

Books for UPSC Mains

Books for GS Paper 1

History, Art & Culture, and Geography are the three major subjects covered in the **GS Paper 1 Syllabus**. The Paper is titled 'Indian Heritage and Culture, History, and Geography of the World and Society' and totals 250 marks.

The Books for GS Paper 1 for **UPSC Mains** includes:

1. History of Medieval India by Satish Chandra
2. India After Independence by Bipan Chandra
3. Introduction to Indian Art for Class XI (NCERT)
4. World Geography by Majid Hussain
5. India's Struggle for Independence by Bipan Chandra
6. Oxford Atlas
7. Geography NCERTs (Class XI and XII)
8. Ancient India by RS Sharma
9. Geography of India by Majid Hussain
10. Central Physical and Human Geography by GC Leong
11. From Plassey To Partition And After by Sekhar Bandyopadhyay

GS 2 Books for UPSC

The major topics covered in **GS Paper 2 Syllabus** are Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations, which consist of 250 marks. The score obtained in this paper is added to the **UPSC Marksheet** during the **UPSC Result**.

The overview of the GS 2 Books for UPSC are:

1. NCERTs of Class XI and XII
2. Public Institutions in India: Performance and Design by Devesh Kapur & Pratap Bhanu Mehta
3. Introduction to the Constitution of India by Durga Das Basu.
4. India and the World: Through the Eyes of Indian Diplomats by Surendra Kumar.
5. Pax Indica – Shashi Tharoor.
6. Governance in India - M.Laxmikanth.

7. Indian Polity for Civil Services Examinations – M. Laxmikanth.

GS 3 Booklist for UPSC Mains

GS 3 Syllabus includes subjects like economics, science and technology, environment, security, and disaster management. GS 3 is one of the 9 papers in the UPSC Mains Exam. The topic included in GS Paper 3 are- Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security, and Disaster Management.

The books one should refer to prepare the UPSC Mains GS Paper 3 are:

1. NCERT Class XI - Indian Economic Development
2. IGNOU Notes on Cyber Security.
3. IGNOU Notes on Disaster Management.
4. NCERT Class X - Understanding Economic Development
5. NITI Aayog Reports
6. NCERT Class XII - Macroeconomics (chapters 2,5 and 6 are very important)
7. India Year Book
8. Indian Economy for Civil Services Examinations - Ramesh Singh
9. Challenges to Internal Security of India by Ashok Kumar and Vipul

Books for GS Paper 4

UPSC GS 4 Syllabus consists of Ethics, Aptitude, Human Interface, Attitude, Foundational values of civil services, and code of conduct of governance. The total marks of the GS Paper 4 are 250, and candidates will get 3 hours for this exam. The Booklist for GS Paper 4 includes the following:

1. ARC Reports
2. Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude - Santosh Ajmera & Nanda Kishore Reddy
3. Lexicon for Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude for IAS General Studies Paper IV - Niraj Kumar
4. Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude - M Karthikeyan
5. Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude - G Subba Rao & P N Roy Chowdhury
6. Ethics in Governance: Innovations, Issues, and Instrumentalities - Ramesh K Arora