



# Civil Services Exam Syllabus

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# 1. STRUCTURE OF EXAMINATION

The following table clearly illustrates the structure of Civil Services Exam:

Type	Description		Marks
<b>Preliminary Test (PT)</b>	Paper I	Objective Type	200
	Paper - II	Objective Type	200
<b>Main Examination</b> (Written Test) Note: eligible ONLY after passing PT	Paper - A	Indian Language (as selected by the applicant)	300
	Paper - B	English	300
	Paper - I	Essay	250
	Paper - II	General Studies - I	250
	Paper - III	General Studies -II	250
	Paper - IV	General Studies - III	250
	Paper - V	General Studies - IV	250
	Paper - VI	Optional Subject Paper - I	250
	Paper - VII	Optional Subject Paper - II	250
<b>Personality Test</b> Note: eligible ONLY after passing Main Exam	Interview		275

## Note:

- The Preliminary Examination (PT) consists of two papers carrying 200 marks each.
- The Preliminary Examination is of Objective Type (having multiple choice questions).
- Only PT qualifying candidates are allowed for the Main Exam.

- The number of candidates who qualified for the main exam is normally about 12 to 13 times of total vacancy.
- The number of candidates who qualified for the interview is normally about twice of the total vacancy.
- There is scheme of negative marking for incorrect answers (in PT).
- For every incorrect answer, 0.33 marks will be deducted as penalty.
- However, if a candidate chooses not to give an answer rather leave it blank, no penalty will be charged.
- Each paper will be of two hours duration.
- The written examination consists of 9 papers out of which first two papers (i.e. Indian language and English) is qualifying in nature.
- Marks obtained in PT and in two qualifying papers are just qualifying and hence no role in final selection or ranking.
- Marks obtained in rest seven papers (from Paper I to Paper VII of written exam) and in interview play major role in final selection or ranking.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

Following are the major eligibility criteria required to appear in the civil services exam:

Criteria		Explanation
<b>Nationality</b>	For IAS & IPS	Applicant must be the citizen of India
	For all other services	Applicant must be either: a) a citizen of India, or b) a subject of Nepal, or c) a subject of Bhutan, or d) a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before 1st January, 1962
<b>Age Limit</b>	Minimum Age	Applicants of all categories must have attained the age of 21 years
	Maximum Age	For general category applicants – 32 years
		For Other Backward Classes (OBC) – 35 years
		For Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe – 37 years
		For Defence Services Personnel (who disabled in operations during hostilities with any foreign country or in a disturbed area and released as a consequence thereof) – 35 years
		For ex-servicemen including Commissioned Officers and ECOs/SSCOs who have rendered at least five years Military Service – 37 years
		For ECOs/SSCOs who have completed an initial period of assignment of five years of Military Service – 37 years

		For blind, Hearing Impaired and Orthopaedically handicapped persons – 42 years
<b>Educational Qualifications</b>	Minimum Ed. Qualification	The applicant must hold a <b>Bachelor's Degree</b> from a recognized University
<b>Number of Attempts</b>	For General Category applicants	Six (6) Attempts
	For OBCs applicant	Nine (9) Attempts
	For SCs & STs applicants	No limit
<b>Physical Standards</b>		Applicants must be physically fit according to physical standards for admission to Civil Services Examination
<b>Fee</b>	For General Category applicant	INR 100
	For OBC Category applicant	INR 100
	For Female/SC/ST/PH applicants	No Fee required
<b>Mode of Payment</b>		Remitting the money in any Branch of SBI by Cash
		By using net banking facility of State Bank of India
		By using Visa/Master Credit/Debit Card

# 3. HOW TO APPLY

- All eligible and interested candidates are required to log in <http://www.upsconline.nic.in> and fill up the form online.
- All those candidates who are already in Government Service, Government owned industrial undertakings, or other similar organizations or in private employment should submit their applications direct to the Commission.



