

## About UPSC Civil Services Examination (Prelims)

The UPSC Civil Services Examination (Prelims and Mains) is conducted by the Union Public Service Commission for entrance to the IAS, IPS, IFS and other Group 'A' and some Group 'B' services. Read the entire list of services [here](#).

### Eligibility

1. **Nationality**
  - For Indian Administrative Service, a candidate should be a citizen of India.
  - For Indian Foreign Service and other services, a candidate should either be a citizen of India/ a subject of Nepal/ a subject of Bhutan/ a Tibetan Refugee who came over to India before 1st January 1962 with the intention of permanently settling in India/a person of Indian origin who has migrated from other countries (detailed list of countries available on official website) with the intention of permanently settling in India.
2. **Age Limit**
  - A candidate should be between 21 – 30 years (both inclusive) as on the date mentioned under the UPSC examination notification.
  - The upper age limit is relaxed upto a maximum of :

Category	Age Relaxation (years)
SC/ST	5
OBC	3
Defense Services personnel domiciled in the J&K during the period 01/01/1980 - to 31/12/1989	5

For more categories, visit the official website.

3. **Educational Qualification**
  - A candidate must be a graduate from a recognized university or a deemed university.
  - A Candidate appearing for the final year of bachelor's degree and awaiting result can also apply.
  - A Candidate possesses professional and technical qualification recognised by Government equivalent to the professional and technical degree can also apply.
  - A Candidate who has passed the final professional M.B.B.S. or any other Medical Examination but has not completed his/her internship by the time of submission of his/her application for the Civil Services (Main) Examination

### Test Duration & Pattern UPSC Preliminary Exam 2012 format

Paper I – General Studies (GS) - 200 marks – 2 hours

Subject Area	Number of Questions
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**Environment - General issues on Environmental Ecology, Bio-diversity and Climate Change - that do not require subject specialization      20**

**General Science      12**

**Economics - Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector initiatives, etc.      11**

**Indian History - History of India and Indian National Movement.      20**

**Geography - Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World.      10**

**Indian Politics - Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.      27**

**Total      100**

**2 marks allotted per correct answer**

**Negative Marking: 1/3rd of marks allotted for every question**

**Paper II – Civil Service Aptitude Test (CSAT) – 200 marks – 2 hours**

**Subject Area      Number of Questions**

**Comprehension      35**

**English Language Comprehension      8**

**Logical Reasoning & Analytical Ability      27**

**General Mental Ability & Basic Numeracy      3**

**Decision Making & Interpersonal Skills      7**

**Total      80**

**2.5 marks allotted per correct answer**

**Negative Marking: 1/3rd of marks allotted for every question**

**No negative marking for questions on Interpersonal Skills and Decision Making**

**Exam Format The Civil Services Exam is a paper based test and consists of two successive stages:**

**(i) Preliminary Examination (Objective type) – comprising 2 exams – General Studies and CSAT**

**(ii) Civil Services Main Examination (Written and Interview)**

**Important Dates Preliminary Exam: 19th May 2013**

**Last Main Exams Conducted between: 5 - 26th Oct, 2012**

**Read the 2013 notification [here](#)**

**How to Apply •      Apply online on <http://www.upsconline.nic.in>. (Detailed instructions for filling up online applications are available on the above mentioned website.)**

- The application charges for men are Rs. 50/- only while there are no application charges for women**
- All candidates, whether already in Government Service, Government owned industrial undertakings or other similar organizations or in private employment should submit their applications direct to the Commission.**

**Official Website**

**<http://www.upsc.gov.in/>**

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**The study material is available in print, CD as well as online format.**

**Testfunda offers:**

**UPSC Prelim Funda (GS + CSAT) – Theory (Skill Builder) + Full length National level Tests for both GS and CSAT (Test Centre). (Details)**

**UPSC Prelim Skill Builder – Theory Material (Details)**

**UPSC Prelim (GS + CSAT) Test Centre – Full Length National level Tests on lines of the actual UPSC Prelims (Details)**

**CSAT Funda – Full length National level Tests for CSAT only (Details)**

**UPSC Prelim (CSAT) Test Centre – Full Length National level Tests for CSAT only (Details)**

**UPSC Individual Tests – Individual tests available from UPSC Prelim Test Centre (available as a GS-CSAT pair)**