

List of books for UPSC preparation/Book list for IAS

Given below are lists of books required for the IAS prelims and mains exam, subject-wise.

Book list for IAS Exam

BOOKS FOR IAS PRELIMS GS PAPER I

Subject	Books	Newspapers/Magazines
History	NCERT XI (Ancient & Medieval)	
	NCERT XII (Modern Indian History)	
	India's Struggle for Independence – Bipan Chandra	The Hindu
	Facets of Indian Culture – Spectrum	
Geography	NCERT VI – X (Old Syllabus)	
	NCERT XI, XII (New Syllabus)	The Hindu, The Indian Express
	Certificate Physical Geography – G C Leong	
Economics	NCERT XI	
	Economic Development & Policies in India – Jain & Ohri	The Frontline, Business Standard
Indian Polity	NCERT IX – XII	
	The Constitution of India – P M Bakshi	The Hindu, Yojana
	Indian Polity – M Laxmikanth	
International Relations	NCERT XII (Contemporary World Politic)	
	World Atlas (TTK/Blackswan)	The Hindu, Kurukshetra

BOOKS FOR IAS PRELIMS CSAT PAPER II

1. Tata McGraw Hill CSAT Manual
2. CSAT II – Arihant
3. Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning – R S Aggarwal (For the comprehension passage part)

BOOKS FOR IAS MAINS GENERAL STUDIES

General Studies Paper I:

Topics

Books

NCERT XI

NIOS notes on culture

ccrtindia.gov.in

Culture books of National Books Trust

NCERT Ancient History

The Wonder That was India – A L Basham

Ancient India in Historical Outline – D N Jha

NCERT Medieval Indian History

IGNOU material

Indian Heritage & Culture,
History

Advanced Study in the History of Medieval India, Vol III: Medieval Indian Society and Culture by J. L. Mehta

History of Medieval India – Satish Chandra

A Social, Cultural and Economic History of India by P. N. Chopra, B. N. Puri, M. N. Das

India's Struggle for Independence – Bipan Chandra

India After Independence - Bipan Chandra

NCERT XII: Politics in India after Independence

Mastering Modern World History – Norman Lowe

NCERT XII: Indian Society

NCERT XII: Social Change and Development in India

Certificate Physical and Human Geography – G C Leong

NCERT XI: Fundamentals of Physical Geography

Geography of the World
and Society

NCERT XI: India: Physical Environment

NCERT XII: India: People and Economy

Geography of India – Majid Husain

World Geography - Majid Husain

Status of Forests Report

Orient BlackSwan School Atlas

General Studies Paper II:

Topics

Books

Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice	Indian Polity – M Laxmikanth
	NCERT XI: Indian Constitution at Work
	Introduction to the Constitution of India – D D Basu
	Constitution of India Bare Act
	Punchhi Commission Report
	Finance Commission Report
	2 nd Arc Report
	Five Year Plan Documents
	NCERT XII: Political Science: World Politics
	India's Foreign Policy – Rajiv Sikri

International Relations

General Studies Paper III:

Topics

Books

Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment	Indian Economy – Ramesh Singh
	NCERT XI: India's Economic Development
	NCERT XII: Geography India People and Economy
	Budget
	Economic Survey
	Science and Technology – Spectrum
	Internal Security & Disaster Management – Ashok Kumar

Security and Disaster Management	IGNOU
	Annual Report of the Ministry of Home Affairs

General Studies Paper IV:

Topics	Books
Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude	Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude for Civil Services Main Examination – G Subba Rao and P N Roy Chowdhury

BOOKS FOR IAS MAINS OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

The lists of reference books for some popular optionals are given below:

HISTORY OPTIONAL

1. A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India – Upinder Singh
2. Medieval India (2 volumes) – Satish Chandra
3. Medieval India: The Study of a Civilization – Irfan Habib
4. India's Struggle for Independence – Bipan Chandra
5. India since Independence - Bipan Chandra
6. From Plassey to Partition – Shekhar Bandhopadhyay
7. Mastering Modern World History – Norman Lowe
8. A History of the Modern World – Ranjan Chakrabarti

GEOGRAPHY OPTIONAL

1. Physical Geography – Savindra Singh
2. Physical Geography Made Simple – Rupa Publication
3. Evolution of Geographical Thought – Majid Husain
4. Models in Geography - Majid Husain
5. Certificate in Physical and Human Geography – G C Leong
6. Economic and Social Geography made Simple – Rupa Publication
7. Dictionary of Human Geography
8. Regional Planning in India – Mahesh Chand
9. India – A Comprehensive Geography - Khuller

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OPTIONAL

1. Administrative Thinkers – Prasad and Prasad
2. Public Administration and Public Affairs – Nicholas Henry

3. Essentials of Organizational Behavior – Stephen P Robbins
4. New Horizons of Public Administration – Mohit Bhattacharya
5. IGNOU material
6. Indian Administration – R K Arora, Rajni Goyal
7. Ethics in Governance – R K Arora
8. Public Administration in India – Fadia and Fadia
9. Reports of 2nd administration Reforms Commissions

SOCIOLOGY OPTIONAL

1. Sociology – Anthony Giddens
2. Sociological Thought – Francis Abraham and John Henry Morgan
3. Political Theory – O P Gauba
4. IGNOU
5. Handbook of Indian Sociology – Veena Das
6. Modernization of Indian Tradition – Yogendra Singh
7. Rural Sociology – Doshi and Jain
8. Indian Society and Culture – Nadeem Hasnain
9. Social Change in India – M N Srinivas
10. Caste: Its Twentieth Century Avatar - M N Srinivas

ANTHROPOLOGY OPTIONAL

1. Physical Anthropology: P Nath/B M Das
2. Indian Anthropology: Nadeem Hasnain/ V S Sahay and Pradeep K Singh
3. Social Anthropology: Ember and Ember/ Makhan Jha/ D N Majumdar and T N Madan, N K Vaid
4. Anthropological Thought – Upadhyay and Pandey

POLITICAL SCIENCE OPTIONAL

1. Our Constitution – Subhash Kashyap
2. Our Parliament - Subhash Kashyap
3. History of Political Thought – Mukherjee and Ramaswamy

4. Political Theory – O P Gauba
5. Indian Political Thought – Mahendra Prasad and Himanshu Roy
6. Politics in India – Rajni Kothari
7. Indian Foreign Policy – Gupta and Shukla
8. United Nations – Rumki Basu

ECONOMICS OPTIONAL

1. Microeconomics – Ahuja and Koutsyansis
2. International Economics – Salvatore
3. Macroeconomics – H L Ahuja
4. Money and Banking – Gupta and Ahuja
5. Indian Economy – Datt and Sundaram
6. Indian Economy – Mishra and Puri
7. Indian Economy – Performance and Policies – Uma Kapila
8. Economic Survey
9. Business newspapers
10. RBI Website

The given below list gives the IAS study material other than books:

Newspapers: The Hindu, The Indian Express, Business Standard, Economic Times

Magazines: Frontline, Yojana, Kurukshetra, Science Reporter, Economic & Political Weekly (EPW)

Year Books – Manorama/ India Year Book

Sources for Current Affairs:

Newspapers, magazines, PIB, Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha TV

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