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UPSC Exam Eligibility

	General	OBS	SC / ST
Age	21 to 32 yr	21 to 35 yr	21 to 37 yr
No. of attempts	6	9	Unlimited

UPSC IAS PRELIMS EXAMS PATTERN

Stage I - Preliminary Exam

Paper	Subjects	Total marks	Duration
Paper - I	General Studies - This paper marks will be counted for getting to write the Civil Services Mains exam.	200	2 Hours
Paper- II (CSAT)	Aptitude Test (CSAT) - This paper is of qualifying nature, but candidate must score at least 33% marks in this paper. However, marks of this paper are not counted for writing the Mains examination.	200	2 Hours

Stage II - Mains Exam

Paper	Subjects	Total marks	Duration
Paper-I	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Current events of national and international importance.2. History of India and Indian National Movement.3. Indian and World Geography - Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World.4. Indian Polity and Governance - Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.5. Economic and Social Development - Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector initiatives, etc.6. General issues on Environmental Ecology, Bio-diversity and Climate Change7. General Science	200 Marks	2 Hours

Paper-II	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comprehension 2. Interpersonal skills including communication skills; 3. Logical reasoning and analytical ability 4. Decision-making and problem solving 5. General mental ability 6. Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude, etc.) (Class X level), Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency etc. - Class X level) 	200 Marks	2 Hours
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UPSC IAS MAINS EXAM PATTERN

Paper	Subject	Total marks	Duration
Paper A	Compulsory Indian language	300 (Qualifying)	3 hours
Paper B	English	300 (Qualifying)	3 hours
Paper I	Essay	250	3 hours
Paper II	General Studies I – Indian Heritage & Culture, History & Geography of the World & Society	250	3 hours
Paper III	General Studies II – Governance, Constitution, Welfare Initiatives, Social Justice & International Relations	250	3 hours
Paper IV	General Studies III – Technology, Economic Development, Agriculture, Biodiversity, Security & Disaster Management	250	3 hours
Paper V	General Studies IV – Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude	250	3 hours
Paper VI	Optional Subject – Paper I	250	3 hours
Paper VII	Optional Subject – Paper II	250	3 hours

Sub total (written test)

1750 marks

Stage III - Personality Test

Personality Test

275 marks

Final Stage - Marks of Stage II + III added to calculate Ranking

Grand Total

2025 marks

UPSC IAS Mains Optional Subjects List Offered By ICSTA

Anthropology
Public Administration
Sociology
Political Science and International Relations
Geography

REFERENCE BOOKS

NCERT Textbooks

- **NCERT Text Books from Class 6 – 12**

GS Manuals for Prelims (all-in-one guides)

- **General Studies Paper 1 Manual** – If you are a beginner, an all-in-one book can help you get a quick idea about the UPSC requirements. Manuals by **Pearson**, **McGraw Hill**, and **Arihant** are equally good
- **General Studies Paper 2 Manual** – Selective practice of MCQs **Pearson**, **McGraw Hill**, or **Arihant** should be sufficient

UPSC Previous Year Question Papers

- **Kiran Prakashan's book for GS Paper 1 and GS Paper 2 (CSAT)**
- **Enroll in ClearIAS UPSC previous-year Questions Re-Take exams** for Prelims GS Paper 1 and GS Paper 2. The solutions are based on the official UPSC keys available from 2011.
- **IAS General Studies Preliminary Topic wise Solved Papers (Paper I and II) – New Vishal**
- **24 Years UPSC IAS/ IPS Prelims Topic-wise Solved Papers 1 & 2 (1995-2018) – by Disha Experts**

Standard Textbooks for UPSC Prelims

Indian History and Culture

1. **India's Ancient Past – R.S. Sharma** (Ancient India)
2. **The Wonder That Was India – A.L. Bhasham** (Ancient India and Culture)
3. **Ancient and Medieval India – Poonam Dalal** (Ancient and Medieval India)
4. **Indian Art and Culture – Nitin Singhania.** (Art and Culture)
5. **History Of Medieval India – Satish Chandra** (Medieval India)
6. **History Of Modern India – Bipan Chandra** (Modern India)
7. **India's Struggle For Independence – Bipan Chandra.** (Modern India)
8. **Modern Indian History – Sonali Bansal** (Modern India)

9. **A Brief History of Modern India – Spectrum** (Modern India)

Indian Geography and World Geography

1. **Oxford School Atlas – Oxford**
2. **Geography of India – Majid Husain** (Indian Geography)
3. **World Geography – Majid Husain** (World Geography)
4. **Physical Geography – Savindra Singh** (Physical Geography)
5. **Human Geography – Majid Husain** (Human Geography – Social and Economic)
6. **Certificate Physical and Human Geography – Goh Cheng Leong** (Physical and Human Geography)

Indian Polity and Constitution

1. **Indian Polity for Civil Services Examinations – M. Laxmikanth**
2. **Important Judgments that Transformed India – Alex Andrews George**
3. **Introduction to the Constitution of India – D. D. Basu**

Indian Economy

1. **Indian Economy – Ramesh Singh**
2. **Indian Economy Key Concepts – Shankarganesh**
3. **The Indian Economy – Sanjiv Verma**
4. **Economic Survey**

Science and Technology

1. **Science and Technology – Sheelwant Singh**
2. **Science and Technology in India – Ravi P Agrahari.**

Environment – Ecology, Biodiversity and Climate Change

1. **Environmental Studies: From Crisis to Cure – Rajagopalan**
2. **Environment for Civil Services Prelims and Mains – Khuller**
3. **Environment – Shankar**

Current Affairs

1. **India Year Book**
2. **Manorama Yearbook**
3. **ClearIAS Current Affairs Capsule [Monthly MCQs]**

CSAT

1. **Cracking the CSAT – Arihant** (CSAT – Paper 2)
2. **Analytical Reasoning – M. K. Pandey** (CSAT – Paper 2: Analytical Reasoning)
3. **Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning – R. S. Aggarwal** (CSAT Paper 2: Reasoning)