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LANGUAGE OF EXAMINATION IN THE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

According to a recent Gallup poll, 46% of the population would prefer Urdu as medium of examination in the Civil Service Exams. Nearly one quarter (26%) supported the continuation of English language for the competitive exams which lead to the formation of the Civil Services of Pakistan. 4% opted for Sindhi. No other language received sizeable support, thus all other languages mentioned in the survey added up to a meager 1%.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan in 100 villages and 75 urban locations all over the country. The findings of the survey were computer processed.

There are visible regional differences on the issue of what should be the language of examination in the Civil Service exams. But except for rural Sindh, the basic pattern remains stable: Urdu as the first choice followed by English. In rural Sindh, however, the pattern is quite unique: Only 6% opt for Urdu, 21 % for Sindhi and 55 % for English. Strangely, urban Sindh which houses most of the Urdu-speaking (those speaking Urdu at home) population shows less support for its adoption in the Civil Services exams compared to the rest of the country. The higher income segments of the population do not show much enthusiasm to switch to Urdu to recruit civil servants. 46% of the high income people support the continuation of English as opposed to 39% who favour a switch over to Urdu.

Preferred Language for Civil Service Examination in Different Regions

	<u>Percent of respondents</u>				
	<u>Urdu</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Sindhi</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>No Response</u>
ALL PAKISTAN	46	26	4	1	23
Rural	44	23	4	1	27
Urban	51	32	2	1	14
Punjab	52	20	--	1	27
Rural	51	15	--	1	32
Urban	56	30	--	1	13
Sindh	22	48	15	1	15
Rural	6	55	21	2	17
Urban	43	38	6	--	12
NWFP	58	20	--	1	22
Rural	59	20	--	1	21
Urban	51	19	--	1	29
Baluchistan	47	26	4	2	22
Rural	47	25	5	2	20
Urban	42	26	--	4	28
Metropolitan Cities	50	31	--	1	8
Cities	55	24	3	2	18
Towns	47	40	4	1	17
Villages	44	23	4	1	27

**Preferred Language for
Civil Service Examinations in Different Income Groups**

<u>INCOME GROUP</u>	<u>Percent of respondent</u>				
	<u>Urdu</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Sindhi</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>No Response</u>
High	39	46	3	2	11
Upper Middle	50	28	6	2	15
Lower Middle	49	25	4	1	21
Lower	43	22	1	1	33

PREFFERD LANGUAGE FOR CSS EXAM.

