



Civil Services Exam Eligibility Criteria: Union Public Service Commission's (UPSC) Civil Services Examination eligibility details are mentioned below...

I. Nationality:

- (1) For the Indian Administrative Service and the Indian Police Service, a candidate must be a citizen of India.
- (2) For other services, a candidate must be either:
 - (a) a citizen of India, or
 - (b) a subject of Nepal, or
 - (c) a subject of Bhutan, or
 - (d) a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before 1st January, 1962 with the intention of permanently settling in India, or
 - (e) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka, East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.

II. Age Limit:

A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years and must not have attained the age of 32 years on 1st August, 2020, i.e. he must have been born not earlier than 2nd August, 1988 and not later than 1st August, 1999.

The upper age limit relaxations given below.

- (a). The Age relaxable for SC, ST'S candidates 5 years
- (b). Age relax able for OBC candidates 3 years
- (c). Age relax able for 3 years in case of defence services personnel disabled in operations during hostilities with any foreign country or disturbed area.
- (d). 5 years Age relax able for Ex-service men including commissioned officers and ECOs/ SSCOs who have completed an initial period of a assignment of 5 years military service. (As on 01 August, 2008)
- (e). 5 years age relaxable in the case of ECOs/ SSCOs who have completed an initial period of assignment of 5 years of military service.(As on 01 August, 2008).
- (f). Ten years age relaxation for blindness and low vision, deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy, autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness and deaf-blindness candidates.

III. Minimum Educational Qualification:

The candidate must hold a Degree of any of Universities incorporated by an Act of the Central or State Legislature in India or other educational institutions established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed as a University Under Section-3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification.

NOTE :

- i.** Candidates who have appeared at an examination the passing of which would render them educationally qualified for the Commission's examination but have not been informed of the results as also the candidates who intend to appear at such a qualifying examination will also be eligible for admission to the Preliminary Examination.
- ii.** In exceptional cases the Union Public Service Commission may treat a candidate who does not have any of the foregoing qualifications as a qualified candidate provided that he/ she has passed examination

conducted by the other Institutions, the standard of which in the opinion of the Commission justifies his/ her admission to the examination.

iii. Candidates possessing professional and technical qualifications which are recognized by Government as equivalent to professional and technical degree would also be eligible for admission to the examination.

iv. Candidates who have passed the final professional M.B.B.S. or any other Medical Examination but have not completed their internship by the time of submission of their applications for the Civil Services (Main) Examination, will be provisionally admitted to the Examination provided they submit along with their application a copy of certificate from the concerned authority of the University/ Institution.

IV. Number of Attempts: Maximum of 6 attempts are allowed. No restriction for SC, ST candidates and 9 attempts are allowed for OBC, Physically handicapped candidate belonging to the General Category.

Age Criteria for IAS Exam 2017-18

Category	Upper Age Limit	No. of Attempts Allowed
General	32 Years	06 Attempts
Other Backwards Castes (OBC)	32 Years with relaxation of 03 years = 35 years	09 Attempts
Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST)	32 Years with relaxation of 05 Years = 37 years	Till the Upper Age limit
Physically disabled candidates (Blind, Deaf-Mute, Orthopedic)	32 years with relaxation of 10 years = 42 years	For the General and OBC Candidates= 09 attempts For SC/ST Candidates = Unlimited till age limit
Jammu & Kashmir Domicile	General = 37 years, OBC = 40 Years, SC/ST = 42 Years, PH = 50 years	Up to the Upper Age limit
Disabled servicemen disabled from duty	General= 37 years OBC = 38 Years SC/ST = 40 Years	Up to the Upper Age limit

