

UPSC Prelims Syllabus – Official

The **UPSC Prelims Syllabus** consists of two papers: **GS Paper I and CSAT**. Paper I has **100 questions for 200 marks** (2 marks each), with **1/3rd negative marking** for every wrong answer. It tests current affairs, history, geography, polity, economy, environment, and general science.

UPSC Syllabus for GS Paper I – General Studies (200 Marks)

This paper tests a candidate's general awareness about India and the world, covering current events, history, geography, polity, economy, environment, and science. It is the most crucial part of **UPSC Prelims**, as its marks decide qualification for Mains.

Syllabus Topics:

- Current events of national and international importance
- History of India and Indian National Movement
- Indian and World Geography – Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World
- Indian Polity and Governance – Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues
- Economic and Social Development – Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives
- General issues on Environmental Ecology, Biodiversity and Climate Change (no subject specialization required)
- General Science

UPSC Syllabus for GS Paper II – CSAT (General Studies II – 200 Marks, Qualifying)

The **CSAT paper** in UPSC Syllabus for Prelims has **80 questions of 2.5 marks each**, totaling **200 marks**, with **66.66 marks (33%) as the qualifying cut-off**. It tests comprehension, logical reasoning, decision-making, numeracy, and data interpretation, with **1/3rd negative marking** for wrong answers.

Syllabus Topics:

- Comprehension
- Interpersonal skills including communication skills
- Logical reasoning and analytical ability
- Decision-making and problem-solving
- General mental ability
- Basic numeracy (Class X level – numbers, relations, orders of magnitude, etc.)
- Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency – Class X level)