



- How to prepare the Static portion and Current Affairs simultaneously?
- ♣ How to ensure that the entire syllabus is covered at least 3s times prior to May 24th, 2026?
- 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-2026** to help you in figuring out a solution to these questions. We invite you to join this programme to boost your preparations.

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Structure:

Drishti IAS Prelims Test Series-2026 includes 53 Tests: 28 General Studies Tests and 25 CSAT tests.

CUT-OFF MARKS FOR PRELIMINARY EXAM									
Category	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018		
UR/EWS	87.98/ 85.92	75.41/68.02	88.22/ 82.83	87.54/ 80.14	92.51/77.55	98.00/ 90.00	98.00/NA		
OBC/SC/ST	87.28/ 79.03/ 74.23	74.75/ 59.25/ 47.82	87.54/ 74.08/ 69.35	84.85/ 75.41/ 70.71	89.12/ 74.84/ 68.71	95.34/ 82.00/ 77.34	96.66/ 84.00/ 83.34		
PwBD-1/2	69.42/65.30	40.40/47.13	49.84/58.59	68.02/67.33	70.06/63.94	53.34/44.66	73.34/53.34		
PwBD-3/5	40.56/40.56	40.40/33.68	40.40/41.76	43.09/45.80	40.82/42.86	40.66/61.34	40.00/45.34		



Relative importance of different segments of General Studies on the Basis of analysis of UPSC Prelims' previous thirteen 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 various sections from 2013 to 2025.

Segments	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
History of India	16	19	16	16	13	22	16	19	19	14	13	7	16
Indian Polity & Governance	17	10	13	6	22	13	15	18	17	10	14	21	15
Geography of India & World	18	20	18	3	8	9	8	6	12	12	17	21	13
Environment & Ecology	14	20	12	16	17	10	19	20	17	13	15	11	7
Indian Economy & Development	18	11	16	15	29	22	20	23	17	19	14	15	15
General Science & Technology	16	12	9	7	3	14	15	12	12	17	8	11	11
Current Affairs	01	08	16	37	8	10	7	2	6	15	19	14	23
Total	100	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 thirteen years.

Break down of questions asked in CSAT 2013-2025													
Segments	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Reading Comprehension (Bilingual)	24	26	30	27	30	26	30	25	26	27	27	27	29
Basic Numeracy	9	16	20	28	24	17	26	22	21	24	39	29	28
Data Interpretation/Sufficiency	5	5	0	0	0	12	10	11	17	17	9	9	5
Reasoning/Analytical Ability	28	27	30	25	26	25	14	22	16	12	5	15	18
Decision Making & Problem Solving	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	80	80*	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80



Prelims Test Series - 2026 (Complete Schedule)									
Total Tests 53 (28 GS + 25 CSAT)									
TEST CODE	DATE	SUBJECT	CURRENT AFFAIRS COVERAGE						
Mock Test [GS Full Syllabus] 2 nd November, 2025 (Sunday)									
2601 + C2601	9 th November, 2025 (Sunday)	Ancient, Medieval and Art & Culture + CSAT (Sectional - 1)	July 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today September 2025 Issue)						
2602 + C2602	16 th November, 2025 (Sunday)	Modern Indian History + CSAT (Sectional - 2)	July 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today September 2025 Issue)						
2603 + C2603	23 rd November, 2025 (Sunday)	Geography + CSAT (Sectional - 3)	August 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today October 2025 Issue)						
2604 + C2604	30 th November, 2025 (Sunday)	Ancient + Medieval + Modern History + Art & Culture + Geography + CSAT (Sectional - 4)	August 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today October 2025 Issue)						
2605 + C2605	7 th December, 2025 (Sunday)	Indian Polity + CSAT (Sectional - 5)	September 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today November 2025 Issue)						
2606 + C2606	14 th December, 2025 (Sunday)	Indian Polity + International Relations + CSAT (Full Length - 1)	September 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today November 2025 Issue)						
2607 + C2607	21st December, 2025 (Sunday)	Economics & Agriculture + CSAT (Full Length - 2)	October 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today December 2025 Issue)						
2608 + C2608	28 th December, 2025 (Sunday)	Economics and Science & Technology + CSAT (Full Length - 3)	October 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today December 2025 Issue)						
2609	4 th January, 2026 (Sunday)	Environment	June - July 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today August - September 2025 Issue)						
2610	11 th January, 2026 (Sunday)	Ancient + Medieval + Modern History + Art & Culture + Geography + Polity	August - October 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today October 2025 – December 2026 Issue)						
2611	18 th January, 2026 (Sunday)	Economics + Science + Environment & Ecology	November 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today January 2026 Issue)						

