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- ❖ How to prepare the NCERT's and Current Affairs simultaneously?
- ❖ How to ensure that the NCERT's are covered prior to Prelims 2025?
- ❖ How to maintain your mental and psychological balance in the examination hall?
- ❖ How to practice answering questions correctly with the help of smart-techniques like elimination method, avoiding the extremes, etc.?



Dear Students,

No serious aspirant of UPSC Civil Services exam can take the risk of ignoring the aforementioned questions. Your selection in UPSC CSE depends on your ability to work through these questions and arrive at the right answers.

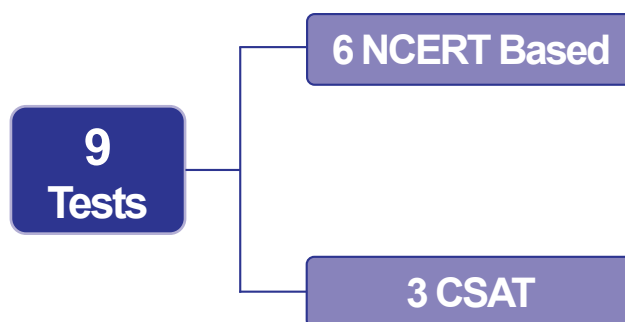
We at Drishti, using our vast experience of successfully guiding and mentoring students, have designed the **Drishti IAS Prelims NCERT Based General Studies and CSAT Test Series-2025** to help you in figuring out a solution to these questions. We invite you to join this programme to boost your preparations.

Salient Features of Drishti IAS Prelims Test Series:

- Comprehensive coverage of entire syllabus of UPSC Prelims exam through UPSC standard MCQs.
- Thorough coverage of each subject based on NCERT's and subject-wise evaluation of students' progress.
- Comprehensive current affairs coverage from January 2024 to June 2024.
- Proportional presence of questions of every nature- ranging from factual to conceptual ones.
- Practice of application of different tactics of choosing the correct answer viz. elimination tactics, avoiding the extremes and so on.
- Tests designed to prepare students mentally to handle exam pressure and help them efficiently manage their time.
- Performance Analysis of aspirants: Section wise, Difficulty wise, All India Rank, comparison with toppers, Integrated Score Card, Analysis of Mock Test papers based on difficulty level & nature of questions etc. (for online students only).
- Opportunity to assess one's performance and improve upon the strategy.
- Detailed explanation of mock questions covering the entire gamut of information on important areas for deeper understanding of the topics.

Structure:

Drishti IAS Prelims Test Series-2025 includes 9 Tests: 6 NCERT Based and 3 CSAT tests.



Relative importance of different segments of General Studies on the Basis of analysis of UPSC Prelims' previous twelve 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, but 2016 witnessed an overhaul in this pattern. This tendency of change of pattern was apparent in the 2023 paper as well. 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 2024.

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

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

Break down of questions asked in CSAT 2013-2024

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

*In 2014, the evaluation of questions from English Comprehension were not taken into consideration, which means that only 74 questions were taken for calculating the the cut-off. From year 2015 onwards, English comprehension was removed from the CSAT question paper.

Prelims Test Series – 2025 (Complete Schedule)

Total Tests 9 (6 NCERT Based and 3 CSAT)

| TEST CODE | DATE | SUBJECT | CURRENT AFFAIRS COVERAGE |
|-----------|---|--|--|
| 2501 | 20 th October, 2024 (Sunday) | Indian Polity (NCERT Based) | January 2024 (Drishti Current Affairs Today March 2024 Issue) |
| 2502 | 3 rd November, 2024 (Sunday) | History (NCERT Based) | February 2024 (Drishti Current Affairs Today April 2024 Issue) |
| C2501 | 10 th November, 2024 (Sunday) | CSAT-1 | |
| 2503 | 17 th November, 2024 (Sunday) | Economics (NCERT Based) | March 2024 (Drishti Current Affairs Today May 2024 Issue) |
| 2504 | 24 th November, 2024 (Sunday) | Environment & Ecology (NCERT Based) | April 2024 (Drishti Current Affairs Today June 2024 Issue) |
| C2502 | 1 st December, 2024 (Sunday) | CSAT-2 | |
| 2505 | 8 th December, 2024 (Sunday) | Science & Technology (NCERT Based) | May 2024 (Drishti Current Affairs Today July 2024 Issue) |
| 2506 | 15 th December, 2024 (Sunday) | Geography (NCERT Based) | June 2024 (Drishti Current Affairs Today August 2024 Issue) |
| C2503 | 22 nd December, 2024 (Sunday) | CSAT-3 | |

NOTE: Students may attempt the tests later than but not prior to the scheduled date.

**Please refer to the syllabus*

Detailed Syllabus

Test Code 2501

Indian Polity

NCERT

- DRISHTI IAS NCERT Series Polity & Governance
- Class VI: Social and Political Life – I
- Class VII: Social and Political Life – II
- Class VIII: Social and Political Life – III
- Class IX: Democratic Politics Part-1
- Class X: Democratic Politics Part-2
- Class XI: Political Theory
- Class XI: Indian Constitution at Work
- Class XII: Politics in India Since Independence
- Class XII: Contemporary World Politics

Questions based on Current Affairs : January 2024

Test Code 2502

History

NCERT

- DRISHTI IAS NCERT Series History
- Class VI: Exploring Society: Indian and Beyond
- Class VII: Our Past - II
- Class VIII: Our Past - III
- Class IX: India and the Contemporary World - I
- Class X: India and the Contemporary World - II
- Class XII: Themes in Indian History – I
- Class XII: Themes in Indian History – II
- Class XII: Themes in Indian History – III

Questions based on Current Affairs : February 2024

Test Code 2503

Economy

NCERT

- DRISHTI IAS NCERT Series Economy
- Class XI: Indian Economic Development

- Class XII: Introductory Macroeconomics (Complete)
- Class XII: Introductory Microeconomics (only relevant topics)

Questions based on Current Affairs: March 2024

Test Code 2504

Environment & Ecology

NCERT

- Class 12th Biology – Relevant Chapters
- Class 11th Chemistry (Part II) – Chapter 14
- Subject Specific Current Affairs from January 2024 to May 2024

Questions based on Current Affairs: April 2024

Test Code 2505

Science & Technology

NCERT

- Class VI: Science
- Class VII: Science
- Class VIII: Science
- Class IX: Science
- Class X: Science
- Class XI: Biology
- Class XII: Biology
- Class XI: Chemistry
- Class XII: Chemistry

Questions based on Current Affairs: May 2024

Test Code 2506

Geography

NCERT

- Class VI: The Earth, Our Habitat
- Class VII: Our Environment
- Class VIII: Resources and Development
- Class IX: Contemporary India – I
- Class X: Contemporary India – II
- Class XI: Fundamentals of Physical Geography
- Class XI: India-Physical Environment
- Class XII: Fundamentals of Human Geography
- Class XII: India–People and Economy

Questions based on Current Affairs: June 2024