UPSC Prelims Syllabus (English)
The UPSC Prelims exam consists of two compulsory papers, namely:

- General Studies (GS) Paper 1
- General Studies (GS) Paper 2 (also called CSAT)

Both papers are generally held on the same day and the details are given in the table below:

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<th>GS Paper 1</th>
<th>GS Paper 2 (CSAT)</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Marks</strong></td>
<td>200</td>
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<td><strong>Total No. of Questions</strong></td>
<td>100</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td><strong>Negative Marking</strong>*</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Duration</strong></td>
<td>2 hours (9:30 AM - 11:30 AM)</td>
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* ⅓ of the total marks allotted to the question will be deducted for every wrong answer.

- To further illustrate this, each correctly answered GS I question will be awarded 2 marks. So, 0.66 marks would be deducted from the total for every question that is wrongly marked.
- Similarly, in the CSAT paper, since we have 80 questions for 200 marks, correctly answered CSAT questions would attract 2.5 marks each, while every wrongly marked question would attract a penalty of 0.833 for each such wrong answer, which will be deducted from the total.
- Unattempted questions will not attract any negative marks.
### Syllabus for GS 1

- Current events of national and international importance.
- History of India and Indian National Movement.
- Indian and World Geography - Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World.
- Indian Polity and Governance - Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.
- Economic and Social Development - Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc.
- General issues on Environmental Ecology, Biodiversity, and Climate Change - that do not require subject specialisation.
- General Science

### Syllabus for GS 2 (CSAT)

- Comprehension
- Interpersonal skills including communication skills
- Logical reasoning and analytical ability
- Decision-making and problem-solving
- General mental ability
- Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude, etc.) (Class X level), Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency, etc. – Class X level)
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