

Nature of the Mains Examination

- The main Examination is intended to assess the overall intellectual traits and depth of understanding of candidates rather than merely the range of their information and memory.
- The nature and standard of questions in the General Studies papers will be such that a well-educated person will be able to answer them without any specialized study.
- The questions will be such as to test a candidate's general awareness of a variety of subjects, which will have relevance for a career in Civil Services.
- The questions are likely to test the candidate's basic understanding of all relevant issues and ability to analyze and take a view on conflicting socio- economic goals, objectives and demands.
- The candidates must give relevant, meaningful and succinct answers.
- No negative marks will there for Mains examination

MAINS EXAM SYLLABUS CATEGORY 1

The Mains examination will consist of 2 Papers.

1. Paper-A General Studies

- 8 Questions carrying 12.5 marks each
- Marks : 100 | Duration : 90 min.

2. Paper-B Optional Subject

- Candidates have to choose **one** among three subjects (Geography, History, Science and Technology,) as their optional subject
- 7 short answer questions carrying 10 marks each
- 2 long answer questions carrying 15 marks each
- Marks : 100 | Duration : 90 min.

Total = 200 Marks

Paper 1 . General Studies

- **History**
National Leaders -> Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru , Subhash Chandra Bose,
Dr. B R Ambedkar
- **Geography**
Environmental Pollution
Himalayan and Peninsular rivers
- **Science and Technology**
ISRO and its achievements
- **Social Issues**
Problems faced by Indian women
Poverty in India and measures to alleviate poverty
- **Current Affairs**
Important issues happened in November- December 2017

PAPER 2 OPTIONAL SUBJECT

Candidates have to choose **ONE** among **Three** subjects

1. Geography

Syllabus

- **Geographical phenomena**
 - Soil and its formation
 - Tsunami
 - Earthquake
 - Tides (Spring Tide , Neap Tide)
- Plate Tectonics Theory
- Biosphere reserves and its significance
- Importance of Indian Ocean
- Water ; its importance
- Himalayan and Peninsular Rivers.
- Geographical features and their location
- Mountains • Plains • Plateaus.
- Human impact on geographical features
 - Climate change
 - Ocean acidification
 - Water depletion
 - Pollution
 - Deforestation
 - Desertification
 - Soil Erosion

2. Science & Technology

Syllabus

- Renewable and Non-Renewable Source of energy
- Greenhouse gases
- Ozone layer depletion
- Water harvesting and importance
- Applications of Science and Technology in Agriculture
- Food chain
- Computer and its parts
- Bacterial diseases affecting human body –
eg: Tuberculosis, Cholera, Malaria
- Science and Innovation: Need of the hour
- Achievements of Indians in science & technology

3. History

Syllabus

- Indus Valley Civilization
 - Origin
 - Evolution
 - Culture
 - Disintegration
- British Conquest of India
- Paika Revolt of 1817 and Revolt of 1857
- Leaders of Freedom struggle
 - Jawaharlal Nehru
 - Subhash Chandra Bose
- Rise and growth of Indian National Congress
- Renaissance Movement
 - Brahmo Samaj
 - Aligarh Movement
- Home Rule League
- Militants and Revolutionaries
- Indian Freedom Struggle Under Gandhi
 - Dandi march
 - Non- cooperation Movement
 - Civil Disobedience Movement
 - Quit India movement