

Plan of Civil Services Examination

The Civil Services Examination Comprises of three successive stages:-

1. Preliminary Examination (Objective Type)
2. Main Examination (Subjective)
3. Personality Test/Interview

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (In August)	
Paper 1 (General Studies)	Paper II (Aptitude Test)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current events of national and international importance• History of India and Indian national movement• Indian and World Geography-physical, social, economic geography of India and the world.• Indian Polity and governance- - constitution, political system , panchayati raj, public Policy, Rights issues, etc• Economic and social development – sustainable development. poverty, inclusion, demographics, social sector initiatives, etc.• General issues on environmental ecology , bio-diversity and climate change-that do not require subject specialization.• General Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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, orders of magnitude etc. (Class X level), Data interpretation (Charts , graphs, tables, data sufficiency etc. – Class X level)• English language comprehension skills (Class X level)

Salient features about Preliminary Examination

- Both the question papers are multiple choice type.
- Each paper is of two hour duration.
- The question papers will be set both in Hindi and English. However, questions relating to English language Comprehension skills will be tested through passages from English Language only without providing Hindi translation thereof in the question paper.
- Maximum marks of each paper are 200. So total marks of preliminary examination are $200+200=400$. The examination is meant to serve as a screening test only.
- The marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination are not counted for determining the final order of merit.
- There is a penalty for wrong answers (except for a few questions on decision making in Paper II). For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, one-third of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.
- Candidates equal to 12 to 13 times of the vacancies advertised in each category would qualify amongst those appearing in the preliminary examination for the main examination, provided that such number of candidates are available and are otherwise eligible for admission to the main examination.

Civil Services Main Examination

- The written examination will consist of the following papers:
- *Qualifying Papers:*
- **Paper: A** (One of the Indian Language to be selected by the candidate from the Languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution). **300 Marks**
- **Paper: B English 300 Marks**

Papers to be counted for merit

Paper	Subject Name	Marks
Paper-1	Essay	250
Paper-2	General Studies–I (Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)	250
Paper-3	General Studies –II (Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations)	250
Paper-4	General Studies –III (Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)	250
Paper-5	General Studies –IV (Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude)	250
Paper-6	Optional Subject – Paper 1	250
Paper-7	Optional Subject – Paper 2	250
	Sub Total (Written test)	1750
	Personality Test	275
	Grand Total	2025

- **Candidate has to select one optional subject (paper 6&7). For the list of optional subjects and the detailed syllabus visit the site www.upsc.gov.in**

Salient Features about the Mains

- The question paper is subjective essay type.
- Time duration of each paper is three hours.
- Candidates will have the option to answer all the question papers, except the language papers in any one of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution or in English.

Personality Test (Interview)

- The number of candidates to be selected for interview will be about two and a half time the number of vacancies to be filled.
- The interview carries 275 marks (with no minimum qualifying marks).
- Marks obtained by the candidates in the Main Examination and Interview (1750+275=2025) would determine the final ranking.

For further details about the syllabus, eligibility conditions etc. click here (www.upsc.gov.in)