

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION**

No. SME-FE-OES-0213-2025-21633/SME, Dated 18/08/2026

From,

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To

The Secretary,
Odisha Public Service Commission,
19, Dr. P. K. Parija Road, Cuttack, Odisha, 753001

Sub: Clarification on the requisition for recruitment to 25 posts of Odisha Education Service (School Branch), Group-B under Department of School & Mass Education.

Ref: Your letter No. 3412, dated 19.06.2026.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above noted subject and the referred letter, I am directed to clarify the following points as follows:

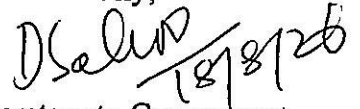
1. Regarding point No.1, the reservation percentage against vacancy under different categories has been concurred in by ST & SC Development Department, which is enclosed at Annexure-I.
2. Regarding point No.2, the reference age for calculation of age shall be 01.01.2026.
3. Regarding point No.3 (i) & (ii), it is hereby clarified that Master's Degree in Education at Sub-rule (3)(d)(i) under Rule-6 OES (School Branch) (MRCS) Rules, 2019 includes both Master's Degree in Education (M.Ed.) and Master's Degree in Arts (Education) [M.A.(Education)] & Master's Degree in Arts (Education) at Sub-rule(3)(d)(ii) under Rule-6 OES (School Branch) (MRCS) Rules, 2019 includes both Master's Degree in Arts (Education) [M.A.(Education)] and Master's Degree in Education (M.Ed.). Regarding point No.3 (iii), it is clarified that B.Tech. Degree will not be considered under Bachelor's Degree in Science. Regarding point No. 3 (iv), it is clarified that to accept the Degree or Diploma Certificate in Computer Application obtained from a recognized University/College or Institution having affiliation to a recognized University, for "Basic knowledge of Computer Application". In this regard, it is clarified vide Electronics & Information Technology Department Notification No. 435/E&IT dated 08.02.2021 that, Government have been pleased to declare the Odisha State Certificate in Information & Technology (OS-CIT) course of Odisha Knowledge Corporation Limited (OKCL) as certifying basic computer proficiency for the purpose of eligibility in any recruitment conducted by the State Government/PSUs/other Government or Semi-Government Agencies where qualifications such as DCA/PGDCA from Universities/AICTE-recognised Institutions/NIELIT 'O' Level are prescribed.

4. Regarding point No. 4 on scheme of examination, Competitive Examination to be held in two stages i.e. (i) Written Examination and (ii) Interview instead of three stages but there shall be subjective pattern in Paper-II (Education) and the Paper-I be conducted in MCQ pattern. Rest proposal recommended by your commission is unaltered.

A copy of the Notification No.21626/SME Dtd.18.08.2026 is enclosed herewith for your kind reference.

You are, therefore, requested to take necessary steps regarding recruitment to the vacant posts of Odisha Education Service(SB)(Group B) for the year 2025.

Yours faithfully,



Additional Secretary to Government

- Encl: 1. A copy of the Notification No. 21626/SME Dtd.18.08.2026
2. Annexure-I

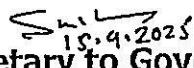
Annexure-I

ST & SC Development, M & BCW Department

The Administrative Department is hereby intimated that their proposal for filling up vacant posts of Odisha Education Officer has been verified as per the ORV Act, taking into consideration the Post-Based Reservation Principle presently in force and 50% limitation on reservation imposed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India i.e. ST-22.50%, SC-16.25% & SEBC-11.25% and found to be in order.

The approved verification table is enclosed at Annexure-'A'.

(Orders of the Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government has been obtained in OSWAS File No- PT1-STSCD-RP-POLICY-0033-2013)


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ST & SC Dev., M & BCW Dep't

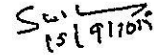
School & Mass Education Department

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ANNEXURE-'A'

RECRUITMENT OF ODISHA EDUCATION OFFICERS, SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Name of the Deptt	Name of post	Cadre Strength	Category	Prescribed percentage	Calculated strength	Category wise cadre strength	Category wise person in position	Category wise vacancy (including backlog vacancies)	Category wise posts to be filled up (including backlog vacancies)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
School & Mass Education Deptt	Odisha Education Officer	169	ST	22.50%	38.03	38	28	10	10
			SC	16.25%	27.46	27	23	4	4
			SEBC	11.25%	19.01	19	15	4	4
			UR	50.00%	84.50	85	78	7	7
			Total			169	144	25	25


 Joint Secretary to Govt.
 ST & SC Dev. & PWD Deptt.



