' or 'No')

6. (i)(a) Are you a physical handicapped:- (write -1 if yes and write - 2 if no)

(a) If yes, indicate code - write 4-OH, 5-HH, 7-VH.

(ii)(a) Do you belong to Visually Handicapped/ OH (afflicted by Cerebral Palsy or locomotor disability wherein the dominant writing extremity is affected to the extent of slowing down the performance of the candidate) with disability of forty (40%) percent and above including Blind/ Partially Blind category?  
(Write 'Yes' or 'No')

(b) If yes, then write degree of disability

(c) If yes, whether you desire to engage scribe.

(d) If yes, indicate the medium of language for  
Answering the Papers by the Scribe  
(Write Hindi/English)

7. Father's Name/\* Husband's Name (wherever applicable)\*


8. Educational Qualification (enclose an attested copy of 12<sup>th</sup> standard or equivalent certificate) as on 01.08.2017.


9. (a) From which date have you been employed continuously and regularly as Group 'C' employee in the grade of Rs.1800/-.

Date		Month		Year			

(b) Whether appointed to any grade higher than Rs. 1800/- (Revised) in Group 'C' post. (Write 'Yes' or 'No') in the box.

(c) If answer to (b) above is 'Yes' then indicate the date from which regularly appointed in higher grade of Group 'C' post and the pay scale.

Date (DD/MM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_  
Pay Scale \_\_\_\_\_

10. Indicate the language (English or Hindi) in the box in which you wish to answer both the Papers. (Tick mark (√) in appropriate box).

**English**

**Hindi**

11. Indicate the Centre at which you wish to take the examination (Please see Para-1 of the Notice):

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**DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED BY ALL THE CANDIDATES COMPULSORILY**

I do hereby declare that all statement made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Place:  
Date:

**Signature of the Candidate**

- NOTE-I: Unsigned application will be summarily rejected.**
- NOTE-II: One envelope should contain application of one candidate only.**
- NOTE-III: Visually Handicapped Candidates including Blind and Partially Blind could either put their signature or affix Left Thumb Impression (LTI) at the designated places in lieu of signature.**

TO BE FILLED BY THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH THE  
CANDIDATE IS SERVING

(Please see Para-3 & Para 11 of Notice)

Certified that:

- (i) The entries made by the candidate in columns (1-10) above have been verified with reference to his/ her service records and are correct.
- (ii) It has been certified from, his/ her service records that he/ she belongs to Schedule Caste/ Schedule Tribe in..... State/ Union Territory, in which he/ she and/ or his/ her family ordinarily resides.
- (iii) There are no circumstances rendering him/ her unsuitable for appointment as a Lower Division Clerk.
- (iv) Shri/ Smt./ Kum. .... is a continuously and regularly appointed Group 'C' in Grade Pay of Rs.1800 of Ministry/ Office participating in the Cadre/ Service of ( Tick mark ( ) the appropriate box ).

- ( i ) Central Secretariat Clerical Service.
- (ii) Armed Force Headquarters Clerical Service.
- (iii) Indian Foreign Service (B)
- (iv) Central Passport Office (MEA)
- ( v ) Ministry of Railway (Railway Board) Clerical Service
- (vi) Department of Legal Affairs (DoLA)
- (vii) O/o Registrar General of India clerical service under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

- (v) He/ she is working as ..... (Group 'C' in Grade Pay 1800/-) on the regular basis w.e.f. .... in the Pay Band of Rs. .... in the above ticked Cadre.
- (vi) \*\*He/ She was working as ..... (Group 'C' in Grade Pay 1800/-) on regular basis w.e.f. .... to ..... in the Pay Band of Rs. .... in the above ticked Cadre and at present he/ she is working as ..... on regular/ ad-hoc basis w.e.f. .... in the Pay Band of Rs. .... Plus Grade Pay of Rs.....

\*\* Strike out the Col. VI/portion if not applicable.

2. Certified also that He/ She had submitted his/her application to the Department/Office on .....for onward transmission to the Staff Selection Commission.

3. Certified also that the photograph of Shri/Smt./Kum. .... pasted on the application form at appropriate place is duly signed and stamped by the undersigned.

Place:

Date:

Signature.....

Name.....

Designation.....

Department.....

Office.....

NOTE -I THIS ENDORSEMENT SHOULD BE SIGNED BY THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT/ OFFICE

NOTE-II FORWARDING AUTHORITY MUST SIGN ON THE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE CANDIDATE PASTED ON THE APPLICATION FORM AND ALSO PUT HIS/ HER SEAL SO THAT THE IMPERSSION OF THE SEAL APPEARS PARTLY ON THE PHOTOGRAPH AND PARTLY ON THE APPLICATION FORM WITHOUT DEFACING THE PHOTOGRAPH. WITHOUT THESE (PHOTO ON THE APPLICATION BEING SIGNED BY FORWARDING AUTHORITY IN ADDITION TO HIS/ HER SEAL) THE APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED.

NOTE-III THE APPLICATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED BY THE CADRE CONTROLLING AUTHORITY/ MINISTRY/ DEPARTMENT WHO SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CANDIDATURE OF THE CANDIDATE.

