



Deepstambh Foundation – Manobal National Entrance Examination 2026

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. General Overview & Eligibility

Q1. What is the Manobal National Entrance Examination?

The Manobal National Entrance Examination is conducted by Deepstambh Foundation to identify talented students from disadvantaged and underprivileged backgrounds and provide them with educational opportunities, academic guidance, mentoring, and scholarship support.

- Support Offered: Depending on their category, financial circumstances, and final selection, shortlisted candidates may receive coaching, residential support, technology assistance, educational support, and career guidance.

Q2. Who is eligible to apply?

- Social Categories: Students belonging to any of the following categories may apply:
 - Persons with Disabilities (PwD)
 - Orphans
 - Transgender students
 - Low-Income Group (LIG) students
- Educational Eligibility: Students who have completed or are currently pursuing Class 12, Graduation, or Post-Graduation and are preparing for competitive examinations or higher education.
- Regional Eligibility: Students from all States and Union Territories of India are eligible.

Q3. Is there any registration or examination fee?

- No. Both the application process and the entrance examination are completely free of cost.

Q4. What are the eligibility criteria for the Low-Income Group (LIG) category?

Any student facing genuine financial hardship that restricts access to quality education may apply. After selection, students are classified into financial need groups:

Need Group	Support Details
Group A (High Need)	May include full support for accommodation, food, coaching, books, and examination fees.
Group B (Moderate Need)	Expenses shared approximately as: 50% by Manobal and 50% by the student.
Group C (Limited Need)	Free academic support and coaching is provided. Expenses such as accommodation, food, books, and examination fees must be borne by the student.

Assessment Factors: Family income, housing conditions, parents' occupation, assets/resources, and overall financial situation.

2. Covered Examinations & Important Dates

Q5. Which examinations are covered under Manobal 2026?

The programme is designed for candidates preparing for:

- UPSC Civil Services Examination
- Maharashtra State Services (MPSC), MPSC Group B & Group C, and Direct Recruitment / Saralseva
- Other State PCS Examinations
- Banking Examinations, SSC, and RRB
- MBA Entrance, Law CET, and other Higher Education Entrance Examinations

Q6. When will the examinations be conducted?

- Examination 1 – 5 June 2026 (Friday)
 - For: UPSC, Maharashtra State Services, Other State PCS, Banking, SSC, RRB, and Higher Education aspirants.
- Examination 2 – 21 June 2026 (Sunday)
 - For: MPSC Group B, MPSC Group C, and Direct Recruitment aspirants.

Examination Timing (Applicable to Both Dates):

- Reporting Time: 9:30 AM
- Examination Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Note: Candidates must report at least 30 minutes before the commencement of the examination. Late entry will not be permitted.

Online Examination (If Required)

If vacancies remain after the first round, Manobal may conduct an additional online entrance exam. This is strictly for candidates who could not attend the offline exam due to valid reasons (such as college exam clashes, lack of nearby regional centres, or medical emergencies). Eligibility and scheduling remain entirely at the discretion of Manobal.

3. Examination Mode & Scribe Provisions

Q7. How will the examination be conducted?

The exam is conducted offline at designated physical centres across India using two different formats:

- Sighted Candidates: Printed question paper and OMR answer sheet.
- Visually Impaired Candidates: Accessible Google Form using their own mobile phone, tablet, or laptop.

Important Note on Devices:

Only visually impaired candidates are required to bring their own device (mobile/tablet/laptop) and ensure a stable internet connection. Manobal will not provide devices or internet facilities at the venue.

Q8. What facilities are available for visually impaired candidates?

- Visually impaired candidates will take the examination independently through an accessible Google Form using screen readers like TalkBack or VoiceOver.
- Compensatory Time: Eligible PwD candidates will receive 20 minutes of extra time per hour.
- Checklist to Carry: Mobile/tablet/laptop, charger, power bank, headphones/earphones, and a stable internet data arrangement.

Q9. Is a scribe allowed?

- Generally, no. Most visually impaired candidates can appear independently using assistive technologies.
- Exceptions: In exceptional, genuine cases where severe disabilities affect both hands making independent participation impossible, a scribe may be permitted.

4. Categorization (Basic vs. Advanced)

Q10. Will there be separate examinations for Basic and Advanced candidates?

- Yes. Separate question papers and independent cut-offs apply for Basic and Advanced categories. Candidates only compete within their chosen category.

Q11. How do I know whether I belong to the Basic or Advanced category?

- Basic Category: Candidates who have not yet seriously started preparation or have been preparing for less than one year.
- Advanced Category: Candidates who have been seriously preparing for competitive examinations for more than one year.

