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AAPKA SELECTION, HAMARA MISSION

OUR VISION

To build India's most trusted and result oriented learning ecosystem for competitive exams, where every aspirant, regardless of background, gets the right guidance, a clear structure, and consistent support to unlock their true potential. We aim to transform preparation from confusion and uncertainty into clarity and confidence, so that learners not only prepare better but also achieve success in UPSC and beyond.

OUR MISSION

-  To design and deliver structured, stage-wise learning pathways for exam preparation
-  To enable performance-driven learning through practice, evaluation, and feedback
-  To build an integrated ecosystem of expert faculty, quality content, and technology
-  To provide data-backed insights and continuous assessment for measurable progress
-  To strengthen conceptual clarity aligned with dynamic exam patterns
-  To support students with tools that bridge learning, revision, and application
-  To foster a culture of discipline, consistency, and accountability
-  To continuously innovate across content, pedagogy, and student experience
-  To expand access to high-quality, scalable education across India
-  To guide aspirants towards achieving meaningful and sustained success

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE & SUCCESS



TRUSTED BY 20 MILLION LEARNERS



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UPSC EXAM PATTERN

PRELIMS, MAINS AND INTERVIEW

The UPSC Civil Services Examination is one of the most respected and competitive exams in the country. It is the gateway to prestigious services such as IAS, IPS, IFS, and several other Group A and Group B posts. For any aspirant starting preparation, understanding the exam pattern is the first essential step.

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THE SELECTION PROCESS IS CONDUCTED IN THREE STAGES



Preliminary Examination



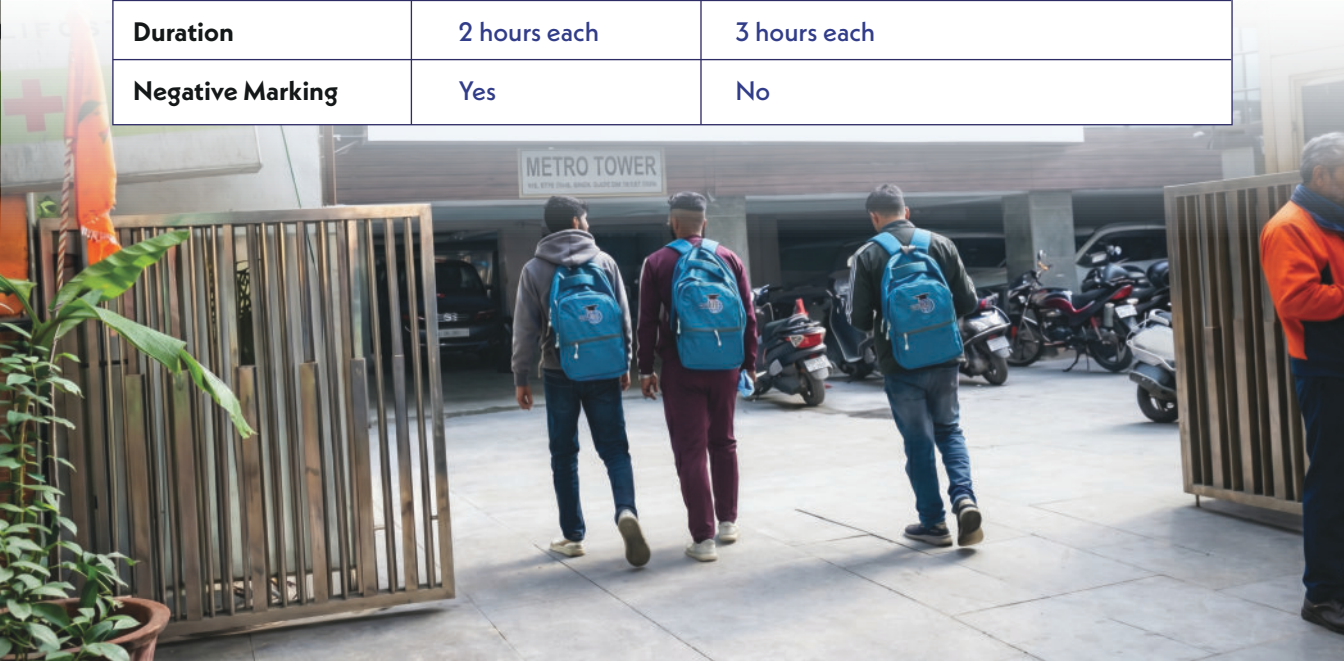
Mains Examination



Personality Test (Interview)

Each stage of the examination assesses distinct competencies. **The Preliminary Examination** evaluates fundamental understanding and aptitude. **The Main Examination** examines depth of knowledge, analytical ability, and answer-writing skills. **The Personality Test (Interview)** assesses candidates on personality traits, judgement, awareness, and overall suitability for a career in public service.

