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PUBLIC NOTICE

Preliminary Examination for 75 Posts of "Punjab State Civil Services Combined Competitive Examination- 2020", Government of Punjab.

SUBJECT: Information Regarding Question Paper, Answer key, post Examination procedure and Negative Marking on Frivolous Objections.

1. The **question paper of Set A, B, C, D and the answer key** of Set A, B, C, D for **Paper-1 (General Studies) and Paper-2 (CSAT)** of the Competitive examination for the ibid posts is uploaded on the website of the Commission. Candidates may submit their **objections if any, online from the link available on the web page of this post** to the answer key, for consideration by the Commission.
2. Candidates are being given four days to deliberate, before putting up objections. The objections will be referred to a body of experts. Even if one of the expert finds any merit in the candidate's objection, such a candidate will not suffer any negative marking in such cases. The issue may need to be referred to the paper setter also for review. A decision is taken by the Commission based on all the opinions. The Commission may change the answer or allow both/two answers if recommended by the experts or withdraw the question altogether, based on the rationale given by the experts and Commission's decision thereon. However, if the experts may opine that the objection is frivolous, the Commission may award negative marks to such a candidate.
3. In case of General Knowledge/Current Affairs/Logical Reasoning/Mental Ability questions, which may be set by the Commission itself, the reference to the body of experts may only be necessary in case the Commission does not agree with the objection put up by the candidate.
4. Candidates are advised to deliberate over the issue in detail in four days and attach material containing sufficient reason in support of their objections. Candidates will not just make references to the books/ other documents/website, but will also actually type out the referred contents or the "extracts" in their objections. For this purpose, the objections software has catered for three images, of 200kb each. Objections will only be accepted online. After processing the objections as above, the Commission will put a revised Answer Key on the Commission's website. There will be no separate replies given to the candidates who may have put objections. The Revised Answer Key is an indication, if his/her objection has been accepted or rejected.
5. The link will open at 0001 hours on 14 February 2021 and will close at 2359 hours on 17 February 2021.

Sd/-

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