

Instructions for UPSC Prelims

Articles permitted inside the exam hall

- Clipboard or hardboard on which nothing is marked or written.
- A black ballpoint pen for marking in the OMR.

Answer sheet and a rough sheet will be provided by the invigilator in the exam hall.

Articles not permitted inside the exam hall

- Books, notes, loose sheets, mathematical or drawing instruments, electronic or other kinds of calculators, log tables, slide rules, maps stencils, test booklets or rough sheets of other sessions of exam.
- Mobile phones, bluetooth, pagers or any communication device are not allowed.
- Candidates are advised not to bring any of the banned items otherwise disciplinary action can be taken against them.
- Candidates are also advised not to bring any of the banned items into the venue as their safekeeping cannot be guaranteed.

Penalty for incorrect answers

- There will be negative marking for incorrect answers.
- For every wrong answer, 1/3rd of marks assigned to that question will be deducted.
- If a candidate marks more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer even if one of the marked options happens to be the right answer.
- If a question is left without any marking, there will not be any negative mark.

Prohibition of unfair means

Candidates should not copy answers from other candidates' answer sheet. They should also not permit their own answers to be copied by others.

Conduct inside the exam hall

Any misconduct by the candidates inside the exam hall will invite severe penalty against them.

Misconduct means:

- Misbehaving in any manner.
- Creating a disorderly scene in the hall.

- Harassing the staff employed by the UPSC for the conduct of the exam.

