

# IPS Syllabus

## IPS Syllabus for Prelims

The Prelims stage is the first round of the selection process for the IPS Exam. The candidates must appear for two general studies papers, Paper 1 and Paper 2 (CSAT).

### IPS Syllabus for Prelims Paper 1 (GS-1)

- Indian and World Geography-Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World
- Indian Polity and Governance – Panchayati Raj, Constitution, Political System, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.
- Current events of national and international importance
- General issues on Biodiversity, Environmental Ecology, and Climate Change
- The Indian National Movement and History of India
- General Science
- Economic and Social Development – Inclusion, Sustainable Development, Poverty, Demographics, Social Sector initiatives, etc.

### IPS Syllabus for Prelims Paper 2 (CSAT/GS-2)

- Logical reasoning and analytical ability
- General mental ability
- Primary numeracy (digits and their relations, orders of magnitude, etc.) (Class X level) and data arrangement (tables, charts, graphs, data sufficiency, etc. – Class X level)
- Problem-solving and Decision-making
- Interpersonal skills, including communication skills
- Comprehension.

## IPS Syllabus 2022 for Mains

Candidates will be capable of appearing for the IPS Mains exam only if they clear the Prelims of the IPS Exam. The main objective of the IPS exam is to analyze the candidate's academic expertise and the ability to present their knowledge.

The IPS Mains exam is a critical phase of the IPS selection process, so the candidates need to know the IPS Syllabus for Mains appropriately to start their preparation.

### IPS Syllabus for Mains (Paper A)

Paper A of the Mains exam is based on modern Indian languages and is 300 marks. The candidates will be tested on the following parameters:

- Precise Writing
- Short Essay
- Translation from English to the Indian language and vice-versa
- Usage and Vocabulary
- Comprehension of given passages

The below table lists the modern Indian languages that can be selected for this paper:

|           |          |          |
|-----------|----------|----------|
| Nepali    | Manipuri | Tamil    |
| Santali   | Sanskrit |          |
| Assamese  | Telugu   | Sindhi   |
| Malayalam | Konkani  | Maithili |
| Kashmiri  | Hindi    | Kannada  |
| Gujarati  | Dogri    | Bodo     |
| Marathi   | Bengali  | Urdu     |
| Punjabi   | Oriya    |          |

### IPS Syllabus for Mains (Paper B)

This paper is executed to test the candidate's ability to read and understand profound deviating literature forms and to express his/her ideas clearly and accurately, in English. The paper is of 300 marks. The aspirants are evaluated on the following parameters:

- Precise Writing
- Short Essay
- Usage and Vocabulary
- Comprehension of given passages

The following table gives a categorization of the papers that are counted for merit and thus impact the final ranking of the candidate.

| Paper  | IPS Syllabus   | Marks |
|--|--|-------|
| Paper I – Essay: Candidates will be required to write two essays from a list of topics | The topics will be provided, following the subject matter.<br>Candidates are advised to arrange their ideas in a concise and orderly manner. | 250   |
| Paper II – General Studies (GS)  | - Indian Heritage and Culture<br>- World and Indian Geography<br>- Social Issues<br>- World History  | 250   |
| Paper III – GS II  | - Political System<br>- Governance<br>- International Relations<br>- Constitution<br>- Social Justice  | 250   |

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|---------------------------------|---|-----|
| Paper IV – GS III               | - Biodiversity<br>- Technology<br>- Environment<br>- Security<br>- Indian Economy | 250 |
| Paper V – GS IV                 | - Administrative Aptitude<br>- Ethics<br>- Integrity                              | 250 |
| Paper VI – Optional Paper – I   | Topics will be decided according to the optional subject chosen                   | 250 |
| Paper VII – Optional Paper – II | Topics will be decided according to the optional subject chosen                   | 250 |

IPS syllabus covers vast topics. The total marks for the exam are estimated to be 1750. For the Mains exam, applicants are free to pick out of the following optional subjects listed in the table below:

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| History                | Mathematics                             |
| Political Science      | Sociology                               |
| Management             | Medical Science                         |
| Agriculture            | Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science |
| Mechanical Engineering | Physics                                 |
| Public Administration  | Zoology                                 |
| Statistics             | Psychology                              |
| Civil Engineering      | Electrical Engineering                  |
| Anthropology           | Chemistry                               |
| Economics              | Geology                                 |
| Botany                 | Commerce and Accountancy                |
| Geography              | Law                                     |
| Philosophy             |   |

Candidates can select one of the following literature topics from the below list of optional subjects included in the IPS exam syllabus:

|          |         |         |
|----------|---------|---------|
| Kashmiri | Konkani | Marathi |
| Assamese | Bengali | Bodo    |

|           |          |          |
|-----------|----------|----------|
| Gujarati  | Hindi    | Kannada  |
| Malayalam | Manipuri | Sanskrit |
| Maithili  | Santhali | Sindhi   |
| Dogri     | Tamil    | Telugu   |
| Odia      | Punjabi  | Urdu     |

## IPS Syllabus for Interview

After qualifying for the Prelims and Mains examination, the third round is the interview round. The interview test has some guidelines that need to be followed.

This test is planned to evaluate the mental caliber of a candidate. The round examines their intellectual qualities, interest in current affairs, and social traits. Candidates, after clearing the objective and written exam, should know the IPS Syllabus for an interview that includes:

- Intellectual and moral integrity
- Clear and logical exposition
- The ability for social cohesion and leadership
- Critical powers of assimilation
- Variety and depth of interest
- The balance of judgment
- Mental alertness.