

Language Class English

16th September, 2024 at 9:00 AM

QUALIFYING PAPERS ON INDIAN LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH (09:02 AM)

- The objective of the paper is to test a candidate's ability to read and understand serious descriptive prose and to express his ideas clearly and correctly. So, let's understand the pattern of the English paper.
- UPSC English Compulsory Paper 2023: English Compulsory Paper, often referred to as Paper B, this paper assesses a candidate's proficiency in the English language.

CIVIL SERVICES (MAIN) EXAM, 2023 (09:28 AM)

INSTRUCTION BEFORE ATTEMPTING THE QUESTIONS

- All questions are compulsory.
- The number of marks carried by the question is indicated against it.
- Answer must be written in English only.
- Word Limit in question, wherever specified, should be adhered to and if answered in much longer or shorter than the prescribed length, marks will be deducted.
- Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer booklet should be struck off clearly.

APPROACH (09:32 AM)

- In 2016, in notification for the Civil Services Examination, UPSC declared qualifying marks for compulsory language papers to be 25% which is 75 out of 300.
- **Sources:**
- Wren and Martin;
- Norman Lewis.
- Read some essays, idioms and phrases, grammar (rules), etc from the book.
- Go through a few previous year question papers.

ESSAY (09:38 AM)

How is it different from Paper-I (Essay)?:

- Marks - 125 versus 100;
- Word Limit- 1000 to 1200 versus 600;
- Content;
- Language and Grammar;
- Topics.
- 2023 CSE Mains Compulsory Paper Essay:
- Q. Write an essay in about 600 words on any one of the following topics:
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- (b) Global warming in an unequal world
- (c) Social media and the marketing of the self
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PASSAGE COMPREHENSION (10:04 AM)

- "Read carefully the passage below and write your answers to the questions that follow in clear, correct and concise language".
- **Approach:**
- Two approaches:
- Read the question first. Find the answer in the passage.
- Read the passage first and then attempt the question.
- You don't have to write much - Read and underline.
- Putting the right words from the passage itself.
- Mindful of the difference with RC in CSAT.
- Q. It must be built on stable foundations.

PRECIS WRITING (10:29 AM)

- **Meaning:**
- A summary or abstract of a text or speech that gives only the important parts.
- **General Rule:**
- Not more than one-third of the total number of words in the original passage + Write in your own words
- **Advice:**
- **Read Carefully:**
- Comprehend views and central ideas.
- Retain absolute essential points.
- Selection of most prominent phrases and sentences
- Write clear and effective sentences
- Coherence of views: Logical interconnection
- Writing Skills: Express thoughts clearly, concisely and effectively.
- **Word Limit:**
- Rough draft
- Divide your precis into several parts:
- Essential;
- Non-essential
- **Heading:**
- No Title of the Precis
- Provide the main idea
- **Compress:**
- Remove what is superfluous and retain core essence
- Boxes are given to write Precis in.
- Q. Like all the sinsto become another person.

USAGE AND VOCABULARY (11:06 AM)

- 1. Sentence Correction- 10 Marks
- 2. Missing Words - 5 Marks
- 3. Forms of Verb- 5 Marks
- 4. Antonyms - 5 Marks
- 5. Rewrite Sentences - 10 Marks
- 6. Make Sentences using Specific Words - 5 Marks
- 7. Fill in the blanks with Appropriate Words- 5 Marks
- 8. Idioms.Phrases - 5 Marks
- Questions from the CSE (Mains) 2023 Language paper were discussed.
- The rules of Direct and indirect speech were discussed in the handout.
- The students can refer to the handout for the same.
- The rules of Active and Passive voice has been discussed from the handout.

THE CLASS HAS BEEN CONCLUDED