PARAMETER	PRELIMS	MAINS
Medium	Hindi & English	English + 22 languages (Eighth Schedule)
Nature of Questions	Objective (MCQ)	Descriptive
Number of Question	GS: 100, CSAT: 80	GS 1, 2, 3: 20 questions each GS 4: 12-13 theory + 6 case studies Essay: 2 essays
Total Marks	200 + 200	1750
Mode	Offline	Offline
Number of Papers	2	9
Duration	2 hours each	3 hours each
Negative Marking	Yes	No



UPSC PRELIMS

EXAM PATTERN

THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION CONSISTS OF TWO PAPERS



Paper 1: General Studies

This paper tests awareness and understanding of subjects like History, Geography, Polity, Economy, Environment, Science, and Current Affairs.



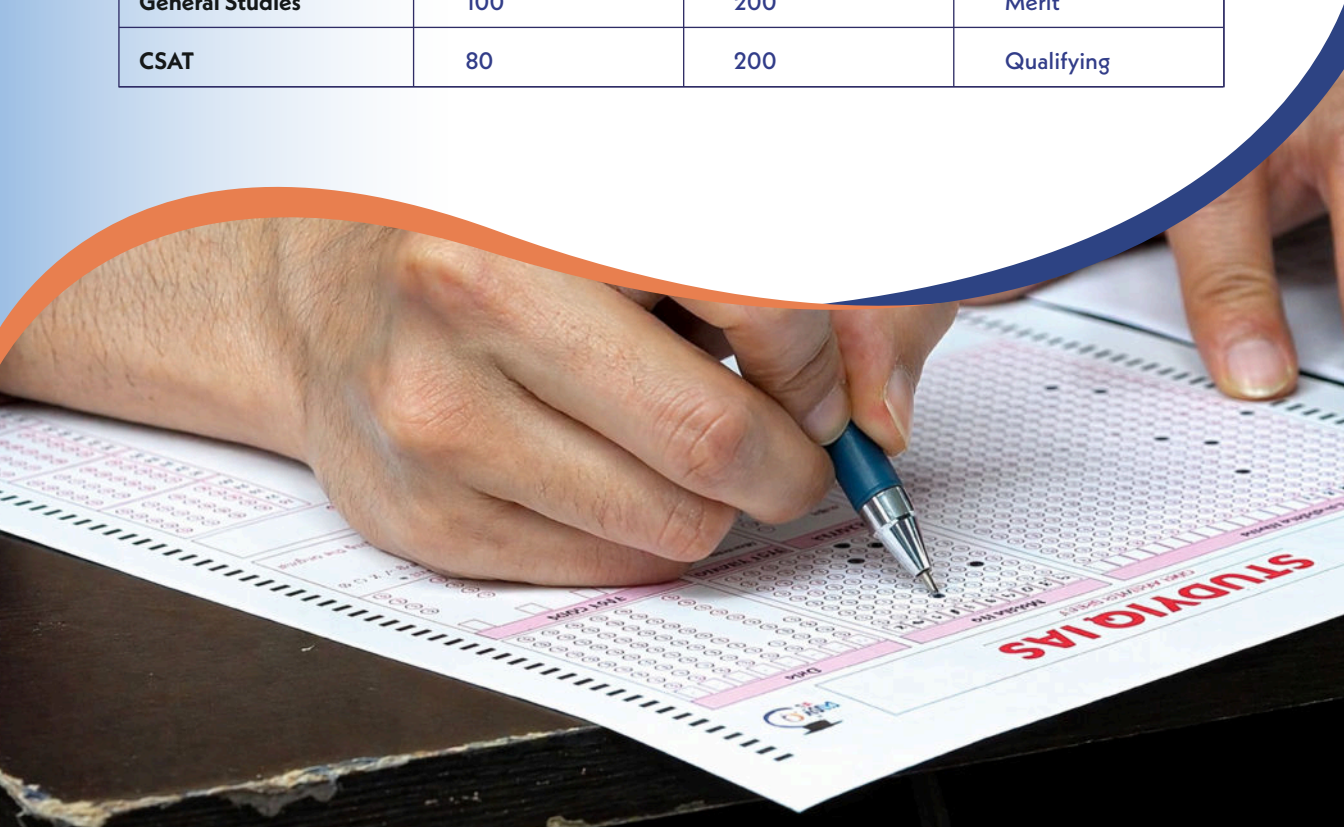
Paper 2: CSAT

This paper examines aptitude-related skills such as comprehension, reasoning, analytical ability, and decision-making.

The Prelims stage mainly serves as a **qualifying filter** to shortlist candidates for the Mains Examination.

PRELIMS STRUCTURE

SUBJECTS	QUESTIONS	MARKS	NATURE
General Studies	100	200	Merit
CSAT	80	200	Qualifying



UPSC MAINS

EXAM PATTERN

The Main Examination is the most important written stage of the UPSC process. It includes **9 papers**, out of which **2 are qualifying in nature**. Marks scored in the remaining **7 papers**, along with the Interview marks, determine the final merit ranking.