^{*}Please refer to the syllabus



Prelims Test Series - 2026 (Complete Schedule) *Total Tests 53 (28 GS + 25 CSAT)* **TEST CODE DATE SUBJECT CURRENT AFFAIRS COVERAGE** Polity-I June 2025 2612 25th January, 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today (Sunday) C2609 CSAT (Sectional - 6) August 2025 Issue) Polity-II + Science & 2613 July 2025 01st February, 2026 Technology (Drishti Current Affairs Today (Sunday) C2610 September 2025 Issue) CSAT (Sectional - 7) 2614 Geography August 2025 08th February, 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today (Sunday) C2611 October 2025 Issue) CSAT (Sectional - 8) Ancient History + 2615 Medieval History+ September 2025 15th February, 2026 Art & Culture (Drishti Current Affairs Today (Sunday) C2612 November 2025 Issue) CSAT (Sectional - 9) 2616 Modern History October 2025 22nd February, 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today (Sunday) C2613 CSAT (Sectional - 10) December 2025 Issue) 2617 **Economics** November 2025 01st March, 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today (Sunday) C2614 CSAT (Sectional - 11) January 2026 Issue) 2618 December 2025 Environment & Ecology 08th March, 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today (Sunday) C2615 CSAT (Sectional - 12) February 2026 Issue) 2619 Polity + Geography January 2026 15th March, 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today (Sunday) C2616 CSAT (Sectional - 13) March 2026 Issue) Ancient History + Medieval History+ 2620 June - July 2025 22nd March, 2026 Modern History (Drishti Current Affairs Today Art & Culture (Sunday) C2617 August - September 2025 Issue) CSAT (Sectional - 14)

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Total Tests 53 (28 GS + 25 CSAT)									
TEST CODE	DATE	SUBJECT	CURRENT AFFAIRS COVERAGE						
2621 + C2618	29 th March, 2026 (Sunday)	Economics Budget + Economics Survey + CSAT (Sectional - 15)	August - September 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today October 2025 – November 2025 Issue)						
2622 + C2619	05 th April, 2026 (Sunday)	Environment & Ecology + Science & Technology + CSAT (Sectional - 16)	October - November 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today December 2025 - January 2026 Issue)						
2623 + C2620	12 th April, 2026 (Sunday)	GS Full Length-1 + CSAT (Full Length - 4)	December 2025 - January 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today February - March 2026 Issue)						
2624 + C2621	19 th April, 2026 (Sunday)	GS Full Length-2 + CSAT (Full Length - 5)	February 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today April 2026 Issue)						
2625 + C2622	26 th April, 2026 (Sunday) GS Full Length-3 + CSAT (Full Length - 6)		June - August 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today August - October 2025 Issue)						
2626 + C2623	03 rd May, 2026 (Sunday)	GS Full Length-4 + CSAT (Full Length - 7)	September - Novemeber 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today November 2025 - January 2026 Issue)						
2627 + C2624	10 th May, 2026 (Sunday)	GS Full Length-5 + CSAT (Full Length - 8)	December 2025 - February 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today February - April 2026 Issue)						
2628 + C2625	17 th May, 2026 (Sunday)	GS Full Length-6 + CSAT (Full Length - 9)	June 2025 - April 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today August 2025 - June 2026 Issue)						
	NOTE: Students may attempt the test on or after the scheduled date, but not before.								

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Detailed Syllabus

Test Code 2601 + C2601

Ancient History

- * Prehistoric Period
- Harappan/Indus Civilization
- Vedic Age
- Mahajanpadas
- Religious Reforms
- Mauryan Age & Post Mauryan Age
- Sangam Age
- Gupta Age & Post Gupta Age

Medieval History

- * Early Medieval Period
- ❖ Delhi Sultanate Period
- Vijayanagar & Other Kingdoms
- * Bhakti and Sufi Movement
- Mughal Period
- Maratha Confederacy

Art & Culture

- Architecture and Sculptures
- · Religion and Philosophy
- Indian Language and Literature
- Indian Paintings and Music
- Indian Dances, Theatres and Cinema
- . Indo-Islamic Culture

CSAT

- Quant: Number System, LCM and HCF
- Reasoning: Syllogism, Statement & Assumptions, Calendar, Clock based Questions

Recommended study material for students

- Quick Book History of India & Indian National Movement
- Quick Book Art & Culture
- Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2602 + C2602

Modern History

- India in the late Eighteenth Century
- * The Advent of the Europeans and British Conquest of India
- The British Administrative Structure, Reform, Impact and Organization of Government of India
- Socio Religious Reform Movements in 19th and 20th centuries.
- ❖ 1857 Revolt
- Changes post 1857
- * Moderate Phase (1885-1905)
- Emergence of Extremist & Leaders
- The Partition of Bengal

- Morley Minto Reforms
- Swadeshi Movement, Home Rule Movement etc.

