

Annexure- I to CRC minutes (FAQ Para -17)

1. What are the qualification, selection methodology, Pay Scale and Career Progression of Scientist/Engineer-SC in VSSC?

Sl No	Post	Level in the Pay Matrix Rs.	Eligibility Criteria	Upper Age Limit (UR)	Selection Methodology/ Qualifying criteria	Career Prospects
1	Scientist/ Engineer-SC	L-10 (56100-177500)	<u>BE/B Tech with GATE score based recruitments:</u> BE/B Tech or equivalent with an aggregate minimum of 65% marks or CGPA 6.84/10 and above plus valid GATE score; The qualification as prescribed above should have been pursued and completed within the stipulated duration of the course as prescribed by the University/Institution concerned.	28	Interview (Candidates are shortlisted for interview based on their GATE score)	Can progress up to Distinguished Scientist in Level 16 (205400-224400) through Merit Promotion Scheme, subject to satisfactory performance.
2	Scientist/ Engineer-SC	L-10(56100-177500)	<u>B.Tech/B.E.based recruitment:</u> BE/B.Tech/BSc (Engg.) or equivalent qualification with an aggregate minimum of 65% marks (average of all semesters) or CGPA 6.84 on a 10 point scale. AMIE/Grade IETE candidates with a minimum of 65% marks or CGPA 6.84 on a 10 point scale in Section B alone. The prescribed qualification should have been completed within the stipulated duration of the course as prescribed by the University.	28	Written Test + Interview Qualifying criteria : Written Test (50% each in Part A & B) + Interview (50/100 marks). Aggregate 60%	Can progress up to Distinguished Scientist in Level 16 (205400-224400) through Merit Promotion Scheme, subject to satisfactory performance.

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3	Scientist/ Engineer-SC	L- 10(56100- 177500)	<u>M.Tech / M.E based recruitment:</u> ME/M Tech/MSc (Engg) or equivalent post graduate degree with an aggregate minimum of 60% or CGPA/CPI grading of 6.5 on a 10 point scale with pre-eligibility qualification of BE/B Tech/BSc (Engg) or equivalent qualification with an aggregate minimum of 65% (average of all semesters) or CGPA/CPI grading of 6.84 on a 10 point scale. The prescribed qualification should have been completed within the stipulated duration of the course as prescribed by the University.	30	Written Test + Interview Written Test (50% each in Part A , B & C) + Interview (50/100 marks). Aggregate 60% .	Can progress up to Distinguished Scientist in Level 16 (205400-224400) through Merit Promotion Scheme, subject to satisfactory performance.
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2. What are the qualification, selection methodology, Pay Scale and Career Progression of Technician-B, Technical Assistant and Scientific Assistant in VSSC?

Sl No	Post	Level in the Pay Matrix Rs.	Eligibility Criteria	Upper Age Limit (UR)	Selection Methodology	Career Prospects
1	Technician-B	L- 3 (21700 - 69100)	SSLC Pass + ITI / NTC / NAC (minimum two years course)	35	Written Test + Skill Test (Selection will be based on Written Test Marks only. Skill test is only of qualifying nature).	Can progress upto the post of Assistant Engineer in Level 12 (78800 - 209200) through Merit Promotion Scheme, subject to satisfactory performance.
2	Technical Assistant	L-7 (44900-142400)	Diploma in Engineering with first class, from a State recognized Board, in the required discipline as per the job nature of the post in the Centre	35	Written Test + Skill Test (curriculum based) (Selection will be based on Written Test Marks only. Skill test is only of qualifying nature.)	Can progress upto the post of Technical Officer-SG in Level 13-A (131100-216600) through Merit Promotion Scheme, subject to satisfactory performance.
3	Scientific Assistant	L-7(44900-142400)	B.Sc with first class from a recognized University/Institution, in the required discipline as per the job nature of the post in the Centre.	35	Written Test + Skill Test (curriculum based) (Selection will be based on Written Test Marks only. Skill test is only of qualifying nature.)	Can progress upto the post of Scientific Officer-SG in Level 13-A (131100-216600) through Merit Promotion Scheme, subject to satisfactory performance.

Note: Relaxation in upper age limit is applicable as per Government of India rules, for SC/ST/OBC candidates and PWD and ex- servicemen candidates

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3. What are the qualification, Selection methodology, Pay Scale and Career Progression of staffs in clerical cadre and stenographic cadre in VSSC ?

