RAJASTHAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, AJMER

SYLLABUS FOR SCREENING TEST FOR THE POST OF
NUMISMATIST
(ARCHAEOLOGY & MUSEUM DEPARTMENT, RAJASTHAN)

I   **Ancient Indian History**
               or
II   **Medieval Indian History**

Section – I

Meaning, scope and definitions of Numismatics and coins. Identification and classification of coins – Mode of occurrence of coins - excavations, hoards, individual collections – Shape & Size, Metals/Alloys, weight metrology and denominations. Techniques of manufacturing coins – punching, casting, die-struck.

Typology : Obverse – reverse device, legend, symbols, mint marks.

Decipherment and dating – Knowledge of scripts, Brahmi, Kharoshthi, Greek. Numismatics as a source of Political, Cultural and Economic history; counterfeit coins.

An outline history of Punched marked, Janapada & Tribal coins, coins of foreign invaders (Indo-Greeks, Shaka, Parthian), Kushanas, Western Kshatrap coins – Guptas, Post-Guptas and early medieval coinage.

Section – II

Meaning, scope and definitions of Numismatics and coins. Identification and classification of coins – Mode of occurrence of coins - excavations, hoards, individual collections – Shape & Size, Metals/Alloys, weight metrology and denominations. Techniques of coin manufacturing.

Typology : Obverse – reverse device, legend, symbols, mint marks.

Decipherment and dating – Knowledge of scripts, Arabic/Persian/Devanagari, Numismatics as a source of Political, Cultural and Economic history, counterfeit coins.

Salient features of medieval Indian coins, An outline history of the coinage of Mahmud Ghazanavi, Delhi Sultanate (Mamluk, Khilji, Tughlaq, Lodis ……), Shershah Suri, Mughals, Successors of the Mughals, Hindu rulers during Sultanate and Mughal period. Coinage of the Sultans of Malwa and Gujarat. Coinage of Rajputana.

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Pattern of Question Papers:
1.   Objective Type Paper
2.   Maximum Marks : 100
3.   Number of Questions : 100
4.   Duration of Paper : Two Hours
5.   All Questions carry equal marks
6.   There will be Negative Marking
7.   Candidate may attempt any one section.

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