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FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT,  
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.  
Dated the 15 June, 2015.

Constitution  
of India.

No. GVN/2015(9)/EXM/19/2007/2457/D-2:- In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India and in supersession of all the rules made in this behalf, the Governor of Gujarat hereby makes the following rules to provide for regulating the conditions of service of persons appointed to the post of Guard, Class III, in the subordinate service under the Forest and Environment Department in so far as they relate to passing of the Departmental Examination for promotion to the post of Forester, Class III namely :-

1. Short title, extent and commencement. -

- (1) These rules may be called the Forester, Class III (Departmental Examination) Rules, 2015.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Official Gazette*.
- (3) They shall apply to the persons who are appointed as Guard, Class III in the subordinate service under the Forest and Environment Department, Gujarat state by promotion or otherwise.

2. Definition.

In these rules, unless the context otherwise require:-

- (a) "Appendix" means an Appendix appended to these rules;
- (b) "appointed date" means the date on which these rules shall come into force;
- (c) "Board" means the Gujarat Subordinate Service Selection Board, Gandhinagar;
- (d) "Examination" means the departmental examination prescribed under these rules;
- (e) "Old rules" means the rules for the departmental examination for Guard, Class III which were in force immediately before appointed

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- date;
- (f) "relevant examination" means the respective departmental examination prescribed under these rules as a prerequisite for promotion to the post of a Forester, Class III and includes such respective departmental examination as were prescribed under the old rules,
- (g) "Specified chances" means the number of chances specified in these rules within which a person is required to pass the examination;
- (h) "Specified period" means the period specified in these rules within which a person is required to pass the examination.

**3. Eligibility to appear in the Examination and availability of Chances.-**

To be eligible for promotion to the post of Forester, Class III, a person shall be required to pass the Examination within a period of three years and within three chances from the date of his regular appointment to the lower post unless he has passed such relevant examination under the old rules:

Provided that in case of a person who has a last chance, if the period for passing the examination as provided in the rules, expires before the date of holding examination of the next examination, the said period shall be deemed to have been extended until the date of declaration of the result of the examination so held :

Provided further that a person belonging to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes may be given one more chance which shall have to be availed of within a period of one year from the date of the expiry of the period mentioned in these rules:

Provided also that where any such person, who has passed the relevant examination before the appointed date or has been exempted from passing the examination, he shall not be required to pass such examination as provided under these rules:

Provided also that the chances for passing the relevant examination under the old rules shall be deemed to have been provided under these rules and a person working on the post of Guard, Class III, who has been

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provided any such chance, shall be allowed to avail the remaining chances under these rules:

Provided also that any such person, who has availed of all the chances prescribed under the old rules for passing the examination, shall be allowed to avail one additional chance to pass the examination under these rules, which shall have to be availed of at the first examination to be held under these rules, subject to the condition that he shall not be entitled to claim seniority over those persons who have passed the examination and have been promoted regularly to higher post earlier than him :

Provided also that if a person fails to pass such Examination within the specified period and specified chances, he shall, notwithstanding such failure, be eligible to appear at any time in the Examination on payment of an examination fees as may be determined by the Government and if he passes the said examination, he shall be eligible for promotion:

Provided also that a person shall not be entitled to claim seniority over those persons who have passed the examination earlier than him and also have been promoted regularly to the higher post before he became eligible for such promotion on passing the examination.

#### 4. Venue of Examination.-

(1) The Board shall hold the Examination twice in a year, ordinarily in the month of June and December.

(2) The place, date and time for holding the Examination shall be communicated by the Board to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar under intimation of the Secretary, Forest and Environment Department, Government of Gujarat and the Principal Chief Conservator of forest shall communicate this directly to the candidate under the intimation of the Board.

#### 5. Syllabus.-

(1) The syllabus of the Examination shall be as specified in Appendix 'A'. The examination shall consist of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ).

(2) The medium of the examination shall be Gujarati or English as the instruction given in the question paper.