The Mains tests not only subject knowledge but also clarity of



OVERVIEW TABLE

PAPER	DURATION	MARKS	NATURE
Paper A: Indian Language	3 hours	300	Qualifying
Part B : English	3 hours	300	Qualifying
Essay	3 hours	250	Merit
General Studies I	3 hours	250	Merit
General Studies II	3 hours	250	Merit
General Studies III	3 hours	250	Merit
General Studies IV	3 hours	250	Merit
Optional Paper I	3 hours	250	Merit
Optional Paper II	3 hours	250	Merit
TOTAL MAINS MARKS: 1750			

INTERVIEW

PERSONALITY TEST

After clearing the Mains, candidates are called for the Personality Test, commonly known as the Interview. This is the final stage of the examination process and carries **275 marks**. The Interview is not just a test of knowledge. It is meant to assess whether the candidate possesses the right personality traits needed in civil services.

The board generally evaluates qualities such as



Mental Alertness



Logical Expression



Intellectual Depth



Moral Integrity



Balance of Judgement



Leadership & Social Adaptability

Usually, the number of candidates called for the Interview is around **2.5 times the number of vacancies**.



Interview Highlights



Duration:

Usually 20 to 30 minutes



Panel:

Senior experts, bureaucrats, academicians, and specialists



Venue:

Dholpur House, New Delhi



Total Marks in UPSC CSE



Mains Written Exam:

1750 Marks



Interview:

275 marks



Final Total:

2025 marks

SERVICES RECRUITED

THROUGH UPSC CSE

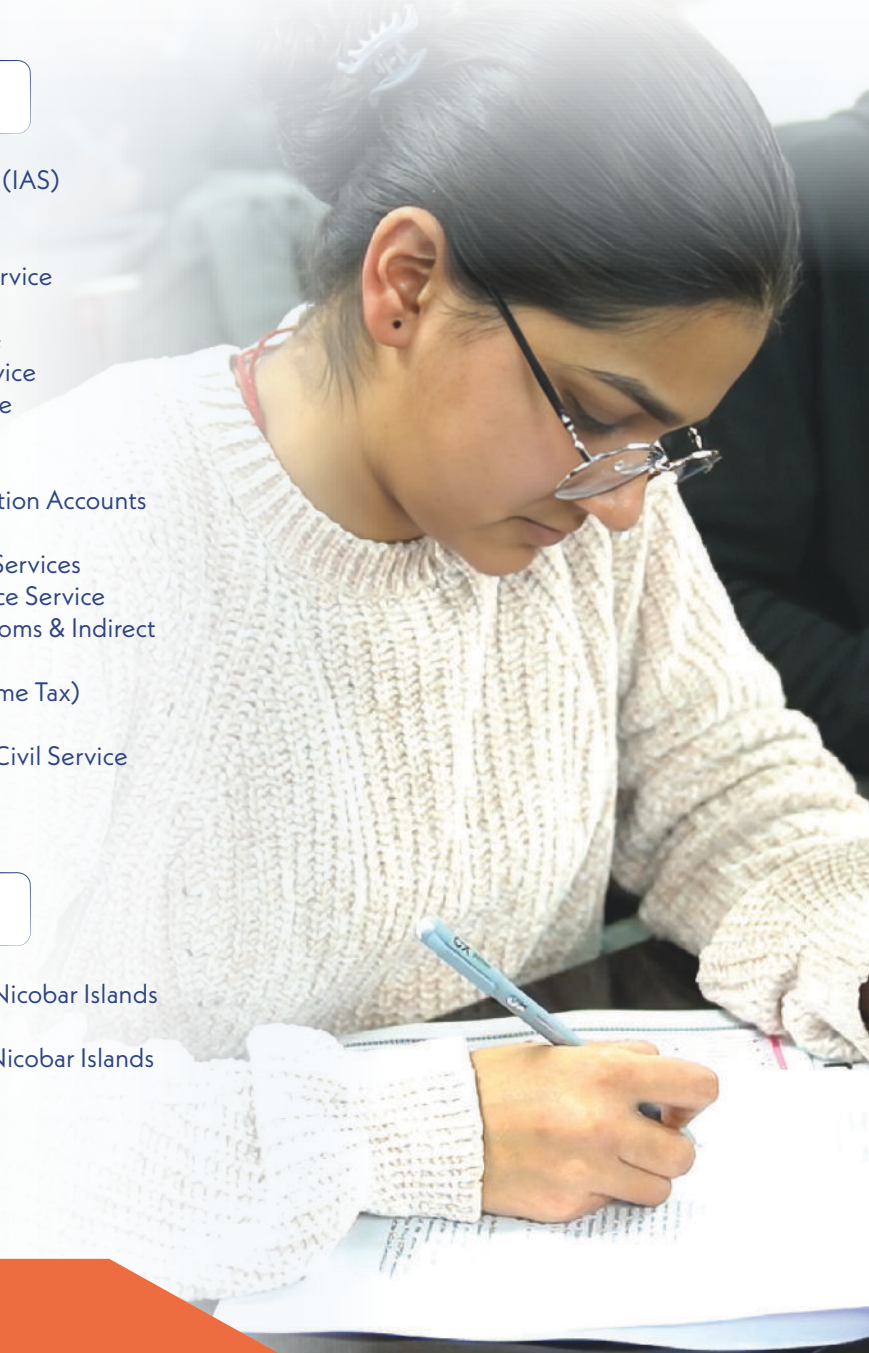
Through the Civil Services Examination, candidates are selected for some of the most prestigious administrative and allied services in India. These services are broadly classified into Group 'A' and Group 'B', offering diverse roles in governance, policy implementation, and public administration across the country.