## 4. EXAMINATION CENTERS

- The section of examination center can be categorized as:
  - Examination Centers for PT
  - Examination Centers for Written Exam
  - Examination Center for Personality Test

### Examination Centers for Preliminary Test

The following table illustrates the name of all those cities where PT is conducted:

Examination Center (City)	Location (State Name)
AGARTALA	Tripura
AGRA	Uttar Pradesh
AJMER	Rajasthan
AHMEDABAD	Gujarat
AIZAWL	Mizoram
ALIGARH	Uttar Pradesh
ALLAHABAD	Uttar Pradesh
ANANTPUR	Andhra Pradesh
AURANGABAD	Maharashtra
BANGALURU	Karnataka
BAREILLY	Uttar Pradesh
BHOPAL	Madhya Pradesh
BILASPUR	Chhattisgarh

CHANDIGARH	Chandigarh
CHENNAI	Tamil Nadu
COIMBATORE	Tamil Nadu
CUTTACK	Odisha
KOZHIKODE (CALICUT)	Kerala
DEHRADUN	Uttarakhand
DELHI	Delhi
DHARWAD	Karnataka
DISPUR	Assam
FARIDABAD	Haryana
GANGTOK	Sikkim
GAYA	Bihar
GHAZIABAD	Uttar Pradesh
GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR	Uttar Pradesh
GORAKHPUR	Uttar Pradesh
GURGAON	Haryana
GWALIOR	Madhya Pradesh
HYDERABAD	Telangana
IMPHAL	Manipur
INDORE	Madhya Pradesh
ITANAGAR	Arunachal Pradesh
JABALPUR	Madhya Pradesh
JAIPUR	Rajasthan

JAMMU	Jammu & Kashmir
JODHPUR	Rajasthan
JORHAT	Assam
KOCHI	Kerala
KOHIMA	Nagaland
KOLKATA	West Bengal
LUCKNOW	Uttar Pradesh
LUDHIANA	Punjab
MADURAI	Tamil Nadu
MUMBAI	Maharashtra
MYSORE	Karnataka
NAGPUR	Maharashtra
NAVI MUMBAI	Maharashtra
PANAJI	Goa
PATNA	Bihar
PORT BLAIR	Andaman and Nicobar Islands
PUDUCHERRY	Puducherry
PUNE	Maharashtra
RAIPUR	Chhattisgarh
RAJKOT	Gujarat
RANCHI	Jharkhand
SAMBALPUR	Odisha
SHILLONG	Meghalaya

SHIMLA	Himachal Pradesh
SILIGUDI	West Bengal
SRINAGAR	Jammu & Kashmir
THANE	Maharashtra
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	Kerala
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI	Tamil Nadu
TIRUPATI	Andhra Pradesh
UDAIPUR	Rajasthan
VARANASI	Uttar Pradesh
VELLORE	Tamil Nadu
VIJAYAVADA	Andhra Pradesh
VISHAKHAPATNAM	Andhra Pradesh
WARANGAL	Telangana

### Examination Centers for Written Exam

The following table illustrates the name of all those cities where Written Exam is conducted:

Examination Center (City)	Location (State Name)
AHMEDABAD	Gujarat
AIZAWL	Mizoram
ALLAHABAD	Uttar Pradesh
BANGALURU	Karnataka
BHOPAL	Madhya Pradesh
CHANDIGARH	Chandigarh

CHENNAI	Tamil Nadu
CUTTACK	Odisha
DEHRADUN	Uttarakhand
DELHI	Delhi
DISPUR	Assam
HYDERABAD	Telangana
JAIPUR	Rajasthan
JAMMU	Jammu & Kashmir
KOLKATA	West Bengal
LUCKNOW	Uttar Pradesh
MUMBAI	Maharashtra
PATNA	Bihar
RAIPUR	Chhattisgarh
RANCHI	Jharkhand
SHILLONG	Meghalaya
SHIMLA	Himachal Pradesh
THIRUVANATHAPURAM	Kerala
VIJAYAWADA	Andhra Pradesh

### Examination Center for Personality Test

- For the Personality Test, there is ONLY one center i.e. Union Public Service Commission, Dholpur House, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi, Delhi 110069.

