

PATTERN & SUBJECTS FOR UPSC PRELIMINARY AND MAIN EXAMINATION

The UPSC civil services preliminary test is the first step in the IAS Selection Process, and passing it is necessary to move on to the Main test.

IAS Prelims scores are intended simply to be used as a screening test; they will not be factored into the final merit list.

General Studies (Paper-1) and the Civil Service Aptitude Test (CSAT) (Paper-2) are the two papers in the preliminary stage of the CSE exam.

PAPER	QUESTIONS & TIME	MARKS
General Studies Paper-I	100 Questions- 2 Hours	200
General Studies Paper-II (CSAT-Qualifying only)	80 Questions- 2 Hours	200 (Marks not considered)
	Total	200

B. MAIN EXAMINATION:

The Written Examination will consist of the following papers:

Paper	Subject	Marks	Duration
Paper-A	Indian Language (Qualifying)	300 Marks	3 Hours
Paper-B	English (Qualifying)	300 Marks	3 Hours
Paper-I	Essay	250 Marks	3 Hours
Paper-II	General Studies-I	250 Marks	3 Hours
Paper-III	General Studies-II	250 Marks	3 Hours
Paper-IV	General Studies-III	250 Marks	3 Hours
Paper-V	General Studies-IV	250 Marks	3 Hours
Paper-VI	Optional Subject- Paper 1	250 Marks	3 Hours
Paper-VII	Optional Subject- Paper 2	250 Marks	3 Hours

Sub Total(Written Test) 1750 Marks

Personality Test 275 Marks

Grand Total 2025 Marks

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Part A - UPSC Preliminary Examination

PAPER I : GENERAL STUDIES

Marks: 100x2 = 200

Duration: 2 hours

- Current events of national and international importance.
- History of India and Indian National Movement.
- Indian and World Geography-Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World.
- Indian Polity and Governance-Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights/Issues, etc.
- Economic and Social Development-Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusions Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc.
- General issues on Environmental ecology, Bio-diversity and Climate Change that do not require subject specialization.
- General Science & Technology

PAPER II : CSAT

Marks: 80x2.5 = 200

Duration: 2 hours

- Comprehension;
- Interpersonal skills including communication skills;
- Logical reasoning and analytical ability;
- Decision making and problem solving;
- General mental ability;
- Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude, etc.) (Class X level), Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency etc. Class X level);

Note 1: Paper-II of the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination will be a qualifying paper with minimum qualifying marks fixed at 33%.

Note 2: The questions will be of multiple choice, objective type.

Note 3: It is mandatory for the candidate to appear in both the Papers of Civil Services (Prelim) Examination for the purpose of evaluation. Therefore a candidate will be disqualified in case he/she does not appear in both the papers of Civil Services (Prelim) Examination.

PART B-UPSC MAIN EXAMINATION

QUALIFYING PAPERS ON INDIAN LANGUAGES AND ENGLISH

The aim of the paper is to test the candidates' ability to read and understand serious discursive prose, and to express

ideas clearly and correctly, in English and Indian language concerned.

The pattern of questions would be broadly as follows:

- (1) Comprehension of given passages.
- (ii) Precis Writing.
- (iii) Usage and Vocabulary.
- (iv) Short Essays.

Indian Languages :-

- (i) Comprehension of given passages.
- (ii) Precis Writing.
- (iii) Usage and Vocabulary.
- (iv) Short Essays.
- (v) Translation from English to the Indian Language and viceversa.

Note: Both the papers are for three hours and make up a total of 300 marks each. Candidates have to score at least 75 marks (25%) in both these papers to qualify.

PAPER	SUBJECT
PAPER-I	Essay
PAPER-II	General Studies-I: Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society.
PAPER-III	General Studies- II: Governance, Constitution, Polity Social Justice and International relations..
PAPER-IV	General Studies-III: Technology, Economic Development Bio diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management.
PAPER-V	General Studies- IV: Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude.
PAPER-VI	Optional Subject Paper - 1
PAPER VII	Optional Subject Paper - 2

Note: More than 40+ Optional Subjects for UPSC Mains

Optional Subjects Available:
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