

UPSC CIVIL SERVICES EXAM

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Exam is divided into 3 stages







PRELIMINARY EXAMS

MAINS EXAM

INTERVIEW



UPSC EXAM PATTERN

STAGE 1

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

PRELIMS

(Multiple Choice Questions Type)

PAPER-I

General Studies

Duration: 2 Hours Marks: 200 Marks

PAPER-II

CSAT

Duration: 2 Hours Marks: 200 Marks

Total 400 Marks

STAGE 2

MAINS EXAMINATION

MAINS

(Descriptive Type)

Totally 9 (7 + 2) papers each for 3 hour duration.

Essay - 1 (250 marks)

General Studies Papers 1-4 (250 marks each)

Optional Subject Papers 1 & 2 (Total 500 marks)

> Two Qualifying Language Papers

Total 1750 Marks

STAGE

PERSONALITY TEST/ INTERVIEW ROUND

PERSONALITY TEST/ INTERVIEW

To assess candidate's personality and suitability for a career in civil services.

Total 275 Marks



Paper I - (200 marks) Duration: Two hours

TOTAL NUMBER OF QUESTIONS: 100

GENERAL STUDIES

Current events of national and international importance

History of India and Indian National Movement.

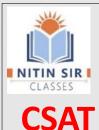
Indian and World
Geography Physical, Social,
Economic
Geography of India
and the World.

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.

Negative Marking 1/3 Each



Paper II- (200 marks) Duration: Two hours

TOTAL NUMBER OF QUESTIONS: 80

Comprehension

Interpersonal skills including communication skills;

Logical reasoning and analytical ability

Decision-making and problemsolving 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)

English Language Comprehension skills (Class X level).

Negative Marking 1/3 Each

UPSC (CSE) MAINS EXAM PATTERN					
S.N.	Paper	Name of the paper	Nature of the paper	Exam duration	Marks
1	Paper –A	Compulsory Indian language	Qualifying in Nature	3 Hours	300 marks
2	Paper –B	English		3 Hours	300 marks
3	Paper –I	Essay		3 Hours	250 marks
4	Paper –II	General Studies I	Merit Ranking Nature	3 Hours	250 marks
5	Paper –III	General Studies II		3 Hours	250 marks
6	Paper –IV	General Studies III		3 Hours	250 marks
7	Paper –V	General Studies IV		3 Hours	250 marks
8	Paper –VI	Optional Paper I		3 Hours	250 marks
9	Paper –VII	Optional Paper II		3 Hours	250 marks
	Total				1750 marks
	Interview or personality test Grand total				275 marks
					2025 marks



Indian Heritage and Culture, History

- Indian culture will cover the salient 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 stages 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, redrawer of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.— their forms and effect on the society.



Society

- Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.
- Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.
- Effects of globalization on Indian society.
- Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.



Geography of India and the World

- Salient features 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 Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.



Governance, Constitution, Polity

- Indian Constitution—historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.
- Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges
 pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local
 levels and challenges therein.
- 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 & privileges and issues arising out of these.



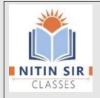
Governance, Constitution, Polity

- Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary— Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.
- Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.
- Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.
- Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.
- Government policies and interventions for 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.
- Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.
- Role of civil services in a democracy.



Social Justice

- Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the 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.



International Relations

- India and its neighborhood- relations.
- Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.
- Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.
- Important International institutions, agencies and fora-their structure, mandate.



Economic Development

- 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 patterns in various parts of the country, different types of irrigation and irrigation systems storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues 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- objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing.



Economic Development

- 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 & Technology

- 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.
- Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, biotechnology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.



Internal Security

- Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.
- 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.
- Security challenges and their management in border areas linkages of organized crime with terrorism.
- Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.
- · Linkages between development and spread of extremism.



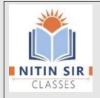
Bio diversity, Environment, and Disaster Management

- Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.
- Disaster and disaster management.



Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude

- 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 behavior; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.
- Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service, integrity, impartiality and nonpartisanship, 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.



Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude

- 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.



- Agriculture
- Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science
- Anthropology
- Botany
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Commerce and
- Accountancy
- Economics
- Electrical Engineering
- Geography
- Geology
- History
- Law Exam
- Assamese
- Bengali

- Bodo
- Dogri
- English
- Gujarati
- Hindi
- Kannada
- Kashmiri
- Konkani
- Maithili
- Malayalam
- Manipuri
- Marathi
- Nepali
- Odia
- Punjabi
- Sanskrit
- Santhali

- Sindhi
- Tamil
- Telugu
- Urdu
- Management
- Mathematics
- Mechanical
- Medical Science
- Philosophy
- Physics Exam
- Political Science and International Relations
- Psychology
- Public Administration (Pubad)
- Sociology
- Statistics
- Zoology

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