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UPSC CSE Syllabus at a Glance — Prelims + Mains

Official scheme of examination, eligibility snapshot and sub



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SCHEME OF THE EXAMINATION

- **Stage 1 — Preliminary**
  2 papers (GS Paper I & CSAT Paper II), 200 marks each, objective MCQs. CSAT is qualifying (33%). Marks not counted in final ranking.
- **Stage 2 — Mains (Written)**
  9 papers — Essay (2 x 250), GS I–IV (4 x 250), Optional I–II (2 x 250), plus 2 qualifying language papers (300 each). Total 1750 marks.
- **Stage 3 — Personality Test**
  Interview worth 275 marks assessing personal suitability, mental calibre, awareness and balance of judgement. Final total: 2025 marks.

ELIGIBILITY SNAPSHOT

- **Nationality**
  Indian citizen (for IAS & IPS); other categories as notified
- **Education**
  Graduate degree from any recognised university (final-year students may apply)
- **Age Limit**
  21 to 32 years as on 1st August of exam year
- **Relaxation**
  OBC +3 yrs, SC/ST +5 yrs, PwBD +10 yrs
- **Attempts**
  General: 6 | OBC: 9 | SC/ST: Unlimited till age cap

SYLLABUS OVERVIEW

- **Prelims GS Paper I**
  History, Polity, Geography, Economy, Environment, Science & Tech, Current Affairs
- **Prelims CSAT**
  Comprehension, Logical Reasoning, Analytical Ability, Basic Numeracy, Decision Making
- **Mains GS I**
  Indian Heritage & Culture, History & Geography of the World and Society
- **Mains GS II**
  Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice & International Relations
- **Mains GS III**
  Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity, Environment, Security & Disaster Mgmt
- **Mains GS IV**

Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude — case studies & applied ethics