

IAS (UPSC Civil Services) Syllabus 2025

Stage 1: Preliminary Examination

Paper I: General Studies (200 Marks)

- Current events of national and international importance
- History of India and Indian National Movement
- Indian and World Geography
- Indian Polity and Governance
- Economic and Social Development
- Environmental Ecology, Biodiversity, and Climate Change
- General Science

Paper II: CSAT (Civil Services Aptitude Test) - 200 Marks

- Comprehension
- Interpersonal skills, Communication
- Logical reasoning, Analytical ability
- Decision making and problem-solving
- Basic numeracy (Class X level)
- Data interpretation

Note: CSAT is qualifying in nature (33% needed to pass)

Stage 2: Mains Examination

Qualifying Papers:

- Paper A: Indian Language (300 marks)
- Paper B: English (300 marks)

Papers Counted for Merit:

- Essay (Paper I): Two topics, 250 marks
- General Studies I: History, Geography, Society (250 marks)
- General Studies II: Polity, Governance, IR (250 marks)
- General Studies III: Economy, Environment, S&T, Security (250 marks)
- General Studies IV: Ethics, Integrity, Aptitude (250 marks)

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- Optional Subject Papers I & II (250 marks each)

Total (Mains): 1750 marks

Optional Subjects (Choose One)

Subjects include:

- Literature (Hindi, English, Sanskrit, etc.)
- Humanities (Geography, History, Sociology, etc.)
- Sciences (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics)
- Engineering (Civil, Mechanical, Electrical)
- Others (Law, Public Administration, Anthropology, etc.)

Stage 3: Interview (Personality Test)

Marks: 275

No defined syllabus, but assessed on:

- Personality
- Communication skills
- Mental alertness
- Social traits
- Awareness of current affairs and general knowledge

Total Marks (Mains + Interview): 2025