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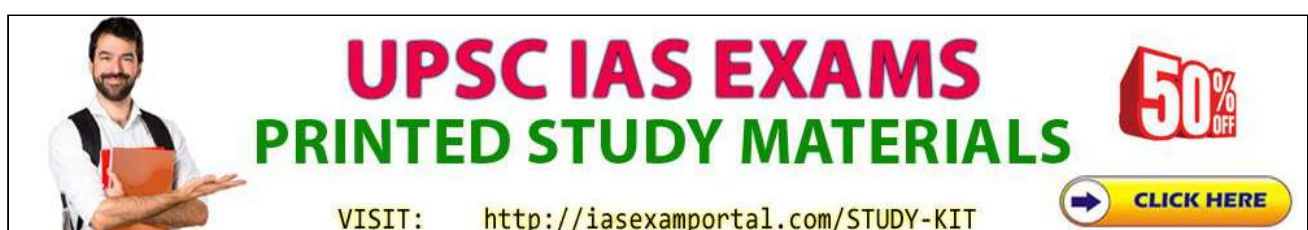
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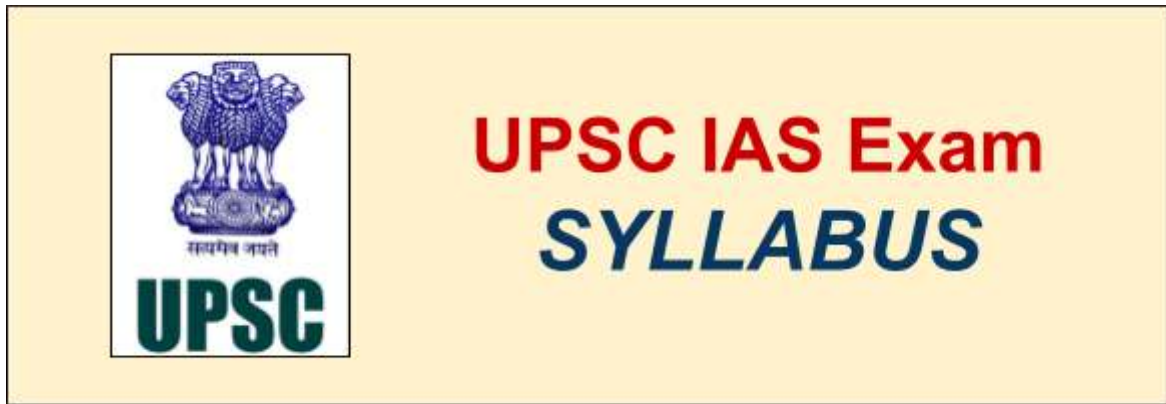
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## UPSC IAS EXAM SYLLABUS



### SYLLABUS FOR CIVIL SERVICES PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

#### Section-I

#### PLAN OF IAS EXAMINATION

1. The competitive examination comprises two successive stages:
  - a. Civil Services (Preliminary) Examinations (Objective Type) for the selection of candidates for Main Examination; and
  - b. Civil Services (Main) Examination (Written and Interview) for the selection of candidates for the various services and posts.
2. The Preliminary Examination will consist of two papers of Objective type (multiple choice questions) and carry a maximum of 400 marks in the subjects set out in subsection (A) of Section-II. This examination is meant to serve as a screening test only; the marks obtained in the

Preliminary Examination by the candidates who are declared qualified for admission to the Main Examination will not be counted for determining their final order of merit. The number of candidates to be admitted to the Main Examination will be about twelve to thirteen times the total approximate number of vacancies to be filled in the year in the various Services and Posts. Only those candidates who are declared by the Commission to have qualified in the Preliminary Examination in the year will be eligible for admission to the Main Examination of that year provided they are otherwise eligible for admission to the Main Examination.

3. Candidates who obtain such minimum qualifying marks in the written part of the Main Examination as may be fixed by the Commission at their discretion, shall be summoned by them for an interview for a Personality Test vide subsection 'C' of Section-II. Marks obtained in the



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papers will be counted for ranking. The number of candidates to be summoned for interview will be about twice the number of vacancies to be filled.

Marks thus obtained by the candidates in the Main Examination (written part as well as interview) would determine their final ranking. Candidates will be allotted to the various Services keeping in view their ranks in the examination and the preferences expressed by them for the various Services and Posts.

### Section-II

## 1. Scheme and subjects for the Preliminary and Main Examinations

### A. Preliminary Examination

The Examination shall comprise two compulsory papers of 200 marks each.


#### Note:

- Both the question papers will be of the objective type (multiple choice questions) and **each will be of two hours duration**.
- The General Studies Paper-II of the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination will be a qualifying paper with minimum qualifying marks fixed at 33%.
- (The question papers will be set both in Hindi and English. However, questions relating to English Language Comprehension skills of Class X level will be tested through passages from English Language only without providing Hindi translation thereof in the question paper.
- Details of the syllabi are indicated in Part A of Section III.

### B. Main Examination

The written examination will consist of the following papers:

PAPER I		
Section 1	Essay	200 Marks
Section 2	English Comprehension & English Precis (Of Matriculation/ Xth standard level)	100 Marks
PAPER II		
General Studies - I (Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)		250 Marks
PAPER III		
General Studies - II (Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations)		250 Marks
PAPER IV		
Paper-IV General Studies - III (Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)		250 Marks
PAPER V		
General Studies - IV (Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude)		250 Marks
PAPER VI		



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