

UPSC Civil Service Syllabus for the Pre & Mains Examination

Preliminary Exam Pattern

PAPER	QUE.	MARKS	DURATION	STANDARDS	MEDIUM	NATURE OF PAPER
PAPER-I (GS)	100	200	2 HOURS	DEGREE	ENGLISH HINDI	OBJECTIVE TYPE
PAPER-II C-SAT	80	200	2 HOURS	X & XII		

Mains Exam Pattern

PAPER	SUBJECT	MARKS	STANDARDS	MEDIUM	NATURE OF PAPER
PAPER NO-A	INDIAN LANGUAGE (QUALIFYING)	300	XII th	--	DESCRIPTIVE TYPE
PAPER NO-B	ENGLISH (QUALIFYING)	300	XII th	ENGLISH	DESCRIPTIVE TYPE
PAPER -I	ESSAY	250	DEGREE	MAR, ENG., HINDI, etc	DESCRIPTIVE TYPE
PAPER -II	GENERAL STUDIES-I	250	DEGREE	MAR, ENG., HINDI, etc	DESCRIPTIVE TYPE
PAPER -III	GENERAL STUDIES-II	250	DEGREE	MAR, ENG., HINDI, etc	DESCRIPTIVE TYPE
PAPER -IV	GENERAL STUDIES-III	250	DEGREE	MAR, ENG., HINDI, etc	DESCRIPTIVE TYPE
PAPER -V	GENERAL STUDIES-IV	250	DEGREE	MAR, ENG., HINDI, etc	DESCRIPTIVE TYPE
PAPER -VI	OPTIONAL SUB.PAPER-I	250	DEGREE	MAR, ENG., HINDI, etc	DESCRIPTIVE TYPE
PAPER -VII	OPTIONAL SUB.PAPER-II	250	DEGREE	MAR, ENG., HINDI, etc	DESCRIPTIVE TYPE
	INTERVIEW	275			

Part-A Preliminary Examination

Paper I – (200 marks) Duration: Two 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, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector initiatives, etc.
- General issues on Environmental Ecology, Bio-diversity and Climate Change – that do not require subject specialization.
- General Science.

Paper II- (200 marks) Duration: Two 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 question will be multiple choice, objective type.
- Note 3 : it is mandatory for the candidates to appears in the both papers of civil service (Prelim) examination of the purpose of evaluation. Therefor candidates will be disqualified in case he/she does appear in both the papers of civil service (Prelim) Examination.

Syllabus Mains Exam

Part-B Main Examination

The written examination will be of multiple Choices, objective type.

Qualifying Papers:

Paper-A-300 Marks (One of the Indian Language to be selected by the candidate from the Languages included in the English Schedule to the Constitution).

Paper-B English:- 300 Marks

Paper to be counted for merit

Paper-1

Essay – 250 Marks

Paper – II

General Studies- I- 250 Marks

(Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography otherworld and Society)

Paper - III

General Studies- II- 250 Marks

(Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations)

Paper – IV

General Studies- III- 250 Marks

(Technology, Economic Development, Bio-Diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)

Paper – V

General Studies- IV- 250 Marks

(Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude)

Paper – VI

Optional Subject – Paper- 1- 250 Marks

Paper – VII

Optional Subject – Paper- 2- 250 Marks

Subtotal (Written test) 1750 Marks

Personality Test -275 Marks

Grand Total – 2025 Marks

Candidate may choose any one of the optional subjects from amongst the list of subjects given in the notification

NOTE:- (i) the papers of the Indian language and English paper (Paper A and Paper B) will be of Matriculation or equivalent standard and will be of qualifying nature. The marks obtained in these papers will not be counted for ranking

(ii) Evaluation of papers, namely, 'Essay', 'General studies' and Optional subject of all the candidates would be done simultaneously along with evaluation of their qualifying papers on 'Indian language' and 'English' but the papers on 'Essay', 'General studies' and Optional subject of only such a candidates will be taken cognizance for the qualifying papers on 'Indian language' and 'English'.

(iii) Marks obtained by the candidates for the paper I-VII only will be counted for merit ranking. However, the Commission will have the discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all of these papers.

2. List of optional subjects for Main Examination:

(i) Agriculture (ii) Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science (iii) Anthropology (iv) Botany (v) Chemistry (vi) Civil Engineering (vii) Commerce and Accountancy (viii) Economics (ix) Electrical Engineering (x) Geography (xi) Geology (xii) History (xiii) Law (xiv) Management (xv) Mathematics (xvi) Mechanical Engineering (xvii) Medical Science (xviii) Philosophy (xix) Physics (xx) Political Science and International Relations (xxi) Psychology (xxii) Public Administration (xxiii) Sociology (xxiv) Statistics (xxv) Zoology (xxvi) Gujarati Literature

NOTE: (i) The question paper for the examination will be of the conventional (essay) type. (ii) Each paper will be of three hours duration. (iii) Candidate will have the option to answer all the question papers, except the Qualifying Language papers –A and paper –B, in any of the language included in the eight schedule to the Constitution of India or in English. (iv) Candidates exercising the option to answer Papers in any one of the language mentioned above may, if they so desire, give English version within brackets of only the description of the technical terms, if any, in addition to the version in the language opted by them. Candidates should, however, note that if they misuse the above rule, a deduction will be made on this account from the total marks otherwise accruing to them and in extreme cases; their script(s) will not be valued for being in an unauthorized medium. (v) The question papers (other than the literature of language papers) will be set in Hindi and English only.

