

Prelims Scheme of the Exam:
(Objective Type Questions)

1. Paper I (General Studies)	200 Marks	Duration : 2 hrs
2. Paper II (CSAT)	200 Marks	Duration : 2 hrs

Prelims Syllabus:

1. GENERAL STUDIES
2. CSAT

Subject: Civil Service Preliminary Examination – 2011.

(Paper I) (200 Marks) Duration: Two Hours

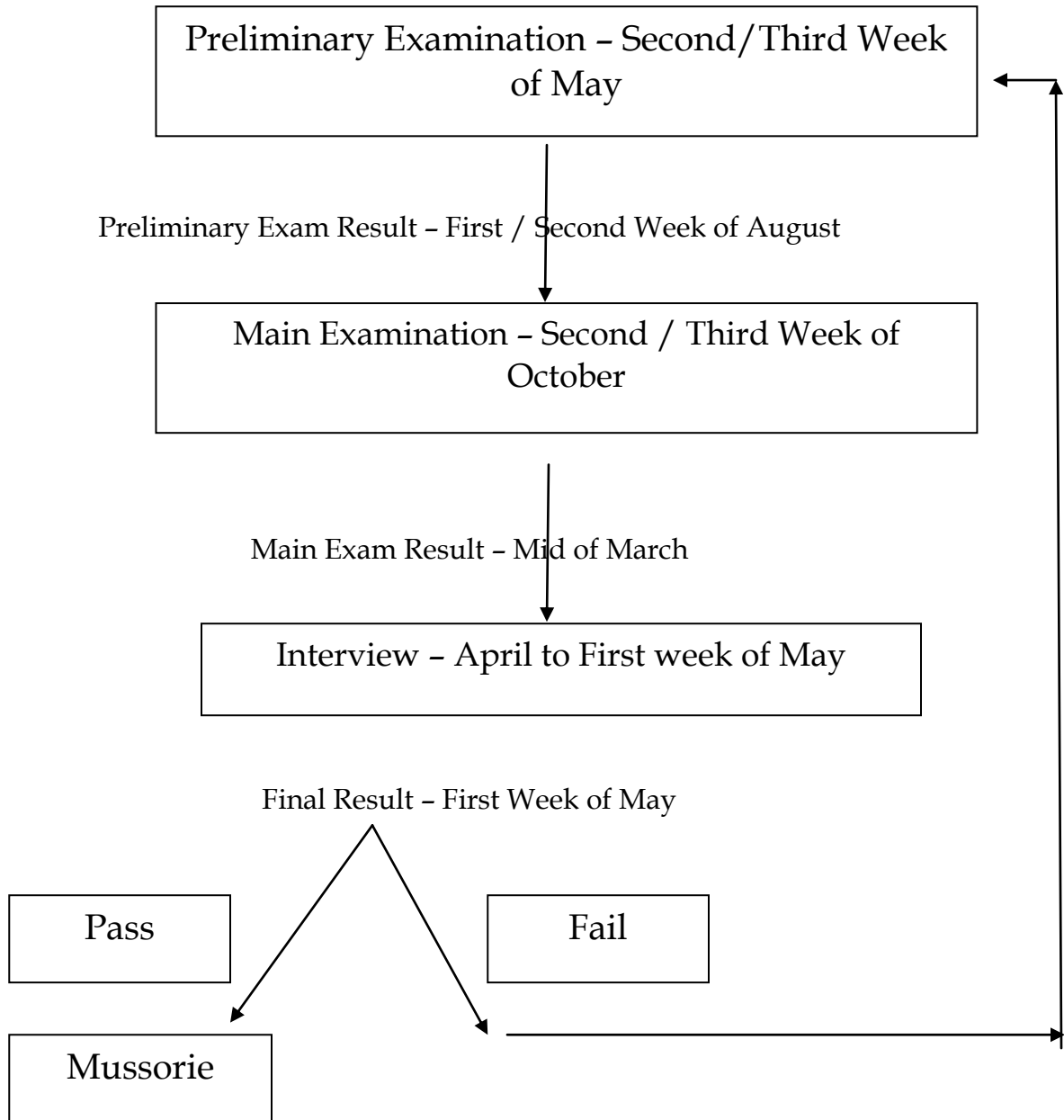
- ◆ Current events of national and international importance.
- ◆ History of India and Indian national movement.
- ◆ Indian and World Geography – physical, social, economic geography of India and the world.
- ◆ Indian polity and governance – constitution, political system, panchayati Raj, public policy, Rights Issues, etc.
- ◆ Economic and social development – sustainable development, poverty, inclusion, demographics, social sector initiatives, etc.
- ◆ General issues on environmental ecology, bio-diversity and climate change – that do not require subject specialization.
- ◆ General Science.

(Paper II) (200 Marks) - Duration: Two Hours

- ◆ Comprehension
- ◆ Interpersonal skills including communication skills
- ◆ Logical reasoning and analytical ability
- ◆ Decision making and problem solving
- ◆ General mental ability
- ◆ Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude etc (Class X level), Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency etc. – Class X level))

English language comprehension skills (Class X level).

TENTATIVE TIMELINE OF UPSC CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION



Approach to CSAT

Civil Services Aptitude test has been introduced by UPSC this year (2010).