Group 'A' Services

- Indian Administrative Service (IAS)
- Indian Foreign Service (IFS)
- Indian Police Service (IPS)
- Indian Audit and Accounts Service
- Indian Civil Accounts Service
- Indian Corporate Law Service
- Indian Defence Accounts Service
- Indian Defence Estates Service
- Indian Information Service
- Indian Postal Service
- Indian Post & Telecommunication Accounts and Finance Service
- Indian Railway Management Services
- Indian Railway Protection Force Service
- Indian Revenue Service (Customs & Indirect Taxes)
- Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax)
- Indian Trade Service
- Armed Forces Headquarters Civil Service

Group 'B' Services

- DANICS (Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar Islands Civil Service)
- DANIPS (Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar Islands Police Service)
- Pondicherry Civil Service
- Pondicherry Police Service



SOME FACTS

ABOUT UPSC

CATEGORY	DATA / FACTS	KEY INSIGHT
Real Competition	10-12 lakh apply, but only ~1.5-2 lakh serious, ~10,000 highly competitive	You compete with the best, not the crowd
Selection Funnel	Prelims: 2-3% → Mains: 20% → Interview: 40-50%	Prelims = elimination, Mains = differentiation
Final Success Rate	~0.08%-0.1%	~1 in 1000 serious aspirants succeed
Attempts Trend	2nd-3rd attempt highest success probability	Consistency > talent
Cognitive Load	25+ subjects, 4000-5000 pages, 3-4 years CA	Smart strategy > covering everything
Retention Data	1 week: ~20%, 1 month: <10% (without revision)	Multiple revisions are mandatory
Prelims Trend	Static ↓, conceptual & statement-based ↑	Elimination skills matter more than knowledge
Cutoff Trend	Earlier ~105 → Now ~75-85	Paper difficulty ↑, uncertainty ↑
Mains Focus	Structure + examples + clarity	Content alone is not enough
Optional Strategy	Short syllabus + GS overlap + predictability	Optional = rank deciding factor
Popular Optionals	Sociology, Anthropology, PSIR, History, Geography	Trend toward scoring subjects
Test Series Impact	<10 tests low success, 30+ tests high success	Practice builds pattern recognition

UPSC CSE 2025

DATA TO DECISION

The Real Selection Intelligence

STAGE	KEY DATA (2025)	STRATEGIC INSIGHT
Applications	9,37,876 candidates applied	High intent, low seriousness — form filling ≠ preparation
Actual Appeared	5,76,793 appeared (~61%)	~3.6 lakh dropped before exam → discipline is first filter
Prelims Qualified	14,161 candidates (~2.4%)	97% eliminated → Prelims is mass filtration stage
Mains → Interview	2,736 candidates (~19%)	Only answer-writing capable candidates survive
Final Selection	958 candidates (~35%)	Personality & clarity decide final outcome
Gender Split	659 men, 299 women (~31% women)	Female success rising steadily
Test Series Impact	High test exposure = higher success	Pattern recognition builds selection instinct
Core Insight	UPSC is not a knowledge exam	It is a structured performance exam

Closing Insight

“From 9.3 lakh to 958 — UPSC selects not the most informed, but the most optimized.”

COMMON CHALLENGES

FACED BY UPSC ASPIRANTS

Every year, many aspirants begin their UPSC journey with strong motivation, but soon face confusion and inconsistency due to lack of direction. More than hard work, UPSC demands a clear roadmap and a structured approach.

Here are the common challenges faced by aspirants:



Scattered Preparation

Studying from multiple books, YouTube channels, and notes but still feeling directionless.



Lack of Clear Roadmap

Not knowing what to study, when to study, and how to move from basics to advanced level.



Information Overload

Endless resources and strategies create confusion instead of clarity.



Inconsistent Preparation

Starting with high motivation but struggling to maintain discipline over months.



