

## 2.5 Pattern of Questions

The examination will be conducted as a Computer Based Test (CBT) where the questions appear in a random sequence on a computer screen. There will be 60 questions carrying a total of 100 marks. The entire question paper will be divided into three sections namely, A, B and C. All sections are compulsory.

Questions in each section will be of the following types:

### Section A: Multiple Choice Question (MCQ)

- Only one option is correct out of the four given choices.
- Section – A has **negative marking**.
- In case of wrong answer, one-third of a mark will be deducted for 1-mark Question and two-third of a mark will be deducted for 2 marks Question.

### Section B: Multiple Select Question (MSQ)

- There may be one or more than one correct choice(s), but not all four choices.
- No negative or partial marking.

### Section C: Numerical Answer Type (NAT)

- The answer is a real number which needs to be entered by the candidate using the virtual keyboard available on the computer screen.
- No choices are shown for this type of questions.
- There is no negative marking.

## 2.6 Structure of Question Paper

The structure of the question paper is given in Table 2.3.

**Table 2.3: Structure of Question Paper**

| <b>Section – A: 30 MCQs</b>                                                                                                                                                        |         |        |             |
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| Question No.                                                                                                                                                                       | Mark(s) | Number | Total Marks |
| Q.1 - Q.10                                                                                                                                                                         | 1       | 10     | 10          |
| Q.11 - Q.30                                                                                                                                                                        | 2       | 20     | 40          |
| <b>Section – A has negative marking for wrong answer.</b><br>$\frac{1}{3}$ of a mark is deducted for 1 mark question.<br>$\frac{2}{3}$ of a mark is deducted for 2 marks question. |         |        |             |
| <b>Section – B: 10 MSQs</b>                                                                                                                                                        |         |        |             |
| Question No.                                                                                                                                                                       | Marks   | Number | Total Marks |
| Q.31 - Q.40                                                                                                                                                                        | 2       | 10     | 20          |
| <b>Section – B has no negative or partial marking.</b>                                                                                                                             |         |        |             |
| <b>Section – C: 20 NAT Questions</b>                                                                                                                                               |         |        |             |
| Question No.                                                                                                                                                                       | Mark(s) | Number | Total Marks |
| Q.41 - Q.50                                                                                                                                                                        | 1       | 10     | 10          |
| Q.51 - Q.60                                                                                                                                                                        | 2       | 10     | 20          |
| <b>Section – C has no negative marking.</b>                                                                                                                                        |         |        |             |

- In all sections, un-attempted questions will yield zero mark.
- The candidates are required to select the answer(s) for MCQ and MSQ type questions using the mouse.
- The answer for NAT questions must be entered using a mouse on a virtual numeric keypad. The keyboard of the computer will be disabled.
- There is a provision for using a virtual calculator provided on the computer screen. Candidates are not allowed to bring their own calculators.
- A scribble pad will be provided for rough work. Candidates have to write their name and registration number before using it. The scribble pad has to be returned at the end of the examination.
- The examination will end automatically after the stipulated time.
- Candidates are required to adhere to the code of conduct specified in **Annexure III**.
- Candidates will also be able to take a mock examination through a **Mock Test** link that will be made available on the JAM 2027 website.
- Previous years question papers are available on JAM 2027 website.

## 2.7 Services of Scribe for eligible PwD Candidates

In accordance with the office memorandum issued by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, PwD candidates who are visually impaired OR Cerebral Palsy OR have disability in the upper limbs OR have lost fingers/hands thereby preventing them from properly taking the CBT may avail the services of a scribe (amanuensis). The option to utilize the services of a Scribe has to be exercised by the candidates during the application stage. If they choose to utilize the services of a Scribe, the scribe will be provided by the Examination Body. If, and only if, the examination body is unable to provide the scribe (in exceptional/rare cases) at any given center, the candidate will be notified by email/SMS/phone to bring their own scribe.

### Note

The assistance that the Scribe can render to the candidate is limited to ONLY reading the instructions and test paper displayed on the computer screen verbatim and in assisting with the mouse clicks, if the candidate is not able to do so. **The Scribe shall NOT translate /interpret /emphasize the Test Paper contents to the candidate.**

## 2.6.1 Scribes arranged by Examination Body

- Scribes will be arranged for those PwD candidates who have requested to be provided with a scribe at the time of application.
- The qualification of the scribe should be a minimum of “**two academic years below**” and a maximum of “**three academic years below**” the minimum qualification of the candidate appearing for JAM 2027 (as per **F.No. P-13013/75/ 2023-Policy-DD-III dated August 01, 2025**).
- The minimum qualification of the scribe should be of 12<sup>th</sup> standard.
- The scribe must not be a candidate for any test paper in JAM 2027.
- If there are Y candidates who require scribe, it will be ensured that a panel of (Y+1) scribes is available at the exam center so that every candidate can have an alternative scribe to choose for the services.
- Each eligible PwD candidate will be presented with TWO scribes on the day before examination. The candidate has to choose one from those two scribes.
- Candidates shall NOT be permitted to bring their own scribe.
- PwD Candidates are permitted to visit the examination center a day before the examination to get familiar with the arrangements.

## 2.8 Compensatory Time

PwD candidates are eligible for one-hour compensatory time for each paper (i.e. for these candidates the end time will be 13:30 IST for Forenoon Session and 18:30 IST for Afternoon Session).

Persons with less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing, covered under the definition of Section 2 (s) of the RPwD Act, 2016 but not covered under the definition of Section 2(r) of the said Act are also eligible for one-hour compensatory time for each paper. Candidates who are eligible to avail the facility of scribe can opt for compensatory time of one hour, for the three-hours examination even if they do not utilize the services of a scribe.

### Note

All PwD candidates must fill in the requisite form (refer Appendix I/II) during registration for availing the compensatory time and/or availing the services of a scribe (amanuensis).

- The compensatory time of 60 minutes will be provided automatically, which needs to be checked in the candidate's console.
- PwD candidates who are not eligible for the facility of scribe may be given the compensatory time provided that they submit a certificate during the application to the effect that the candidate concerned has physical limitation to write from the Chief Medical Officer/ Civil Surgeon/ Medical Superintendent of a Government Health Care institution in the prescribed Pro Forma (Appendix I of the office order **F.No. P-13013/75/2023-Policy-DD-III dated August 01, 2025**).
- PwD candidates having disability in terms of vision will be given an option to view the Test Paper on the computer screen in a magnified font.