How the CSAT different from previous GS (Prelims) paper consists of 150 questions which is to be answered in 2 hours. Apart from this candidates also had an objective optional paper with 120 question with the duration of 2 hours.

This year's CSAT paper I is a conventional UPSC General studies paper, the syllabus of which comprises history culture, Indian and owned geography, Indian economy and polity General science and current affairs.

CSAT paper II is introduced this year will have general mental ability which is previously included in GS paper. Apart from GMA, Paper II will have Questions on English comprehension, communication skills, Logical, reasoning, Analytical reasoning, Data interpretation, Decision making and problem solving etc.

FAQ:

1. Syllabus is very vast. How to cover the syllabus?
2. How many hours we have to read
3. How many hours we can spend on reading the news paper?
What are columns to be read daily? Is it necessary to take paper cutting?
Whether the previous year exam questions will be repeated?
4. People is talking that last year GS (Prelims) paper is so tough. Is it so?
5. Whether we can study for the mains now itself?
6. Will it be sufficient if we start the mains preparation after clearing the prelims?
7. Shall we have a wholistic approach for prelims and mains together.
8. Whether can I take my own optional or the optional for which coaching is available.
9. Generally it is said that coaching institutions force the candidates to take the optional for which they are giving the coaching, Is it true?
10. If I am from Tamil medium how can I approach CSAT?
11. Will the study materials given by the coaching institutes will be useful?
12. Can we predict the general studies questions?

How to select a Better coaching academy?

1. Whether the Academy has infrastructure?
2. Whether the Academy has resources?
3. Whether the Academy has experienced faculty members?
4. Whether the Academy has proved its metal
5. Whether the Academy can give individual attention?
6. Whether the Academy can give / arrange the coaching till the interview?

**How to read NCERT
(75 Days Strategy)**

Days	Science (VI to X)	History (VIII to XII)	Geography (VIII to XII)	Economy (XI & XII)
1 & 2	Heat	Harappan Civilisation		
3 & 4	Light	Vedic Age		
5 & 6	Sound	Mauryas		
7 & 8	Magnetism			
9 & 10			Minerals	Population, Inflation and Deflation
11 & 12			World Population, Races	Employment
13 & 14			Soils Forests, Environment	Planning and Development
			India Relief and Locations	Poverty
15	Revision	Revision	Revision	Revision
16 & 17	Static Electricity	The Deccan & the South		
18 & 19	Current Electricity	The Delhi Sultanate		
20 & 21	Nutrition	The Age of Vijayanagar & the Bahmanis		
22 & 23	Respiration	The Mughals		
24 & 25			India Climate	Agriculture
26 & 27			India Natural Vegetation and Environment	Industry
28 & 29			India Agriculture	Foreign Trade and Foreign Exchange
30	Revision	Revision	Revision	Revision
31 & 32	Human Diseases and Defence	The Establishment of the British Rule		

	Mechanisms	& Expansion in India		
33 & 34	Animal Husbandry	British Policy & Administration		
35 & 36	Matter and its Nature	Social & Cultrual Awakening, The Socio-religious Reform Movements		
37 & 38			India Minerals	Liberalization and Globalization
39 & 40			India Industries	Infrastructure
41 & 42	Chemical Reactions and the Chemical Equations		India Trade, Transport and Tourism	
43 & 44	Structure of the Atom		India Population, Tribes, Races	
45 to 48	Periodic Table of Elements	Revolts of 1857		
49 to 51	Oxygen and Air	Europeans and India		
52 to 55	Hydrogen and Water	Rise of Nationalism, INC, its early phae		
56 to 58	Carbon and its Compounds	Formation of INC		
59 to 65	Acids, Bases and Salts	Moderate phase (1885 - 1905)		
66 to 70	Occurrence of Metals	Extremist phase (1905 - 1920)		
71 to 75	Food Chemistry	Gandhian phase (1920 - 1947)		
76	Revision	Revision	Revision	Revision
77	Revision	Revision	Revision	Revision
78	Revision	Revision	Revision	Revision

RECOMMENDED BOOK LIST FOR G.S

S.No.	Name	Author / Publisher
1.	An Introduction to the Constitution of India	D.D. Basu
2.	Perspectives on Indian Constitution	Edited by Subash Kashyap
3.	Biology for VIII-X Std	NCERT
4.	Physics for VIII-X Std	NCERT
5.	Chemistry for VIII-X Std	NCERT
6.	Anatomy & Physiology for Nurses Courses	Evelyn Pearce
7.	Know your body	Reader's Digest
8.	An Evolution of Indian Economy	I.C. Dhingra (Sultan Chand & Co)
9.	Indian Economy	Dutt & Sundaram
10.	Economic Survey of India	Government of India
11.	General Principles of World Geography	Charles Farro
12.	Monsoon Asia	Charles Farro
13.	Physical Geography of India for VII - XII Std	NCERT
14.	Any Good School Atlas	
15.	Ancient India for VII-XII Std	NCERT
16.	Medieval India for VII-XII Std	NCERT
17.	Modern India	Bipin Chandra
18.	History of Modern India	A.C. Banerjee
19.	The Hindu & Times of India	Newspapers
20.	Frontline and Political & Economic Weekly	Periodicals
21.	Yojana & World Focus	Periodicals
22.	Statistical Methods	S.C. Gupta