

UPSC- Main Exam Syllabus

Syllabus of Civil Services Main Examination conducted by Union Public Service Commission

- In the Civil Services Main Examination, the division of subjects has been done in the form of compulsory and optional subjects.
- Compulsory subjects include **Essay, 4 question papers of General Studies, English language qualifying and Hindi or any qualifying language included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution** and any one **optional subject** selected by the candidate from among the subjects given in the release under **Optional Subject** .

The present system of main examination is as follows -

Question Paper-1	Essay	250 marks
Question Paper-2	General Studies-1 (Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)	250 marks
Question Paper-3	General Studies-2 (Government System, Constitution, State System, Social Justice and International Relations)	250 marks
Question Paper-4	General Studies-3 (Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environmental Security and Disaster Management)	250 marks
Question Paper-5	General Studies-4 (Ethics, Integrity and Attitude)	250 marks
Question Paper-6	Optional Question Paper-1	250 marks
Question Paper-7	Optional Question Paper-2	250 marks
Question Paper 'A'	Qualifying- 01 English Language	300 marks
Question Paper 'B'	Qualifying - 02 Hindi or any language included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution	300 marks
	Sub Total (Written Exam)	1 750 points
	personality test	275 marks
	Grand total	2025 Issue

Note:-

- Marks of both the qualifying question papers are not added for determination of merit.
- Both the papers of qualifying nature are of 300-300 marks, the minimum qualifying marks in Indian language is 25% (75) and in English also the minimum qualifying marks have been fixed at 25% (75).
- The question papers of the main examination are published simultaneously in both English and Hindi languages, but candidates have the freedom to answer in any of the 22 languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. For the examination, the language which is marked as their medium, they have to write the answers of all the question papers of the main examination in that language. Only in the subjects of literature there is an exemption that the candidate writes the answer in the script of the same language, even if his medium is not that language. He will write in Devanagari script. In the remaining cases it is not allowed that candidates should answer different question papers in different languages.

Question Paper-01

Note:-

The question paper of the essay is mainly divided into two parts tangible and intangible . Selecting one option out of the four options given in each part, a total of 2 essays have to be written 125 marks each, the word limit prescribed for each essay is 1000. 1200 from

Question Paper- 02

	General Studies Question Paper-01 An Indian Heritage and Culture History and Geography of the World and Society		
S.No.	Subject		
01	Indian culture will include the main aspects of literature and architecture as an art form from ancient times to modern times.		
02	Modern Indian History from about the middle of the 18th century to the present day Important events Personality Topics		
03	The freedom struggle, its various phases and important people who contributed in it from different parts of the country, their contribution		
04	Integration and reorganization within the country after independence		
05	18th century and later events in world history and industrial revolution world war re-demarcation of national boundaries colonialism, end of colonialism, political philosophies like communism capitalism socialism etc. their forms and their impact on society		
06	Salient Features of Indian Society Diversity of India		
07	Role of Women and Women's Organization Population and Related Issues Poverty and Developmental Topics Urbanization Their Problems and their Safeguards		
08	Impact of Globalization on Indian Society		
09	Social Empowerment Communalism Regionalism and Secularism		
10	Main features of physical geography of the world		
11	Distribution of key natural resources around the world Factors responsible for setting up primary, secondary and tertiary sector industries in different parts of the world (including India) including South Asia and the Indian subcontinent		
12	Important geophysical phenomena like earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes, storms, cyclones etc. Geographical features and their location. Very important geographical features including water bodies and snow cover and changes in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.		

Question Paper-03

Genei	General Studi <mark>es-2 Govern</mark> ance Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations		
S.No.	Subject		
01	Constituti <mark>on Of India Hist</mark> orical Basis Development Features Amend <mark>ments Importan</mark> t Provisions and Basic Structure		
02	Functions and Responsibilities of the Union and the States Issues and Challenges Related to the Federal Structure Devolution of Powers and Finances at the Local Level and its Challenges		
03	Separation of Powers among the various components Dispute Redressal Mechanisms and Institutions		
04	Comparison of Indian Constitutional Plan with other countries		
05	Parliament and state legislature, structure, business, powers and privileges and matters arising out of them		
06	Structure of the Executive and Judiciary Organization and Functions of Government Ministries and Departments Influential Groups and Formal Informal Unions and Their Role in Governance		
07	Salient Features of the Representation of the People Act		
08	Appointments to various constitutional posts and powers, functions and responsibilities of various constitutional bodies		
09	Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies		
10	Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation		
11	Development Process and Development Industry, NGOs, Self Help Groups, Various Groups and Associations, Donors, Philanthropic Institutions, Institutional and Role of Other Parties		
12	Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Center and the States and the implementation of these schemes; Mechanisms, laws, institutions and bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of vulnerable sections		

