

Objections raised against the Answer Key of the Question Paper for the selection of Staff & Welfare Inspector held on 17.11.2024 vis a vis observations:

Sl. No.	Q. No.		Q. & Answer given / Objection raised	Observation
	Set A	Set B		
1.	44.	9.	<p>The minimum educational qualification for normal recruitment in PB-1 is: (A) 10th Plus + ITI</p> <p><u>Objection:</u> The minimum educational qualification for normal recruitment is different for different posts of Level-1.</p> <p>No correct option is available in the question paper.</p>	<p><u>RBE 73/2017:</u> (i) L-1 posts in Civil Engg., Mech. Electrical, S&T from Open market: 10th plus ITI or 10th plus National Apprenticeship Certificate by NCVT (ii) L-1 posts for all other departments, 10th pass or ITI or equivalent or NAC</p> <p><u>Observations:</u> As the given options not include the option 10th pass or ITI or equivalent or NAC, so the option 10th plus + ITI is taken as correct as item (i) above.</p> <p>Objection is not justified.</p>
2.	21.	20.	<p>During Extra Ordinary Leave, a Railway employee is eligible for: (A) Basic Pay</p> <p><u>Objection:</u> As per IREC Vol.-I, Chapter-5, Rule 530, EOL is equivalent to LWP. Nothing is payable.</p> <p>No correct option is available in the question paper.</p>	<p><u>Observation:</u> <u>IREC Para-530</u> Extraordinary leave may be granted to a railway servant in special circumstances— (a) when no other leave is admissible, and (b) When other leave is admissible, but the railway servant applies in writing for the grant of extraordinary leave.</p> <p>Extra Ordinary Leave tantamount to Leave Without Pay. So, no leave salary is admissible.</p> <p>Objection is justified as no correct option is available.</p>
3.	31.	27.	<p>Who is the lowest Competent Authority to sign a Vakalatnama in Division: (C) Senior Scale</p> <p><u>Objection:</u> General Manager/Secretary of Railway Board should be the answer as per letter No. E(G) 2021/LL3/1, dt.03.05/02/2021</p>	<p><u>Observation:</u> The letter as mentioned by the applicant is about signing the Vakalatnamas where the Railway represented by the General Manager is being made a party and where the Union of India represented by the Secretary, Railway Board is being made a party. (Not relevant with Divisional case).</p> <p>As per RBE No.260/88, JAG Officers have been authorised to exercise the powers of signing of complaints and written statements, etc.</p>

				<p>and by the authority of DRM/ADRM, by the Senior Scale Officers.</p> <p>Given Answer is correct.</p> <p>Objection is not justified.</p>
4.	22.	37.	<p>Who can sanction leave upto 21 days for non-Gazetted staff: Senior Scale Officer.</p> <p><u>Objection:</u> No correct option is given. As per MSOP-2018 page F-32, and IREC Vol.-I Ch-5 Leave Rules it is the Junior Scale / Asstt. Officer</p>	<p><u>Observation:</u></p> <p>As per Page- F32, MSOP, Sr. Scale Officer has the power to sanction upto 45 days and Junior Scale Officer has the power to sanction upto 30 days for NG staff.</p> <p>Objection is justified as no correct option is available.</p>
5.	50.	46	<p>संसदीय राजभाषा समिति में राज्यभाषा के कितने सदस्य हैं?</p> <p><u>Objection:</u> संसदीय राजभाषा समिति में राज्यभाषा के लिए कोई सदस्य नामित नहीं है, जबकि राज्यसभा के लिए 10 और लोक सभा के लिए -20 कुल 30 सदस्य होना आवश्यक है।</p>	<p><u>Observation:</u></p> <p>Objection is justified.</p>
6.	25.	22.	<p>Who is not a member of SBF committee in Division: (C) Engineering Department.</p> <p><u>Objection:</u> No correct option in answer sheet, may be “deleted” as per IREC Volume-I, Chapter - 8, Para-808.</p>	<p><u>Para-808, Chapter-8, IREC Vol.I:</u> Divisional SBF committee shall be comprised of DPO, One Officer nominated by DRM, 2 representatives of each Unions, one S&WI, one representative of AISCSTREA & OBC association.</p> <p>There is no mention of Engineering Department representation to be a member of DSBF. So, Answer Key is correct.</p> <p>Objection is not justified.</p>
7.	28.	26.	<p>As per latest circular from Railway Board, who can decide on appeal against APAR if accepting authority was ADRM?</p> <p><u>Objection:</u></p>	<p><u>Observation:</u></p> <p>Latest circular about APAR is 89/2024 which stipulates about consideration of representation against ‘Adverse remarks’ recorded in APAR. As per Annexure-I of the said circular, in Division where ADRM is the</p>