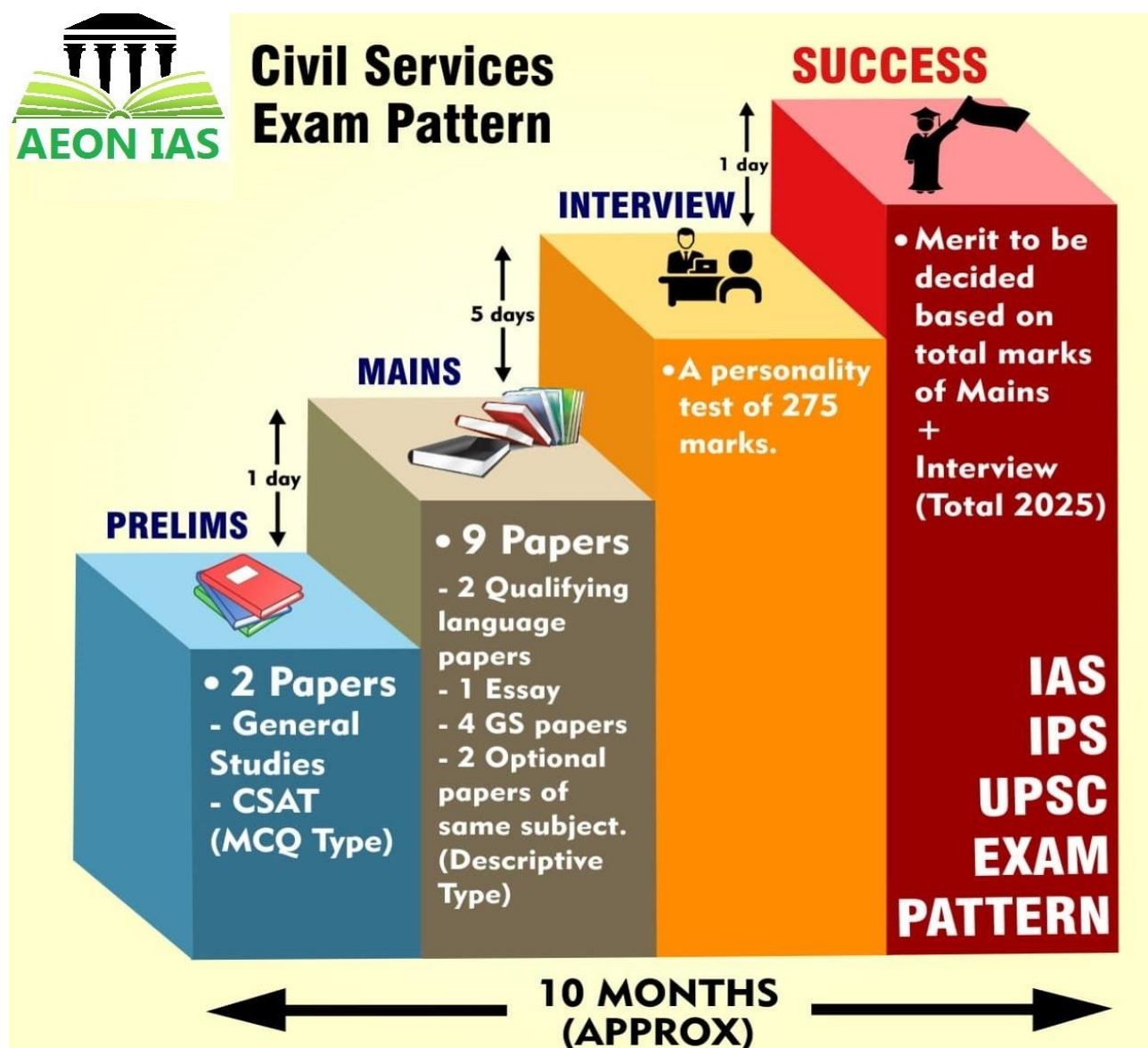
V. Restrictions on Applying for the Examination:

a. Candidate who is appointed to the Indian Administrative Service or the Indian Foreign Service on the results of an earlier examination and continues to be a member of that service will not be eligible to compete at this examination. In case such a candidate is appointed to the IAS/ IFS after the Preliminary Examination of Civil Services Examination, 2020 is over and he/ she continues to be a member of that service, he/ she shall not be eligible to appear in the Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2020 notwithstanding his/ her having qualified in the Preliminary Examination, 2018. Also provided that if such a candidate is appointed to IAS/ IFS after the commencement of the Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2020 but before the result thereof and continues to be a member of that service, he/ she shall not be considered for appointment to any service/ post on the basis of the result of this examination viz. Civil Services Examination, 2020.

b. Candidate who is appointed to the Indian Police Service on the results of an earlier examination and continues to be a member of that service will not be eligible to opt for the Indian Police Service in Civil Services Examination, 2020.

VI. Physical Standards: The candidate must be physically fit according to physical standards for admission to Civil Services Examination, 2020.

Civil Services Exam Pattern Details:



Union Public Service Commission's (UPSC) Civil Services Exam pattern details are given below...

Exam Pattern Details: Civil Services Exam Consists of 2 Stages.
I. Preliminary Examination (Objective Type)
II. Main Examination (Written and Interview)

I. Preliminary Examination: The Examination shall comprise two compulsory papers of 200 marks each.

(i) Both the question papers will be of the objective type (multiple choice questions).

(ii) The question papers will be set both in Hindi and English.

