



- * How to prepare the Static portion and Current Affairs simultaneously?
- How to ensure that the entire syllabus is covered at least 3 times prior to May 26th, 2024?
- * How to maintain your mental and psychological balance in the examination hall?
- How to practice answering questions correctly with the help of smart-techniques like elimination method, avoiding the extremes, etc.?

Dear Students,

No serious aspirant of UPSC Civil Services exam can take the risk of ignoring the aforementioned questions. Your selection in UPSC CSE depends on your ability to work through these questions and arrive at the right answers.

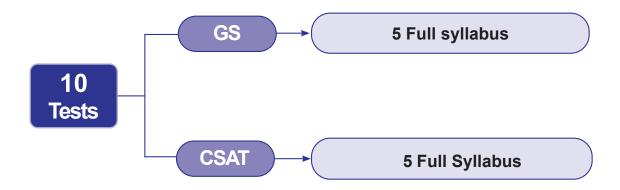
We at Drishti, using our vast experience of successfully guiding and mentoring students, have designed the **Drishti IAS Prelims Test Series-2024** to help you in figuring out a solution to these questions. We invite you to join this programme to boost your preparations.

Salient Features of Drishti IAS Prelims Test Series:

- Comprehensive coverage of entire syllabus of UPSC Prelims exam through UPSC standard MCQs.
- Thorough coverage of each subject and subject-wise evaluation of students' progress.
- Comprehensive current affairs coverage from January 2023 to April 2024.
- Proportional presence of questions of every nature- ranging from factual to conceptual ones.
- Practice of application of different tactics of choosing the correct answer viz. elimination tactics, avoiding the extremes and so on.
- Tests designed to prepare students mentally to handle exam pressure and help them efficiently manage their time.
- Performance Analysis of aspirants: Section wise, Difficulty wise, All India Rank, comparison with toppers, Integrated Score Card, Analysis of Mock Test papers based on difficulty level & nature of questions etc.
- Opportunity to assess one's performance and improve upon the strategy.
- Detailed explanation of mock questions covering the entire gamut of information on important areas for deeper understanding of the topics.

Structure:

Drishti IAS Prelims Test Series-2024 includes 10 Tests: 5 General Studies and 5 CSAT.





Relative importance of different segments of General Studies on the Basis of analysis of UPSC Prelims' previous twelve years papers

The proportion, in which questions are going to be asked from the different sections of the syllabus in the General Studies paper, is not fixed. Generally, more questions were asked from History, Polity, Environment and Ecology, Economics and Geography, but 2016 witnessed an overhaul in this pattern. This tendency of change of pattern was apparent in the 2023 paper as well. Thus, the proportional distribution of questions is something which is very uncertain. The following table can help you know the proportion of questions asked from 2012 to 2023.

Segments	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
History of India	20	16	19	16	16	13	22	16	19	19	14	13
Indian Polity & Governance	21	17	10	13	6	22	13	15	18	17	10	14
Geography of India & World	17	18	20	18	3	8	9	8	6	12	12	17
Environment & Ecology	14	14	20	12	16	17	10	19	20	17	13	15
Indian Economy & Development	14	18	11	16	15	29	22	20	23	17	19	14
General Science & Technology	10	16	12	9	7	3	14	15	12	12	17	8
Current Affairs	04	01	08	16	37	8	10	7	2	6	15	19
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

The table given below highlights that how many questions have been asked from different sections of CSAT in the last twelve years.

Break down of questions asked in CSAT 2012-2023												
Segments	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Reading Comprehension (Bilingual)	32	24	26	30	27	30	26	30	25	26	27	27
English Comprehension	8	8	6*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Basic Numeracy	3	9	16	20	28	24	17	26	22	21	24	39
Data Interpretation/Sufficiency	0	5	5	0	0	0	12	10	11	17	17	9
Reasoning /Analytical Ability	30	28	27	30	25	26	25	14	22	16	12	5
Decision Making & Problem Solving	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	80	80	80*	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80

*In 2014, the evaluation of questions from English Comprehension were not taken into consideration, which means that only 74 questions were taken for calculating the the cut-off. From year 2015 onwards, English comprehension was removed from the CSAT question paper.



Prelims Test Series – 2024								
TEST CODE	DATE	Syllabus						
2421 / C2406	7 th April, 2024 (Sunday)	Full Syllabus : GS Paper-I / Full Syllabus : CSAT						
2422 / C2407	14 th April, 2024 (Sunday)	Full Syllabus : GS Paper-I / Full Syllabus : CSAT						
2423 / C2408	21 st April, 2024 (Sunday)	Full Syllabus : GS Paper-I / Full Syllabus : CSAT						
2424 / C2409	28 th April, 2024 (Sunday)	Full Syllabus : GS Paper-I / Full Syllabus : CSAT						
2425 / C2410	5 th May, 2024 (Sunday)	Full Syllabus : GS Paper-I / Full Syllabus : CSAT						

Detailed Syllabus

Paper I (General Studies)

- 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 (CSAT)

- 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).