• The Gandhian Era (1917-47)

- Gandhi Advent and Achievement
- * Rowlatt Act, Jallianwala Bagh Massacre
- Khilafat Movement
- Non-Cooperation Movement
- Civil Disobedience
- Quit India Movement
- British Response and Negotiations
- INA and Subhash Chandra Bose

Miscellaneous & Other Dimensions

- Reforms/ Acts/ Committee, Congress Sessions
- Governor General Viceroys, Policies
- Tribal and Peasant Movements etc. Modern History

CSAT

- Quant: Percentage, Average, Surds & Indices, Ages & Partnership
- Reasoning: Coding-Decoding, Direction, Venn Diagram and Seating Arrangement

Recommended study material for students

- Quick Book History of India & Indian National Movement
- Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2603 + C2603

Geography

- Origin & Evolution of Earth
- * Interior of the Earth
- Plate Tectonic Theory
- Distribution of Earthquakes & Volcanoes
- Rocks & Rock Cycle
- Geomorphic Processes Endogenic & Exogenic
- * Landforms & their Evolution

Climatology

- Earth's Atmosphere Composition & Structure
- Solar Radiation, Heat Budget & Temperature
- Climatology
- * Atmospheric Circulation & Weather Systems

Oceanography

- Hydrological Cycle
- Seafloor Spreading
- Ocean Floor Configuration
- Temperature & Salinity of Oceans
- ❖ Movement of Oceans Waves, Tides, Currents

Soil Geography

- Soil Erosion and Soil Conservation
- Factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary,



- and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).
- Distribution of Key Natural Resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent);
- Important Geophysical Phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their locationchanges in critical geographical features (including waterbodies and icecaps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.

CSAT

- Quant: Ratio & Proportions, Permutations and Combinations
- Reasoning: Cause & Effect, Analytical Reasoning, Mathematical puzzles & patterns

Recommended study material for students

- Quick Book Geography of India & World
- Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2604 + C2604

Ancient History

- Prehistoric Period
- Harappan/Indus Civilization
- * Vedic Age
- Mahajanpadas
- * Religious Reforms
- Mauryan Age & Post Mauryan Age
- Sangam Age
- Gupta Age & Post Gupta Age

Medieval History

- * Early Medieval Period
- * Delhi Sultanate Period
- Vijayanagar & Other Kingdoms
- * Bhakti and Sufi Movement
- * Mughal Period
- Maratha Confederacy
- Architecture and Sculptures
- Religion and Philosophy
- Indian Language and Literature

Art & Culture

- Indian Paintings and Music
- Indian Dances, Theatres and Cinema
- * Indo-Islamic Culture

Modern History

- India in the late Eighteenth Century
- The Advent of the Europeans and British Conquest of India
- The British Administrative Structure, Reform, Impact and Organization of Government of India
- Socio Religious Reform Movements in 19th and 20th centuries.

Freedom Struggle

❖ 1857 Revolt

- Changes post 1857
- Moderate Phase (1885-1905)

• Extremist Phase (1905-17)

- Emergence of Extremist & Leaders
- The Partition of Bengal
- Morley Minto Reforms
- Swadeshi Movement, Home Rule Movement etc.

• The Gandhian Era (1917-47)

- Gandhi Advent and Achievement
- * Rowlatt Act, Jallianwala Bagh Massacre
- Khilafat Movement
- Non-Cooperation Movement
- Civil Disobedience
- Quit India Movement
- British Response and Negotiations
- * INA and Subhash Chandra Bose

Miscellaneous & Other Dimensions

- Reforms/ Acts/ Committee, Congress Sessions
- Governor General Viceroys, Policies
- Tribal and Peasant Movements etc. Modern History

Geography

Geomorphology

- Origin & Evolution of Earth
- Interior of the Earth
- Plate Tectonic Theory
- Distribution of Earthquakes & Volcanoes
- Rocks & Rock Cycle
- Geomorphic Processes Endogenic & Exogenic
- Landforms & their Evolution

Climatology

- Earth's Atmosphere Composition & Structure
- Solar Radiation, Heat Budget & Temperature
- Climatology
- * Atmospheric Circulation & Weather Systems

Oceanography

- * Hydrological Cycle
- Seafloor Spreading
- Ocean Floor Configuration
- * Temperature & Salinity of Oceans
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- Soil Erosion and Soil Conservation
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and the effects of such changes.

CSAT

- Quant: Profit & Loss, Time, Distance & Speed
- Reasoning: Direction, Blood Relations
- Recommended study material for students
 - Quick Book History of India & Indian National Movement
 - Quick Book Art & Culture
 - Quick Book CSAT
 - Quick Book Geography of India & World

Test Code 2605 & C2605

Polity

- Indian Constitution—Historical Underpinnings, Evolution, Features, Amendments, Significant Provisions and Basic Structure.
- Functions and Responsibilities of the Union and the States, Issues and Challenges Pertaining to the Federal Structure, Devolution of Powers and Finances up to Local Levels and Challenges Therein.
- Separation of Powers between various organs Dispute Redressal Mechanisms and Institutions.
- Comparison of the Indian Constitutional Scheme with that of Other Countries.
- Parliament and State Legislatures—Structure, Functioning, Conduct of Business, Powers & Privileges and Issues Arising out of these.
- Structure, Organization and Functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary—Ministries and Departments of the Government; Pressure Groups and Formal/Informal Associations and their Role in the Polity.
- Salient Features of the Representation of People's Act.
- Appointment to various Constitutional Posts, Powers, Functions and Responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies
- Statutory, Regulatory and various Quasi-judicial Bodies.

