



**OPEN/ LIMITED COMPETITIVE
EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO
GRADE III OF THE SRI LANKA PLANNING
SERVICE – 2017**

THE term “service” in this notification means the Sri Lanka Planning Service (S.L.P.S)

1. Date of Examination :

The examination will be held in January 2018 in Colombo and Jaffna, by the Commissioner General of Examinations. Public Service Commission reserves the right to postpone or cancel this examination.

2. Number of employees to be appointed and the date of appointment :

This will be determined in terms of the orders of the Public Service Commission.

3. Condition of Service :

A candidate, selected subject to the General Conditions which govern the appointments of the public service, conditions prescribed in the Minute of Sri Lanka Planning Service published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 1670/32 dated 10th September 2010, and the amendments made or will be made to the said Minute in the future, will be appointed to Grade III of Sri Lanka Planning Service. You are subjected to the policy decisions taken by the government with regard to the pension scheme you are entitled to.

4. Structure and monthly Salary scale

Monthly Salary scale as per SL 1-2016 of Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 dated 01.01.2016,

The monthly salary scale:-

SL I- 2016 – Rs.47,615-10X 1335-8X1630-17X2170-
Rs.110,895/-

(The salary is paid in line with the provisions in Public Administration Circular 03/2016 dated 25.02.2016 as mentioned in Schedule II of the same)

(e) Written Examination (Please See Appendix I)

<i>Subjects</i>	<i>Maximum Marks</i>	<i>Pass Marks (Minimum)</i>
Comprehension	100	40
Intelligence Test	100	40
General Awareness	100	40

5. Qualifications:**5.1 Open Competitive Examination****(a) Educational Qualifications:**

- (i) Having obtained a degree with a first or second class from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission

Or

- (ii) Having obtained a degree from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission and a Post Graduate Diploma in a course of which the duration is not less than one year, awarded by a university recognized by University Grants Commission or by a training institution established by a Parliament Act.

(b) Physical Fitness:

Every candidate should be physically fit in all aspects to serve in any part of Sri Lanka.

(c) Other Qualifications:

- (i) Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka
- (ii) Should be of a good moral character
- (iii) No candidate will be allowed to sit for Open Competitive Examination more than twice
- (iv) Any person holding priesthood in any religious sect will not be eligible to sit for this examination
- (v) A person will be treated as eligible to sit for the competitive examination for appointment to the service, only if the candidate has fulfilled all required qualifications referred to in Para 5.1 (a) as at 29th September 2017 (date on which the notification is published on the *Gazette*).

(d) Age:

Age should be not less than 22 years and not over than 28 years as at 29th September 2017 (date on which the notification is published on the *Gazette*).

5.2 Limited Competitive Examination

- (a) Educational Qualifications:** Having obtained a degree from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission

(b) Experience:

Should have not less than five years of uninterrupted, permanent and satisfactory period of service in a permanent post in a Government or Provincial Government Service which carries a salary scale of MN-1-2016 or above and should possess qualifications set out in (a) above on or before the date of publishing of this notification.

Further, of the officers who have been appointed to Grade II, Class II of Sri Lanka Planning Service on supernumerary basis as per the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 10.06.2009 with regard to the Cabinet Paper No. : 09/0967/306/061 and absorbed in to Grade III of Sri Lanka Planning Service may also apply for the limited examination

(c) Physical Fitness :

Every candidate should be physically fit in all aspects to serve in any part of Sri Lanka.

(d) Other qualifications :

- (i) Candidates should be of excellent moral character
- (ii) Shall have earned all increments on the due dates during the preceding five years
- (iii) Shall have completed a satisfactory service in immediately preceding five years as at 29th September 2017 (date on which the notification is published on the *Gazette*).