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION
NOTIFICATION

No. SME-FE-OES-0213-2025 21626 /SME, Dtd. 18.08.2026

In pursuance of Rule 6(2)(b) of Odisha Education Service (School Branch) (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2019, Government in consultation with Odisha Public Service Commission, have been pleased to prescribe a comprehensive Scheme of Examination and Syllabus for Competitive Examination to be conducted by the Odisha Public Service Commission for direct recruitment to the post of Odisha Education Service (School Branch) (Group-B) as follows:

SCHEME OF EXAMINATION AND SYLLABUS FOR DIRECT RECRUITMENT
TO THE POST OF ODISHA EDUCATION SERVICE (SCHOOL BRANCH)
(GROUP-B)

The selection of candidates for direct recruitment to the post of Odisha Education Service (School Branch) in Group 'B' shall be made through competitive examination to be conducted by the Odisha Public Service Commission in two stages; viz- Written Examination (600 Marks) and Personality Test/ Interview (75 Marks), as follows:

SL. NO	COMPONENT	MARKS
1	Written Examination	600
2	Interview	75

The marks secured by the candidates out of the 675 marks will be counted in drawing the final Merit List for recommendation of appointment (Select List).

A. WRITTEN EXAMINATION:

(i) The Written Examination will be conducted in 02 (Two) Papers each carrying 300 Marks (Total 600 Marks). The Paper-I will be of objective type and Paper-II will be of subjective type. Objective Type Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ Pattern) with Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) Evaluation or Computer-based Test (CBT) to be decided by the Commission, as follows.

SL. NO	COMPONENT	PAPERS	PATTERN	NO. OF QUESTIONS	MARKS	TOTAL MARKS
1	Written Examination	Paper-I General Awareness, Odia & General English	Objective	150	300	600
		Paper-II Education	Subjective	-	300	
2	Personality Test/ Interview					75
3	Grand Total					675

- (ii) Paper-I will consist of 300 marks with 150 questions each carrying 2 (two) marks.
- (iii) For each correct answer, 2 (two) marks will be awarded.
- (iv) There will be a negative marking. For each wrong response, 25% marks will be deducted from the marks secured for correct answers.
- (v) For un-attempted questions, "zero" mark will be awarded.
- (vi) The duration of both objective paper and subjective paper will be of two and half hours.
- (vii) The Commission will decide the number of questions to be set from different components of the syllabus for each paper.
- (viii) The Commission will fix qualifying marks for each Paper and/or aggregate for each category of candidates to determine their suitability.
- (ix) Such suitable candidates who secure minimum qualifying marks as decided by the Commission supra will be shortlisted in the ratio of about 1 : 2 subject to a minimum of 5 (five) with reference to the number of vacancies in different categories to appear for the Personality Test/Interview.

B. PERSONALITY TEST/ INTERVIEW:

The Personality Test/Interview will carry 75 Marks.

C. SELECT LIST:

- (i) The final Merit List for recommendation of appointment (Select List) will be prepared based on the marks obtained by the candidates in the Written Examination and Personality Test/Interview taken together for different categories equal to the total number of vacancies for each category of candidates to be filled in the year through this examination.
- (ii) If two or more candidates obtain equal marks, the order of merit shall be determined in accordance with the highest marks in aggregate secured by such candidates in the written examination and in case the aggregate marks secured by them in the written examination are equal, the order of merit shall be determined in accordance with the highest marks secured in any Master's Degree Examination. (Rule 6(13)(2) of OES (MRCS) Rules, 2019).

2. SYLLABUS:

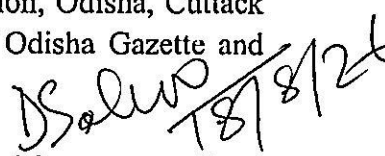
The Papers and Syllabus of the Written Examination is appended at Appendix-A.

By order of the Governor


Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 31627 /SME, Dtd. 18.08.2026

Copy forwarded to the Director, Printing, Stationery & Publication, Odisha, Cuttack for information & publication of the Notification in the next issue of Odisha Gazette and supply 50 copies thereof to this Department.


Additional Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 21628 /SME, Dtd. 18.08.2026

Copy forwarded to the P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha/ P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister, S&ME / OSD to Chief Secretary, Odisha/ Sr. P.S. to the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, S&ME Department for kind information of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha/ Hon'ble Minister, S&ME / Chief Secretary, Odisha/ Commissioner-cum-Secretary, S&ME Department.

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Additional Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 21629 /SME, Dtd. 18.08.2026

Copy forwarded to all Directors under S&ME Department / all officers and Section of S&ME Department/ all RDEs under S&ME Department / all DEOs & BEOs/ Chairman, CHSE(O)/ President, BSE(O)/ SPD, OAVS, Bhubaneswar/ SPD, OSEPA, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

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Memo No. 21630 /SME, Dtd. 18.08.2026

Copy forwarded to Head, State Portal Group, IT Centre, Secretariat/ Computer Cell of this Department for posting of this resolution in the department website.

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Additional Secretary to Govt.

