

Geography Optional Books for UPSC

Those who have chosen geography as their optional need to cover all the Geography Books for UPSC. There are two optional papers, Paper 1 and Paper 2, each with 250 marks. The geography optional holds a total of 500 marks, so the candidates must prepare in the best possible way.

Geography Optional Books - Paper 1

- Human Geography by Majid Husain
- A Geography by Population by R.C. Chandna
- Goh Cheng Leong
- Oceanography by Sharma & Vatal
- Physical Geography - Made Simple, Rupa Publisher
- Physical Geography by Savindra Singh
- Economic and Social Geography - Made Simple by Rupa Publisher
- Environmental Geography by Savindra Singh
- Environmental Geography by Saxena
- Environmental Awareness by R.C.Chandna
- Agricultural Geography by Masjid Husain
- Political Geography by R.D.Dixit
- General Climatology by Critchfield
- Physical Geography in Diagrams by Bunnett
- Economic Geography by Hertshorn& Alexander
- Principles of Geomorphology by W.D. Thornbury
- Geomorphology by Savindra Singh
- Economic and Social Geography - Made Simple, Rupa Publishers
- Urbanization & Urban Systems in India by Ramachandran
- Perspectives in Human Geography: Evolution of Geographic Thought by Majid Husain
- Economic and Social Geography - Made Simple, Rupa Publisher
- Regional Planning: Regional Planning - by Chand &Puri
- Settlement Geography by K Siddhartha
- Climatology by D.S.Lal
- Physical Geography by Strahler & Strahler

Geography Optional Books - Paper 2

Below are some of the best Geography Books for optional paper 2. Paper 2 required regular reference to current events and the atlas.

- Economic and Commercial Geography of India by Sharma & Coutinho
- Economic and Commercial Geography of India by C.B. Mamoria
- Geography of India - Majid Husain
- Transport, Communication, and Trade
- Regional Development and Planning
- Agriculture Geography by Majid Husain
- Urbanization and Urban Systems in India by Ramachandran
- Human Geography by Majid Husain
- Economical and Commercial Geography of India by Sharma & Coutinho
- Economic and Commercial Geography of India by C.B. Mamoria
- India Year Book published by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- Certificate Physical and Human Geography - Goh Cheng Leong
- Economical and Commercial Geography by Sharma & Coutinho
- Political Aspects: Modern Political Geography of India by B.L. Sukhwai.
- Geography of Population by R.C.Chandna
- A Geography of India by Gopal Singh
- Regional Planning and Development by Chand and Puri
- Indian Geography by D R Khullar

World Geography Book for UPSC

The world geography book for UPSC contains topics on population, urbanization, agriculture, culture, economics, and political systems around different regions of the world. The books below will surely help the aspirants build a strong foundation in world geography.

- Economic and Social Geography – Made Simple – R.Knowles & J.Wareing
- Evolution of Geographic Thought-Majid Husain
- Physical Geography – Made Simple – Richard H Bryant
- Oxford School Atlas – Oxford

Apart from the above-mentioned world geography book for UPSC, you can check a comprehensive list of IAS Geography Books to cover the syllabus of prelims, mains, and optional subjects.

Indian Geography Book for UPSC

The Indian geography book is an essential resource for an in-depth understanding of India's physical, economic, and social geography. Several questions about Indian geography will be asked in the **UPSC Exam**, so candidates are required to strengthen their preparation. Check out some of the Best Books for Indian Geography UPSC.

The majority of the Indian geography syllabus of UPSC can be covered using NCERTs from Class 6 to Class 12 with the help of Atlas. Apart from the NCERTs, you can cover the remaining topics from the following books. You only need to cover part of the book from beginning to end.

- Physical Geography by Savindra Singh
- Geomorphology by Savindra Singh
- Physical Geography - Made Simple, Rupa Publisher
- Geography of India By Majid Husain
- Human Geography by Majid Husain
- Economic and Social Geography - Made Simple, Rupa Publishers
- A Geography by Population by R.C. Chandna
- Agriculture Geography by Majid Husain
- India Year Book, published by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Geography Booklist for UPSC Prelims

If you are looking for the best Geography book for UPSC prelims preparation, then we have prepared a booklist below. Along with these books, you must read the newspaper daily and correlate your learning with the atlas. The NCERTs are your best friend when preparing geography for UPSC prelims, giving you a strong foundation and conceptual clarity.

NCERT Geography Book For UPSC

- Class 6 – The Earth Our Habitat
- Class 7 – Our Environment
- Class 8 – Resource and Development
- Class 9 – Contemporary India – I
- Class 10 – Contemporary India – II
- Class 11 – Fundamentals of Physical Geography
- Class 11 – India – Physical Environment

- Class 12 – Fundamentals of Human Geography
- Class 12 – India – People and Economy

Apart from the NCERTs, you must go through the below-mentioned Books for UPSC geography.

- Go Cheng Leong – Certificate Physical & Human Geography Indian geography.
- School Atlas – Orient Black Swan.
- Oxford Student Atlas.

Geography Optional Books for UPSC Mains (GS Paper 1)

Choosing the ideal geography book for UPSC mains is essential for the aspirants as geography is a major part of UPSC Mains GS paper 1. For the Mains round, candidates must complete the UPSC Prelims Geography Books and some new additions mentioned below.

- Geography of India by Surender Singh (alternative to Majid Husain).
- India: A Comprehensive Geography by D.R Khuller (alternative to Majid Husain)
- Physical Geography by Savindra Singh. (alternative to Goh Ching Leong)

