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IAS PRELIMS
TEST SERIES-2026
GENERAL STUDIES
&
CSAT

Starting
15TH
March
2026

STRUCTURE

Total 20 Tests

10 GS

04 Sectional Tests

06 Full Length Tests

10 CSAT

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- ❖ How to prepare the Static portion and Current Affairs simultaneously?
- ❖ How to ensure that the entire syllabus is covered at least three times prior to May 24th, 2026?
- ❖ How to maintain your mental and psychological balance in the examination hall?
- ❖ How to tackle UPSC's evolving and unpredictable pattern?

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Structure:

Drishti IAS Prelims Test Series-2026 includes 20 Tests: 10 General Studies Tests and 10 CSAT Tests.

CUT-OFF MARKS FOR PRELIMINARY EXAM							
Category	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
UR/EWS	87.98/ 85.92	75.41/ 68.02	88.22/ 82.83	87.54/ 80.14	92.51/ 77.55	98.00/ 90.00	98.00/NA
OBC/SC/ST	87.28/ 79.03/ 74.23	74.75/ 59.25/ 47.82	87.54/ 74.08/ 69.35	84.85/ 75.41/ 70.71	89.12/ 74.84/ 68.71	95.34/ 82.00/ 77.34	96.66/ 84.00/ 83.34
PwBD-1/2	69.42/65.30	40.40/47.13	49.84/58.59	68.02/67.33	70.06/63.94	53.34/44.66	73.34/53.34
PwBD-3/5	40.56/40.56	40.40/33.68	40.40/41.76	43.09/45.80	40.82/42.86	40.66/61.34	40.00/45.34

Relative importance of different segments of General Studies on the Basis of analysis of UPSC Prelims' previous thirteen years papers

The proportion, in which questions are going to be asked from the different sections of the syllabus in the General Studies paper, is not fixed. Generally, more questions were asked from History, Polity, Environment and Ecology, Economics and Geography. The tendency of change in pattern is apparent from 2023 paper onwards. Thus, the proportional distribution of questions is something which is very uncertain. The following table can help you know the proportion of questions asked from various sections from 2013 to 2025.

Segments	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
History of India	16	19	16	16	13	22	16	19	19	14	13	7	16
Indian Polity & Governance	17	10	13	6	22	13	15	18	17	10	14	21	15
Geography of India & World	18	20	18	3	8	9	8	6	12	12	17	21	13
Environment & Ecology	14	20	12	16	17	10	19	20	17	13	15	11	7
Indian Economy & Development	18	11	16	15	29	22	20	23	17	19	14	15	15
General Science & Technology	16	12	9	7	3	14	15	12	12	17	8	11	11
Current Affairs	01	08	16	37	8	10	7	2	6	15	19	14	23
Total	100												

The table given below highlights that how many questions have been asked from different sections of CSAT in the last thirteen years.

Break down of questions asked in CSAT 2013-2025

Segments	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Reading Comprehension (Bilingual)	24	26	30	27	30	26	30	25	26	27	27	27	29
Basic Numeracy	9	16	20	28	24	17	26	22	21	24	39	29	28
Data Interpretation/Sufficiency	5	5	0	0	0	12	10	11	17	17	9	9	5
Reasoning/Analytical Ability	28	27	30	25	26	25	14	22	16	12	5	15	18
Decision Making & Problem Solving	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	80	80*	80										

IAS Prelims Test Series – 2026 (Complete Schedule)

Total Tests 20 (10 GS + 10 CSAT)