Important Notice on Category Verification:

Your selected category will be strictly verified during the interview based on age, academic timeline, qualifications, and preparation history. Providing false information or deliberately selecting an inappropriate category to gain an advantage may result in immediate cancellation of candidature, withdrawal of admission, or a complete ban from future Manobal scholarships.

5. Detailed Syllabus & Exam Patterns

Q12. UPSC / Maharashtra State Services / Other State PCS

A. Basic Category

- Language Options: English–Hindi (Bilingual) or English–Marathi (Bilingual)
- Duration: 2 Hours | Total Questions: 120 | Total Marks: 240
- Syllabus:
 - Class 12 NCERT Level: History, Polity, Geography, Science, Economics
 - Class 10 Level: Mathematics, Reasoning, English Language

B. Advanced Category

- Language Options: English–Hindi (Bilingual) or English–Marathi (Bilingual)
- Duration: 2 Hours | Total Questions: 100 | Total Marks: 200
- Pattern: 80 General Studies (GS) Questions + 20 CSAT Questions (All questions carry equal marks; CSAT marks will be considered for the merit list). Based entirely on the UPSC Civil Services Preliminary syllabus.

Q13. Banking / SSC / RRB Candidates

A. Basic Category

- Language: English–Hindi (Bilingual)
- Duration: 120 Minutes (Composite Time) | Total Questions: 120 | Total Marks: 120
- Pattern: 1. English Language – 25 Questions
- 2. Quantitative Aptitude – 25 Questions
- 3. Logical Reasoning – 35 Questions
- 4. General Knowledge / Computer / Misc – 35 Questions
- Note: Lower difficulty level. This paper also applies to MBA Entrance, Law CET, and Higher Education aspirants.

B. Advanced Category

- Language: English–Hindi (Bilingual)
- Duration: 120 Minutes (Composite Time) | Total Questions: 120 | Total Marks: 120

- Pattern:
 1. English Language – 25 Questions
 2. Quantitative Aptitude – 25 Questions
 3. Logical Reasoning – 35 Questions
 4. General Knowledge / Computer / Misc – 35 Questions

Q14. MPSC Group B, Group C and Direct Recruitment Candidates

A. Basic Category

- Language: English–Marathi (Bilingual)
- Duration: 1 Hour | Total Questions: 100 | Total Marks: 100
- Syllabus:
 - State Board Class 12 Level: History, Polity, Geography, Science, Economics
 - Class 10 Level: Mathematics, Reasoning, English Language

B. Advanced Category

- Language: English–Marathi (Bilingual)
- Duration: 1 Hour | Total Questions: 100 | Total Marks: 100
- Syllabus: Based entirely on the actual syllabus and pattern of the official MPSC Group B and Group C Combined Examinations.

6. Selection Process & Exam Day Guidelines

Q15. Will written examination marks be considered for final selection?

- No. The written examination is conducted only for shortlisting candidates for the interview stage. Final selection is based entirely on interview performance.

Q16. How is the final selection made?


The interview process evaluates:

- Authenticity of information provided
- Financial and personal circumstances
- Educational background
- Seriousness of preparation and overall suitability

Q17. How can I select my examination centre?

1. Approximately five days before the examination, you will receive a WhatsApp message containing a Google Form link for centre selection.
2. You must open the link, choose your preferred centre, and submit it before the specified deadline.
3. Centres are allotted based on availability. Failure to submit on time will result in a centre allocation at the sole discretion of Manobal.

Q18. What are the venues for the 5 June 2026 Examination?

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Note: The separate list of exam centres for the 21 June 2026 examination (MPSC/Direct Recruitment) will be announced later.

Q19. Will an admit card be issued?

- No separate physical admit card will be issued. The official message sent by Manobal via WhatsApp or Email containing your allocated centre details and reporting instructions will serve as your official entry pass. Please check your text messages, WhatsApp, email inbox, and spam folders regularly.

Q20. What items should I carry on exam day?

- Mandatory: Original Government-issued Photo ID Card (PAN Card, Passport, Voter ID, Driving Licence, etc.). Note: Ensure you have a valid physical ID card with you.
- If Applicable: Disability Certificate.
- Optional: Blank sheets for rough work, pen, or pencil.

Q21. What activities are strictly prohibited?

Cheating, copying, communicating with other candidates, impersonation, using unauthorized materials, or misusing scribe facilities will lead to immediate disqualification and severe disciplinary action by the Foundation.

7. Official Contact & Helpdesk Information

For all official announcements, schedules, and results, regularly visit the official website:

www.deepstambh.org

Contact Support

- WhatsApp Support (Preferred): 9067111597
- Email: admission@deepstambh.org

Regional Helpline Numbers

- Jalgaon: 8149730318, 9890406717
- Pune: 9168660080, 8624837332
- Delhi: 9607983508

Calling Hours: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Working / Weekdays Only)