

## UPSC EXAM PATTERN

### 1) PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

The Examination shall comprise of two compulsory Papers of 200 marks each.

Paper Name	Time Duration	Total Marks	No. of Questions	Nature of Paper	Subjects/Topics	Qualifying Criteria
<b>Paper I – General Studies (GS Paper I)</b>	2 hours	200	100	Merit Ranking	Current Affairs, History, Geography, Polity, Economy, Environment, Science & Tech	Marks counted for Prelims merit
<b>Paper II – CSAT (Aptitude Test)</b>	2 hours	200	80	Qualifying in Nature	Comprehension, Logical Reasoning, Basic Numeracy, Decision Making and etc.	Minimum 33% (i.e. 66 marks) required to qualify

#### Additional Details:

- **Mode of Exam:** Offline (Pen-Paper Based)
- **Negative Marking:** Yes
- **GS Paper I:** 1/3rd (0.66) marks deducted for each wrong answer
- **CSAT:** 1/3rd (0.83) marks deducted for each wrong answer
- **Language:** English and Hindi

### 2) MAINS EXAMINATION - (1750 Marks):

The Written Examination will consist of the following papers:

Paper Name	Time Duration	Total Marks	Nature of Paper	Subjects
Paper A – Compulsory Indian Language Paper	3 hours	300	Qualifying in nature	One Indian Language (as per 8th Schedule)
Paper B – English Language Paper	3 hours	300	Qualifying in nature	English (10 <sup>th</sup> standard)
Paper I – Essay	3 hours	250	Merit Basis	Essay Writing on General Topics
Paper II – General Studies I	3 hours	250	Merit Basis	<b>General Studies-I:</b> Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society.

Paper III –General Studies II	3 hours	250	Merit Basis	<b>General Studies- II:</b> Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations
Paper IV – General Studies III	3 hours	250	Merit Basis	<b>General Studies- III:</b> Technology, Economic Development, Bio diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management
Paper V – General Studies IV	3 hours	250	Merit Basis	<b>General Studies- IV:</b> Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude
Paper VI – Optional Paper I	3 hours	250	Merit Basis	Optional Subject – Paper I (chosen by candidate)
Paper VII Optional Paper II	3 hours	250	Merit Basis	Optional Subject – Paper II (same subject as Paper VI)
<b>Total (Written Exam)</b>	–	<b>1750</b>		
<b>Interview/Personality Test</b>	–	<b>275</b>	Considered for Final Merit	General personality assessment, career suitability and mental alertness
<b>Grand Total</b>	–	<b>2025</b>		