TEST CODE	DATE	SUBJECT	CURRENT AFFAIRS COVERAGE
2619 + C2616	15 th March, 2026 (Sunday)	Polity + Geography + CSAT (Sectional - 13)	January 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today March 2026 Issue)
2620 + C2617	22 nd March, 2026 (Sunday)	Ancient History + Medieval History+ Modern History Art & Culture + CSAT (Sectional - 14)	June - July 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today August - September 2025 Issue)
2621 + C2618	29 th March, 2026 (Sunday)	Union Budget + Economic Survey + CSAT (Sectional - 15)	August - September 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today October 2025 – November 2025 Issue)
2622 + C2619	05 th April, 2026 (Sunday)	Environment & Ecology + Science & Technology + CSAT (Sectional - 16)	October - November 2025 (Drishti Current Affairs Today December 2025 - January 2026 Issue)
2623 + C2620	12 th April, 2026 (Sunday)	GS Full Length-1 + CSAT (Full Length - 4)	December 2025 - January 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today February - March 2026 Issue)
2624 + C2621	19 th April, 2026 (Sunday)	GS Full Length-2 + CSAT (Full Length - 5)	February-March 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today April-2026 – May 2026 Issue)
2625 + C2622	26 th April, 2026 (Sunday)	GS Full Length-3 + CSAT (Full Length - 6)	January 2025-April 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today March 2025 – June 2026 Issue)
2626 + C2623	03 rd May, 2026 (Sunday)	GS Full Length-4 + CSAT (Full Length - 7)	January 2025-April 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today March 2025 – June 2026 Issue)
2627 + C2624	10 th May, 2026 (Sunday)	GS Full Length-5 + CSAT (Full Length - 8)	January 2025-April 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today March 2025 – June 2026 Issue)
2628 + C2625	17 th May, 2026 (Sunday)	GS Full Length-6 + CSAT (Full Length - 9)	January 2025-April 2026 (Drishti Current Affairs Today March 2025 – June 2026 Issue)
NOTE: Students may attempt the test on or after the scheduled date, but not before.			

**Please refer to the syllabus*

Detailed Syllabus

Test Code 2619 + C2616

Polity

● Polity-I

- ❖ Historical Background - Evolution & Making of the Constitution, Important Features
- ❖ The Preamble
- ❖ The Union and its Territory
- ❖ Citizenship
- ❖ Fundamental Rights
- ❖ Directive Principles of State Policy
- ❖ Fundamental Duties
- ❖ Amendment to the Constitution
- ❖ Forms of Government: Presidential, Parliamentary etc.
- ❖ Federalism and Centre-State Relations in India
- ❖ Emergency Provisions
- ❖ Judiciary in India: Supreme Court, High Courts, Subordinate Courts, Tribunals, Important Judgements etc.
- ❖ Languages and related provisions
- ❖ Co-operative societies
- ❖ Union Executive: President, Vice President, Prime Minister, Council of Ministers
- ❖ State Executive: Governor, Chief Minister, State Council of Ministers
- ❖ Parliament
- ❖ State Legislature
- ❖ Cabinet Committees and Parliamentary Committees

● Polity-II

- ❖ Local Self-Government: Panchayati Raj Institutions, Urban Local Bodies
- ❖ Union Territories
- ❖ Scheduled and Tribal Areas
- ❖ Elections and Political parties, Electoral Funding, Voting, Recent Developments
- ❖ Anti-Defection Law
- ❖ Constitutional and non-constitutional bodies
- ❖ Special Provisions Relating to Certain Classes
- ❖ Public Services

Geography

- Fundamentals of Geography
 - ❖ Evolution of Earth, basic geographical terms and concepts
 - ❖ Geomorphology - Structure of Earth, Landforms, Earthquakes, Volcanoes

- ❖ Climate - Atmosphere, Weather, Rainfall, Winds, Pressure etc.
- ❖ Biomes - Different features, Continents, Land and Resources etc.
- ❖ Oceans - Structure, Life and Resources
- ❖ Biogeography - Soils, Plants and Animals, Extinction etc.
- Social and Economic Geography of the World
 - ❖ Population Distribution & Density, Tribes, Migration
 - ❖ Occupation, industry, major cities etc.
- India Physical Environment:
 - ❖ Location, Area
 - ❖ Structure and Relief
 - ❖ Drainage System
 - ❖ Indian Climate
 - ❖ Soils
 - ❖ Natural Vegetation
 - ❖ Natural Disasters and their Management
- Social and Economic Geography of India:
 - ❖ Industry and Service
 - ❖ Land and Water Resources
 - ❖ Mineral Resources
 - ❖ Industries, Population, Migration, Urbanisation etc.