Sl No	Post	Level in the Pay Matrix Rs.	Eligibility Criteria	Upper Age Limit (UR)	Selection Methodology	Career Prospects
1	Assistant	L-4 (25500-81100)	(1) Graduation with a minimum of 60% marks or CGPA of 6.32 on a 10-point scale as declared by any recognised University, with a pre-requisite condition that the graduation should have been completed within the stipulated duration of the course as prescribed by the University. And (2) Proficiency in the use of Computers.	28	Written Test + Skill Test (Computer Literacy Test) <i>(Selection will be based on Written Test Marks only. Skill test is only of qualifying nature.)</i>	Assistant can progress up to Senior Assistant in Level-6, subject to availability of vacancy and satisfactory performance.
2	Junior Personal Assistant	L-4 (25500 - 81100)	Graduation with a minimum of 60% marks or CGPA of 6.32 on a 10-point scale as declared by any recognised University, with a pre-requisite condition that the graduation should have been completed within the stipulated duration of the course as prescribed by the University. Or Diploma in Commercial/Secretarial Practice with minimum of 60% marks or CGPA of 6.32 on a 10-point scale as declared by any recognised Board/University, with a pre-requisite condition that Diploma should have been completed within the stipulated duration of the course as prescribed by the Board/University with One-year experience as Steno-Typist/ Stenographer. 1. A minimum speed of 60 W.P.M in English stenography. And 2. Proficiency in the use of Computers.	28	Written Test + Skill Test (Computer Literacy Test and Stenography test) <i>(Selection will be based on Written Test Marks only. Skill test is only of qualifying nature.)</i>	Junior Personal Assistant can progress up to Personal Secretary in Level-9 (67700-208700), subject to availability of vacancy and satisfactory performance.

Note: Relaxation in upper age limit is applicable as per Government of India rules, for SC/ST/OBC candidates and PWD and ex- servicemen candidates

4. What are the syllabus for the written test for the post of Assistant in VSSC ?

Indicative Syllabus for the post of Assistant is given below:

General English:

Questions to test the candidate's understanding & knowledge of the language and ability to write correctly, precisely & effectively, correct use of words, idioms & phrases, etc.

Quantitative Aptitude:

Questions on Number System, Percentages, Profit & Loss, Discount, Ratio & Proportion, Mixer & Allegation, Averages, Simple & Compound interest, Time & distance, Time & Work, Pipe & Cistern, Boat & Stream, Partnership, Surds & Indices, LCM & HCF, Simplification, Geometry (Triangles, Circles, Quadrilateral, Lines & Angles etc), Mensuration (Area, Perimeter, Volume etc), Trigonometry (Trigonometric Identities, Trigonometric Ratios, Circular measures of Angles, Heights & distance etc), Algebra (Factorisation, Coordinate Geometry, Polynomials, Sequence & Series, Algebraic identities, Linear equations etc), Statistics & data interpretation, etc.

General Intelligence & Reasoning ability :

Verbal & non-verbal type questions on Missing Number, Repeated Series, Analogy, Venn diagram, Logical arrangement of Words, Coding & decoding, Sitting arrangement, ranking arrangement, Dice, Cube & Cuboid, Calendar, Number Series, Coded equation, Clock, Directions, Counting figures, Problems based on Alphabets, Sequence, Mirror and Water Image etc.

General Knowledge:

Questions to test the candidates' awareness of the environment around him and its applications to the society, current affairs of National & International importance etc. The test will also include questions on History, Culture, Geography, Science, Polity, Economy etc.

5. What are the syllabus for the written test for the post of Junior Personal Assistant in VSSC.

Indicative Syllabus for Junior Personal Assistant is give below:

English Language & Comprehension :

Questions in this component will be designed to test the candidate's understanding and knowledge of English Language such as spot the error, fill in the blanks, synonyms& antonyms, detecting misspelled words, idioms & phrases, one word substitution, sentence improvements, active/ passive voice, direct/ indirect narration, close paragraph, comprehension etc.

General Intelligence & Reasoning ability :

Verbal & non-verbal type questions on Missing Number, Repeated Series, Analogy, Venn diagram, Logical arrangement of Words, Coding & decoding, Sitting arrangement, ranking arrangement, Dice, Cube & Cuboid, Calendar, Number Series, Coded equation, Clock, Directions, Counting figures, Problems based on Alphabets, Sequence, Mirror and Water Image etc.

