

Important Information on UPSC Civil Services Examination Pattern and Subjects

A: Preliminary Examination

<i>Name of Paper</i>	<i>No. of Questions</i>	<i>Marks Allotted</i>	<i>Time Allowed</i>	<i>Nature of Exam.</i>
Paper I : General Studies (Objective Type)	100	200	2 hours	The score will be considered for Cut-off
Paper II : General Studies – CSAT (Objective Type)	80	200	2 hours	Qualifying Nature – Candidates will have to score 33% to qualify CSAT.

Important Points

- It is mandatory for all the candidates to appear for both the exams. viz, General Studies and CSAT to qualify for the Mains.
- The score obtained in the Prelims. is not be added to the final score.
- The question papers for Prelims. are bilingual. It has have questions written both in Hindi and English Language.
- There is a negative marking of 1/3rd for every incorrect answer in both papers.

B: Main Examination

<i>Paper</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Total Marks</i>	<i>Time Allowed</i>	<i>Nature of Paper</i>	<i>Type of Paper</i>
Paper A	Compulsory Indian Language	3 hours	300	3 hours	Qualifying	Descriptive
Paper B	English	3 hours	300	3 hours	Qualifying	Descriptive
Paper I	Essay	3 hours	250	3 hours	Merit	Descriptive
Paper II	General Studies I	3 hours	250	3 hours	Merit	Descriptive
Paper III	General Studies II	3 hours	250	3 hours	Merit	Descriptive
Paper IV	General Studies III	3 hours	250	3 hours	Merit	Descriptive
Paper V	General Studies IV	3 hours	250	3 hours	Merit	Descriptive
Paper VI	Optional I	3 hours	250	3 hours	Merit	Descriptive
Paper VII	Optional II	3 hours	250	3 hours	Merit	Descriptive

Important Points

- Except for language papers, Paper A and Paper B, scores in all the other papers will determine your rank.
- Hence, your score will be out of a total of 1750 marks.
- It is mandatory to score at least 25% in each paper to be evaluated during the final selection.
- Candidates will be required to write the answers in the answer sheets provided by the UPSC. No extra sheets will be provided.

General Studies Papers

General Studies I	Indian Heritage and Culture, History n Geography, Society
General Studies II	Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice, International Relations
General Studies III	Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management
General Studies IV	Ethics, Aptitude, Integrity

List of Optional Subjects for (Mains.)

Agriculture	Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science	Anthropology	Botany	Chemistry
Civil Engineering	Commerce and Accountancy	Economics	Electrical Engineering	Geography

Geology	History	Law	Management	Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering	Medical Science	Philosophy	Physics	Political Science and International Relations
Psychology	Public Administration	Sociology	Statistics	Zoology

Options for Literature Subjects

Assamese	Bengali	Bodo	Dogri	Gujarati
Hindi	Kannada	Kashmiri	Konkani	Maithili
Malayalam	Manipuri	Marathi	Nepali	Odia
Punjabi	Sanskrit	Santhali	Sindhi	Tamil
Telugu	Urdu	English		

C : Interview / Personality Test

The interview process is the last and final stage of the selection process of the UPSC Exam Pattern. The interview consists of 275 marks which makes the grand total of maximum marks 2025. Some of the qualities that the board assesses in a candidate are:

- Mental acuity
- Critical thinking
- Analytical thinking
- Risk assessment skills
- Crisis management skills
- Ability to become a leader
- Intellectual and moral integrity

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