CSAT

- Quant: Ratio & Proportions, Permutations and Combinations
- Reasoning: Cause & Effect, Analytical Reasoning, Mathematical puzzles & patterns

● Recommended study material for students

- ❖ Quick Book Indian Polity & Governance
- ❖ Quick Book Geography of India & World
- ❖ Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2620 + C2617

Ancient History

- Prehistoric period
- Indus Valley Civilization
- Rig-Vedic and Post-Vedic Age
- Emergence of Mahajanapadas,
- Mauryan and Post Mauryan Period
- Kingdoms of Satavahana and Harsha etc.
- Gupta and Post-Gupta Age
- Sangam Age
- Chola Empire



Medieval History

- Early Medieval Period
- Delhi Sultanate
- Bhakti and Sufi Movement
- Mughal Empire
- Southern Indian Kingdoms - Marathas, Bijapur etc.
- Vijayanagara Empire

Modern History

- Modern Indian History from 1707 onwards
 - ❖ Europeans and British Conquest of India
 - ❖ British Administration in India, Important Wars, Policies etc.
 - ❖ Social and Religious Movements
 - ❖ Revolt of 1857
 - ❖ The Crown Rule, changes made after 1857
 - ❖ Indian National Congress
 - ❖ Moderate Phase (1885 – 1905)
 - ❖ Swadeshi Movement
 - ❖ Morley-Minto Reforms
 - ❖ First Phase of Revolutionary Activities
 - ❖ Home Rule Movement etc.
 - ❖ Important uprisings
- The Gandhian Phase (1915– 47)
 - ❖ Early Works of Mahatma Gandhi
 - ❖ Rowlatt Act, Jallianawala Bagh incident, Khilafat Movement, Non- Non-Cooperation Movement
 - ❖ Emergence of Swaraj Party, Hindu Mahasabha etc.
 - ❖ Civil Disobedience and Roundtable Conferences
 - ❖ Labour and Peasant Organisations
 - ❖ Quit India Movement
 - ❖ Subash Chandra Bose and INA
 - ❖ Partition and Independence
 - ❖ Important Personalities
 - ❖ Constitutional, Administrative and Judicial
- Developments during British Rule
 - ❖ Economic Impact of British Rule
 - ❖ Development of Indian Press
 - ❖ Development of Education

Art & Culture

- Architecture and Sculptures
- Types of Pottery
- Indian Paintings
- Indian Music
- Indian Dances
- Indian Theatres
- Religion and Philosophy

- Indo-Islamic Culture
- Indian Literature

CSAT

- Quant: Profit & Loss, Time, Distance & Speed
- Reasoning: Direction, Blood Relations

● **Recommended study material for students**

- ❖ Quick Book History of India & Indian National Movement
- ❖ Quick Book Art & Culture
- ❖ Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2621 + C2618

- Union Budget + Economic Survey

CSAT

- Quants: Time and Work, Pipe & Cistern, Number System
- Reasoning: Inserting missing character, Arithmetic Reasoning, Ranking & Order

● **Recommended study material for students**

- ❖ DLP Gist of Economic Survey & Union Budget
- ❖ Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2622 + C2619

Environment & Ecology

- **Environment and its components**
 - ❖ Ecology and Functions of an ecosystem
 - ❖ Terrestrial ecosystem and Aquatic ecosystem
 - ❖ Plant and Animal Anatomy, Diversity, Marine Organisms
 - ❖ Biodiversity, Threats and Biodiversity Conservation efforts, Indian Biodiversity, Bioprospecting, Biosafety etc.
 - ❖ Protected Areas - National parks, Wildlife sanctuaries, Biosphere reserves, Conservation and community reserves
- **Laws and policies related to the Environment:**
 - ❖ Environmental Acts and Institutions
 - ❖ International Conventions and Agreements
 - ❖ Climate Change
 - ❖ Adaptation and Mitigation
 - ❖ Environmental pollution: Air, Water, Soil, Noise
 - ❖ Major Pollutants
 - ❖ Radioactive pollution
 - ❖ E-waste and issues related to it
 - ❖ Solid Waste Management
 - ❖ Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
 - ❖ Renewable Energy - Solar, Wind etc.
 - ❖ Sustainable Agricultural Practices
 - ❖ New Technologies and Recent Developments