- (iv) No candidate will be allowed to sit for the Limited Competitive Examination more than twice.
- (v) Any person holding priesthood in any religious sect will not be eligible to sit for this examination
- (vi) A candidate shall fulfill all requirements mentioned in para 5.2 (b) above required to appear at the competitive examination for appointment in the post as at 29th September 2017 (date on which the notification is published on the *Gazette*) to be deemed as eligible to appoint to the post.

(e) Method of Recruitment - Written Examination (Please see Appendix 2)

<i>Titles to which marks are allocated</i>	<i>Maximum Marks</i>	<i>Pass Marks</i>
Comprehension	100	40
Case Study	100	40
Planning	100	40

6. Examination Fees :

Fee for the open competitive examination is Rs.1000/- and fee for the limited competitive examination is Rs.1000/-. If a candidate applies for both examinations the fee would be Rs.1500/-. The relevant examination fee should be paid to the credit of Revenue Head No. 2003-02-13 of the Commissioner General of Examinations at any Post Office/ Sub Post Office before the closing date of applications. The receipt obtained thus from the Post Office should be affixed in the relevant cage of the application. It is advisable to keep a photocopy of the receipt. Examination fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.

7. Method of Application :

- (a) Application form should be prepared in accordance with the specimen form attached to this notification using both sides of A4 paper and should be filled by the applicant him/herself.
- (b) Application should be prepared so as to appear item 01 to 03 and 04 to 07 on the first and second pages respectively and the rest on the third page. When preparing the application, the title of the examination should be written in English in addition to Sinhala on Sinhala applications and Tamil on Tamil applications. Application which do not comply with the specimen form and incomplete applications will be rejected

without prior notice. The loss of not preparing the application should be borne by the applicants themselves. It is advisable to keep a copy of the application.

Note:- The signature of the applicant on the application and the admission card for the examination should be attested. The applicants who apply for the examination through an institution should get their signatures attested by the Head of the Institution or by an officer authorized by him, and other officers should attest their signatures by a Head of a Government School, Grama Niladhari Division, Justice of Peace, Commissioner of Oaths, Attorney-at-law, Notary Public or a permanent officer in staff grade at public or provincial public service who earn a combined annual salary of Rs.240, 360/-

- (c) All applications for Open Competitive Examination should be sent by registered post to reach the Commissioner General of Examinations, Organization and Overseas Examination Branch, Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, P.O 1503, Colombo before 27th October 2017. The words "Open Competitive Examination, Grade III of Planning Service" should be written clearly on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing the application. Applications received after the closing date will be rejected.

Note: The candidates who are already in public service/ provincial public service and expect to appear for the open competitive examination should forward their applications through the Heads of the respective departments or establishments.

- (d) All applications for Limited Competitive Examination should be sent through the Heads of Department by Registered Post to reach the Commissioner General of Examinations, Organization and Overseas Examination Branch, Department of Examinations Sri Lanka, P.O. 1503, Colombo before 27th October 2017. The words "Limited Competitive Examination, Grade III of Planning Service" should be written clearly on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing the application. Applications received after the closing date will be rejected.

If a candidate hope to appear for both Limited and Open Competitive Examinations, the words

“Limited/Open Competitive Examination, Grade III of Planning Service” should be written clearly on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

- (e) A notice shall be published in the newspapers as soon as admission cards are issued to applicants. If the admission card is not received at least before five days of the date of the examination, steps shall be taken to notify the Organizations and Overseas Examinations Branch of Department of Examinations in the manner specified in the advertisement. When such inquiry is made applicants should accurately mention the name of the examination he/she has applied, full name of the applicant, National Identity Card No. and the address. It would be advisable to keep the following in hand at the time of calling the Department of Examinations: i.e. a certified photocopy of the application form and the receipt kept at your possession, in case of applicants outside Colombo, letter of request furnishing a fax number to which the admission cards should be sent. At such occasion the applicant should keep a copy of the application, a copy of the receipt obtained from the payment of the examination fees and the registration receipt of the letter to prove any matter the department may ask.