Appendix –A

**THE SYLLABUS OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE
POSTS OF ODISHA EDUCATION SERVICE (SCHOOL BRANCH), GROUP-B**

WRITTEN EXAMINATION: 600 Marks

I. PAPER-I 300 Marks

Duration - 2 & 1/2 Hours

A. PART — I - GENERAL AWARENESS

(a) History of Modern India and Indian Culture

(1) The History of Modern India will cover the following :

- History of India since 1857
- Important personalities who shaped the Freedom Movements in Odisha and India.
- Social Reform Movements.

(2) Indian culture will cover the following :

- Indian Culture from ancient times to modern times.
- Temple architecture of Odisha
- Socio-cultural developments in Odisha

(b) Geography of India will cover the following :

- Physical, economic and social geography of India
- Odisha's Physiography and Drainage system
- Odisha's Natural Resources — Water, forest and minerals, climates, natural calamity (Flood, Tsunami, Super Cyclone, Global warming etc.)

(c) Indian Polity will include the following :

- Constitution of India
- Political system of India
- Government and politics in Odisha
- Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in Odisha.

(d) India and the World :

This part is intended to test candidate's awareness of India's relationship with the world in various spheres, such as the following:

- Foreign Affairs
- External security and related matters
- International Organisations

(e) Indian Economy:

This part will include the following:

- Planning, economic development, economic reforms and development of the Corporate Sector in India.
- Economic and Trade issues
- Role and functions of IMF, World Bank and VVTO ; Reserve Bank of India — its role and functions.
- Odisha Economy: Development during the post Reform Period.

(f) Science and Technology :

- Basic knowledge in Science, Inventions and discovery.
- Information Technology.
- Recent Scientific developments.
- Artificial Intelligence and its evolving field.

(g) Current Affairs:

- Important current affairs/ events of national and international importance.

B. PART-II — ODIA

- ବ୍ୟାକରଣ : କ୍ରିୟା, ଭ୍ରମ ସଂଶୋଧନ / ଚିହ୍ନଟ, କାଳ (ଅତୀତ / ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ / ଭବିଷ୍ୟତ).
- ଭାଷାଜ୍ଞାନ ପରୀକ୍ଷା : ପ୍ରତିଶବ୍ଦ, ବିପରୀତ ଅର୍ଥବୋଧକ ଶବ୍ଦ, କ୍ରିୟା ବିଶେଷଣ, କର୍ତ୍ତା-କ୍ରିୟା ସମ୍ବନ୍ଧ.
- ଅନୁଚ୍ଛେଦ
- ବାକ୍ୟ ପୁନର୍ବିନ୍ୟାସ

C. PART — III - GENERAL ENGLISH

- Grammar: Verb, Preposition, Adverb, Subject Verb Agreement, Error Correction / Recognition, Tenses, Fill in the Blanks with Articles etc., Vocabulary, Synonyms, Antonyms.
- Comprehension
- Sentence Rearrangement

Note:

1. The standard of question for General Awareness will be as expected from a candidate with graduate qualification and that for Odia and General English will be of +2 standard.
2. The Commission will decide number of questions to be set from various topics in Paper-I & Paper-II. Almost equal weightage to the 3 components, i.e. General Awareness, Odia and General English will be given while setting Question Paper in Paper-I.

II. PAPER-II: EDUCATION 300 marks Duration - 2 & 1/2 Hours

A. Philosophy of Education.

- Contemporary western educational thought and contemporary Indian educational thought.
- Education and society, social control, social change, process of socialization and modernization, determinants of culture, culture and education.

B. Educational Psychology.

(i) Learning

- Nature and scope of learning
- Theories of learning and laws of learning
- Transfer and training
- Motivation, functional autonomy of motives

(iii) Individual differences

- Differences due to heredity & environment
- Types and extent of individual differences
- Educational provision for individual differences

(iii) Intelligence - Its nature and measurement, special abilities and their measurement tests and their administration.

(iv) Personality and its measurement

- Definitions
 - Traits of personality
 - Measurement of personality
- (v) Adjustment
- Mental health and adjustment
 - Conflict, frustrations and complexes
 - Defence mechanisms
 - Behaviour problems in schools
 - Teacher's mental health
- C. Educational administration and supervision**
- (i) Principles
- Scope of educational administration and the factors determining it.
 - Principles of educational administration in a democracy.
- (ii) Educational control and management
- Educational authorities, Central, State and Local, their organization, Powers & functions.
 - Important central agencies such as U.G.C., N.C.E.R.T., All India Council for Technical Education.
- (iii) Supervision
- Concept, scope and principles
 - Objectives
 - Planning and Organization
 - Techniques
- (iv) Educational Finance
- Concept, scope and principles
 - Sources of income, Central, State, Local & Private
 - Grant-in-aid
 - Educational expenditure
- (iv) Planning, organization and research
- Five-year plans
 - Equality of educational opportunity
 - Educational or handicapped children
 - Research in educational administration

Note: 1. The question will be of Post Graduate Degree standard.

2. The Commission will decide the number of questions to be set from different topics.

