

Main Examination – Syllabus - General Studies

The nature and standard of questions in these 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.

Paper-I

(a) History of Modern India and Indian Culture

The History of Modern India will cover history of the Country from about the middle of nineteenth century and would also include questions on important personalities who shaped the Freedom Movement and Social reforms. The part relating to Indian Culture will cover all aspects of Indian Culture from the ancient to modern times.

(b) Geography of India

In this part, questions will be on the physical, economic and social geography of India.

(c) Indian Polity

This part will include questions on the Constitution of India, Political system and related matters.

(d) Current National issues and topics of social relevance

This part is intended to test the Candidate's awareness of current national issues and topics of social relevance in the present-day India, such as the following.
Demography & Human Resource & related issues.
Behavioural & Social issues & Social Welfare problems, such as child labour, gender equality, adult literacy, rehabilitation of the handicapped and other deprived segments of the society, drug abuse, public health etc.
Law enforcement issues, human rights, corruption in public life, communal harmony etc.
Internal Security and related issues.
Environmental issues, ecological preservation, conservation of natural resources and national heritage.

The role of national institutions, their relevance and need for change.

Paper-II

(a) India and the World

This part is intended to test candidate's awareness of India's relationship with the world in various spheres, such as the following:-

- Foreign Affairs
- External Security and related matters
- Nuclear Policy
- Indians abroad

(b) Indian Economy

In this part, questions will be on the planning and economic development in India, economic & trade issues, Foreign Trade, the role and functions of I.M.F., World Bank, W.T.O. etc.

(c) International Affairs & Institutions

This part will include questions on important events in world affairs and on international institutions.

(d) Developments in the field of science & technology, communications and space

In this part, questions will test the candidate's awareness of the developments in the field of science & technology, communications and space and also basic ideas of computers.

(e) Statistical analysis, graphs and diagrams

This part will include exercises to test the candidate's ability to draw common sense conclusions from information presented in statistical, graphical or diagrammatical form and to point out deficiencies, limitations or inconsistencies therein.