CSAT

- Quant: Time and Work, Pipe & Cistern, Number System
- Reasoning: Inserting missing character, Arithmetic Reasoning, Ranking & Order
- Recommended study material for students
 - Quick Book Indian Polity & Governance
 - Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2606 & C2606

Polity & International Relations

 Government Policies and Interventions for Development in various sectors and Issues arising out of their Design and Implementation.

- Development Processes and the Development Industry the Role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.
- Welfare Schemes for Vulnerable Sections of the Population by the Centre and States and the Performance of these Schemes; Mechanisms, Laws, Institutions and Bodies constituted for the Protection and Betterment of these Vulnerable Sections.
- Issues Relating to Development and Management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.
- Issues relating to Poverty and Hunger.
- Important Aspects of Governance, Transparency and Accountability, E-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; Citizens Charters, Transparency & Accountability and institutional and other measures.
- Role of Civil Services in a Democracy.
- India and its Neighborhood- Relations.
- Bilateral, Regional and Global Groupings and Agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.
- Effect of Policies and Politics of Developed and Developing Countries on India's interests, Indian Diaspora.
- Important International Institutions, agencies and fora their Structure, Mandate.

CSAT

- Quant: Full Syllabus
- Reasoning: Full Syllabus
- Recommended study material for students
 - Quick Book Indian Polity & Governance
 - Quick Book International Relations
 - Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2607 & C2607

Economics & Agriculture

- Indian Economy and issues relating to Planning, Mobilization of Resources
- Indian Economy and issues relating to Growth, Development and Employment.
- Inclusive Growth and issues arising from it, Government Budgeting.
- Major Crops Cropping Patterns in various parts of the country, - Different Types of Irrigation and Irrigation Systems; Storage, Transport and Marketing of Agricultural Produce and Issues and Related Constraints; E-technology in the aid of farmers.
- Issues related to Direct and Indirect Farm Subsidies and Minimum Support Prices; Public Distribution System -Objectives, Functioning, Limitations, Revamping; Issues of Buffer Stocks and Food Security; Technology Missions; Economics of Animal-Rearing.



 Food Processing and Related Industries in India- Scope' and Significance, Location, Upstream and Downstream Requirements, Supply Chain Management.

CSAT

- Quant: Full Syllabus Reasoning: Full Syllabus
- Recommended study material for students
 - Quick Book Indian Economy
 - Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2608 & C2608

Economics and Science & Technology

- Land Reforms in India.
- Effects of Liberalization on the Economy, Changes in Industrial Policy and their Effects on Industrial Growth.
- Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.
- Investment Models.
- Science and Technology-Developments and their Applications and Effects in Everyday Life.
- Achievements of Indians in Science & Technology; Indigenization of Technology and Developing New Technology.
- Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, Robotics, Nano-technology, Bio-technology and issues relating to Intellectual Property Rights.

CSAT

- Quant: Full Syllabus
- Reasoning: Full Syllabus
- Recommended study material for students
 - Quick Book Indian Economy
 - ❖ Quick Book Science & Technology
 - * Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2609

Environment

- Environmental Conservation, Environmental Pollution
- Environmental Degradation, Environmental Impact Assessment.
- Recommended study material for students
 - Quick Book Environment & Ecology

Test Code 2610

Ancient History

- Prehistoric Period
- Harappan/Indus Civilization
- * Vedic Age
- Mahajanpadas
- Religious Reforms
- Mauryan Age & Post Mauryan Age

- Sangam Age
- Gupta Age & Post Gupta Age

Medieval History

- Early Medieval Period
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- Bhakti and Sufi Movement
- Mughal Period
- Maratha Confederacy
- Architecture and Sculptures
- Religion and Philosophy
- Indian Language and Literature

Modern History

• Modern History & Post-Independence

- Gandhian Mass Movements Relevance of Satyagraha in Contemporary Protests, Comparison with other Leaders
- 1857 Revolt: Causes and significance; changes in British policies
- Important Movements: Swadeshi/Home Rule/Khilafat/ Non-Cooperation/Quit India: Strategy/Participation/ Achievements/Failures
- Economic Exploitation and Drain of Wealth Legacy and Contemporary Relevance
- Peasant and Tribal Movements Land Rights and Environmental Justice (Contribution and Challenges that they faced)
- Contribution of Viceroys or Governor Generals: Dalhousie, Curzon, Bentick, Cornwallis, Ripon, etc.
- * Key Revolutionaries' movement and leader's role
- Internal Emergency (1975-77); Impacts (on democracy, constitution, Citizens' rights); State Reorganization on linguistic basis (relation to current three language problem)