Weak Conceptual Foundation

Skipping basics leads to poor understanding and difficulty in advanced topics.



No Mentorship or Guidance

Preparing alone without someone to guide, correct mistakes, or track progress.



Answer Writing Struggle

Knowing the content but unable to present it effectively in the Mains exam.



Poor Revision Strategy

Studied a lot, but unable to retain and revise at the right time.



Test Anxiety & Low Confidence

Fear of mock tests and lack of exam temperament under pressure.



Disconnected Preparation

Preparing Prelims, Mains, and Interview separately instead of as one integrated journey.

WHAT IS THE SMART MODEL

UPSC is not cleared by studying more, but by preparing in a structured, guided, and test-driven way.

The SMART MODEL Ensures Your Preparation Is

Planned | Mentored | Revised | Evaluated

At Every Stage - Not Random

S

STRUCTURED CLASSES

A clear academic roadmap:

NCERT → Foundation → Prelims → Mains → Interview

Build concepts, then convert them into exam-ready competence.



M

MENTORSHIP

Personalised 1:1 guidance to keep you consistent, focused, and on track, academically and mentally.



A

ASSESSMENT

Continuous performance tracking through tests, dashboards, and feedback to identify gaps and improve.



R

REVISION

Built-in revision through CRUX notes, classroom revision, and structured material to ensure strong retention.



T

TEST PRACTICE

A rigorous system of:

Daily Practice • Weekly Tests • Sectionals • Full-Length Tests

To build accuracy, speed, and exam temperament.



WHY THE SMART MODEL WORKS

It doesn't treat UPSC preparation as content delivery
It treats it as a system of selection.

It helps you:

- Build strong fundamentals
- Stay disciplined and consistent
- Revise effectively
- Improve through continuous feedback
- Perform better in tests
- Prepare for Prelims, Mains & Interview in an integrated way

In short, your preparation is not scattered — it is structured, guided, and outcome-driven.

Prepare for **Prelims**, **Mains** & **Interview** in an integrated way

Your Journey from Prelims to Interview — the **SMART** Way



YOUR ROADMAP FOR CLEARING UPSC CSE 2027



Interview Guidance Program
(2 Months)



Mains Residential Program
(2.5 Months)



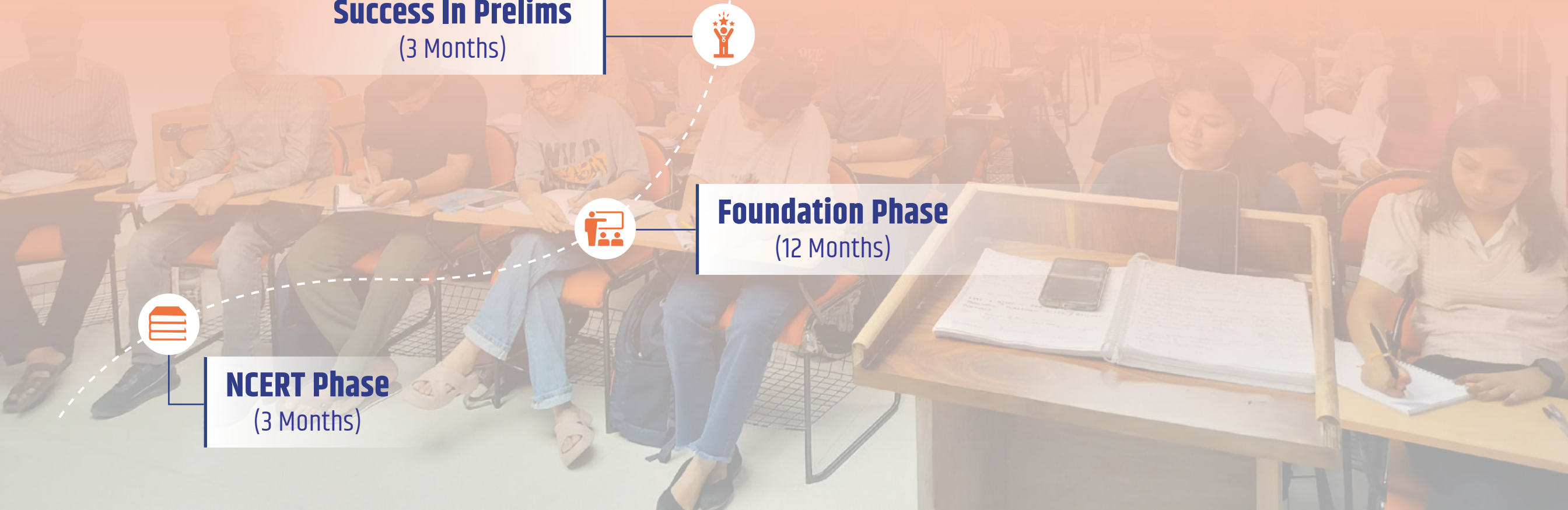
Success In Prelims
(3 Months)



Foundation Phase
(12 Months)



NCERT Phase
(3 Months)







NCERT PHASE

Pre-Foundation Program

MASTER YOUR BASICS THE RIGHT WAY



Interactive Classes

250 plus hours of focused learning to simplify concepts and remove confusion.



