

Paper I

History NCERTs

1. History: NCERT Class VI – Our Past
2. History: NCERT Class VII – Our Past -I
3. History: NCERT Class VIII – Our Past II and III
4. History: NCERT Class IX – India and the Contemporary World – I
5. History: NCERT Class IX – India and the Contemporary World – II
6. **History: NCERT Class X – Themes In World History**
7. **History: NCERT Class XII – Themes In Indian History – I**
8. **History: NCERT Class XII – Themes in Indian History – II**
9. **History: NCERT Class XII – Themes In Indian History – III**

Indian Society NCERTs

1. Indian Society: NCERT Class VI – Social Science: Social & Political Life I
2. Indian Society: NCERT Class VII – Social Science: Social & Political Life II
3. Indian Society: NCERT Class VIII – Social Science: Social & Political Life III
4. **Indian Society: NCERT Class XI – Sociology: Understanding Society**
5. **Indian Society: NCERT Class XII – Indian Society**
6. **Indian Society: NCERT Class XII – Social Change and Development in India**

IAS aspirants can also refer class 12 book for Sociology.

Art & Culture NCERTs

1. **Art & Culture : NCERT Class XI – An Introduction to Indian Art**
2. **Art & Culture : NCERT Class XI – Living Craft Traditions of India (Chapters 9 & 10)**

Geography NCERTs

1. Geography: NCERT Class VI – The Earth Our Habitat
2. Geography: NCERT Class VII – Our Environment
3. Geography: NCERT Class VIII – Resource and Development
4. **Geography: NCERT Class IX – Contemporary India – I**

5. **Geography: NCERT Class X – Contemporary India – II**
6. **Geography: NCERT Class XI – Fundamentals of Physical Geography**
7. **Geography: NCERT Class XI – India – Physical Environment**
8. **Geography: NCERT Class XII – Fundamentals of Human Geography**
9. **Geography: NCERT Class XII – India – People and Economy**

For Geography: you can read from class 6 to class 12 along with giving importance on the highlighted textbooks, especially the four NCERT textbooks from classes XI to XII.

For History: Refer class 11 and 12 textbooks. However, try to get a hold of the Old NCERT history books, though they are not mandatory, but occasionally questions are asked from here.

Additional Books for Reference: NCERT History Textbooks of old syllabus (1990s):

1. **Ancient India** (class XI) by RS Sharma: This covers the ancient Indian history syllabus completely.
 - **Alternative Published version:** *India's Ancient Past – RS Sharma:* Covers all of the NCERT syllabus and is more detailed in all aspects. Should be a good substitute.
2. **Medieval India** (class IX) by Satish Chandra: This should be enough for Medieval.
 - **Alternative Published version:** *History of Medieval India – Satish Chandra:* More detailed than the NCERT but less easy to read. NCERT would be better.
3. **Modern India** (class X) by Bipin Chandra:
 - **Alternative Published version:** *India Before Independence:* Bipin Chandra's published book is easily available is more comprehensive, but the NCERT is more objective and easier to read.
4. **World History** (Class X): Should be enough for an intro to world history

Paper II

Polity NCERTs

1. **Polity: NCERT Class IX – Political Science: Democratic Politics Part – I**

2. Polity: NCERT Class X – Political Science: Democratic Politics Part – II
3. **Polity: NCERT Class XI – Political Science: Indian Constitution at Work**
4. Polity: NCERT Class XI – Political Science: Political Theory
5. Polity: NCERT Class XII – Political Science I: Contemporary World Politics
6. **Polity: NCERT Class XII – Political Science II: Politics in India since Independence**

For Polity: Class 9 to 12 NCERT books should be read in detail, with focus on 11th and 12th (of which World Politics, only if time permits).