• Art & Culture; Ancient & Medieval History

- Guptas-Cholas-Pallavas-Vijayanagar Kingdom: Contribution in art & culture
- Temple Architecture & Sculpture- Vesara as a confluence of architectural styles— Key differences with examples
- Sufi Movements-Sufi Syncretism Ajmer Sharif, Nizamuddin Auliya, Impact on Regional Literature (e.g., Guru Granth Sahib, Bijak). Relevance of these movements today. Bhakti Movement as a Half-renaissance.
- Mughal & Indo-Islamic Architecture-Fatehpur Sikri Blend of Hindu-Islamic styles, Regional Variants – Gol Gumbaz (Bijapur).
- Buddhist/Jain Art & Heritage- Ajanta-Ellora Murals Depiction of Jataka tales, Buddhist Circuit (Kushinagar, Sarnath) – Tourism potential.
- Literature & Languages-Sangam, Buddhist & Vedic Literature

Polity

Statutory & Non-statutory Body: NHRC; CBI; NITI



- Aayog; CIC; Lokpal
- Local Self Governance: Municipalities/PRI (Funds, Function & Functionaries challenges and suggestions); issues; Financial autonomy; democratic decentralization; continuation of upper caste & male dominance; Suggestions; Status of devolution to Panchayats; Proxy representation in Panchayats; GPDP Planning and significance; Municipal Corporation: fiscal & governance challenges
- Sub-categorization within SC & ST; SC judgement; Need; Challenges; Way Ahead
- Freedom of Speech (India's Got Latent Controversy)
- DRSCs; PAC-functions & limitations
- ADR/ODR-Type; Govt Initiatives; challenges; Legal Aid & NALSA
- Delimitation Commission: legal framework, challenges and way ahead
- Population & Demographics: Skill development vs job scarcity, Employability Paradox, NFHS-5 Data: Declining TFR, Migration: Circular migration, Migration (migrants) and access to schemes, Voting, etc.
- Communalism & Secularism (Current Link): Recent Communal Violence: Nuh, Manipur clashes, Hate Speech Laws: Supreme Court's 2023 directives, Uniform Civil Code: 22nd Law Commission's fresh push.
- Urbanization: Slum Rehabilitation: PM Awas Yojana-Urban; Encroachment Removal; examination of Smart City Mission vs need of Smart Village Mission
- Cultural pluralism: Preserving local art in tourism
- Regionalism: Grassroots language preservation & policy (Three Language Policy); Local identity assertion in federal India

Geography

- Critical minerals and their availability in India: National Critical Mineral Mission
- Change in monsoon pattern, factors responsible for it; Impacts of ENSO, IOD and Climate change on Southwest Monsoon.
- Natural Resources- Water crisis; Soil in India & formation factor; Land degradation issue; Forest & Wildlife
- Factor of location of industries & Mineral Distributions: Lithium; coal; sugarcane; automobiles; fishing industries; steel; uranium; etc.
- Continental drift, sea floor spreading, convection cell hypothesis, plate tectonics
- Ocean Currents and Gyres and their effect on world climate
- Key marine resources and regulation of their use; Marine pollution and Marine conservation (UNOC); High Seas Treaty, UNCLOS
- Airmasses and Fronts
- Geophysical phenomena: Volcano, earthquake: Seismic vulnerability of India; Deep focus earthquakes, Earthquake detection system, Landslide and land subsidence (Wayanad

Incident), Wildfires;

Western Disturbance

Recommended study material for students

- Quick Book History of India & Indian National Movement
- Quick Book Art & Culture
- Quick Book Indian Polity & Governance
- Quick Book Geography of India & World

Test Code 2611

Economics + Science + Environment & Ecology

Indian Economy

- MSMEs & Startup in India: assessment of Govt schemes, challenges, contribution
- Decline in Private Investment in India: Issues and Policy Recommendations
- Economic growth & Inclusive growth: State funding tensions
- Redesigning fiscal federalism in light of increased central schemes
- Fiscal policy; Component of Budget; Outcome vs Performance Budget; Type of Budget
- ❖ MSME formalisation & access to global supply chains
- Domestic demand; 10 Tn USD target & Developed economy by 2047 requires holistic growth across various parameter;
- Restructured Skill India Programme: Unemployment Crisis in India; Need to fill skill gaps
- * AI, blockchain & automation in financial services
- Poverty & GDP measurement methodology; Investment models;
- Infrastructure development in driving socio-economic change: Railways, Ports, Airports: potential; Issues; Government efforts; Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC); Potential of Multimodal Transport in India; Railway Reforms in India
- Significance of the logistics sector & addressing sectoral challenges;
- India's Digital Economy: Digital Physical Infrastructure (DPI) Potential, Challenges
- Benefits of privatization of public infrastructure offer.
- Platform economy: Labour rights & informalisation
- ❖ Deep-tech, defence & climate startups: policy bottlenecks
- Gati Shakti Master Plan; PLI-scheme; National Monetization Plan:
- * Role of fintech in rural credit delivery