Comprehensive NCERT Coverage

All core subjects are covered in a structured, easy-to-follow manner, ensuring clarity, retention, that actually stay with you.



NCERT Based Test Series

Practice smart, track progress, and turn preparation into performance.



Personalized Mentorship

Dedicated guidance to keep you focused, consistent, and exam ready.





THE FOUNDATION PHASE

Offline Foundation Program

Offline GS Foundation Program

A rigorous classroom program covering 15+ GS subjects, designed to build conceptual clarity and a strong foundation for UPSC CSE.



1200+ Hours of Classroom Learning

Expert-led offline classes ensure deep conceptual understanding.

Structured Study Material

Concise CRUX notes and classroom PPTs are provided to simplify concepts and support effective revision.



Dedicated Mentorship

Continuous guidance and performance tracking by experienced mentors.

Practice & Skill Development

1

Daily Prelims Practice

Topic-wise MCQs and weekly tests to strengthen exam-solving ability.

2

Answer Writing Program

Regular answer writing practice with periodic full-length Mains tests.

3

Current Affairs Integration

Daily newspaper analysis supported by monthly current affairs magazine.

4

CSAT Preparation

Focused classes to build aptitude, reasoning, and comprehension skills.





SUCCESS IN PRELIMS

Exam-Focused Preparation



Prelims RESOLUTION Phase

A focused program to ensure Prelims success through complete syllabus coverage, strong concepts, and exam-ready practice.



Revision Classes

250+ hours of daily sessions covering static subjects and current affairs.



Discipline-Based Tests

Daily 50-question tests covering 5000+ MCQs to build accuracy and strategy.



Revision Booklets

10 concise booklets in soft copy for quick revision of key topics and current affairs.



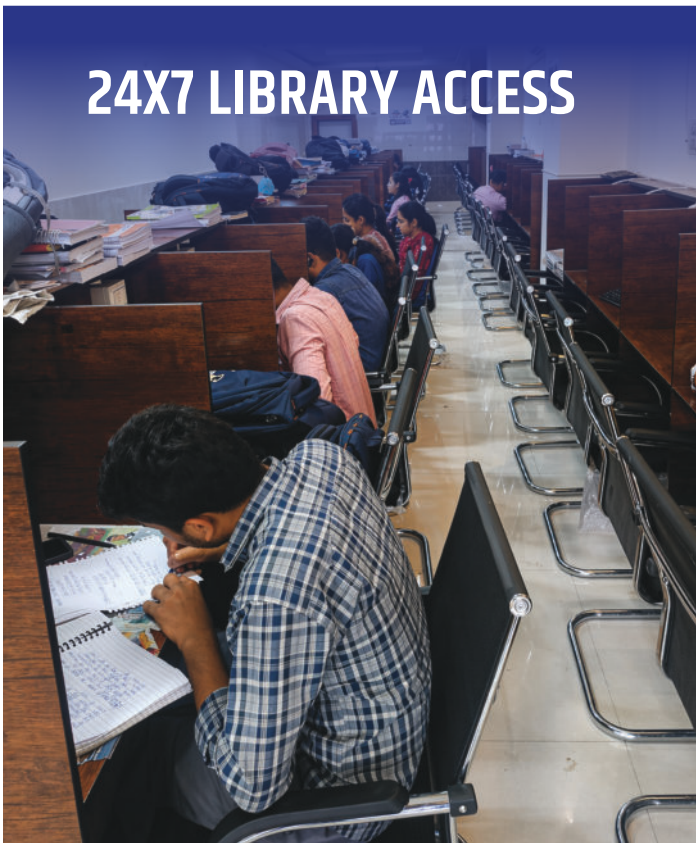
Simulator Tests

16 full-length tests (GS & CSAT), aligned with UPSC pattern and timing.

ONE ON ONE MENTORSHIP



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DAILY ANSWER WRITING

MAINS RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM (MRP)
Ethics-DAW-6

निर्धारित समय : 1 घंटा

अधिकतम अंक : 70

Time Allowed : 1 Hour

Maximum Marks : 70

Q.1: ईमानदारी एक विश्वस्तरीय सरकार की आधारशिला है, जो अपने लोगों के विश्वास को अजय्वल करती है। इस कथन के आलोक में, पच्ची कीजिए कि ईमानदारी आज के समाज में सार्वजनिक विश्वास को कैसे आकार देती है। सीटाहरण स्पष्ट कीजिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Probity is the bedrock of a trusted government, anchoring the faith of its people. In the light of this statement, discuss how probity shapes public trust in today's society. Illustrate with examples. (10 marks, 150 words)

Probity is the highest form of Integrity in public service. It links government to people through trust.
Faith of people is belief in the government that it works for welfare, justice and serves them unbiased

Role of probity in shaping public trust



↳ moral consistency through consistency in Integrity of administrators leads to trust

Ex: ISRO → cost efficient technology

Candidates must not write on this margin



THE MAINS PHASE

Mains Residential Program (MRP)

An intensive **75-day residential program** designed to transform your preparation into Mains-ready performance. After clearing Prelims, this program provides focused guidance, rigorous answer writing practice, and expert mentorship to help you secure the UPSC interview call.

