

UPSC Mains Syllabus

UPSC Mains GS-1 Syllabus

Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society.

Topic 1 / *Art & Culture* :

Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of (from ancient to modern times.

- Art Forms
- literature and
- Architecture

Topic 2/ *Modern History* :

Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present-

- significant events
- personalities
- issues.

The Freedom Struggle —

- its various stages
- important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.

Topic 3/ Post-Independence :

- Post-independence consolidation
- reorganization within the country.

Topic 4/ World History : 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.

Topic 5/ Indian 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, their problems and their remedies.
- Effects of globalization on Indian society.
- Social empowerment,
- Communalism
- regionalism &
- secularism.

Geography

Topic 6/ Physical Geography :

Salient features of world's physical geography.

Topic 7/ Human and Economic Geography :

- Distribution of key natural resources across the world

(including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent);

• factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).

Topic 8/ Geophysical Phenomena :

Important Geophysical phenomena such as

- Earthquakes**
- Tsunami**
- Volcanic activity**
- cyclone etc.,**
- geographical features and**

their location-changes in critical geographical features

(including water-bodies

and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes

UPSC Mains GS-2 Syllabus

GOVERNANCE, CONSTITUTION, POLITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

Polity

Topic 1 : Indian Constitution—

- historical underpinnings
- evolution, features,
- amendments
- significant provisions and
- basic structure.

Topic 2 : 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.

**Topic 3 : Separation of powers between various organs
dispute redressal**

- mechanisms and institutions.

**Topic 4 : Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme
with that other countries.**

Topic 5 : Parliament and State legislatures

- structure, functioning,
- conduct of business,
- Powers & privileges and issues arising out of these.

**Topic 6: 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.

**Topic 7 : Salient features of the Representation of People's
Act.**

**Topic 8 : Appointment to various Constitutional posts,
powers, functions and**

- responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.

Topic 9 : Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.

Governance

Topic 10 : Government policies and interventions for development in various

• sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

Topic 11 : Development processes and the development industry —the role of

• NGOs

• SHGs,

• various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and

• other stakeholders.

Topic 12 : 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.

Topic 13 : Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to

- Health,
- Education
- Human Resources.

Topic 14 : Issues relating to

- poverty and
- hunger.

Topic 15 : Important aspects of governance

- transparency and accountability
- e-governance applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential
- Citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.

Topic 16 : Role of civil services in a democracy.

International relations

Topic 17 : India and its neighbourhood- relations.

Topic 18 : Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.

Topic 19 : Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.

Topic 20 : Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.

UPSC Mains GS-3 Syllabus

**Economy , Science & Technology , Environment ,
Disaster management , Internal security**

Indian economy

Topic 1 : Indian Economy and issues relating to

- **Planning**
- **mobilization, of resources**
- **growth**
- **development and**
- **employment.**

Topic 2 : Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.

Topic 3 : Government Budgeting.

Topic 4 : 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.

Topic 5 : Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies

- Minimum support prices
- Public Distribution System- objectives, functioning, limitations,
- Revamping
- issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology
- missions;
- economics of animal-rearing.

Topic 6 : Food processing and related industries in India- scope' and

- Significance
- Location
- upstream and downstream requirements
- Supply chain management.

Topic 7 : Land reforms in India.

**Topic 8 : Effects of liberalization on the economy
changes in industrial policy and
their effects on industrial growth.**

Topic 9 :

- **Infrastructure**
- **Energy,**
- **Ports**
- **Roads**
- **Airports**
- **Railways etc.**

Topic 10 : Investment models.

Science & Technology

**Topic 11 : Science and Technology-
developments and their applications and
effects in everyday life.**

**Topic 12 : Achievements of Indians in science &
technology; indigenization of technology and developing**

new technology.

Topic 13 : Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nanotechnology, biotechnology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.

Environment

- **Topic 14 :**
 - **Conservation**
 - **environmental pollution and degradation,**
 - **environmental impact assessment.**
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Topic 15 : Disaster and disaster management.

Internal security

Topic 16 : Linkages between development and spread of extremism

Topic 17 : Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to Internal security

Topic 18 : Challenges to internal security through

communication networks

- **Role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges**
- **basics of cyber security**
- **money-laundering and its prevention.**

Topic 19 :Security challenges and their management in border areas – linkages of organized crime with terrorism.

Topic 20 : Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.

UPSC Mains GS-4 Syllabus

ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE

Topic 1 : 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 and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators;**
- **role of family society and**
- **educational institutions in inculcating values.**

Topic 2 : Attitude:

- **content, structure, function**
- **its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes**
- **social influence and**

- persuasion

Topic 3 : Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service

- integrity,
- impartiality
- non-partisanship
- objectivity
- dedication to public service,
- empathy
- tolerance and
- compassion towards the weaker-sections.

Topic 4 : Emotional intelligence-

- concepts,
- their utilities
- application in administration and governance.

Topic 5 : Contributions of

- moral thinkers and

- **philosophers from India and world.**

Topic 6 : Public/Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems;

- **ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private**
- **institutions;**
- **laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance;**
- **accountability and ethical governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance;**
- **ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance.**

Topic 7: 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**
- **Codes of Conduct**
- **Citizen's Charters**
- **Work culture**
- **Quality of service delivery**
- **Utilization of public funds**
- **Challenges of corruption.**

Topic 8 : Case Studies on above issues