

Announcement

20th February, 2013

Revised passing requirements for Common Proficiency Test (CPT) effective from June, 2013

In terms of the decision of the Council taken at its 317th meeting in pursuance of Notification No. 1-CA(7)/145/2012 dated 1st August, 2012, it is notified for general information that the passing requirements of CPT effective from June, 2013 shall be as under:-

“A candidate for the Common Proficiency Test shall ordinarily be declared to have passed the test if he obtains at one sitting a minimum of thirty per cent marks in each section and a minimum of fifty per cent marks in the aggregate of all the sections, subject to the principle of negative marking, in such manner as may be determined by the Council, from time to time.”

¼ (one fourth) mark shall continue to be deducted for each wrong answer and multiple darkened circles for a question will also be treated as wrong answer.

Accordingly, the minimum marks required in each section and in the aggregate in all sections of CPT as per the revised passing requirements will be as under:-

Section	Subject	Maximum Marks	Minimum Marks (Mandatorily to be secured after negative marking)
A	Fundamentals of Accounting	60	18
B	Mercantile Laws	40	12
C	General Economics	50	15
D	Quantitative Aptitude	50	15
Total		200	100*

*A candidate is required to secure a minimum of 30 per cent marks in each Section and a minimum of 50 per cent marks in aggregate in all the four Sections to pass the Common Proficiency Test.

In other words, it is clarified that if a candidate secures a minimum of 50 per cent marks in the aggregate but fails to secure the minimum marks required in any one or more of the sections A, B, C or D (as mentioned above), his result will be FAIL. Similarly, if a candidate secures a minimum of 30 per cent marks in each section but fails to secure 50 per cent marks in the aggregate of all sections, his result will be FAIL. The following table will further illustrate the revised passing requirements :-

Illustration	Cand- idate	MARKS SECURED #								Total		Result
		Section A		Section B		Section C		Section D				
		Fundamentals of Accounting	Mercantile Laws	General Economics	Quantitative Aptitude	Marks obtained	Maximum Marks	Marks obtained	Maximum Marks	Marks obtained	Maximum Marks	
1.	A	55	60	25	40	28	50	17	50	125	200	PASS
2.	B	36	60	20	40	15	50	29	50	100	200	PASS
3.	C	47	60	25	40	23	50	10	50	105	200	FAIL
4.	D	30	60	22	40	25	50	15	50	92	200	FAIL
5.	E	17	60	20	40	15	50	10	50	62	200	FAIL

Marks secured are after negative marking, if any, for wrong answers/multiple darkened answers for a question/s.

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