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How do i Crack upsc sir ?

UPSC syllabus for Prelims and Mains. Previous year question papers itself will guide your preparation.

Previous Year Questions and Syllabus :

Analyse PYQ to understand the nature, depth, and trends of questions asked in all three stages.

Foundational Preparation :

This phase focuses on building a solid knowledge base.

NCERT Textbooks: Start with NCERTs from Class VI to XII for subjects like History, Geography, Polity, and Economics. They provide foundational clarity and a basic understanding of the concepts.

Standard Reference Books: Transition to standard reference books for depth.

Polity: Indian Polity by M. Laxmikanth.

History:

Ancient & Medieval India — Poonam Dalal Dahiya (McGraw Hill). Good for exam-friendly style. Has visuals and flowcharts, it helps especially for prelims revision.

Medieval History Simplified — Avadh Ojha sir (Disha)

A Brief History of Modern India by Rajiv Ahir (Spectrum),

Economy: Concepts from Indian Economy by Ramesh Singh, Budget analysis, summary of Economics survey report. Reports from different organisations.

Geography: Certificate Physical and Human Geography by G.C. Leong and NCERTs, Map based questions (Oxford school of Atlas)

Current Affairs: This is crucial for all stages, Daily Newspaper Reading : Read newspaper (The Hindu or The Indian Express) daily. You may also watch YouTube Educators for daily news paper analysis,

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Focus on editorial pages, national and international news, and economic developments relevant to the syllabus, Central Government schemes, environment related news. (Avoid any news channels that are not recommended.)

Monthly Compilation: Magazine like Vision IAS for monthly Current Affairs compilation

Integrated Strategy for Prelims and Mains -

Don't prepare for Prelims and Mains separately. The preparation should be integrated.

For Prelims - Focus on Facts and Concepts: Emphasize details and conceptual clarity to solve Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs).

Practice MCQs: Solve daily PYQs and dedicate the last 3-4 months before the Prelims entirely to solving Prelims Test Series MCQ and PYQs.

CSAT (Paper II): Entry door for UPSC Civil services exam, Dedicate specific time to CSAT practice (Comprehension, Logical Reasoning, and Basic Numeracy)

Serious Note : CSAT - It is qualifying exam as well as disqualify the most of the Aspirants from the competition.

For Mains (Written Test) Answer Writing Practice: This is the most critical part. Practice writing answers daily for General Studies and your Optional Subject.

Structure: Focus on a clear Introduction, a well-structured Body with headings, subheadings and diagrams, and a concise, solution-oriented Conclusion.

Time Management: Practice writing answers within the word limit and the time constraint (e.g., 7 minutes for a 10-mark question).

One should learn to Link static syllabus concepts with dynamic Current Affairs.

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General Studies Paper IV (Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude): Focus on understanding ethical terminology, concepts, and solving Case Studies.

Essay Writing: Practice writing essays on diverse topics to improve your articulation, coherence, and flow of thought.

Optional Subject: most of the case optional subject will decide your rank and position, so Choose an optional subject strategically (based on interest, availability of study material, and background) and ensure its syllabus is covered thoroughly, as it accounts for 500 marks in the final merit.

Key Pillars of Success is Consistency: Maintain a realistic and consistent study schedule

Revision: The syllabus is vast so multiple revisions are essential to memorise the information. Make short notes for quick revision.

Mock Tests: Join a reliable Prelims and Mains Test Series, The primary purpose of a mock test is to analysis identifying your weak areas and correcting them before the final exam.

Stay Positive and motivated yourself : The journey is long and challenging. Maintain a positive mind set, stay motivated, and do not panic or change your core strategy based on the performance of others, try to watch toppers talk once in a week and try to understand the different strategies to crack civil service exam.

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