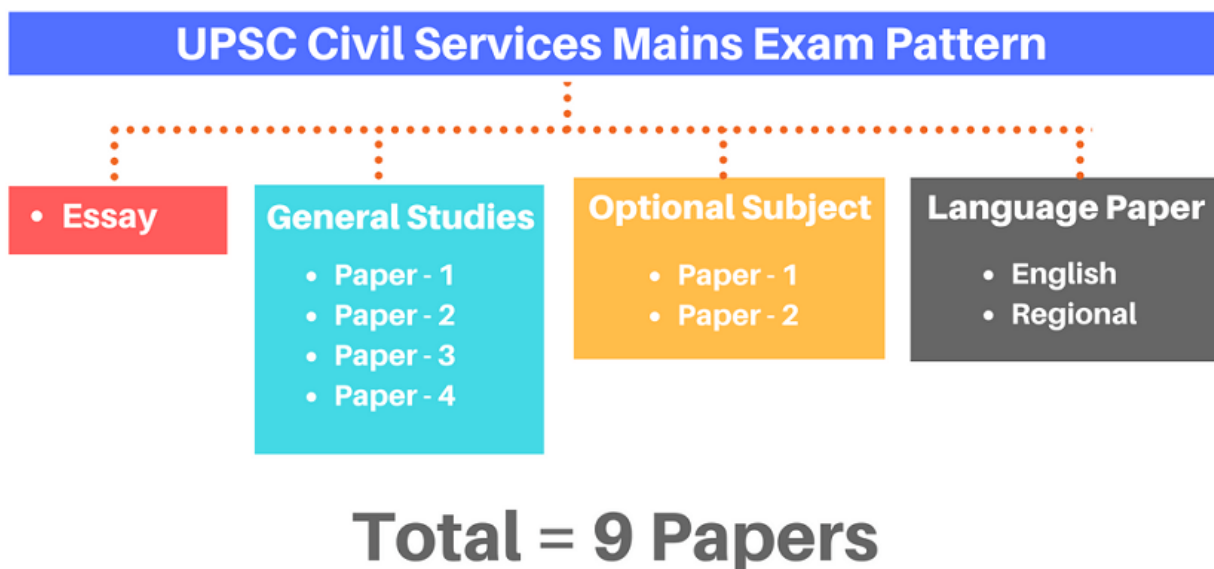
(iii) Each paper will be of two hours duration. Blind candidates will however; be allowed an extra time of twenty minutes at each paper

NOTE:

1. The Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, shall thus comprise of two compulsory papers of which Paper-I will be of 200 marks and Paper II will be of 200 marks.

2. Final merit for qualifying the candidates for the Civil Services (Main) Written Examination will be drawn by using the aggregate marks obtained in Paper-I out of 200 marks and marks obtained in Paper-II out of 200 marks.

II. Main Examination:



1. The written examination will consist of the following papers:

Qualifying Papers:

Paper- A: One of the Indian Language to be selected by the candidate from the Languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution).- 300 Marks

Paper- B: English- 300 Marks

Papers to be counted for Merit

Paper	Subject	Maximum Marks
Paper-I	Essay	250
Paper - II	General Studies-I(Indian Heritage and Culture, History and	250

	Geography of the World and Society)	
Paper-III	General Studies-II(Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations)	250
Paper-IV	General Studies-III(Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)	250
Paper-V	General Studies-IV (Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude)	250
Paper-VI	Optional subject Paper-I	250
Paper-VII	Optional subject Paper-II	250
Sub total	Written Test	1750
	Personality Test	275
	Grand Total	2025

Note:

