

# **UPSC IAS/IPS Complete Paper wise Syllabus**

There are two Parts of UPSC IAS or IPS examination. The first is the Preliminary Examination and the second in the Main Examination. The Preliminary Examination is just to decrease the crowd. The Main Examination is considered for merit listing. So here is the syllabus

## **Part A - Preliminary Examination**

### **Paper 1 (200 Marks) - Duration 2 Hours**

- Current Events of National and International Importance
- History and India and Indian National Movement
- Indian and World Geography- Physical, Social, Economic Geography of Indian and the World
- Indian Polity and Governance - Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Right 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.
- General Science

### **Paper 2 (200 Marks) - Duration 2 Hours**

- Comprehension
- Interpersonal skills including communication skills.
- Logical Reasoning and Analytical Ability
- Decision-making and Problem Solving
- General Mental Ability
- Basic Numeracy, Data Interpretation up to 10th Class Level
- English Language Comprehension Skills

*Note - The question will be of multiple choice, objective type.*

## **Part B - Main Examination**

### **Paper 1**

Essay: Candidates will be required to write an essay on a specific topic. The choice of subjects will be given. They will be expected to keep close to the subject of the essay to arrange their ideas in an orderly fashion and to write concisely. Credit will be given for effective and exact expression.

### **Paper 2 - General Studies 1 - Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society**

- Indian culture - Art forms, Literature, and Architecture from Ancient to Modern times.
- Modern Indian history from about the middle of the 18th century until the recent significant events, personalities, issues.

- The Freedom Struggle - various stages and important contributors from different parts of the country.
- Post Independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.
- History of the world will include events from 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redrawing of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism, etc - their forms and effect on the society.
- Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India
- Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization and their problems and their remedies.
- Effect of Globalization on Indian Society.
- Social Empowerment, Communalism, Regionalism and Secularism.
- Salient features of World's Physical Geography.
- Distribution of Key Natural Resources across the World including South Asia and Indian Subcontinent.
- Important Geophysical phenomena such as Earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic Activity, Cyclone, etc.

### **Paper 3 - General Studies 2 - Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations**

- Indian Constitution
- Functions and Responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues, and challenges to the federal structure.
- Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institution
- Comparison of the Indian Constitution scheme with that of other countries.
- Parliament and State Legislatures
- Structure, Organisation, and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary Ministries and Department of the Government.
- Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.
- Appointment of various Constitutional posts, powers, functions, and responsibilities.
- Statutory, Regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.
- Government policies and interventions for development in various sector and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
- Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups, and associations.
- Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes, mechanisms, laws, institutions.
- Issues relating to the 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.
- Role of Civil Services in Democracy.
- India and its Neighborhood- Relations.
- Bilateral, Regional and Global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.
- Effects of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's Interests, Indian diaspora.
- Important International institutions, agencies and fora-their structure, mandate.

## **Paper 4 General Studies 3 - Technology, Economic Development, Bio Diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management**

- Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, 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, Technology missions, the economics of animal rearing.
- Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance location upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.
- 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 and Technology
- Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, Robotics, Nano-technology, Biotechnology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.
- Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.
- Disaster and Disaster management.
- Linkages between development and spread of extremism.
- Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.
- Challenges to Internal Security through communication networks, the role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security, money laundering and its prevention.
- Security challenges and their management in border areas, linkage of organized crime with terrorism.
- Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.

## **Paper 5 - General Studies 4 - Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude**

- Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, determinants, and consequences of Ethics in human actions, dimensions of ethics, ethics in private and public relationships. Human Values - Lessons from the lives of teachings and great leaders, reformers, and administrators, the role of family, society and educational institution in inculcating values.
- Attitude: Content, Structure, Function; its influence and relation with thought and behavior, moral and political attitudes, social influence and persuasion.
- Aptitude and foundation values for Civil Services, integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker sections.
- Emotional intelligence - concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.
- Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from Indian and World.

- Public/Civil Service values and Ethics in Public Administration - Status and Problems, accountability and ethical governance, ethical issues in international relations and funding, corporate governance
- Probity in Governance- Concept of Public Service, Philosophical basis of governance and probity, Information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Code of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work Culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of Public Funds, Challenges of corruption.
- Case Studies on the above issues.

**Paper 6 and Paper 7 are Optional Subjects**

Candidate can select any one subject for opting Paper 6 and Paper 7.