

The Best Books and Resources for UPSC CSE Mains 2018

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General Studies Paper-I: Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society (250 Marks)

National Institute of Open Schooling material on Culture
Indian Heritage and Culture, History
NCERT book Class 11 Fine Arts – Introduction to Indian Culture (Part I)
IGNOU
Wonder That Was India by A. L. Basham
Culture related books of National Books Trust
Culture related books of Publications Division
www.ccrindia.gov.in
NCERT Themes in Indian History Part III
India's Struggle for Independence by Bipan Chandra
India's Ancient Past – R.S. Sharma
Indian Art and Culture – Nitin Singhanian or Publications Division on
Ancient History Culture
Old NCERT book on Ancient History
Ancient India in Historical Outline by D. N. Jha

Geography of the World and Society
Certificate Physical and Human Geography – G C Leong
Fundamentals of Physical Geography NCERT Class 11
India: Physical Environment NCERT Class 11
India: People and Economy NCERT Class 12
Geography of India by Majid Husain
World Geography by Majid Husain
Orient BlackSwan School Atlas or Oxford School Atlas – Oxford
Status of Forest Report

Newspaper (The Hindu)
India Year Book: India 2017 Paperback – 3 Jan 2017 [A very helpful book to understand the government schemes and plans, good for both Prelims and Mains]
Essays: Essays for Civil Services – Pulkit Khare (Essay Paper)

National Book Trust issues on Ancient History Culture
Old NCERT book on Medieval Indian History
IGNOU
Advanced Study in the History of Medieval India, Vol III: Medieval Indian Society and Culture by J. L. Mehta
A Social, Cultural and Economic History of India by P. N. Chopra, B. N. Puri, M. N. Das
A New Look at Modern History by B.L. Grover and S. Grover
NCERT XII: Politics in India after Independence
History of Medieval India by Satish Chandra
India After Gandhi – Ramchandra Guha (History – GS1)
The Wonder That Was India Vol II by S. A. A. Rizvi
India after Independence by Bipan Chandra
Mastering Modern World History by Norman Lowe
NCERT XII: Indian Society
NCERT XII: Social Change and Development in India

02 General Studies-II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations (250 Marks)

Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice
NCERT Class XI – Indian Constitution at Work
Indian Polity for CSE by M. Laxmikanth
Introduction to the Constitution of India by DD Basu
Constitution of India Bare Act
Punchhi Commission Report
2nd ARC Report

14th Finance Commission Report
12th Five Year Plan Document
International Relations
NCERT XII: Political Science: World Politics
India's Foreign Policy by Rajiv Sikri
Ministry of External Affairs in Focus

03 General Studies-III: Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management (250 Marks)

Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity, Environment
NCERT XI – India's Economic Development
NCERT XII – Geography India People and Economy
Indian Economy – Ramesh Singh
Budget
Economic Survey (2016-17)
Security and Disaster Management
Internal Security & Disaster Management: Ashok Kumar, TMH
Ministry of Home Affairs Annual Report
Science and Technology by Spectrum Publication or Science and Technology in India – TMH

04 Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude (250 Marks)

Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude
2nd ARC Report (4th Report)
Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude for Civil Services Main Examination V by Subba Rao and P.N. Roy Chaudary

Other Useful Books

Unacademy Videos and Tutorials on different topics (Excellent material and YouTube videos for CSE aspirants)
IAS Mains General Studies – GS3. (Arihant Manual – GS3)
Lexicon for Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude. (Ethics – GS4)
IAS Mains General Studies – Ethics. (Arihant Manual – GS4)
Governance in India for CSE. (Governance – GS2)
India's National Security: A Reader. (Internal Security – GS3)
Environmental Studies: From Crisis to Cure – Rajagopalan. (Environment)
Pax Indica – Shashi Tharoor. (Foreign Policy – GS2)
Challenges to Internal Security of India. (Internal Security – GS3)
IAS Mains General Studies Paper 2 (Arihant Manual – GS2)
India and the World by Surendra Kumar. (Foreign Policy – GS2)
Social Problems In India – Ram Ahuja. (Indian Society – GS1)

Current Affairs

Newspaper: The Hindu newspaper is sufficient for your reading, no need to go for Financial Times etc.
Unacademy Daily Editorial Analysis, Hindu Summary and Daily MCQ course or Chanakya's Current affairs
PIB Website for government related updates
Monthly current affairs magazine - Yojana



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