## 5. CATEGORIES OF SERVICES

Following are the important categories of civil services:

Sl. No.	Services	Group
i)	Indian Administrative Service	
ii)	Indian Foreign Service	
iii)	Indian Police Service	
iv)	Indian P & T Accounts & Finance Service	A
v)	Indian Audit and Accounts Service	A
vi)	Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Central Excise)	A
vii)	Indian Defence Accounts Service	A
viii)	Indian Revenue Service (I.T.)	A
ix)	Indian Ordnance Factories Service	A
x)	Indian Postal Service	A
xi)	Indian Civil Accounts Service	A
xii)	Indian Railway Traffic Service	A
xiii)	Indian Railway Accounts Service	A
xiv)	Indian Railway Personnel Service	A
xv)	Post of Assistant Security Commissioner in Railway Protection Force	A
xvi)	Indian Defence Estates Service	A
xvii)	Indian Information Service (Junior Grade)	A
xviii)	Indian Trade Service	A

xix)	Indian Corporate Law Service	A
xx)	Armed Forces Headquarters Civil Service	B
xxi)	Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli Civil Service	B
xxii)	Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli Police Service	B
xxiii)	Pondicherry Civil Service	B
xxiv)	Pondicherry Police Service	B

## 6. SYLLABUS FOR PRELIMINARY EXAM

The following table illustrates the detailed syllabus of preliminary exam:

Paper	Syllabus
I	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 & 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
II Note: Paper II is a qualifying paper with minimum qualifying marks fixed at 33 percent.	Comprehension
	Interpersonal skills including communications skills
	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)
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## 7. SYLLABUS FOR WRITTEN EXAM

The following table illustrates the detailed syllabus of written exam:

Paper	Syllabus	Description
Qualifying I	Indian Language (any language chosen by the candidate from the given list)	Comprehension of given passages
		Precise writing
		Usage and Vocabulary
		Short Essays
		Translation from English to the Indian language and vice-versa
Qualifying II	English	Comprehension of given passages
		Precise writing
		Usage and Vocabulary
		Short Essays
Paper I	Essay (candidate has to select one topic from the given list)	There are number of topics including science & technology, political, socio-political, socio-economic, environmental, etc.
Paper II	General Studies I	Indian Heritage & Culture
		History
		Geography of the World and Society
Paper III	General Studies II	Governance
		Indian Constitution
		Polity
		Social Justice
		International Relations

Paper IV	General Studies III	Technology
		Economic Development
		Bio-diversity
		Environment
		Security
		Disaster Management
Paper V	General Studies IV	Ethics
		Integrity
		Aptitude
Paper VI	Optional Subject	Paper I
Paper VII		Paper II

## 8. LIST OF LANGUAGES

Following are the list of languages from which candidates have to choose one:

Language	Script
Assamese	Assamese
Bengali	Bengali
Gujarati	Gujarati
Hindi	Devanagari
Kannada	Kannada
Kashmiri	Persian
Konkani	Devanagari
Malayalam	Malayalam
Manipuri	Bengali
Marathi	Devanagari
Nepali	Devanagari
Oriya	Oriya
Punjabi	Gurukukhi
Sanskrit	Devanagari
Sindhi	Devanagari or Arabic
Tamil	Tamil
Telugu	Telugu
Urdu	Persian
Bodo	Devanagari
Dogri	Devanagari
Maithilli	Devanagari
Santhali	Devanagari or Olchiki

## 9. LIST OF OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

Following are the list of optional subjects from which candidates have to choose one:

Agriculture
Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Science
Anthropology
Botany
Chemistry
Civil Engineering
Commerce & Accountancy
Economics
Electrical Engineering
Geography
Geology
History
Law
Management
Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering
Medical Science
Philosophy
Physics

Political Science & International Relations
Psychology
Public Administration
Sociology
Statistics
Zoology
Literature of any one of the following languages: Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Maithili, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Santhali, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, and English