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**About UPSC Civil Service Examination**

UPSC Civil Services Examination is conducted for recruitment to 24 Services and Posts in accordance with the Rules published by the Department of Personnel Training.

The recruitment to Indian Forest Service is also done through Civil Services (Preliminary) Exam. However, the Mains Exam and Personality Test are conducted separately for Indian Forest Service recruitment. Plan of Examination and Eligibility Conditions are also similar for both examinations, except a few differences.

**Scheme and Subjects for the Examination**

Civil Services Examination consists of two successive stages

1. Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination – Objective type examination for the selection of candidates for the Main Examination.

2. Civil Services (Mains) Examination – Written Examination (Descriptive type) and Personality Test for the final selection of candidates for the various Services and Posts.

**Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination**

It consists of 2 papers of 200 marks each. Each paper will be of 2 hours duration

**Paper I**

* Current events of national and international importance
* History of India and Indian National Movement
* Physical, Social and Economic Geography of India and the World
* Indian Polity and Governance
* Economic and Social Development
* General issues on Environment, Ecology, Biodiversity and Climate Change
* General Science

**Paper II**

This is a qualifying paper with minimum qualifying marks fixed at 33%. Marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination will not be counted for determining the final order of merit.

* Comprehension
* Interpersonal skills including communication skills
* Logical reasoning and analytical ability
* Decision making and problem solving
* General mental ability
* Basic numeracy and data interpretation (Class X level)

**Civil Services (Mains) Examination**

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| **CIVIL SERVICES MAINS EXAM PATTERN** | | | | | |
| Sl. No | Paper | Name of the Paper | Nature of the Paper | Exam Duration | Marks |
| 1 | Paper – A | Compulsory Indian Language | QUALIFYING NATURE | 3 hours | 300 Marks |
| 2 | Paper – B | English | **QUALIFYING NATURE** | 3 hours | 300 Marks |
| 3 | Paper – I | Essay | MERIT RANKING NATURE | 3 Hours | 250 Marks |
| 4 | Paper – II | GENERAL STUDIES I | 3 Hours | 250 Marks |
| 5 | Paper – III | GENERAL STUDIES II | 3 Hours | 250 Marks |
| 6 | Paper – IV | GENERAL STUDIES III | 3 Hours | 250 Marks |
| 7 | Paper – V | GENERAL STUDIES IV | 3 Hours | 250 Marks |
| 8 | Paper – VI | OPTIONAL PAPER I | 3 Hours | 250 Marks |
| 9 | Paper – VII | OPTIOANL PAPER II | 3 Hours | 250 Marks |
|  |  | **TOTAL** | |  | **1750** Marks |
| INTERVIEW OR PERSONALITY TEST | |  | 275 Marks |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | | **2025** Marks |

Written Examination will consist of 2 qualifyingpapers and 7 papers which will be counted to

determine the merit. All papers will be of conventional (essay) type for a duration of 3 hours.

Qualifying papers (Minimum qualifying marks is fixed at 25%)

**Paper A** – One of the Indian Language – 300 marks

**Paper B** – English – 300 marks

Papers to be counted for merit (All papers carry 250 Marks each)

**Paper I** – Essay

**Paper II** – General Studies I

Indian Heritage and Culture

History and Geography of the World Society

**Paper III** – General Studies II

Governance, Consitution Polity Social Justice International Relations

**Paper IV** – General Studies III

Technology

Economic Development

Biodiversity and Environment

Security

Disaster Management

**Paper V** – General Studies IV

Ethics

Integrity

Aptitude

**Paper VI** – Optional Subject Paper I

**Paper VII** – Optional Subject Paper II

**Personality Test**

Candidates securing top marks in Civil Services (Mains) Written Examination will be short listed for Personality Test which carries 275 Marks.

Final merit list for recruitment will be published based on total marks (Out of 2025 Marks) obtained in Written Examination and Personality Test together

**Optional Subjects**

Candidates need to select one Optional subjects for Paper VI and VII, from the subjects givenbelow

01. Agriculture

02. Animal Husbandry

03. Anthropology

04. Botany

05. Chemistry

06. Civil Engineering

07. Commerce and Accountancy

08. Economics

09. Electrical Engineering

10. Geography

11. Geology

12. History

13. Law

14. Management

15. Mathematics

16. Mechanical Engineering

17. Medical Science

18. Philosophy

19. Physics

20. Political Science and International Relations

21. Psychology

22. Public Administration

23. Sociology

24. Statistics

25. Zoology

26. Literature of any one of the following languages: Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Maithili, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Santhali, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu and English.

**Eligibilty Conditions**

**Age Limit**: 21 – 32 Years, relaxable up to

* 5 years in case of SC/ST candidates
* 3 years in case of OBC candidates
* 3 years in case of Defence Services Personnel, disabled in operations and released as a consequence thereof
* 5 years in case of ex-serviceman
* 10 years in case of candidates with disabilities as notified

**Educational Qualification**: Degree

* Candidates who have appeared at an examination the passing of which would render them educationally qualified are also eligible.

**Number of attempts**: 6

* SC/ST – No restriction on number of attempts
* OBC – 9
* Disabled – 9
* If a candidate actually appears for any one paper in Preliminary Examination, that would be considered as an attempt.

**Fee**: Rs 100

* No fee for females, SC/ST and disabled

**How to Apply**: Online through <https://upsconline.nic.in/>

**Important Dates**

* Notification:February
* Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination: June
* Civil Services (Mains) Examination: September/October
* Personality Test: February/March

**Examination Centres**

Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination is held at 50+ Centres across India. Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi and Kozhikode are the Centres in Kerala.

Civil Services (Mains) Examination is held at 20+ Centres across India. Thiruvananthapuram is the Centre in Kerala