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UPSC Civil Services Exam Scheme

UPSC Exam Pattern for Prelims:

The *UPSC Prelims Exam Pattern consists of two papers*: General Studies Paper 1 and Civil Services Aptitude Test or GS Paper 2. The GS paper 1 assesses a candidate's grasp of diverse subjects, including History, Geography, Polity, etc., while the CSAT evaluates the logical reasoning and analytical skills of the candidate. The Prelims serve as a filtering mechanism, allowing a limited number of candidates to progress to the Mains Examination.

Paper Name	Time Duration	No. of Questions	Total Marks	Nature of Paper
G S Paper I	2 hours	100	200	Marks considered for Merit
G S Paper II	2 hours	80	200	Qualifying in nature (33% or 66 marks to get to qualify)

UPSC Exam Pattern for Mains:

The UPSC Mains paper pattern is the core evaluation phase, comprising a mix of compulsory and optional papers. It includes language papers, essay writing, general studies papers, and optional subject papers. This stage delves deep into a candidate's understanding of subjects, their ability to articulate ideas, and their analytical prowess.

The written examination consists of 9 papers out of which 2 papers are qualifying in nature.

The marks obtained in the remaining 7 papers and the interview test together are considered for making the final merit.

Serial No	Name of Paper	Time Duration	Total Marks	Nature of Paper
1	Paper A – Compulsory Indian Language Paper	3 hours	300	Qualifying in nature. (25% or 75 marks to get to qualify)
2	Paper B – English Language Paper	3 hours	300	Qualifying in nature. (25% or 75 marks to get to qualify)
3	Paper I – Essay	3 hours	250	Considered for Merit
4	Paper II – General Studies I	3 hours	250	
5	Paper III – General Studies II	3 hours	250	
6	Paper IV – General Studies III	3 hours	250	
7	Paper V – General Studies IV	3 hours	250	
8	Paper VI – Optional Paper I	3 hours	250	
9	Paper VII – Optional Paper II	3 hours	250	
	Total		1750	
	Interview/ Personality Test		275	
	Grand Total		2025	

Note:

NEGATIVE MARKING IN UPSC PRELIMS EXAM:

There is negative marking and 1/3rd of the assigned marks to that question will be deducted for each incorrect answer in GS & CSAT papers in UPSC Prelims.

UPSC CIVILS INTERVIEW PATTERN:

- The interviews will be conducted by a panel of experts, including experienced bureaucrats, academicians, and subject-matter specialists including psychologists.
- The duration of the interview usually lasts for about 20-30 minutes.
- The venue of the UPSC Civils interviews will be at the UPSC office in New Delhi.

The details about cut off marks in UPSC CSE Prelims from 2015 onwards are given below:

UPSC Prelims Cut Off Analysis for reference of Students						
Year	Category					
	General	EWS	OBC	SC	ST	PwBD 1
2023	75.41	68.02	74.75	59.25	47.82	40.40
2022	88.22	82.83	87.54	74.08	69.35	49.84
2021	87.54	80.14	84.85	75.41	70.71	68.02
2020	92.51	77.55	89.12	68.71	74.84	70.06
2019	98	90	95.34	82	77.34	53.34
2018	98	-	96.66	84	83.33	73.34
2017	105.34	-	102.66	88.66	88.66	85.34
2016	116		110.66	99.34	96	75.34
2015	107.34	-	106	94	91.34	90.66

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