• Environment & Ecology

- Green Hydrogen Mission: features and challenges for India
- COP29 Outcomes: Carbon Market in India (eg- PAT model); India's performance to achieve Panchamrit Targets or Net Zero by 2070
- Status and transition towards Renewable energy resources; solar technologies; biofuels & its type (Powering India's



- Clean Energy Future): Challenges, prospects & govt efforts; Ethanol Blending- SWOT analysis.
- Pollution: Critical Analysis of NCAP Programme; Sustainable urban transport and FAME-III SCHEME;
- Ecosystem & Wildlife: wetland & mangrove conservation policy or challenges; Project Tiger: Progress
- Environmental impact assessment (EIA) implementation and reforms:
- GM crops: Critical Analysis; Way Ahead
- Land degradation and suggest measures.
- Plastic or solid waste management
- Ground water crisis in India

Science & Technology

- CRISPR & Vaccine Development; Traditional Medicine vs Modern Medicine: Pros & Cons
- Quantum computing in defense & national security; role of AI in healthcare and Governance
- * Role of Technology in securing Digital Privacy
- Nanotechnology in Healthcare/ Agriculture: Potential and Hazards
- ❖ Aligning Climate Change Technology with SDGs
- * Role of 3D printing in healthcare & security
- India's Space Economy: Key Space Missions and Technologies
- Gaganyaan and its potential to make India a global superpower;
- Potential & challenges of state-of-the-art tech in socioeconomic development: NFTs; Quantum Computing; IoT;
- Role of Biotechnology enhancing Agricultural productivity/ Ensuring food security/Healthcare; Human Genome Project; Stem Cell Therapy; CRT therapy for Cancer & its side-effects
- Development of India's Space Program; Women in the fields of science & technology;
- India's Nuclear Program (3 stages of Nuclear Reactors);
 Nuclear Energy Mission
- Semiconductor Mission/Quantum Mission: Challenges, prospects & govt efforts
- Robotics in health & socio-economic development; associated challenges; India's progress
- Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs); India lacks innovation ecosystem
- Scientists and their contribution

Recommended study material for students

- Quick Book Indian Economy
- Quick Book General Science
- Quick Book Science & Technology
- Quick Book Environment & Ecology

Test Code 2612 + C2609

Polity-I

 Historical Background - Evolution & Making of the Constitution, Important Features

- The Preamble
- The Union and its Territory
- Citizenship
- Fundamental Rights
- Directive Principles of State Policy
- Fundamental Duties
- Amendment to the Constitution
- Forms of Government: Presidential, Parliamentary etc.
- Federalism and Centre-State Relations in India
- Emergency Provisions
- Judiciary in India: Supreme Court, High Courts, Subordinate Courts, Tribunals, Important Judgements etc.
- Languages and related provisions
- Co-operative societies
- Union Executive: President, Vice President, Prime Minister, Council of Ministers
- State Executive: Governor, Chief Minister, State Council of Ministers
- Parliament
- State Legislature
- Cabinet Committees and Parliamentary Committees

CSAT

- Quants: Number System, LCM and HCF
- Reasoning: Syllogism, Statement & Assumptions, Calendar, Clock based Questions

Recommended study material for students

- Quick Book Indian Polity & Governance
- Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2613 + C2610

Polity-II

- Local Self-Government: Panchayati Raj Institutions, Urban Local Bodies
- Union Territories
- Scheduled and Tribal Areas
- Elections and Political parties, Electoral Funding, Voting, Recent Developments
- Anti-Defection Law
- Constitutional and non-constitutional bodies
- Special Provisions Relating to Certain Classes
- Public Services

Science & Technology

- Chemistry:
 - Bio-Chemistry
 - Chemistry in Everyday Life
 - * Environmental Chemistry and Organic Chemistry
 - * Recent Developments
- Biology:
 - Physiology of Animals and Plants
 - Cell Structure and Function



- Reproduction in Organisms
- . Genetics DNA and RNA etc.
- Human Health and Disease
- * Recent Developments
- New Developments:
 - Biotechnology
 - Nanotechnology
 - * IT, Electronics, Telecom etc.
 - Space, Defence and Related Developments
 - Applied Science and Modern Day to day technology

CSAT

- Quant: Percentage, Average, Surds & Indices, Ages & Partnership
- Reasoning: Coding-Decoding, Direction, Venn Diagram and Seating Arrangement
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 - Quick Book Indian Polity & Governance
 - Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2614 + C2611

