

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 2**

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, Modern Indian 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

Important Geographical Phenomenon

- Earthquake
- Tsunami
- Cyclone

formation and measures

Polity

- Fundamental rights and its importance
- Parliamentary and Presidential system of government

Science & Technology

- GPS System and its application

Economy

- GST and its significance in the economy
- Demonetization and its related issues
- Cashless economy and its importance

History

- National Movements – Indian Independence
- National Leaders
Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhash Chandra Bose,
Dr. B R Ambedkar, Dadabai Navroji

Current Affairs

Important issues happened in November/ December 2017

PAPER 2 OPTIONAL SUBJECT

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

1. Geography

Syllabus

- Human impact on geography
 - Climate change
 - Ocean acidification
 - Coral bleaching or coral degradation
 - Ocean currents and its significance
 - Global warming
- Composition of atmosphere
- Important Geographical Phenomena
- Plate Tectonics theory , Earth quake, Tsunami
- Summer solistics , Winter solistics& Equinox
 - Environmental protection and its mechanisms

2. Science & Technology

Syllabus

Science & Technology - Senior

- Bio-technology and important application
- Information Technology in education
- ISRO and its achievements
- Achievements of Indian Scientists - such as – C.V. Raman, Homi J Bhabha, Abdul Kalam
- Air Pollution, Water Pollution, Ocean acidification
- Technology such as - LED, LCD, Plasma Television
- Science in Everyday life
- Digestive system in human body
- Functions of organ - such as Brain, Heart, Kidney
- Indian Achievements in the fields of
 - Information Technology
 - Space
 - Computers
 - Robotics
 - Nano-technology
 - Bio-technology

3. Modern India

Syllabus

- British Conquest of India
- Paika Revolt of 1817 and Revolt of 1857
- Nationalism in India
- Role of Socio-Religious movements in growth of national movement
- Rise and growth of Indian National Congress
- Partition of Bengal
- Policies and programmes of early nationalists
- Home Rule League
- Militants and Revolutionaries
- Indian Freedom Struggle Under Gandhi
 - Non-cooperation Movement
 - Civil Disobedience Movement
 - Individual Satyagraha 1940-41
 - Quit India Movement
- Partition of India and attainment of freedom
- India After Independence;- Major Events
- Globalization and its effects in India
- NITI Aayog vs Planning Commission
- Government Scheme
Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA)
- Urban Transport
 - Metro Trains/ Bullet Trains / Hyperloop