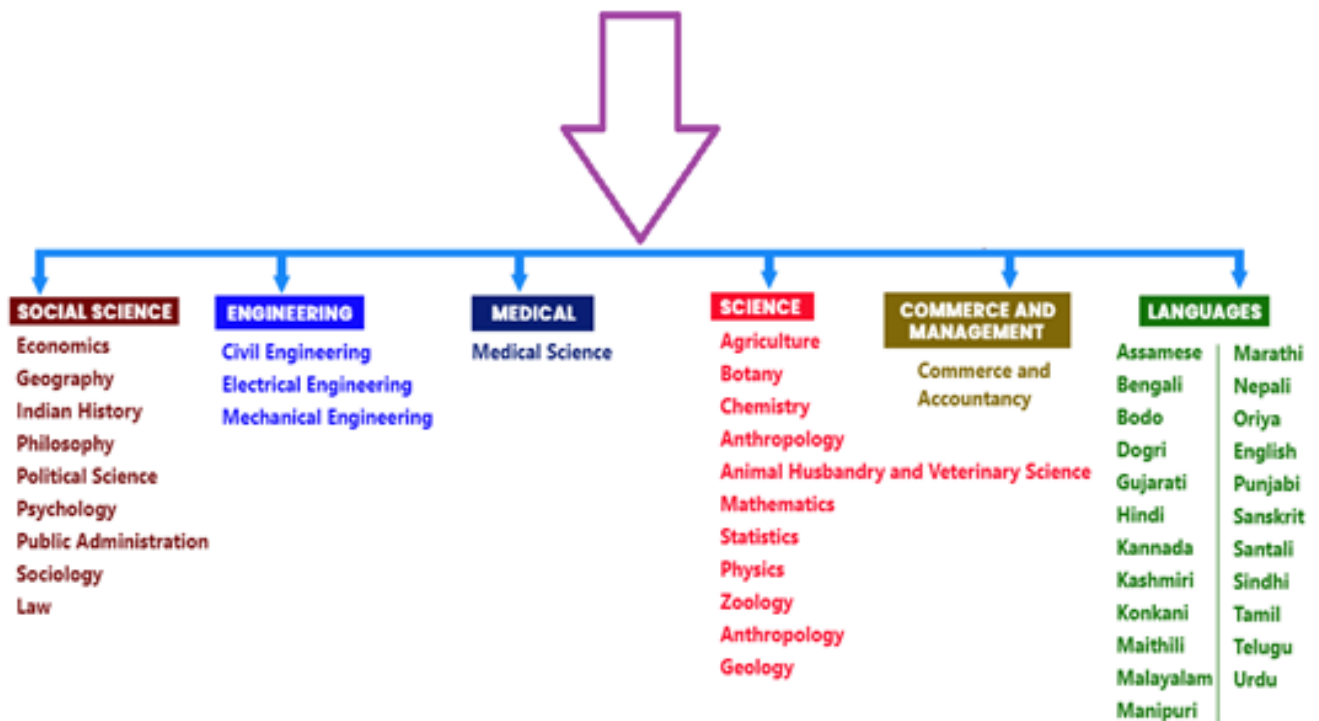
i. The papers on Indian languages and English (Paper A and Paper B) will be of Matriculation or equivalent standard and will be of qualifying nature. The marks obtained in these papers will not be counted for ranking.

ii. The paper A on Indian Language will not, however, be compulsory for candidate hailing from the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim.

iii. Marks obtained by the candidates for the Paper-I-VII only will be counted for merit ranking. However, the Commission will have the discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all of these papers.

List of Optional Subjects for Main Examination:

UPSC CSE Mains : Optional Subject



- (i) Agriculture (ii) Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science
(iii) Anthropology (iv) Botany (v) Chemistry (vi) Civil Engineering
(vii) Commerce and Accountancy (viii) Economics
(ix) Electrical Engineering(x) Geography (xi) Geology (xii) History
(xiii) Law (xiv) Management (xv) Mathematics
(xvi) Mechanical Engineering (xvii) Medical Science

(xviii) Philosophy (xix) Physics

(xx) Political Science and International Relations

(xxi) Psychology (xxii) Public Administration (xxiii) Sociology

(xxiv) Statistics (xxv) Zoology

(xxvi) **Literature of any one of the following**

languages: Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Maithili, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Santhali, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu and English.

Note:

- i. The question papers for the examination will be of conventional (essay) type.
- ii. Each paper will be of three hours duration.
- iii. Candidates will have the option to answer all the question papers, except the qualifying language papers Paper -A and Paper-B, in any of the languages included in the Eighth schedule to the constitution of India or in English.
- iv. The question papers (other than the literature of language papers) will be set in Hindi and English only.

2. Personality Test/ Interview: The maximum marks for interview is 275 marks. The candidate will be interviewed by a Board of competent and unbiased observers who will have before them a record of his/ her career. The object of the Interview is to assess the personal suitability of the candidate for the Service. The candidate will be expected to have taken an intelligent interest not only in his/ her subjects of academic study but also in events which are happening around him/ her both within and outside his/ her own state or country, as well as in modern currents of thoughts and in new discoveries which should rouse the curiosity of well educated youth.

Clearing the UPSC CSE Exam is a mix of ‘dedication, focus, right approach, motivation, knowing what to do, well-thought strategy and proper implementation’. It is important to keep oneself updated about the latest UPSC Exam pattern & Syllabus so as to be on the right track throughout your preparation.