13	Subjects related to development and management of social sector/services related to health,
	education, human resources
14	Poverty and Hunger related topics
15	Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability e-governance application model successes, limitations and prospects, Citizen's Charter, transparency and accountability and institutional and other measures
16	Role of Civil Services in Democracy
17	India and its neighboring relations
18	Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements relating to India and/or affecting the interests of India
19	Influence of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on the interests of India; Overseas Indians
20	Important International Institutions Institutions and their Structure, Mandates

Question paper 4

Gener	ral Studies-3 Technology Economic Development Jai Diversity Environmental Security		
and D	and Disaster Management		
S.No.	Subject		
01	Issues related to Indian economy and planning resources mobilization, progress, development and employment		
02	Inclusive growth and its issues		
03	government budget		
04	Major crops Crop patterns in different parts of the country Different types of irrigation and irrigation systems Storage, transportation and marketing of agricultural produce Marketing related topics and constraints E-technology to help farmers		
05	Subjects related to direct and indirect agriculture assistance and MSP		
06	Food Processing and Related Industries in India Scope and Location of Importance Top and Bottom Requirements Supply Chain Management		
07	land reforms in india		
08	Effect of liberalization on economy, changes in industrial policy and their impact on industrial development		
09	Infrastructure Energy Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways Investment Model Science and Technology Development and Application and Its Impact on Everyday Life		
10	investment model.		
11	Science and Technology - Development and application and its impact on everyday life.		
12	Achievements of Indians in Science and Technology Development of Indigenous Technology and Development of New Technology		
13	Awareness in resp <mark>ect of subjects related to information technology, space c</mark> omputer, robotics, nanotechnology, biotechnology and intellectual property rights		
14	Conservation, Environmental Pollution and Erosion, Environmental Impact Assessment		
15	Disaster and Disaster Management		
16	The link between development and spreading extremism		
17	Role of anti-government elements posing challenges to internal security		
18	Role of Networking Sites, Cyber Security Fundamentals, Money Laundering and Preventing it		
19	Security Challenges in Border Areas and Their Management – The Link between Organized Crime and Terrorism		
20	Various security forces and institutions and their mandates		

Question paper 5

General Studies-4 Ethics Truth Integrity and Attitude

This question paper will consist of such questions which will test the candidates' attitude towards truthful integrity, honesty and their attitude towards matters related to public life and their attitude towards solving various issues and problems faced in conduct and behavior from society. To determine these dimensions, the medium of a case study case study can also be chosen in the question paper. The following areas will be mainly covered.

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01	Ethics and Human Correlations Essence of Ethics in Human Activities, Its Determinants and	
	Consequences; Dimensions of Ethics; Ethics in Private and Public Relations Human Values Lessons	
	from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators; Role of family, society	
	and educational institut <mark>ions in developing values</mark>	
02	Attitude summary (content), structure, attitude; its effect and relation in the perspective of thought	
	and behavior; moral and political aptitudes; social impact and perception	
03	Aptitude and core values for civil service - integrity, non-discriminatory and non-partisan fairness,	
	devotion to public service, empathy, tolerance, and sensitivity to the weaker sections.	
04	Emotional Society Concepts and their uses and applications in administration and governance	
05	Contribution of philosophers and moral thought of India and the world	
06	Civil Serv <mark>ice Values and E</mark> thics Status and Problems in Public Admin <mark>istration Ethical</mark> Concerns in	
	Governm <mark>ent and Private Institutions Ethic</mark> al Concerns and Two Streams Law Rule Exchange Rules	
	and Con <mark>science Responsibility and Ethical</mark> Governance Strengthening Ethical and Ethical Values in	
	Governa <mark>n</mark> ce International Relations as Sources of Ethical Guidance Funding and Ethical Issues in	
	Funding Corporates Governance	
07	Honesty in Governance Concept of Public Service Governance and Integrity Philosophical Basis of	
	Information Exchange and Transparency with Government Right to Information Ethical Code of	
	Conduct, Code of Conduct Citizens Manifesto Work Culture Quality of Service Delivery Utilization of	
	Public Fu <mark>nds Challenges</mark> of Corruption	
80	Case Studies Case Studies on the Above Topic	

Question Paper-6

Optional Question Paper-1

Question Paper-7

Optional Question Paper-1

Question Paper 'A'

<u>Hindi any language included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution</u>

One of the Indian languages which is included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution is selected by the candidate for Paper 'A'. This question paper will not be compulsory for the candidates hailing from Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim. The full mark of this paper is 300 -

Question Paper 'B'

English Language The total score of this paper is 300, in which the qualifying marks have been set at 75 (25%) percentile. The pattern of questions will be broadly as follows –

1. Comprehension

- 2. Brief Article
- 3. Word use and Vocabulary