Science & Technology

- **Biology:**
 - ❖ Physiology of Animals and Plants
 - ❖ Cell Structure and Function
 - ❖ Reproduction in Organisms
 - ❖ Genetics - DNA and RNA etc.
 - ❖ Human Health and Disease
 - ❖ Recent Developments
- **New Developments:**
 - ❖ Biotechnology
 - ❖ Nanotechnology
 - ❖ IT, Electronics, Telecom etc.
 - ❖ Space, Defence and Related Developments
 - ❖ Applied Science and Modern Day to day technology

CSAT

- Quants: Number System + Permutation & Combination
- Reasoning: Direction, Syllogism, Calendar, Blood Relation, Clock and Coding Decoding

● **Recommended study material for students**

- ❖ Quick Book Environment & Ecology
- ❖ Quick Book General Science
- ❖ Quick Book Science & Technology
- ❖ Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2623 + C2620

General Studies

- GS Full Length-1

CSAT

- Full Length-4

● **Recommended study material for students**

- ❖ UPSC Prelims Pinpoint Series (5 books)
- ❖ Quick Book Art & Culture
- ❖ Quick Book Environment & Ecology
- ❖ Quick Book General Science
- ❖ Quick Book Geography of India & World
- ❖ Quick Book History of India & National Movement
- ❖ Quick Book Indian Economy
- ❖ Quick Book Indian Polity & Governance
- ❖ Quick Book Science and Technology
- ❖ Quick Book International Relations
- ❖ Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2624 + C2621

General Studies

- GS Full Length-2

CSAT

- Full Length-5

● **Recommended study material for students**

- ❖ UPSC Prelims Pinpoint Series (5 books)
- ❖ Quick Book Art & Culture
- ❖ Quick Book Environment & Ecology
- ❖ Quick Book General Science
- ❖ Quick Book Geography of India & World
- ❖ Quick Book History of India & National Movement
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- ❖ Quick Book Science and Technology
- ❖ Quick Book International Relations
- ❖ Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2625 + C2622

General Studies

- GS Full Length-3

CSAT

- Full Length-6

● **Recommended study material for students**

- ❖ UPSC Prelims Pinpoint Series (5 books)
- ❖ Quick Book Art & Culture
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- ❖ Quick Book General Science
- ❖ Quick Book Geography of India & World
- ❖ Quick Book History of India & National Movement
- ❖ Quick Book Indian Economy
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- ❖ Quick Book Science and Technology
- ❖ Quick Book International Relations
- ❖ Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2626 + C2623

General Studies

- GS Full Length-4

CSAT

- Full Length-7

● **Recommended study material for students**

- ❖ UPSC Prelims Pinpoint Series (5 books)
- ❖ Quick Book Art & Culture
- ❖ Quick Book Environment & Ecology
- ❖ Quick Book General Science
- ❖ Quick Book Geography of India & World
- ❖ Quick Book History of India & National Movement
- ❖ Quick Book Indian Economy
- ❖ Quick Book Indian Polity & Governance
- ❖ Quick Book Science and Technology
- ❖ Quick Book International Relations
- ❖ Quick Book CSAT



Test Code 2627 + C2624

General Studies

- GS Full Length-5

CSAT

- Full Length-8

- **Recommended study material for students**
 - ❖ UPSC Prelims Pinpoint Series (5 books)
 - ❖ Quick Book Art & Culture
 - ❖ Quick Book Environment & Ecology
 - ❖ Quick Book General Science
 - ❖ Quick Book Geography of India & World
 - ❖ Quick Book History of India & National Movement
 - ❖ Quick Book Indian Economy
 - ❖ Quick Book Indian Polity & Governance
 - ❖ Quick Book Science and Technology
 - ❖ Quick Book International Relations
 - ❖ Quick Book CSAT

Test Code 2628 + C2625

General Studies

- GS Full Length-6

CSAT

- Full Length-9

- **Recommended study material for students**
 - ❖ UPSC Prelims Pinpoint Series (5 books)
 - ❖ Quick Book Art & Culture
 - ❖ Quick Book Environment & Ecology
 - ❖ Quick Book General Science
 - ❖ Quick Book Geography of India & World
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