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VETRI IAS
STUDY CIRCLE

UPSC - CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

The examination comprise of two compulsory papers of 200 marks each. It is of objective type (multiple choice questions). This examination is meant to serve as a screening test only; the marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination by the candidates who are declared qualified for admission to the Main Examination will not be counted for determining their final order of merit.

Note :

- The question papers will be set both in Hindi and English.
- The General Studies Paper – II of the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination will be a qualifying paper with minimum qualifying marks fixed at 33%.
- Each paper will be of two hours duration.
- There will be **negative marking** for incorrect answers.

PAPER I (200 Marks) (Duration: 2 hrs)

- ❖ Current events of national & international importance
- ❖ History of India & Indian National Movement
- ❖ India & World Geography - Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India & world
- ❖ Indian Polity and Governance – Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.
- ❖ Economic & Social Development sustainable development, Poverty, inclusion Demographics, social sector initiatives
- ❖ General issues on Environmental Ecology, Bio - Diversity and Climate Change
- ❖ General Science

PAPER II (200 Marks)

(Duration: 2 hrs)

- ❖ 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, order of magnitude, etc.) (Class X Level)
- ❖ Data Interpretation (Charts, Graphs, Tables, Data Sufficiency) (Class X Level)



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UPSC CIVIL SERVICES 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 written examination will consist of 9 papers of conventional Essay Type. Marks obtained for all the compulsory papers (Paper - I to Paper - VII) and marks obtained in interview for Personality Test will be counted for ranking.

The main examination will consist of the following papers.

I. Qualifying Papers:

The papers on Indian Languages and English (Paper A & Paper B) will be of Matriculation or equivalent standard and will be qualifying nature. The marks obtained in these papers will not be counted for ranking.

25% Marks in Indian Language and 25% Marks in English as minimum Qualifying standards in this qualifying papers.

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 Languages concerned.

Paper A : Indian Language 300 Marks Paper B: English 300 Marks

The pattern of question would be broadly as follows :

- (i) Comprehension of given passages*
- (ii) Precise writing*
- (iii) Usage and vocabulary*
- (iv) Short Essays*
- (v) Translation from English to the Indian Languages and vice - versa.*

- (i) Comprehension of given passages*
- (ii) Precise writing*
- (iii) Usage and vocabulary*
- (iv) Short Essay*

PAPER I - Essay: 250 Marks

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.



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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 - 250 Marks (General Studies I)

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.*



PAPER - III - 250 Marks (General Studies II)

Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice & International Relations

- *Indian Constitution - historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.*
- *Functions & 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 & 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.*
- *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 & 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.*
- *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 & 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 - applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.*
- *Role of civil services in a democracy.*
- *India and its neighbourhood - relations.*
- *Bilateral, regional and global grouping 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 for a structure, mandate.*



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PAPER - IV - 250 Marks (General Studies III)

Technology, Economic Development, Bio Diversity, 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 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 is 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.*
- *Food processing and related industries in India - scope and significance, location, upstream and down stream 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 issues relating to intellectual property rights.*
- *Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.*
- *Conservation, environmental pollution & degradation, environmental impact assessment.*
- *Disaster and disaster management.*
- *Linkages between development and spread of extremism.*
- *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 net working 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*



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PAPER - V - 250 Marks (General Studies IV)

Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude

The paper will include questions to test the candidates' attitude and approach to issues relating to integrity, probity in public life and his problem solving approach to various issues and conflicts faced by him in dealing with society, Questions may utilise the case study approach to determine these aspects. The following broad areas will be covered.

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 & Compassion towards the weaker sections.*
- *Emotional intelligence - concepts & their utilities and application in administration and governance.*
- *Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world.*
- *Public/Civil Service values & Ethics in Public administration; status and problems; ethical concerns & 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.*



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PAPER - VI & VII - 500 Marks (Optional Subject Papers I & II)

The scope of the syllabus for optional subject papers (Paper VI & 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.

Candidates may choose any one optional subject from among the following subjects.

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

UPSC INTERVIEW

The number of candidates to be summoned for interview will be about twice the number of vacancies to be filled. The interview will carry 275 marks (with no minimum qualifying marks).

- The candidate will be interviewed by a Board who will have before them a record of his / her career. He / she will be asked questions on matters of general interest. The object of the interview is to assess the personal suitability of the candidate for a career in public service by a Board of competent and unbiased observers. The test is intended to judge the mental calibre of a candidate. In broad terms this is really an assessment of not only his intellectual qualities but also social traits and his interest in current affairs.
Some of the qualities to be judged are mental alertness, critical powers of assimilation, clear and logical exposition, balance of judgement, variety and depth of interest, ability for social cohesion and leadership, intellectual and moral integrity.*
- The technique of the interview is not that of a strict cross-examination but of a natural, though directed and purposive conversation which is intended to reveal the mental qualities of the candidates.*
- The interview test is not intended to be a test either of the specialised or general knowledge of the candidates which has been already tested through their written papers. Candidates are expected to have taken an intelligent interest not only in their special subjects of academic study but also in the events which are happening around them both within and outside their own state or country as well as in modern currents of thought and in new discoveries which should rouse the curiosity of well educated youth.*