

## **GENERAL STUDIES - MAINS**

The nature and standard of questions in the General Studies papers (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 analyse, and take a view on conflicting socio - economic goals, objectives and demands. The candidates must give relevant, meaningful and succinct answers.

### **PAPER - II**

#### **GENERAL STUDIES I (250 MARKS)**

##### **(Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)**

- Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature & 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, re-drawing 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 & 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.
- 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.