UPSC GS Syllabus

UPSC GS Syllabus for Prelims Paper I and II

In order to appear for the UPSC Mains exam, one must clear the UPSC Prelims cutoff as Prelims is the first stage of selection. For, this one must prepare the UPSC syllabus for prelims papers I and II thoroughly. Here is the detailed topic-wise General Studies Syllabus in Prelims-

UPSC GS Syllabus Prelims Paper I

- General Science
- General issues on Climate Change, Bio-diversity, and Environmental Biology
- Economic and Social development
- Indian Polity and Governance
- Indian Geography
- World Geography
- Indian History
- Indian National Movement
- Current events that have international and national importance

UPSC GS Syllabus Prelims Paper II

- General mental ability
- Decision-making and problem-solving
- Logical reasoning and analytical ability
- Interpersonal skills
- Comprehension
- Basic numeracy (level-class 10)- Data interpretation, Orders of magnitude, Numbers, and their relations.

You should also be familiar with the exam pattern of UPSC General Studies along with the syllabus to prepare yourself for effectively utilizing your time during exams. The exam pattern for the general studies in UPSC Prelims exam is as follows-

Paper	Paper Type	Total Number of questions asked	Maximum Marks	Negative Marking	Medium language	Duration of the exam
General Studies I	Objective Type	100	200	Yes	Hindi & English	2 hrs

CSAT-General Studies II	Objective Type	80	200	Yes	Hindi & English	2 hrs

UPSC GS Syllabus for Mains Paper II, III, IV, and V

The candidates can appear for the exam only if they clear the Prelims cut-off. Mains exam is a descriptive exam that judges the professional knowledge of a candidate. The GS Syllabus for UPSC Paper II, III, IV, and V for Mains exams are as follows-

UPSC GS Syllabus for Mains Paper II

- Geography of the World and Society- Salient features of world's physical geography, Important Geophysical phenomena, Distribution of key natural resources, and effects of globalization.
- History of the World and Society- socialism, capitalism, communism, decolonization, redraw of national boundaries, colonization, the industrial revolution, world wars.
- Indian Culture- Architecture from ancient to modern times, Art Forms, features of Literature.
- Indian History- Personalities, issues during the middle of the 18th century till now, significant events, the freedom struggle, Post-independence consolidation, and the Reorganization of India after Independence.

UPSC GS Syllabus for Mains Paper III

- International relations
- Social Justice- secularism, regionalism, communalism, and social empowerment.
- Polity
- Constitution
- Governance

UPSC GS Syllabus for Mains Paper IV

- Technology
- Security and Disaster Management
- Environment
- Bio-diversity
- Economic Development

UPSC GS Syllabus for Mains Paper V

- Aptitude
- Integrity
- Ethics

UPSC Mains exam consists of 9 exams. Of these nine papers, 2 are optional and 4 belong to general studies with 250 marks each. The exam pattern for the UPSC Mains exam is as under-

Subject	Paper	Maximum Marks	Duration of the exam
Compulsory Indian Language	Paper A	300	3 hours
English	Paper B	300	3 hours
Essay	Paper I	250	3 hours
General Studies I	Paper II	250	3 hours
General Studies II	Paper III	250	3 hours
General Studies III	Paper IV	250	3 hours
General Studies IV	Paper V	250	3 hours
Optional I	Paper VI	250	3 hours
Optional II	Paper VII	250	3 hours

The candidates can choose either Hindi or English as a medium language for UPSC Prelims. However, they can choose their preferred language from the following Indian languages and scripts to appear for the UPSC Mains Exam apart from Hindi and English-

Santhali- Devanagari or Olchiki	Sindhi- Devanagari	Malayalam- Malayalam
Maithili- Devanagari	Sanskrit- Devanagari	Konkani- Devanagari
Dogri- Devanagari	Punjabi- Gurumukhi	Kashmiri- Persian
Bodo- Devanagari	Odiya- Odiya	Kannada- Kannada
Urdu- Persian	Nepali- Devanagari	Gujarati- Gujarati
Telugu-Telegu	Marathi- Devanagari	Bengali- Bengali
Tamil-Tamil	Manipuri- Bengali	Assamese- Assamese