



UPSC IAS Examination

Prelims Syllabus



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*The UPSC Preliminary Syllabus Examination consists of two papers **General Studies Paper I** and **General Studies Paper- II(CSAT)**. In this article, we will understand the syllabus of UPSC Prelims, providing a comprehensive overview of the subjects and topics to be covered. Candidates need to clear this stage of UPSC Prelims as this stage is a screening test that qualifies aspirants for the UPSC Mains exams which is the second stage of the Exam.*

1. General Studies Paper - I

The General Studies Paper - I cover the following given Topics :

- **Current events of national and international importance:** It is important to mainly focus on events of significance from a social, economic, political, and environmental standpoint. Candidates must stay updated with the latest happenings at the international and national levels.
- **History of India and the Indian National Movement:** Understanding Indian history, including ancient, medieval, and modern periods, is important. Aspirants should also be well-versed in the Indian freedom struggle and the contributions of various leaders.
- **Indian and World Geography:** Indian and World Geography generally covers the physical, social, and economic geography of India and the world. The main topics that are included are the physical features of India, climate, urbanization, resources, population, global geography, transportation, and regional geography.
- **Indian Polity and Governance:** Candidates should have a deep knowledge of the Indian Constitution, governance structures, political systems, and public policies. Having an understanding of topics like Panchayati Raj, political ideologies, and rights issues is essential.
- **Economic and Social Development:** This segment focuses on India's economic development, social issues, and government initiatives for inclusive growth. Topics include sustainable development, poverty, demographic trends, social sector schemes, and financial planning.

General issues on Environmental Ecology, Bio-diversity, and Climate Change: Topics that come under this are environmental concepts, biodiversity conservation, ecological balance, climate change, and related national and international initiatives. Candidate must have a better understanding of these topics accordingly.

General Science: This particular section covers basic scientific concepts, recent developments in science and technology, and their uses in everyday life. Aspirants should be familiar with topics from biology, chemistry, physics, and environmental science.

2. General Studies Paper - II (CSAT)

The General Studies Paper - II cover the following given Topics :

- **Comprehension:** The reading and Comprehension skills of the aspirants will be tested through passages and questions based on them. It shows their ability to analyze and understand their written information.
- **Interpersonal skills including communication skills:** In this section, one must evaluate aspirants' communication abilities, both verbal and non-verbal, and their knowledge of effective interpersonal skills.
- **Logical reasoning and analytical ability:** Aspirants thinking ability and analytical abilities will be tested through various questions, including syllogisms, analogies, logical deductions, and data interpretation.
- **Decision-making and problem-solving:** Questions are framed in this section to evaluate their approach to critical situations and their ability to find effective solutions. This particular section checks the candidate's problem-solving and decision-making skills.
- **General mental ability:** Candidates' general mental ability, including logical, numerical, and verbal reasoning, will be tested in this section. Topics that are included in this General mental ability are series, coding-decoding, direction sense, blood relations, etc.
- **Basic numeracy:** Candidates should have a good grasp of basic numerical concepts, such as numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude, and data interpretation using charts, graphs, tables, and data sufficiency. Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency, etc.)rs for each exam:
GS Paper - I- 2hrs CSAT - 2hrs