**6. Appearance in the Examination.-**

(1) A Guard, Class III, who desires to appear at the Examination, shall submit his application in the form as specified in Appendix B to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar for enlisting his name as a candidate for such examination at least sixty days before the date of the commencement of the examination.

(2) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar shall scrutinise the application with regard to his eligibility for appearing at the examination and forward the same to the Board along with the Certificate of Eligibility as specified in Appendix 'C'.

(3) If the applicant subsequently decides not to appear at the examination, he shall give intimation thereof to the Board through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar, at least thirty days before the date of the commencement of the examination.

(4) In the event of any person failing to appear at the examination after having enlisted his name as a candidate for appearing there at but without intimating referred to in sub-rule (3) above, he shall be deemed to have lost one chance of passing the examination.

(5) The Board shall admit the candidate to the Examination on the strength of the Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar that he is eligible to appear at such examination:

Provided that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar may condone the failure on the part of the person to give intimation referred to in sub-rule (3), and the consequences arising there from if it is satisfied that the person had failed to give the intimation within time for reasons beyond his control.

8. **Qualifying Standard for passing Examination.-**

- (1) The standard for passing the Examination shall be fifty per cent. (50%) of the total marks assigned to each paper.
- (2) The subject papers shall be allowed to be answered with the help of books.

*Explanation:* - With books means original book of the subjects having bare Acts and / or Rules without any commentaries or case laws and includes manual issued under the Act published by the Government of Gujarat.

- (3) An unsuccessful candidate who secures sixty per cent. or more marks in any one or more papers shall be exempted from appearing in those papers at the subsequent examinations.

- (4) A candidate who has secured 80% (eighty per cent.) or more aggregate marks in the examination shall be paid cash amount as an incentive as determined by the Government.

9. **Publication of result.-**

The Board shall publish the result of the examination in the *Official Gazette* and also communicate the same to the Secretary, Forest and Environment Department, Gujarat State.

10. **Prohibition to use certain devices in the Examination Hall.**

The candidates shall not be allowed to carry with them a cellular phone, calculator, pager, lap top or any other electronic communication devices.

APPENDIX "A"

(See rule 5)

Syllabus for Forester's Examination

PAPER-1

Forest and Wildlife

100 Marks

Duration: 3 Hours

1	Forest Protection and Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Factor affecting the forest and measures to control</li> </ul>
2	The Indian Forest Act, 1927.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 4, 20, 26, 29, 33, 41, 55, 63, 75 and 79</li> </ul>
3	The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objective and definition</li> <li>• Sanctuaries and National Park of Gujarat</li> <li>• Major animals of Gujarat and their schedule</li> <li>• Provisions of Punishment</li> <li>• Section 27, 30, 35, 38, 39, 40, 43 and 49</li> </ul>
4	Offence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procedure of booking an offence and preparation of offence paper                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First Offence Report</li> <li>○ Panchnama, Statement of offender, Statement of witness,</li> <li>○ Inquiry Report</li> <li>○ Offence Material</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		Register ○ Beat Register ○ Receipt No. 14 for recovery of money
5	The Saurashtra Felling of Trees (Infliction and Punishment) Act, 1951 and Rules made there under	○ Objective and definition ○ Area of application ○ Trees for which applicable ○ Reserved and protected trees ○ Conditions for tree cutting ○ Transit Pass

PAPER-2

Forest and Wildlife Management

100 Marks

Duration: 3 Hours

1	Forest and Forest types	• Importance of Forest • Importance of Wildlife • Major Forest trees • Reserve Forest • Protected Forest • Unclassed Forest • Grass Vadies
2	Preparation of Nursery	• Types of nursery • Selection of site and layout for nursery • Procedure for setting up nursery • Types of Beds