Paper III

Indian Economy NCERTs

1. Economy: NCERT Class IX – Economics: Economics
2. Economy: NCERT Class X – Understanding Economic Development
3. **Economy: NCERT Class XI – Indian Economic Development**
4. Economy: NCERT Class XII – Introductory Microeconomics
5. **Economy: NCERT Class XII – Introductory Macroeconomics**

Science & Technology NCERTs

1. Science: NCERT Class VI
2. Science: NCERT Class VII
3. Science: NCERT Class VIII
4. Science: NCERT Class IX
5. Science: NCERT Class X
6. **Science: NCERT Class XI – Chemistry: Unit 14 & Biology: Units 4 & 5**
7. **Science: NCERT Class XII – Chemistry: Unit 16 & Biology: Units 8, 9 & 10**

Environment & Ecology NCERTs

1. **Science: Class XII – Biology: last four Chapters (13 to 16)**

For Economics: Reference of class 9 to 12 should be ideal, but if you are familiar with the subject, class 11 and some chapters in class 11 and class 12 (micro + macro) would be sufficient. So, read selectively!

For Science: Refer textbooks of class IX and X that would be good enough for your IAS exam preparation.

Paper IV

1. Ethics: NCERT Class XII – Psychology: Not important in exam perspective, however good for some basics. Read selectively.

Note: You can download all NCERT textbooks [HERE](#). Compiled PDFs for all NCERT Books will be available for download very soon on this page, so keep [visiting us](#)

Here's a list of NCERT textbooks given class-wise for your reference in preparing for UPSC Exam:

Class	Textbooks
6th	History: Our Past Geography: The Earth Our Habitat Social Science: Social & Political Life I Science: Science: Class VI
7th	History: Our Past – II Geography: Our Environment Social Science: Social & Political Life II Science: Science: Class VII
8th	History: Our Past III – Part I & II Geography: Resource and Development Social Science: Social & Political Life III Science: Science: Class VIII
9th	History: India and the Contemporary World-I Geography: Contemporary India – I Political Science: Democratic Politics Part – I Science: Class IX Economics: Economics

10th	History: India and the Contemporary World – II Geography: Contemporary India – II Political Science: Democratic Politics Part – II Science: Class X Economics: Understanding Economic Development
11th	History: Themes in World History Geography: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fundamentals Of Physical Geography 2. India- Physical Environment Science: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chemistry: Unit 14 2. Biology: Unit 4 & 5 Economics: Indian Economic Development Sociology: Understanding Society Political Science: Indian Constitution at Work An Introduction to Indian Art Living Craft Traditions of India (Chapters 9 & 10)
12th	History: Themes in Indian History Geography: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fundamentals Of Human Geography 2. India – People & Economy Science: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chemistry: Unit 16 2. Biology: Unit 8, 9 & 10 Economics: Introductory Macroeconomics Sociology: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indian Society 2. Social Change and Development in India Political Science: Contemporary World Politics

Please go through the following UPSC Books:

Arihant's solved GS book; UPSC portal IAS GS solved papers, C13 - IAS Mains History Solved Paper (2002 - 2012) etc..

Aptitude Books: Arihant's Quantum CAT, Quantitative Aptitude For The CAT by Arun Sharma, Quantitative Aptitude For Competitive Examinations by Abhijit Guha etc., You may refer these books for your preparation.

Get updated with the current affairs, ancient and medieval history, civics and geography

etc..

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History:

11th (Ancient Indian History-RS Sharma) 11th (Medieval Indian History-Satish Chandra)

12th (Modern Indian History-Bipan Chandra)

Geography: 6th to 10th (Old) 11th & 12th (New)

Economics: 11th: Indian Economic Development Indian Polity: 9th to 12th

The Constitution of India: PM Bakshi

World Politics

Orient Blackswan Atlas

Basic Readings

- Indian Economy: Performance & Policies: Uma Kapila
 - Indian Constitution: M. Lakshmikantha
 - Marching ahead with Science: NBT
 - From Government to Governance: NBT
 - India's Foreign Policy: VP Dutt
 - Future of Indian Agriculture: NBT
 - Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude: IGNOU material
 - Certificate Physical Geography: GC Leong
 - India Year Book: Publication Division
 - Constitutional Questions & Citizen Charter: AG Noorani
 - Economic Development & Policies in India: Jain & Ohri
 - India and the dynamics of World Politics: Sharma, Gorla & Mishra
- Magazines & News Papers

The Hindu

The Indian Express

The Frontline

Yojana

Kurukshetra