THE 75-DAY CHALLENGE INCLUDES

- 1 Workshops on answer writing fundamentals
- 2 Crash course on Ethics & Essay
- 3 700+ GS questions and 150+ Optional questions practice
- 4 60 days of Daily Answer Writing (DAW)
- 5 8 sectional tests + 10 full-length simulator tests
- 6 180+ hours of value addition classes including current affairs
- 7 Detailed evaluation and discussion
- 8 Personalised 1:1 mentorship
- 9 Food, accommodation & library facility for SIQ students
- 10 Tests conducted as per the UPSC exam timetable

Program Duration:
June – August



THE INTERVIEW PHASE

The Interview Guidance Program

It is meticulously designed for UPSC aspirants with expert guidance and personalized attention to enhance your interview preparation and boost your chances of success.

IT HAS THREE COMPONENTS:



DAF Analysis Session

To prepare you with 250+ personalized questions tailored to your Detailed Application Form (DAF).



Two Mock Interviews

To refine your interview skills through rigorous mock interviews.



Exclusive one-on-one Session

You will have a one-on-one DAF discussion session with Anil Swarup Sir and other senior bureaucrats.



OUR MENTORS

Guidance from the Best Panelists

Interact with experienced bureaucrats, academicians, and domain experts who bring real-world insights and UPSC board-level perspectives.



S. Y. Quraishi

Former Chief Election Commissioner



Alok Ranjan

Former Chief Secretary, UP



Anil Swarup

Former Coal Secretary, GOI



Ashok Khemka

Former Add. Chief Secretary, GOI



Deepak Vohra

Retd. IFS, Special Advisor to GOI



Vijendra Chauhan

Associate Professor, DU



Rakesh Asthana

Former CBI Director



Mahesh Sachdev

Retired IFS Officer



JK Sharma

Retired IFS Officer

INSTITUTIONAL POLICY OVERVIEW

The P21 (Prelims to Interview) GS Foundation Batch is a dynamic program designed to guide you through every essential phase—NCERTs Course—Foundation Course—SIP (Success in Prelims Program)—MRP (Mains Residential Program)—and IGP (Interview Guidance Program). With expert mentorship at every stage, we ensure you're fully equipped for the interview process.

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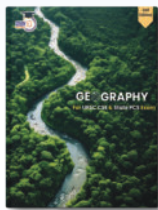
- The Institute reserves the right to change/shift the location of the classroom as and when required.
- Students will be provided with video recordings of the classes, on web/app or any other platform reserved by the institute. Whether the classes will be recorded or LIVE will be based on the institute's discretion. In both cases, the students can note down their doubts and get them clarified by their mentors at the centres mentioned. Recorded videos of the class will be provided on the web/app. These videos can be viewed any number of times.
- Students can be restricted from the classroom if found to be involved in any irregular or non-disciplinary activities with respect to the institute.
- The institute will not provide any vehicle parking, food or lodging facilities.
- The students will have to vacate the classrooms after the class ends so that students from other batches can be accommodated. Students can meet with the faculty and mentor within the premises of the institute.
- Offline classes will be conducted as per the timetable, however, the institute can change the timetable as and when required.
- The Institute reserves the right to conduct any test of prelims or mains in online or offline mode.
- Offline classes will be conducted as per the government regulations and the safety of the students.
- Classes can be extended for longer than the specified periods or two classes can also be conducted on the same day during the course.
- The Institute reserves the right to merge batches having the same timings as and when required.
- Additional Classes like Test discussions on Prelims & Mains or any other Special Sessions will be conducted by the institute, the timings of these additional classes can clash with the regular class timings. In any such case, it will be advisable to refer to the recorded discussion for these additional classes.
- The institute doesn't have a refund policy. Any cases of refund will be entertained only on medical grounds of the student or on cases of personal tragedy. The cases of refund will be under the discretion of the institute alone.
- Offline batches cannot be converted into online batches after admission.

