

UPSC-MAINS-SYLLABUS

(BY:- EDUPRAT UPSC)

❑ UPSC Mains Syllabus with Subject-Wise and Chapter-Wise Details

The **UPSC Mains** consists of **9 papers** in total:

- 2 Qualifying Papers (300 Marks Each)**
 - 7 Papers Counted for Merit (250 Marks Each)**
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❑ Qualifying Papers (300 Marks Each)

❑ Paper A: Indian Language (Qualifying)

- Choose any language from the **8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution**
 - **Chapters/Topics:**
 - 1. Comprehension of given passages
 - 2. Precise Writing
 - 3. Usage and Vocabulary
 - 4. Short Essay
 - 5. Translation:
 - From English to the selected Indian language
 - From the selected Indian language to English
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❑ Paper B: English (Qualifying)

- **Chapters/Topics:**
 - 1. Comprehension of given passages
 - 2. Precise Writing
 - 3. Usage and Vocabulary
 - 4. Short Essay

Note: Minimum 25% marks required to qualify.

❑ Papers for Merit (250 Marks Each)

Paper I: Essay

- Write **two essays** from a given set of topics.
- **Topics:**
 1. Political, Social, Economic, and Philosophical Issues
 2. Environmental Concerns and Governance
 3. Scientific and Technological Advancements
 4. Indian Society and Women's Empowerment

Tip:

- One essay should be analytical and objective.
 - The other can be narrative or philosophical.
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Paper II: General Studies I (GS-I) - 250 Marks

Topics and Chapters:

1. Indian Heritage and Culture

1. **Art and Architecture:**
 - Rock-cut Caves and Temple Architecture
 - Indo-Islamic Architecture and Mughal Art
 2. **Indian Literature:**
 - Ancient, Medieval, and Modern Literature
 3. **Indian Paintings and Dance Forms:**
 - Classical and Folk Traditions
 4. **Music and Performing Arts:**
 - Classical Music, Folk Theatre, and Puppetry
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2. History and Modern India

1. **Ancient India:**
 - Vedic Period, Mauryan, and Gupta Empires
 - South Indian Dynasties
2. **Medieval India:**
 - Delhi Sultanate and Mughal Empire
 - Bhakti and Sufi Movements
3. **Modern India:**
 - Advent of Europeans and British Expansion
 - Revolt of 1857 and Social Reforms
 - Freedom Struggle: Gandhi Era, Moderates, Extremists
 - Role of Women and Tribal Movements

3. World History

1. **Industrial Revolution and Its Impact**
 2. **Colonization and Decolonization**
 3. **World Wars and Effects**
 4. **Cold War, Rise of United Nations, and Globalization**
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4. Geography of India and the World

1. **Physical Geography:**
 - Landforms, Earthquakes, and Volcanoes
 - Climatology and Oceanography
 2. **Human Geography:**
 - Population, Migration, and Urbanization
 3. **Economic Geography:**
 - Agriculture, Industries, and Resource Distribution
 4. **Disaster Management:**
 - Natural Disasters and Mitigation Strategies
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5. Indian Society and Social Issues

1. **Salient Features of Indian Society**
 2. **Diversity of India**
 3. **Caste System and Social Empowerment**
 4. **Communalism, Regionalism, and Secularism**
 5. **Role of Women and Population Issues**
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Paper III: General Studies II (GS-II) - 250 Marks

Topics and Chapters:

1. Indian Constitution and Polity

1. **Historical Background and Evolution**
2. **Features and Preamble of the Constitution**
3. **Fundamental Rights and Duties**
4. **Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP)**
5. **Union and State Government Structure**
6. **Judiciary and Judicial Activism**

2. Governance and Institutions

1. Parliament and State Legislatures
 2. Panchayati Raj and Local Governance
 3. Government Policies and Schemes
 4. Role of NGOs, SHGs, and Civil Society
 5. Transparency and Accountability (RTI, Lokpal, Lokayukta)
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3. International Relations

1. India's Relations with Neighbors
 2. India and International Organizations:
 - o UN, WTO, WHO, IMF, World Bank
 3. Bilateral, Regional, and Global Groupings
 4. Effect of Policies and Politics of Developed and Developing Nations
 5. Indian Diaspora and Their Contribution
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Paper IV: General Studies III (GS-III) - 250 Marks

Topics and Chapters:

1. Indian Economy and Development

1. Economic Growth and Development
 2. Government Budgeting and Fiscal Policy
 3. Inclusive Growth and Poverty Alleviation
 4. Issues Relating to Planning, Mobilization of Resources
 5. Effects of Liberalization, Globalization, and Privatization
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2. Agriculture and Food Security

1. Major Crops and Cropping Patterns
 2. Irrigation and Land Reforms
 3. Public Distribution System (PDS)
 4. E-Technology and Role of Cooperatives
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3. Science and Technology

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- 1. Latest Developments and Indian Achievements**
 - 2. Space Technology and IT Sector**
 - 3. Biotechnology and Nanotechnology**
 - 4. Issues Related to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)**
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4. Environment and Ecology

- 1. Biodiversity and Conservation**
 - 2. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)**
 - 3. Pollution, Climate Change, and Sustainable Development**
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5. Security and Disaster Management

- 1. Challenges to Internal Security**
 - 2. Terrorism, Insurgency, and Cyber Security**
 - 3. Border Security and Role of Agencies**
 - 4. Disaster Management and Mitigation**
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Paper V: General Studies IV (GS-IV) - 250 Marks

Topics and Chapters:

1. Ethics and Human Interface

- 1. Essence and Role of Ethics in Public Administration**
 - 2. Human Values – Lessons from Great Leaders**
 - 3. Ethical Dilemmas in Government and Private Sector**
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2. Attitude and Emotional Intelligence

- 1. Attitude – Content, Structure, and Function**
 - 2. Moral and Political Attitudes**
 - 3. Emotional Intelligence – Concepts and Applications**
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3. Public Service Values and Ethics in Administration

- 1. Aptitude and Foundational Values for Civil Services**
- 2. Integrity, Impartiality, and Non-Partisanship**

3. Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct, and Probity in Governance

4. Case Studies on Ethics, Integrity, and Governance

- Real-Life Situations Based on Ethical Dilemmas
 - Solutions Based on Governance Principles
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Paper VI & VII: Optional Subject (2 Papers of 250 Marks Each)

- Choose 1 Optional Subject from 48 Subjects
- Subjects Include:
 - Political Science and International Relations
 - Sociology, History, Public Administration
 - Geography, Psychology, Philosophy, etc.

Chapters/Topics:

- Vary depending on the subject chosen.
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Personality Test (Interview) - 275 Marks

- Duration: 30-45 Minutes
 - Chapters/Topics:
 1. Communication and Analytical Skills
 2. Current Affairs and General Knowledge
 3. Decision-Making and Leadership
 4. Integrity and Ethics
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Final Merit Calculation:

- Mains (1750 Marks) + Interview (275 Marks) = 2025 Marks