Geography

- Fundamentals of Geography
 - * Evolution of Earth, basic geographical terms and concepts
 - Geomorphology Structure of Earth, Landforms, Earthquakes, Volcanoes
 - Climate Atmosphere, Weather, Rainfall, Winds, Pressure
 - Biomes Different features, Continents, Land and Resources etc.
 - Oceans Structure, Life and Resources
 - Biogeography Soils, Plants and Animals, Extinction etc.
- Social and Economic Geography of the World
 - Population Distribution & Density, Tribes, Migration
 - Occupation, industry, major cities etc.
- India Physical Environment:
 - Location, Area
 - Structure and Relief
 - Drainage System
 - Indian Climate
 - Soils
 - Natural Vegetation
 - Natural Disasters and their Management
- Social and Economic Geography of India:
 - Industry and Service
 - Land and Water Resources
 - * Mineral Resources
 - * Industries, Population, Migration, Urbanisation etc.

CSAT

- Quant: Ratio & Proportions, Permutations and Combinations
- Reasoning: Cause & Effect, Analytical Reasoning,

Mathematical puzzles & patterns

Recommended study material for students

- Quick Book Geography of India & World
- Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2615 + C2612

Ancient History

- Prehistoric period
- Indus Valley Civilization
- Rig-Vedic and Post-Vedic Age
- Emergence of Mahajanapadas,
- Mauryan and Post Mauryan Period
- Kingdoms of Satavahana and Harsha etc.
- Gupta and Post-Gupta Age
- Sangam Age
- Chola Empire

Medieval History

- Early Medieval Period
- Delhi Sultanate
- Bhakti and Sufi Movement
- Mughal Empire
- Southern Indian Kingdoms Marathas, Bijapur etc.
- Vijayanagara Empire

Art & Culture

- Architecture and Sculptures
- Types of Pottery
- Indian Paintings
- Indian Music
- Indian Dances
- Indian Theatres
- Religion and Philosophy
- Indo-Islamic Culture
- Indian Literature

CSAT

- Quant: Profit & Loss, Time, Distance & Speed
- Reasoning: Direction, Blood Relations

Recommended study material for students

- Quick Book History of India & Indian National Movement
- Quick Book Art & Culture
- Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2616 + C2613

Modern History

- Modern Indian History
 - * Europeans and British Conquest of India
 - British Administration in India, Important Wars, Policies etc.
 - Social and Religious Movements
 - Revolt of 1857



- * The Crown Rule, changes made after 1857
- Indian National Congress
- ❖ Moderate Phase (1885 1905)
- Swadeshi Movement
- Morley-Minto Reforms
- First Phase of Revolutionary Activities
- * Home Rule Movement etc.
- Important uprisings
- The Gandhian Phase (1915–47)
 - Early Works of Mahatma Gandhi
 - Rowlatt Act, Jallianawala Bagh incident, Khilafat Movement, Non-Non-Cooperation Movement
 - * Emergence of Swaraj Party, Hindu Mahasabha etc.
 - * Civil Disobedience and Roundtable Conferences
 - Labour and Peasant Organisations
 - Quit India Movement
 - Subash Chandra Bose and INA
 - Partition and Independence
 - Important Personalities
 - * Constitutional, Administrative and Judicial
- Developments during British Rule
 - Economic Impact of British Rule
 - Development of Indian Press
 - Development of Education

CSAT

- Quants: Time and Work, Pipe & Cistern, Number System
- Reasoning: Inserting missing character, Arithmetic Reasoning, Ranking & Order
- Recommended study material for students
 - Quick Book History of India & Indian National Movement
 - Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2617 + C2614

Economics

- Basic Economic Concepts
- Micro and Macroeconomics
- National Income Accounting
- Money and Banking Monetary Policy, Banks, Money Supply etc.
- Inflation, its causes, effects and recent trends
- Public Finance and Fiscal Policy FRBM Act etc.
- Tax Structure in India
- Capital Market Money Market, Financial Institutions, Security Market etc.
- Employment and Skill Development
- Poverty and Inequality
- Foreign Trade and Investment FDI, FPI etc.
- Exchange rates Appreciation and depreciation of Rupee, NEER, REER etc.
- External Sector Forex Reserves, External Debt, Trade Balance, Balance of Payments

- International Economic Organisations IMF, World Bank, WTO, WEF etc.
- Indian Economic Scenario
- Planned and Mixed Economy
- The Five-Year Plans
- LPG Reforms of 1991
- Second Generation Reforms (2000-01 onwards)
- NITI Aayog
- Agriculture and Food Management
- Industry and Infrastructural Development
- Public Sector and Disinvestment
- Services Sector
- Demography and Population Growth
- Sustainable Development and Human Development

CSAT

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- Reasoning: Syllogism, Statement & Assumptions, Calendar, Clock based Questions
- Recommended study material for students
 - Quick Book Indian Economy
 - Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2618 + C2615

