

Paper-I One of the Indian Languages to be selected by the candidate from the 18 languages included in the VIIIth Schedule to the Constitution (Qualifying Paper)

300 Marks

Paper-II English (Qualifying Paper) 300 Marks

Paper-III Essay 200 Marks

Papers IV & V General Studies (300 Marks for each paper) 600 Marks

Papers VI, VII, VIII & IX Any two subjects (each having 2 papers) to be selected from the prescribed optional subjects (300 marks for each paper)

1200 Marks

Total Marks for Written Examination 2000 Marks

Interview Test 300 Marks

Grand Total 2300 Marks

List of Optional Subjects - IAS (Main)

- (Total 25)

Agriculture Management

Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Science Mathematics

Anthropology Mechanical Engineering

Botany Medical Science

Chemistry Philosophy

Civil Engineering Physics

Commerce & Accountancy Political Science & International Relations

Economics Psychology

Geography Sociology

Geology Statistics

Indian History Zoology

CIVIL EXAM PATTERN

INDIAN CIVIL SERVICES : SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

The Civil Services Examination is conducted by UPSC (Union Public Service Commission) every year.

The examination has three stages i.e.,

(1) Civil Services Preliminary Examinations (CSP) - normally conducted during the second half of May.

(2) Civil Services (Main) Examinations conducted during the month of October/November. Here, those who are selected in the preliminary examination only are eligible to appear.

(3) Those who are selected in the main examination will be eligible to appear before the Interview Board at New Delhi.

Preliminary Examination (CSP)

CSP consists of two papers i.e., (1) optional subject to be selected from the listed subject for 300 marks. (2) General studies for 150 marks. Total of 450 marks. Each paper is of two hours duration. The course content of the syllabi for the optional subjects is at the degree level.

Normally, there are about 3 lakh applications for the preliminary examination. From this, the UPSC selects 10 to 12 folds of vacancies for the main examinations. This is only for the selection and not to be taken into consideration in the main ranking.

Subjects for Preliminary Examination: The General Studies syllabus is same for all.

Subjects for Paper II (one subject to be selected): Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science, Botany, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Commerce, Economics, Electrical Engineering, Geography, Geology, Indian History, Law, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Medical Science, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Sociology, Statistics, Zoology.

(The question papers are in Hindi and English and each paper is of two hours duration. The course content of the syllabi is of degree level. Each paper is of two hours duration. Blind candidates are allowed an extra time of 20 minutes for each paper.)

#### Main Examination

Only those who are declared by the Commission to have qualified in the Preliminary Examination in a year, are eligible for the Main examination of that year, provided they are otherwise eligible for the Main Examination.

Civil Services Main examination has two optional subjects (two papers each carries 300 marks), one General Studies (two papers each carries 300 marks), one essay (carries 200 marks) - total 2000 marks. Other than this, there are two language papers one in Indian language and one in General English at the level of 10th standard. This is to test the ability of the candidate's proficiency in his mother tongue / Indian language and English. Total nine papers. These two papers carry 300 marks each but it will not be considered for the ranking. It is must to clear these two papers. If a candidate fails to clear these papers, his other papers will not be evaluated.

The Main Examination is intended to assess the overall intellectual traits and the depth of understanding of the candidates, rather than merely the range of their information and memory. Sufficient choice of questions is allowed in the question papers.