

UPSC IAS Book List for Main Examination Stage

- **General Studies I**
- **General Studies II**
- **General Studies III**
- **General Studies IV**

Note: The Sources suggested would be for General Studies and for Optional and Compulsory Language paper can be referred specifically.

General Studies - I

- **History and Art & Culture of India**– Same list of books mentioned at Prelims stage. Also, read selective chapters of India Since Independence by Bipan Chandra.
- **World History**

NCERT Class IX – India and the Contemporary World – I,

NCERT Class IX – India and the Contemporary World – II

NCERT Class X – Themes in World History

Mastering Modern World History by Norman Lowe

- **Geography of India & World**

List of NCERTs mentioned above at Prelims stage and for building basic foundation are sufficient and Standard books mentioned earlier

- **Society**

NCERTs mentioned above for the basic Foundation in Society section.

Social Problems in India by Ram Ahuja

Note: Keep the Previous Years Papers and Syllabus handy!

General Studies – II

- **Polity, Social Justice & Governance**

Indian Polity by Laxmikanth is sufficient for Polity section.

Refer to notes available in the market by various coaching institutes for some sections which are not covered in Laxmikanth.

Reading newspapers on a regular basis is the key as the focus is primarily on current issues.

- **International Relations**

India's Foreign Policy since Independence by V P Dutt (essential book)

Challenge and Strategy: Rethinking India's Foreign Policy by Rajiv Sikri

Newspaper reading is crucial for this section.

Note: Keep the Previous Years Papers and Syllabus handy!

General Studies – III

- **Economic Development**

Indian Economy by Ramesh Singh

Refer to notes by various coaching institutes for sections not covered in the above book.

Reading newspapers regularly is key to cover various issues from the current perspective

- **Biodiversity, Environment Technology**

There is no particular book to cover these topics. Newspaper reading is crucial for this section.

- **Security and Disaster Management**

Challenges to Internal Security of India by Ashok Kumar is more than enough for this section.

Note: Keep the Previous Years Papers and Syllabus handy!

General Studies – IV

- Read any one of the following two books:

Lexicon for Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude for IAS General Studies Paper IV

Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude for Civil Services Examination by G Subba Rao

Note: Keep the Previous Years Papers and Syllabus handy!