8. Admission to the Examination:

- (a) The Commissioner General of Examination will issue Admission Cards to all persons whose applications have been received assuming that those who have satisfied the qualifications have forwarded applications. A candidate presenting himself for the examination should produce his/her admission card in which his/ her signature is attested, to the supervisor of the examination center. Any candidate who fails to produce his/her admission card will not be permitted to sit the Examination.
- (b) Candidates must sit the Examination at the examination hall assigned to him/her. Every candidate should surrender the admission card to the supervisor of the hall on the first day he presents himself for the examination. A set of rules to be observed by all candidates is published in this *Gazette*.
- (c) Issuance of an admission card to a candidate does not necessarily mean that the candidate is eligible to sit the examination has been accepted.

- (d) Candidates shall be bound by the rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations on conducting the examination and they are liable to a punishment imposed by him for breach of these rules.

9. Identity of the Candidate :

A candidate will be required to prove his/her identity at the examination hall to the satisfaction of the supervisor for each subject he/she offers. For this purpose, one of the following documents only, will be accepted.

- (a) National Identity Card issued by the Department of Registration of Persons.
- (b) A valid passport issued by the Department of Immigration and Emigration.

10. Penalty for furnishing false information:

If a candidate is found to be ineligible, his/her candidature is liable to be cancelled at any state prior to, during or after the examination. If it is found that a candidate has purposely furnished false information or willfully suppressed any material fact, he or she will be liable for dismissal from the public service.

11. Any matter not provided for in this notification shall be dealt with on the decisions of the Public Service Commission.

12. Scheme of Examination:

Language medium of Examination

- (a) The Examination will be held in the language mediums of Sinhala, Tamil and English.
- (b) Applicants can sit for the Examination in any one of the languages they prefer.

Note :

- (I) A candidate should sit all the papers of the Examination in one and the same language.
- (II) Candidates will not be permitted to change the language medium indicated in the application form.

13. Method of Testing :

13.1 Open Competitive Examination

A written examination consisting of following subjects :

- I. Comprehension - Duration 02 hours- 100 Marks
II. Intelligence Test - Duration 01 hour- 100 Marks
III. General Awareness - Duration 03 hours- 100 Marks

13.2 Limited Competitive Examination

- I. Comprehension - Duration 02 hours – 100 Marks
 - II. Case Study - Duration 01 hour- 100 Marks
 - III. Planning - Duration 02 hours – 100 Marks
- Syllabuses are given at the end of the notification

13.3 Interview :

Candidates who secure at least 40% of marks for each paper shall be called for the interview. No of candidates to be called for the interview shall be determined by the Public Service Commission on the order of the merit of the marks obtained from the written Examination and the No. of vacancies.

13.4 Issuance of results :

The results sheets prepared on the order of the merit of the total marks obtained for each subject by the qualified candidates who appeared at the examination as per paras 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 of the *Gazette* notification shall be forwarded to the Secretary, Public Service Commission. The results will be personally informed to the candidates or published on the website www.results.exams.gov.lk

14. Method of Selection for Appointments :

Candidates who have secured highest marks at the written tests of Open and Limited Competitive Examinations and possess basic qualifications shall be selected on the order of the merit. In the event of few candidates secured same marks, the decision of the Public Service Commission on the selection shall be the final.

15. This notification is published in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages and in the event of any inconsistency among the text, Sinhala text shall prevail.

On the order of the Public Service Commission,

J. J. RATHNASIRI,
Secretary,

Ministry of Public Administration and Management.

14th September, 2017.

