



About UPSC Civil Services Examination

The **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)** is a constitutional body that conducts the prestigious **Civil Services Examination (CSE)** in India. This examination serves as the gateway for recruitment into elite services such as:

- Indian Administrative Service (IAS)
- Indian Police Service (IPS)
- Indian Foreign Service (IFS)
- Indian Forest Service (IFoS)
- Indian Revenue Service (IRS)
- Indian Corporate Law Service (ICLS)
- Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS), and more.

Every year, lakhs of aspirants appear for the exam, but only a few make it to the final list, owing to the examination's high standards and competitiveness.

Examination Structure

The Civil Services Examination is conducted in **three stages**:

1. Preliminary Examination (Objective Type)

- **Papers:**
 - *General Studies (GS)* – 100 questions (200 marks)
 - *CSAT (Civil Services Aptitude Test)* – 80 questions (200 marks, qualifying with 33%)
- **Mode:** Objective (OMR-based)
- **Negative Marking:** Yes (1/3rd deduction for each incorrect answer)
- **Purpose:** Screening test for the Main Examination

2. Main Examination (Descriptive Type)

- **Total Papers:** 9
 - *2 Qualifying Papers:*
 - Paper A: Indian Language (300 marks)
 - Paper B: English (300 marks)
 - *7 Merit-Based Papers:*
 - Essay (250 marks)
 - General Studies I to IV (250 marks each)
 - Optional Subject – Paper I & II (250 marks each)
- **Total Marks Counted for Merit:** 1750
- **Medium of Exam:** English/Hindi/any of the 22 languages in the Eighth Schedule





3. Interview (Personality Test)

- **Marks:** 275
- **Mode:** Face-to-face interaction with an expert panel
- **Objective:** Evaluate personality, decision-making, and presence of mind
- **Final Selection:** Based on total score of Mains (1750) + Interview (275) = **2025 Marks**

Merit List Declaration

The final merit list is published by UPSC after the completion of all interviews, usually within a week. This list determines the allocation of services and ranks.

Why is UPSC CSE Important?

Cracking the Civil Services Exam is a gateway to serving the nation through policy-making, governance, diplomacy, law enforcement, and more. It is not just a job—it's a **mission to lead change and impact society**.