			In case of APAR, Accepting Authority is highest authority so he can decide against appeal. Here AA is ADRM.	Accepting Authority, Competent Authority to consider representation is DRM. Objection is not justified.
8.	19.	24.	Taxable income of a railway employee includes: (D) All of the above (Basic Pay, TA, HRA). <u>Objection:</u> According to Income Tax Act, Basic Pay and HRA are correct. No correct option is available.	<u>Observation:</u> Here, TA does not mean Travelling Allowance as Travelling Allowance is not a regular element of salary of a railway employee. Here, TA denotes as Transport Allowance and Transport Allowance is taxable under head of salaries in the hands of employee. However, in the Rajbhasha option, the option is erroneously mentioned as “यात्रा भत्ता”. But, in the instructions it has clearly been mentioned in item no. F that “In case of any confusion in question written in Rajbhasha, English version may be consulted. राजभाषा में लिखे प्रश्न में किसी भी भ्रम की स्थिति में अंग्रेजी संस्करण की मदद ली जा सकती है.” So, the Option D, i.e. Basic Pay, TA & HRA all are taxable income of a Railway employee. Objection is not justified

Observations against other objections:

- As there are 55 questions including 5 optional questions not 110 questions including 10 optional questions, the time was allotted to 90 minutes instead of 120 minutes.
- The Answer Key should not bear any signature to maintain secrecy and confidentiality.

Procedure to be adopted for evaluation for wrong question(s)/ questions having wrong answer:

1. Clarifications have been issued on procedure to be adopted on certain issues connected with objective type questions in departmental selections/LDCE, etc. vide RBE No.122/2023 (circulated vide PCPO/ER's Serial Circular No. 143/2023 available in the website address: <https://er.indianrailways.gov.in>). Para 2 of the said circular states that “In case some of the question(s) / answer (s) therein are incorrect, the procedure as prescribed in the letter No.2010/E(RRB)/25/27, dt.09.06.2011 is to be adopted only for those candidates who have attempted that / those incorrect questions(s) or question(s) with wrong answer(s). This will be applicable to question paper(s) involving optional question(s)”.

Railway Board's letter No. 2010/E(RRB)/25/27 Pt., dt.09.06.2011 states that *“wherever any question(s) in the question paper(s) is found to be incorrect, the question(s) may be omitted from the scope of evaluation instead of giving grace mark(s) and raw score may be assessed on percentage basis. For example, there are total 100 numbers of questions and one question is wrong, only marking of 99 questions be considered and the marks obtained may be proportionally equated to the marks of 100 questions”* .

In view of above, the evaluation of wrong question(s) / questions having wrong answer will be evaluated in terms of stipulations mentioned in RBE No.122/2023 to be read with Railway Board's letter No. 2010/E(RRB)/25/27, dt.09.06.2011.

2. It has clearly been mentioned in the instructions on the question papers both in Set-A and Set-B that “Question No. 46 to 50 are related to Rajbhasha and are optional. Candidates can either attempt Question No. 46 to 50 of Rajbhasha or Question No. 51 to 55 which are not related to Rajbhasha.”

So, the candidate who has answered any question from the question no. 46 to 50, should not have attempted any question from the set of question no. 51 to 55 in both the sets.

Therefore, the candidates who have attempted any question from the set of question no. 46 to 50, their answer sheets will be evaluated upto question no. 50 only.

3. The candidates who have attempted the set of Rajbhasha and also attempted the wrong question of Rajbhasha, this question will be omitted from the scope of evaluation in favour of their answer sheets as per item no. (1) above for both Set-A and Set-B.
4. The candidates who have attempted any of the question/ all the questions having wrong answer(s) in both Set-A and Set-B, other than the question set of Rajbhasha, i.e. the sets of questions from question no. (1) to (45) and question no. (51) to (55), the question(s) having wrong answer(s) will be omitted from the scope of evaluation in favour of their answer sheets as per item no. (1) above.

**Revised Answer Key of written examination for the Post of S&WI held on
17.11.2024 (Set-A)**

1	D	16	D	31	C	46	A
2	B	17	B	32	C	47	B
3	C	18	A	33	B	48	A
4	C	19	D	34	A	49	A
5	B	20	C	35	A	50	
6	D	21		36	A	51	A
7	D	22		37	B	52	D
8	D	23	B	38		53	C
9	B	24	D	39	C	54	C
10	A	25	C	40	B	55	A
11	A	26		41	D		
12	B	27	B	42	D		
13	D	28	B	43	A		
14	A	29	D	44	A		
15	B	30	D	45	B		

The questions having no valid choice / wrong question will be dealt as mentioned in page no. (3) & (4) above.

Revised Answer Key of written examination for the Post of S&WI held on 17.11.2024 (Set-B)							
1	C	16	D	31	A	46	
2	B	17	B	32	B	47	B
3	B	18	D	33	D	48	A
4	A	19	A	34	D	49	A
5	B	20		35	B	50	A
6	D	21	B	36	D	51	
7	C	22	C	37		52	C
8	B	23	A	38	A	53	D
9	A	24	D	39	D	54	D
10	D	25		40	B	55	A
11	D	26	B	41	B		
12	A	27	C	42	C		
13	D	28	C	43	B		
14	A	29	A	44	C		
15	B	30	C	45	A		

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