

# UPSC Civil Services Examination – Complete Syllabus (Chapter-Wise & Marks-Wise)

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## STAGE 1: PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (SCREENING TEST)

### Exam Pattern – Prelims

Paper	Subject	Questions	Marks	Nature
Paper I	General Studies (GS)	100	200	Merit (Screening)
Paper II	CSAT	80	200	Qualifying (33%)

**Negative Marking:** 1/3

**Marks counted in final merit:** ✗ No

## PRELIMS PAPER I – GENERAL STUDIES (GS)

Chapter / Area	Topics Included	Marks (Approx)
Current Affairs	National & International events, Government schemes, Reports, Indices	25–30
History	Ancient, Medieval, Modern History, Freedom Struggle	15–20
Geography	Physical, Indian & World Geography	15–20
Polity	Constitution, Parliament, Judiciary, Governance	15–20
Economy	Indian Economy, Budget, Planning, Growth, Development	15–20
Environment	Ecology, Biodiversity, Climate Change	15–20

Science &  
Tech

Basic Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Technology

10–15

**Total Marks: 200**

## PRELIMS PAPER II – CSAT (QUALIFYING)

Chapter	Topics	Marks
Comprehension	Reading passages	40–50
Reasoning	Logical & Analytical reasoning	40–50
Decision Making	Situational questions	20–30
Quantitative Aptitude	Basic Maths (Class X)	40–50
Data Interpretation	Charts, Tables	20–30

**Qualifying Marks: 33% (66/200)**

## STAGE 2: MAINS EXAMINATION (WRITTEN – MERIT STAGE)

### Mains Exam Structure

Paper	Subject	Marks	Counted in Merit
Paper A	Indian Language	Qualifying	✗
Paper B	English	Qualifying	✗
Paper I	Essay	250	✓
Paper II	GS I	250	✓
Paper III	GS II	250	✓
Paper IV	GS III	250	✓
Paper V	GS IV	250	✓
Paper VI	Optional I	250	✓
Paper VII	Optional II	250	✓

**Total Mains Marks (Merit): 1750**

## **MAINS PAPER I – ESSAY (250 MARKS)**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Description</b>
Essay Topics	Social issues, Economy, Governance, Philosophy, Abstract topics
Number of Essays	2
Marks	250

## **MAINS GS PAPER I – HISTORY, SOCIETY & GEOGRAPHY (250 MARKS)**

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Topics</b>
Indian Culture	Art, Architecture, Literature
Modern History	1757–1947
World History	18th century events
Indian Society	Social issues, Diversity
Geography	Physical, Indian & World Geography

## **MAINS GS PAPER II – POLITY, GOVERNANCE & IR (250 MARKS)**

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Topics</b>
Constitution	Features, Amendments
Governance	Government policies, Welfare schemes
Social Justice	Education, Health, Poverty
International Relations	India & World relations

## **MAINS GS PAPER III – ECONOMY, SCIENCE & SECURITY (250 MARKS)**

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Topics</b>
Economy	Growth, Planning, Budget
Agriculture	Crops, MSP, Irrigation
Science & Technology	IT, Space, Biotech
Environment	Conservation, Climate change
Disaster Management	Natural & Man-made
Internal Security	Terrorism, Cyber security

## **MAINS GS PAPER IV – ETHICS (250 MARKS)**

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Topics</b>
Ethics	Values, Integrity
Attitude	Moral & ethical attitude
Emotional Intelligence	Application in administration
Public Service Values	Accountability
Case Studies	Practical ethical issues

## **OPTIONAL SUBJECT (500 MARKS)**

<b>Paper</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Optional Paper I	Theory	250
Optional Paper II	Application / Analysis	250

**Candidate selects ONE optional subject**

## STAGE 3: INTERVIEW / PERSONALITY TEST

Area	Details
Marks	275
Nature	Personality assessment
Based On	DAF (Detailed Application Form)

### Skills Tested:

Leadership, decision-making, honesty, awareness, communication

## FINAL MARKS DISTRIBUTION

Stage	Marks
Mains Written	1750
Interview	275
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2025</b>