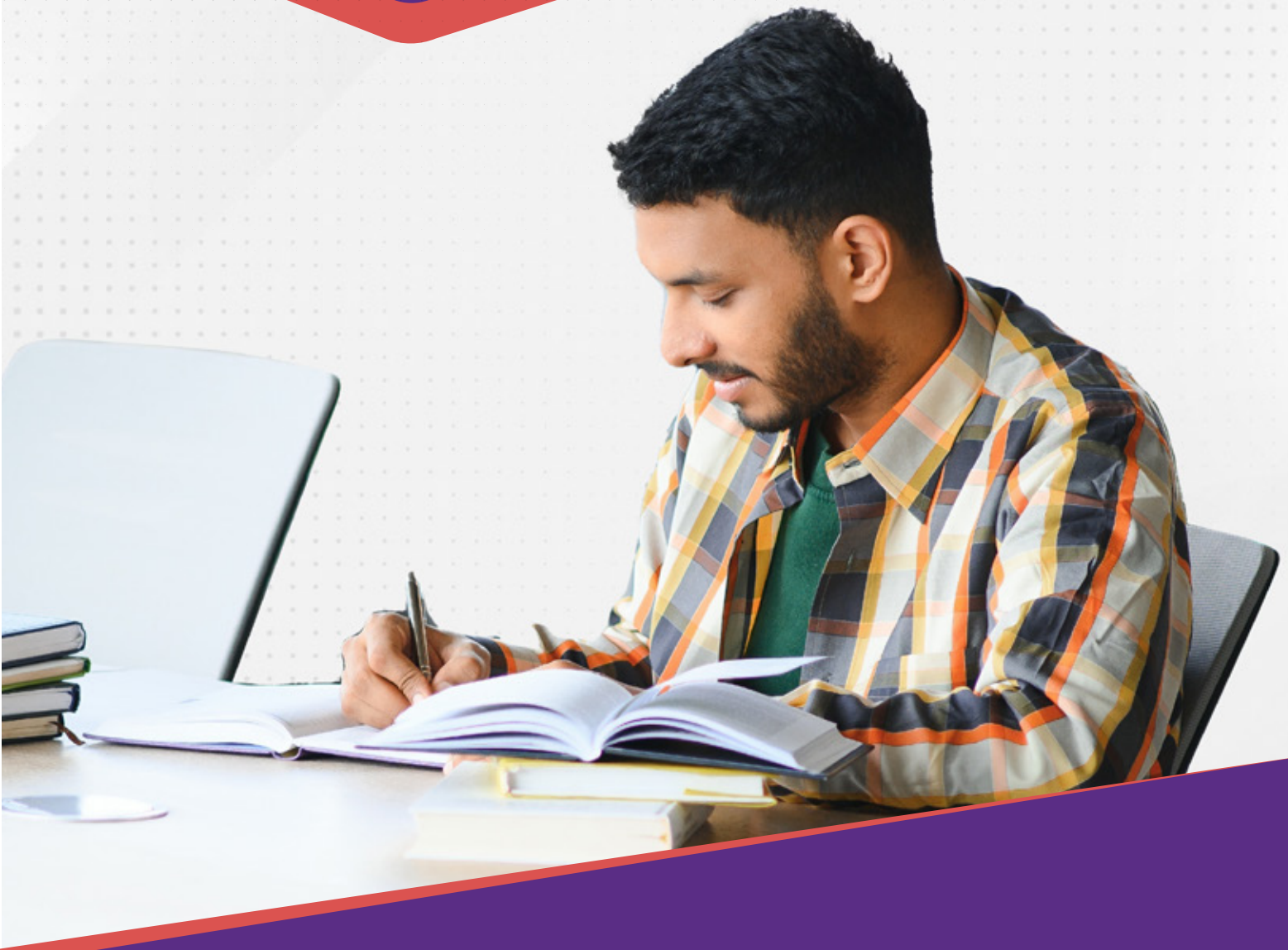


# UPSC

## 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:

	GS Paper 1	GS Paper 2 (CSAT)
<b>Total Marks</b>	200	200
<b>Total No. of Questions</b>	100	80
<b>Negative Marking*</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Duration</b>	2 hours (9:30 AM - 11:30 AM)	2 hours (2:30 PM – 4:30 PM)







\*  $\frac{1}{3}$  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

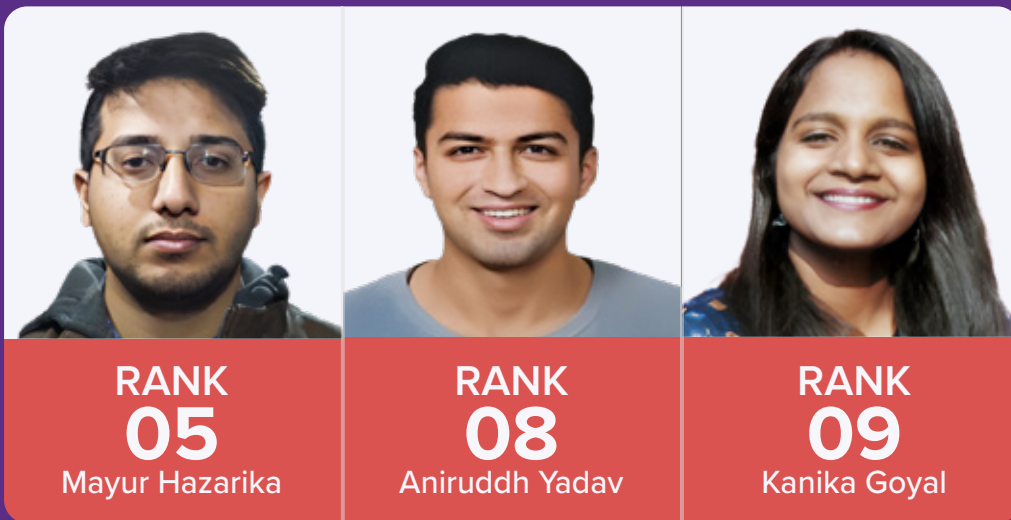
-  Current events of national and international importance.
-  History of India and Indian National Movement.
-  Indian and World Geography - Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World.
-  Indian Polity and Governance - Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights 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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