Quantitative Aptitude:

Questions on Number System, Percentages, Profit & Loss, Discount, Ratio & Proportion, Mixer & Allegation, Averages, Simple & Compound interest, Time & distance, Time & Work, Pipe & Cistern, Boat & Stream, Partnership, Surds & Indices, LCM & HCF, Simplification, Geometry (Triangles, Circles, Quadrilateral, Lines & Angles etc), Mensuration (Area, Perimeter, Volume etc), Trigonometry (Trigonometric Identities, Trigonometric Ratios, Circular measures of Angles, Heights & distance etc), Algebra (Factorisation, Coordinate Geometry, Polynomials, Sequence & Series, Algebraic identities, Linear equations etc), Statistics & data interpretation, etc.

General Knowledge:

Questions to test the candidates' awareness of the environment around him and its applications to the society, current affairs of National & International importance etc. The test will also include questions on History, Culture, Geography, Science, Polity, Economy etc.

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6. What are the syllabus for the written test for the post of Scientist/Engineer-SC in VSSC?

The syllabus for the written test will be based on the prescribed curriculum of the qualification required for the post.

7. How the result is announced?

Result of each stage of selection will be published in VSSC website. The selected candidates will be informed through candidate's registered e-mail id.

8. Cut off mark for selection for the post ?

For each post, Cut off mark will be fixed considering the number of posts, number of candidates applied etc based on the approved guidelines.

9. Which are the venues for written test for advertisements made by VSSC?

Thiruvananthapuram will be one of the Centre for written/Skill Test. Other examination Centres if required will be decided subject to turn out of applications received and administrative constraints.

10. What is the salary and other facilities available for newly recruited Scientist/Engineer-SC in VSSC?

In addition to Basic Pay Rs.56100/-+ Dearness Allowance (DA) at the prescribed rate, House Rent Allowance (HRA) and Transport Allowance (TA) are payable as per extant rules on the subject as applicable at Thiruvananthapuram. The employees will be governed by the New Pension Scheme. Further, Medical facilities (Contributory Health Service Scheme) for self and dependents, subsidized canteen facilities, limited quarters facility (in lieu of HRA), Leave Travel Concession, Group Insurance, House Building Advance, PC Advance etc; are admissible as per Central Government orders. The newly appointed Scientist/Engineer- SC posted at Thiruvananthapuram will receive an amount of Rs. 79,662/- (BP+DA at 42%) as on 31.08.2023 and HRA & TA if admissible.

11. Whether wait listed candidate get appointment, if new advertisement come up for same post between valid waiting period.

The notified vacancy as per the advertisement only will be filled up from the select panel. If any candidate does not turn up for joining or resigns after joining within the panel validity period, such vacancies only will be filled up from the waitlist.

12. Will Skill Test mark be considered for selection?

The Skill tests are purely on 'go-no-go' basis and marks obtained in the Skill Test is not considered for selection and the Skill Test is a qualifying test for which the candidates has to score minimum 60% for qualification.

13. Whether Public can visit VSSC ?

Public are allowed to visit the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre(VSSC) space museum from 09:30 hrs to 16:00 hrs on all days except Saturday, Sunday and declared Public holidays (notified on the calendar available online). The interested Indian nationals can apply for pass, online through the link [https://museumvisit.vssc.gov.in/Museum Visit/](https://museumvisit.vssc.gov.in/Museum%20Visit/).

14. Procedure for seeking permission for visiting VSSC Space Museum

Public are allowed to visit the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre(VSSC) space museum from 09:30 hrs to 16:00 hrs on all days except Saturday, Sunday and declared Public holidays (notified on the calendar available online). The entry is allowed without any fee. On normal days the number of visitors allowed is up to 2000 nos. and on RH 200 launch days the number allowed is up to 5000 Nos A visit to the space museum will take more than an hour. There will be regular film shows on all days. Special shows will be arranged for groups with not less than 40 visitors, on request. Sounding rockets are generally launched from TERLS on every third Wednesday at 11:45 hours (subject to change for technical reasons) for scientific purposes. Those who wish to witness the launch should be present at space museum before 10:30 hrs. The entry is allowed only for Indian nationals. The interested Indian nationals can apply online, maximum 3 months in advance. Online request will be processed only on working days The request can be for an individual, a group or for Educational Institution/Organizations.

15. What is the employee strength of VSSC ?

Total number of Employees: 4610 (As on 31.08.2023)

Total number of male employees: 3637

Total number of female employees: 973

Total number of Scientific and Technical employees: 3682 (Male: 3118, Female: 564)

Total number of Administrative/Auxiliary service employees: 928 (Male: 519, Female: 409)

16. Telephone number of Public Relation Officer, VSSC?

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