Environment & Ecology

- Environment and its components
 - Ecology and Functions of an ecosystem
 - Terrestrial ecosystem and Aquatic ecosystem
 - Plant and Animal Anatomy, Diversity, Marine Organisms
 - Biodiversity, Threats and Biodiversity Conservation efforts, Indian Biodiversity, Bioprospecting, Biosafety etc.
 - Protected Areas National parks, Wildlife sanctuaries, Biosphere reserves, Conservation and community reserves

• Laws and policies related to the Environment:

- Environmental Acts and Institutions
- International Conventions and Agreements
- Climate Change
- Adaptation and Mitigation
- * Environmental pollution: Air, Water, Soil, Noise
- Major Pollutants
- * Radioactive pollution
- . E-waste and issues related to it
- Solid Waste Management
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- * Renewable Energy Solar, Wind etc.
- Sustainable Agricultural Practices
- New Technologies and Recent Developments

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 - Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2619 + C2616

Polity

Polity-I

- Historical Background Evolution & Making of the Constitution, Important Features
- * The Preamble
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- Citizenship
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- Fundamental Duties
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Test Code 2620 + C2617

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Modern History

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CSAT

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- Recommended study material for students
 - Quick Book History of India & Indian National Movement
 - Quick Book Art & Culture
 - Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2621 + C2618

Economics Budget + Economics Survey

CSAT

- Quants: Time and Work, Pipe & Cistern, Number System
- Reasoning: Inserting missing character, Arithmetic Reasoning, Ranking & Order
- Recommended study material for students
 - DLP Gist of Economic Survey & Union Budget
 - Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2622 + C2619

Environment & Ecology

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Science & Technology

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- Human Health and Disease
- Recent Developments

New Developments:

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- Nanotechnology
- IT, Electronics, Telecom etc.
- Space, Defence and Related Developments
- Applied Science and Modern Day to day technology

CSAT

- Quants: Number System + Permutation & Combination
- Reasoning: Direction, Syllogism, Calendar, Blood Relation, Clock and Coding Decoding

Recommended study material for students

- Quick Book Environment & Ecology
- Quick Book Science & Technology
- Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2623 + C2620

• GS Full Length-1

CSAT

• Full Length-4



Recommended study material for students

- UPSC Prelims Pinpoint Series (5 books)
- Quick Book CSAT
- Quick Book Art & Culture
- Quick Book Environment & Ecology
- Quick Book General Science
- Quick Book Geography of India & World
- Quick Book History of India & National Movement
- Quick Book Indian Economy
- Quick Book Indian Polity & Governance
- Quick Book Science and Technology
- Quick Book International Relations

Test Code 2624 + C2621

• GS Full Length-2

CSAT

• Full Length-5

Recommended study material for students

- UPSC Prelims Pinpoint Series (5 books)
- Quick Book CSAT
- Quick Book Art & Culture
- Quick Book Environment & Ecology
- Quick Book General Science
- Quick Book Geography of India & World
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- Quick Book Indian Economy
- Quick Book Indian Polity & Governance
- Quick Book Science and Technology
- Quick Book International Relations

Test Code 2625 + C2622

GS Full Length-3

CSAT

Full Length-6

Recommended study material for students

- UPSC Prelims Pinpoint Series (5 books)
- Quick Book CSAT
- Quick Book Art & Culture
- Quick Book Environment & Ecology
- Quick Book General Science
- Quick Book Geography of India & World
- Quick Book History of India & National Movement
- Quick Book Indian Economy
- Quick Book Indian Polity & Governance
- Quick Book Science and Technology
- Quick Book International Relations

Test Code 2626 + C2623

GS Full Length-4

CSAT

Full Length-7

Recommended study material for students

- UPSC Prelims Pinpoint Series (5 books)
- Quick Book CSAT
- Quick Book Art & Culture
- Quick Book Environment & Ecology
- Quick Book General Science
- Quick Book Geography of India & World
- Quick Book History of India & National Movement
- Quick Book Indian Economy
- Quick Book Indian Polity & Governance
- Quick Book Science and Technology
- Quick Book International Relations

Test Code 2627 + C2624

GS Full Length-5

CSAT

• Full Length-8

Recommended study material for students

- UPSC Prelims Pinpoint Series (5 books)
- Quick Book CSAT
- Quick Book Art & Culture
- Quick Book Environment & Ecology
- * Quick Book General Science
- Quick Book Geography of India & World
- Quick Book History of India & National Movement
- Quick Book Indian Economy
- Quick Book Indian Polity & Governance
- Quick Book Science and Technology
- Quick Book International Relations

Test Code 2628 + C2625

GS Full Length-6

CSAT

• Full Length-9

• Recommended study material for students

- UPSC Prelims Pinpoint Series (5 books)
- Quick Book CSAT
- Quick Book Art & Culture
- Quick Book Environment & Ecology
- Quick Book General Science
- Quick Book Geography of India & World
- Quick Book History of India & National Movement
- Quick Book Indian Economy
- Quick Book Indian Polity & Governance
- Quick Book Science and Technology
- Quick Book International Relations