4. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION:

DESCRIPTION OF EXAMINATION		TIME	MARKS
Written Examination	Tier-I exam: 100 Objective type MCQs, divided into 5 parts containing 20 questions of 1 mark each on: a) Current Affairs, b) General Studies, c) Numerical aptitude, d) Reasoning/logical aptitude e) English [Negative marking of ¼ mark for each wrong answer.]	1 hour	100
	Tier-II : Descriptive type paper of 50 marks: Essay (30 marks) & English comprehension & précis writing (20 marks).	1 hour	50
Interview	Tier-III/Interview	-	100

Note: Candidates appearing in interviews may be subject to Psychometric/Aptitude test which will be a part of interview.

5. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES:

- a) The candidate has to appear in Tier-I at one of the 5 centres allotted to him/her out of his/her choice of five cities. There will be negative marking of ¼ mark for each wrong answer. No marks would be awarded for an un-attempted question. The questions marked as "Mark for Review" by the candidates will not be considered for evaluation.
- **b)** In order to achieve qualitative selection & recruit the best available talent, there would be cut-off marks (out of 100) in Tier-I exam as under:
 - UR-35, OBC-34, SC/ST-33 & EWS-35 (all Ex-servicemen would be treated in their own category viz., UR/OBC/SC/ST/EWS)
- c) On the basis of their performance & normalization of marks in Tier-I exam, candidates would be shortlisted for Tier-II @ 10 times the number of vacancies, subject to the condition that the candidate should have scored minimum cut-off.
- d) On the basis of their combined performance in Tier-I and Tier-II, the candidates would be shortlisted for Tier-III/Interview @ 5 times the number of vacancies subject to the condition that the candidate secures minimum 33% marks (17 out of 50) in Tier-II exam.
- e) On the basis of combined performance in Tier-I, Tier-II and Tier-III/Interview exam, a final merit list of 995 candidates for the post of ACIO-II/Exe will be prepared.
- f) The final selection to the posts would be further subject to successful completion of Character & Antecedent verification followed by medical examination, etc.
- g) The date, time & centre of Tier-II & Tier-III/Interview would be intimated to the successful candidates through E-mail given by them in online application.
- h) Tier-II exam & Tier-III/Interview may or may not be conducted at all city/centres mentioned in Para 3 above. The department reserves the right to conduct Tier-II & Tier-III/Interview at a city/centre by clubbing the candidates of nearby centres.
- i) The candidates would be required to adhere to the instructions contained in admit card/call letter of Tier-I, Tier-II & Tier-III/Interview relating to entry/exit, conduct inside the venue, frisking, etc failing which their candidature would be cancelled.