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Index No. : (For office use)	
Town in which the candidate appear for the Examination	Town No. :
Mention the Town and the Town No. in which the candidate expects to sit for the examination (Colombo – 1, Jaffna – 2) * Changing the town at a later occasion is not allowed	
Medium Sinhala -2 Tamil – 3 English – 4 (Write in the relevant cage.) * Changing the medium at a later occasion is not allowed.	
Whether you apply for Open/ Limited Examination or for both Limited- 1 Open – 2 Both – 3 (Write in the relevant cage)	
*Changing the examination at a later occasion is not allowed	

- 1.0 1.1 Name in Full (In English Block letters) Mr./Mrs./Ms. : _____.
(Ex.- HERATH MUDIYANSELAGE SAMAN KUMARA GUNAWARDHANA)
- 1.2 Name with initials at the end of the name (In English Block Letters) Mr./Mrs./Ms. : _____.
Ex.- (GUNAWARDHANA, H.M.S.K)
- 1.3 Name in Full(Sinhala/Tamil) : _____.

2.0 Permanent Address: (In English Block letters) :_____.

2.1 Permanent Address :_____
(In Sinhala/Tamil)

2.2 Official Address :_____
(In English Block Letters)

2.3 Official Address :_____
(In Sinhala/ Tamil)

2.4 Address to which the admission should be sent (In English BlockLetters) :_____.

(If the candidate is an officer in Public Service/ Provincial Public Service he should furnish the office address, If any change occurs in the address, it should be promptly informed)

3.0 3.1 National Identity Card No. :

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3.2 Sex: Female -1 Male- 0 (write relevant No.)

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3.3 Marital Status: Married- 1 Unmarried – 2 (Write relevant No.)

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3.4 Date of Birth: Year

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 Month

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 Date

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3.5 Age as at 29.09.2017: Years

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 Months

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 Days

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4.0 (To be filled by the candidates sitting for the Open Examinations) Provide following particulars :

4.1 Qualifications obtained to be qualified to sit for this examination under Para 5.1 of this notification :_____.

4.2 Institutions from which the said qualifications were obtained :_____.

5.0 (To be filled by the candidates sitting for the Limited Examinations) Provide following particulars :

5.1 Qualifications obtained to be qualified to sit for this examination under Para 5.2 of this notification :_____.

5.2 Institutions from which the said qualifications were obtained :

(a)

Department Served	Post	From	To	Time Period

(b) (i) Service/ Post :_____.

(ii) Class: From :_____.

(iii) Class: From :_____.

(iv) Total period of service in the Government as at 29.09.2017 (The date on which the notification is published on the *Gazette*)

Years :_____ Months :_____.

(a) Service (ii) above: Years :_____ Months :_____.

(b) Service (iii) above: Years :_____ Months :_____.

(v) Annual salary as at 29.09.2017 (The date on which the notification is published on the *Gazette*) :
_____.

6.0 6.1 The years in which you have sat for the Limited Examination for recruitment to Sri Lanka Planning Service :

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| 2. | 5. |
| 3. | 6. |

6.2 The years in which you have sat for the Open Examination for recruitment to Sri Lanka Planning Service :

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| 1. |
| 2. |
| 3. |

7.0 Affix the receipt firmly to the application

Affix receipt here

(i) No. :_____.

(ii) Date :_____.

(iii) Place to which the fees were paid :_____.

(iv) Amount paid Rs. :_____.

8.0 Affirmation of the Applicant :

8.1 I declare that the particulars furnished by me in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and the receipt number..... dated of the examination fee paid is attached herewith. Further, I agree to act in conformity with the examination rules and regulations and to abide by any decision taken to cancel my candidature before or at the time of or after the examination, if I am deemed unqualified in terms of the conditions relating to this examination.

8.2 I declare that I have earned all the increments (other than the increment granted under the condition of passing service or departmental examinations) and that I have not been subject to any disciplinary punishment (other than warning) within five years immediately preceding 29th September 2017 ((The date on which the notification is published on the *Gazette*)).

_____,
Signature of the Applicant.

Date :_____.

9.0 9.1 Attestation of the Signature :

I Certify that the applicant Mr./Mrs./Miss Is known to me personally and that he/ she placed his/her signature before me.

_____,
Signature and the frank of the attester.

Date :_____.

Full name of the Attester :_____.

Post :_____.