OUR BOOKS SECTION

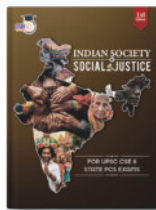
LIST OF 18 GS BOOKS



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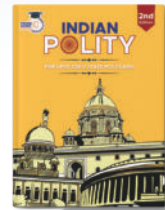
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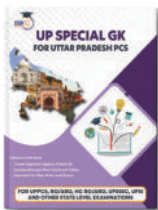
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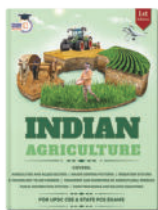
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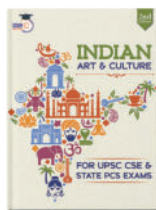
INDIAN POLITY



**PRINCIPLES OF
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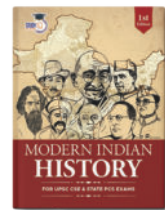
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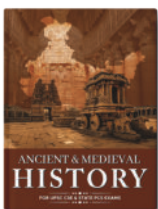
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**MODERN INDIAN
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**ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL
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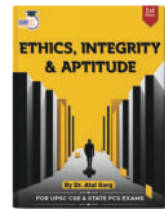
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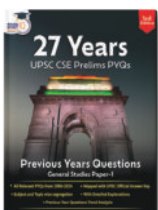
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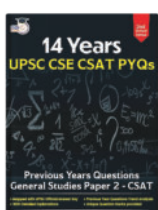
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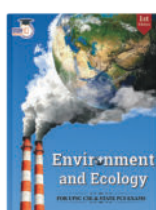
**ETHICS, INTEGRITY
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**27 YEARS UPSC CSE
PRELIMS PYQs**



**14 YEARS UPSC CSE
CSAT PYQs**

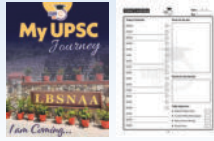


**ENVIRONMENT &
ECOLOGY**

STUDY MATERIAL SECTION



Crux



Diary



Handwritten Notes

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UPSC CSE 2025 TOPPER! 200+ SELECTIONS IN UPSC CSE 2025 FROM VARIOUS STUDYIQ IAS COURSES



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AIR 48



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AIR 56



JAYANT GARG

AIR 64



PRIYANKA CHOUDHARY

AIR 79



PURU DUBEY

AIR 86



DEEKSHA PATKAR

AIR 88



TWINKLE ARORA

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AAKRITI DOBHAL
AIR 93



ARYAN KUMAR SINGH
AIR 104



MANSI SINGH
AIR 126



BHAVESH JAGLAN
AIR 128



PANKAJ SONI
AIR 130



RISHABH YADAV
AIR 132



MANPREET KAUR
AIR 136



RAHUL KUMAR
AIR 141



SHUBHAM KUMAR MAHATO
AIR 142



SHAGUN KAUSHAL
AIR 145



SAURABH SHARMA
AIR 146



VISHNU PRIYA
AIR 149



SREE KRISHNA SAI
AIR 150



SRISHTI GOYAL
AIR 160



SOUMYA SHARMA
AIR 168



ABHIJEET JAIN
AIR 170



AKSHAT BALDWA
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SHREYANSH BARODIYA
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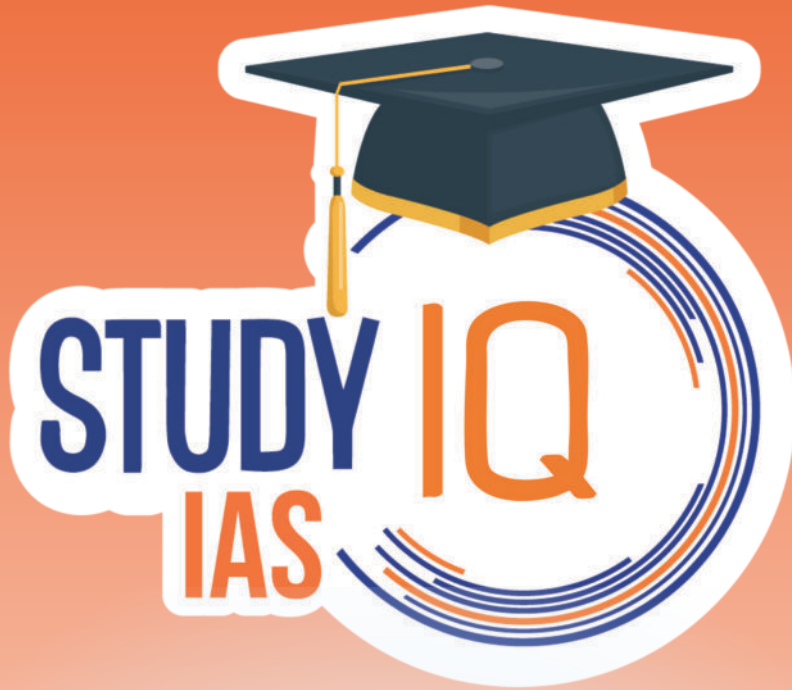
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