

# UPSC CSE SYLLABUS FOR PRELIMS & MAINS

## UPSC CSE SYLLABUS PRELIMS

- In UPSC CSE Syllabus, the preliminary exam will include objective multiple-choice questions.
- The preliminary examination consists of two papers, each with a duration of two hours.
- This examination is meant to serve only as a screening test.
- The marks obtained in the preliminary examination by candidates who qualify for admission to the Mains examination are not counted towards determining the final selection.

The questions are of multiple choice objective types:

Paper	Subject	Marks	Duration
GS1 (Objective type)	General Studies-1	200 (100 questions)	2 hours
GS2 (Objective type)	General Studies-2 (Qualifying nature, shall have minimum qualifying marks of 33%)	200 (80 questions)	2 hours

## Prelims GS1: Key Syllabus Points

- 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 Environment ecology, Bio-Diversity and Climate Change- that do not require subject specialization.
- General Science.



## Prelims GS 2: Key Syllabus Points

**Reasoning:** Logical Venn Diagrams, Directions, Number, Ranking & Time, Sequence, Figural Pattern, Cubes and Dice, Analogies, Arrangements, Arithmetical Reasoning, Mathematical Operations, Number Series, Classification, Blood Relations, Venn Diagrams, Non-verbal Series, Coding- Decoding.

**English:** Idioms and Phrases, Fill in the blanks, Error Spotting, Comprehension Passages, One-word Substitution, Grammar, Vocabulary, Synonyms/Antonyms, Cloze Test.

**Quantitative Aptitude:** Time and Work, Mixture and Allegation, counts, Number Systems, Pipes and Cisterns, HCF and LCM, Profit and Loss, Average, Percentages, Problems on Ages, Time and Distance, Ratio and Proportion, Boats and Streams, Simple and Compound Interest, Data Interpretation.

**Interpersonal Skills:** Interpersonal Skills & Communication Skills, Analytical Ability, General Mental Ability, Problem Solving.

**NOTE:** There is negative marking in the Prelims examination.

## UPSC CSE SYLLABUS MAINS

There are a total of 9 papers in the UPSC Mains Exam which includes 2 language papers of qualifying nature, 1 Essay Paper, 4 GS Papers and 2 Optional Papers.

### UPSC Syllabus Essay Paper 1



The candidate needs to submit an essay in the language that he/she has selected while filling out the application in the description section. The applicant needs to write an essay on a given topic in the language of their choice.

Paper/Subjects	Topics	Marks	Time
Paper II- History of India, Indian Heritage and Culture, Society,	Indian Culture, Art forms, Literature & Architecture (ancient to modern times), History of Modern India from the mid-18 <sup>th</sup> Century, Indian Freedom Struggle, Post Independence History and Reorganisation of States. Indian Society, Role of Women and Organisations related to Women,		





Culture, Society, India and World Geography	related to Women, Population & Issues related to it, Unemployment, Poverty, Urbanisation, Globalisation, Regionalism and Secularism. Salient Feature of India & World's Geography, Recourse Distribution, Major Geographical Phenomena.	250 Marks	3 Hours
Paper III- Indian Constitution, Indian Polity and Governance, Social Justice and International Relation	Indian Constitution, Responsibility and Function of Union and States, Separation of power, Union and State Legislature, Judiciary and its structure and functions, Representation of People Act 1951.	250 Marks	3 Hours
	Policies of Government and its implementations, Development Processes, Welfare Scheme for weaker sections, Health, Education, Role of Civil Services in Democracy. Indian Economy and the relation between them, International Laws and Politics and its impact on India, International Organisation and forums.		
Paper IV- Science and Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security and Disaster	Indian Economy & its issues, Inclusive growth and issues arising from it, Government budgeting, Major crops and cropping patterns in India, Irrigation System and different farming methods, Food processing & industries related to it, Land reforms	250 Marks	3 Hours

<p>Management</p> 	<p>in India. Effects of Liberization on the economy, Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc., Investment Models. Adaptation of Technology and its effects, Indigenization of technology, Awareness in the fields of IT, Nanotechnology, Space Technology, Computers, Robotics, Biotechnology etc. Environmental issues, Disaster and its management, Internal Security and its challenges in India, Various Security forces and agencies.</p>		
<p>Paper V- Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude</p> 	<p>Ethics and human interface, Human values-lessons from great leaders, reformers and administrators; the role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values, Attitude- Content, Structure, Functions, its influence and relation with thought and behaviour. Moral &amp; Political attitudes, Social influence, and persuasion. Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service, Integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, Empathy, Tolerance and Compassion for weaker sections, Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities in civil</p>	<p>250 Marks</p>	<p>3 Hours</p>



	<p>Empathy, Tolerance and Compassion for weaker sections, Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities in civil services.</p> <p>Probity in Governance, Public/Civil service values and ethics in public administration, Citizen Charters, Work Ethics, Quality of service delivery and utilization of public funds and challenge of corruption.</p> <p>Case studies on the above-mentioned issues.</p>		
<p>Optional Paper - I</p> <p>Optional Paper - II</p>	<p>You can choose any one from a list of 48 Optional Subjects (25 Core Subjects &amp; 25 Literature Optional)</p>	<p>250 Marks</p>	<p>3 Hours</p>

### UPSC Exam Pattern

Applicants who pass the mains examination will be considered qualified to take the interview. The selected candidates are called for the interview on a given date, marks allotted in the interview is mentioned in the table below:

UPSC CSE INTERVIEW	
Personality Test	275 Marks