Part –B Main Examination

The main examination is intended to assess the overall intellectual traits and depth of understanding of candidates rather than merely the range of their information and memory. The nature and standard of question in the general studies (Paper II to Paper V) will be such that a well- educated person will be able to answer them without any specialized study. The questions will be such as to test a candidate's general awareness of a variety of subjects, which will have relevance for a career in Civil Services. The questions are likely to test the candidate's basic understanding of all relevant issues and ability to analyze and take a view on conflicting socio- economic goals, objective and demands. The candidates must give relevant, meaningful and succinct answers. The scope of the syllabus for honours degree subject papers (Paper VI and Paper (VII) for the examination is broadly of the honours degree level i.e. a level higher than the bachelors' degree and lower than the masters' degree. In the case of Engineering, Medical Science and law, the level corresponds to the bachelors' degree. Syllabi of the papers includes in the scheme of Civil Service (Main) Examination are given as follows:-

QUALIFYING PAPAERS ON INDIAN LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH

The aim of the paper is to test the Candidates ability to read and understand serious discursive prose, and express his ideas clearly and correctly, in English and Indian Language concerned.

- (i) 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 vice-versa.

Note 1 : The Papers on Indian Language and English will be of Matriculation or equivalent standard and will be of qualifying nature only. The marks obtained in these papers will not be counted for ranking.

Note 2:- The Candidates will have to answer the English and Indian Language papers in English and the respective Indian language (except where translation is involved).

Paper -1

Essay: Candidates may be required to write essays on multiple topics. They will be expected to keep closely to the subject of the essay to arrange their ideas in orderly fashion and to write concisely. Credit will be given for effective and exact expression.

Paper -II

General Studies- I : Indian Heritage and culture, History and Geography of the World and Society.

- Indian culture will cover the silent aspects of Art Forms , Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
- Modern Indian History from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present- significant events, personalities, issues.
- The Freedom Struggle – its various stage and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.
- Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.
- History of the world will include events from 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redrawal of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc. their forms and effect on the society.
- Salient features of Indian society, Diversity of India.
- Role of women and women’s organization , population and associated issues, poverty and development issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies
- Effects of globalization on Indian Society.
- Social empowerment, communalization, regionalism & secularism
- Salient feature of world’s physical geography.
- Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian Sub -continent): factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).
- Important Geographical phenomenon such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location – critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.

Paper -III

General Studies- II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.

- Indian Constitution – historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.
- Functions and responsibility of the Union and States, issues and challenges pertaining To the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges there in.
- Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.
- Comparison of the Indian Constitutional scheme with that of other countries.
- Parliament and State Legislatures- structure functioning conduct of business, powers and privileges and issues arising out of these.
- Structure, organization and functioning of the executive and judiciary ministries of various constitutional bodies.
- Salient feature of the Representation of people’s Act.
- Appointment of various constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.
- Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies
- Government policies and the development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
- Development processes and the development industry-the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.
- Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Center and state and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.
- Issues relating to development and management of social sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.
- Issues relating to poverty and hunger.
- Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance application, models, successes, limitations and potential; citizens characters, transparency & and accountability and institutional and other measures.
- Role of civil services in a democracy.
- India and neighborhood relations.
- Bilateral regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India’s interest.
- Effects of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India’s interests, Indian diaspora.
- Important international institutions, agencies and for a-their structure, mandate.

Paper -IV

General Studies- III: Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment Security Disaster /management.

- Indian economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.
- Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.
- Government budgeting.
- Major crops cropping pattern in various parts of the country, different types of irrigation and irrigation systems storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers.
- Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices; public distribution system – objective, functioning, limitations revamping ; issues of buffer stocks and food security; technology missions; economics of animal-rearing.
- Food processing and related industries in India-scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.
- Land reforms in India.
- Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.
- Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.
- Investment models.
- Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life Achievements of Indians in science & technology;
- Indigenization of technology and developing new technology.
- Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment
- Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.
- Disaster and disaster management.
- Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.
- Linkages between development and spread of extremism.
- Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention
- Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.
- Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism

Paper -V

- **General Studies- IV: Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude:** This paper includes questions to check the candidate's' attitude and approach to issues relating to integrity, probity in public life and his/her problem solving approach to various issues and conflicts faced by him/her while dealing with society. Questions may utilise the case study approach to determine these aspects and covers area:
- Ethics and Human Interface- Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in human actions; dimensions of ethics; ethics in private and public relationships
- Human Values- lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators; role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values
- Attitude- content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion
- Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service, integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker-sections
- Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance
- Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world
- Public/Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration- Status and problems; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance; ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance
- Probity in Governance- Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information; sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption
- Case Studies on above issues.