3	Plantation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Hi-tech nursery, Root trainer</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Type of Plantation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ By seed</li> <li>◦ By seedlings</li> <li>◦ By stump</li> </ul> </li> <li>◦ Weeding and Soil Working</li> </ul> <p>Major Plantation Models of Forest area</p>
4	Joint Forest Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Objective</li> <li>◦ Joint Forest Management Committees</li> <li>◦ Role of Joint Forest Management Committees in Forest Protection and Management</li> <li>◦ Benefit sharing</li> </ul>
5	Social Forestry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Definition</li> <li>◦ Importance of Social Forestry</li> <li>◦ Names of the Plantation Model</li> <li>◦ Major Social Forestry tree species</li> </ul>



APPENDIX 'B'

(See rule 6(1))

Application for appearing at Forester Examination to be held by the Board.

1.	Applicant's name in full (Surname; first) ( In English and Gujarati):	
2.	Designation ( In English and Gujarati):	
3.	Name of the office in which at present serving:	
4.	Birth date and age at the time of this examination.	
5.	Date of appointment and total years of service:	
6.	Whether the applicant had appeared at the Examination previously if so-	
	(a)Month and year of examination at which he appeared:	
	(b)Whether any exemption is earned. If so, details of marks, Year of examination and subject should be given:	
	(c)Whether the applicant intends to avail of exemptions earned? State "Yes" or "No" (The choice will be treated as final and no change shall be allowed):	
7.	Authority of the Rule under which the applicant has to Appear for the examination:	
8.	Number of chances and time limit within which the applicant is required to pass the examination (date of expiry of the period for appearing at the examination should be mentioned):	
9.	Number of trials exhausted.	
10.	Whether additional (special chance) has been granted? Number and date of orders, under which the	

	additional chance has been granted to the applicant should be specified and a copy thereof should be sent):	
11.	Purpose of passing the examination (e.g. confirmation, retention in Government service, promotion, etc.):	
12.	Whether the applicant is eligible to appear at the examination according to the rules of the Departmental Examination:	
13.	Number and date of orders relaxing age and service limit from competent authority (copies of orders should be attached)	
14.	Remarks, if any:	

PLACE:

DATE:

Signature of the Applicant

APPENDIX 'C'

(See rule 6(2))

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Certified that -

(1) The above particulars are verified and found correct. Shri/Smt./Kum..... is eligible to appear at the Foresters Examination for promotion to the post of Forester to be held in .....20....

(2) \* Necessary fee is paid, copy of *Challan* is attached herewith.

(3) \*Candidate is granted additional chance, a copy of order is attached.

Place: .....

Date: .....

\* Strike out whichever is not applicable.

(Signature and designation of the Head  
of Department/Office)

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

  
(Nilesh Trivedi)

Deputy Secretary to Government

Copy to :

- The Secretary to Governor, Raj Bhavan, Gandhinagar.
- The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Gujarat, Gandhinagar.
- The Personal Secretaries to all Ministers / Ministers of State, Gandhinagar.
- The Secretary, Gujarat Public Service Commission, Ahmedabad.

- The Secretary Gujarat Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Gandhinagar.
- The Secretary, Gujarat Subordinate Services Selection Board, Gandhinagar.
- The Registrar, Gujarat High Court, Ahmedabad.
- The Secretary, Gujarat Vigilance Commission, Gandhinagar.
- The Secretary, Gujarat Civil Services Tribunal, Gandhinagar.
- The Secretary, Gujarat Panchayat Services Selection Board, Ahmedabad.
- The Accountant General, Ahmedabad/Rajkot.
- All Secretariat Departments
- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.
- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL), Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.
- The Commissioner, Sardar Patel Institute of Public Administration, Ahmedabad.
- The Manager, Govt. Central Press, Gandhinagar..... With a request to publish this notification in the Government Gazette immediately and send 200 copies thereof to the Forest and Environment department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- The Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar..... With a request to publish Gujarati translation of Notification and send two hundred copies to this department.
- All branches of the Forest & Environment Department.
- Select file.

➤ By letter