Address :_____.

Date :_____.

Note:- The attester should be a Justice of Peace, Commissioner of Oaths, Attorney at law, Notary Public or a permanent officer in staff grade at public or provincial public service who earn a combined annual salary of Rs.240, 360/-

9.2 Affirmation of the Head of the Department :

(Should be filled by all the applicants sitting for the Limited Examination and by the applicants sitting for the Open Examination only when it is relevant)

The Head of the Office that maintains your personal file should sign as the Head of the Department :

I hereby certify that, the applicant submitting this application is serving in this office from and his/her work and behavior is satisfactory and personally examined all the particulars mentioned in 06 above with the reports of this office and found accurate and he/she placed his/her signature before me on of 2016.

_____,
Signature of the Head of the Department.

Date :_____.

Full Name of the Attester :_____.

Designation :_____.

Address: (confirm with a rubber stamp) :_____.

Appendix I

Particulars related to the syllabus of the Open Examination conducted to recruit to the Grade III of the Sri Lanka Planning Service.

This examination is comprised of the question papers mentioned below :

<i>Number</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Maximum Marks</i>	<i>Pass Marks</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	Comprehension	100	40	02 hours
2	Intelligence Test	100	40	01 hour
3	General awareness	100	40	03 hours

Syllabus:

Subject Number 01 – Comprehension

This paper is comprised of two parts. Each part carries equal marks.

Part I

This includes writing an essay and a summary.

Part II

Part –II is comprised of several extracts to examine the language awareness of the applicant. The candidate will be required to explain the meaning of the underlined terms of the given extracts in a single sentence or to write explanatory notes on them or to pick the most appropriate statement of a series of alternatives or to select the most accurate answer out of several answers for the question given. All the questions should be answered.

Subject Number 02 – Intelligence Test

This is compiled with the aim of measuring logical reasoning, analytical skills and the ability to make most accurate presumption of the candidate. This is a multiple choice Question paper which consists 50 questions. All the questions should be answered.

Subject Number 03 – General Awareness

This paper is designed set to examine candidate's awareness about the overall environment of Sri Lanka inclusive of geographical, political, economic, social and cultural environment and internationally important contemporary issues as well as the scientific and technological advancement. All the questions of this paper should be answered.

- Note :-**
- (i) Candidates should answer all the question papers he/she sit for, in one and the same language
 - (ii) Candidates are not allowed to change the medium of the examination indicated in their applications
 - (b) This examination will be held in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages.
 - (c) Candidates may sit for the examination in one language of their preference.

Appendix II

Particulars related to the syllabus of the Limited Examination conducted to recruit to the Grade III of the Sri Lanka Planning Service.

This examination is comprised of the question papers mentioned below.

<i>Number</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Maximum Marks</i>	<i>Pass Marks</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	Comprehension	100	40	02 hours
2	Case Study	100	40	01 hour
3	Planning	100	40	02 hours

Syllabus:

Subject Number 01 – Comprehension

Several extracts are given to the candidate and alternative texts are provided for certain extracts. One of such texts will be most similar with the meaning of the extract. The candidate is asked to select the text which is most similar in meaning. Questions are prepared based on other extracts to examine the comprehension of the candidate. All questions must be answered.

Subject Number 02- Case Study

This paper is designed to test the candidate's power of thinking and problem solving abilities. In this paper candidate will be presented with one or more situations on books and publications relating to economy and planning of present Sri Lanka and directed to give solutions. All the questions should be answered.

Subject Number 03 –Planning

The objective of this paper is to test the candidate's basic knowledge on principles of planning and strategies of planning. All the questions should be answered.

- Note:-**
- (i) Candidates should sit for all the papers in this examination in one language.
 - (ii) Candidates are not allowed to change the medium of examination indicated in their application.
 - (iii) All the candidates should sit for all the three (03) papers.
 - (iv) The number of officers recruited at a time is decided by the Public Service Commission.