

EXAM PATTERN OF UPSC

STAGES - 1

	Questions	Marks
PRELIMS – GS	100	200
CSAT	80	<u>200</u>
TOTAL		<u>200</u>

NATURE – (Marks not added) , Duration – 2 hours for each paper

MINUS MARKING – yes , 1/3 of the marks

* CSAT(civil services aptitude test).(Qualifying in nature) . Will have – Comprehension, Interpersonal Skills including communication abilities, Logical reasoning and analytical ability, Decision-making and problem-solving, General mental ability, Basic numeracy(numbers and their relations ,etc),Data interpretation(Charts, Graphs, tables ,etc),English language comprehension skills. .

* GS. Current events, History of India/Indian National movement, Indian Geography, Indian Polity/Government, Economic and social development, Environment and Ecology, General Science.

The number of candidates to be admitted to the Main Examination will be about twelve to thirteen times the total approximate number of vacancies (Every year approx 1000) to be filled in the year in the various Services and posts.

Subject to minimum of 30 marks in paper-1, 70 marks in paper-2 , paper 2 in qualifying in nature.

CS (Prelims) 2017 cut off was- 105.34/ 200 marks , CS (Prelims) 2018 cut off was- 98/ 200 marks

General Studies-Break up of marks –Module wise for UPSC prelims

Subject	No. of questions
Current Affairs: Events of national and international importance	5-8q
History of India and Indian National Movement	16-20q
Indian and World Geography – Physical, Social, Economic geography of India and the World	14-16
Indian Polity and Governance – Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc	18q
Economic and Social Development – Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc	18-20
General issues on Environmental Ecology, Bio-diversity and Climate Change (no subject specialization required)	23-24
General Science	6-10

STAGE-II

MAINS – New pattern applicable

Duration – 3 hours for each papers

Paper-I

Section 1 Essay **250 Marks**

(write two essays choosing one from each of the following sections A & B in about 1000-1200 words each (125x 2 =250 Marks)

Paper-II

General Studies–I 250Marks

(Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)

Total 20 questions . Question 1to 10 in.. 150 words . Question 11to 20 in250 words.

Paper-III

General Studies –II 250 Marks

(Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations)

Total 20 questions. Question 1to 10 in 150 words . Question 11to 20 in 250 words.

Paper-IV

General Studies –III 250 Marks

(Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)

Total 20 questions. Question 1to 10 in 150 words. Question 11to 20 in 250 words.

Paper-V**General Studies –IV 250 Marks****(Ethics , integrity and aptitude)****Total 12 questions divided inpart A & B .****Part A has ...6 questions with subparts Each has to be answered in 150 words .****Part B has 6 questions with subparts Each has to be answered in 250 words .****Paper – VI****Optional subject – paper – 1 250 Marks****Paper - VII****Optional subject – paper – 2 250 Marks****Sub Total (Written test) 1750 Marks****There are papers of English, Indian language. Marks are not added .Only qualifying.****Minimum cut off marks - Subject to 10%marks in each of the seven competitive papers i.e. Essay, GS- 1,GSII,GS-III,GS-IV,Optional-I and Optional-II.****Minimum 30% marks in Indian language & 25% marks in English.****For 2018 cut off for Gen. Category was- 774 / 1750****STAGE 3**

- INTERVIEWS - 275
- GRAND TOTAL - 2025

CS(Final)2018 cut off was-982/2025 marks , CS(Final)2017 cut off was-1006/2025(49.6%) marks**AGE LIMIT – The candidate must have attained the age of 21 years and must not have attained the age of 32 years (for the General category candidate) on August 1 of the year of examination. Prescribed age limits vary with respect to caste reservations.**

- For Other Backward Castes (OBC) the upper age limit is 35 years.
- For Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST), the limit is 37 years.
- For Defence Services Personnel disabled in operations during hostilities, the limit is 35 years.

MAX. ATTEMPTS – GEN – 6 , OBC – 9 , SC/ST –No limit**QUALIFICATION – Graduation**