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- ❖ How to prepare the CSAT portion comprehensively?
  - ❖ How to ensure that the entire syllabus is covered prior to May 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.?
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Dear Students,

No serious aspirant of UPSC Civil Services exam can take the risk of ignoring the aforementioned questions when it comes to the CSAT paper of UPSC Prelims. In recent times, many students, despite performing well in the General Studies paper, are unable to clear the UPSC prelims due to falling short in the CSAT exam. 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 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 CSAT Prelims paper through UPSC standard MCQs.
- Proportional presence of questions of every nature- ranging from Comprehension to Data Interpretation.
- 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.

### ***Syllabus:***

- 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).

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

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80*</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>

\*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.

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

## PRELIMS TEST SERIES – 2025 (COMPLETE SCHEDULE)

*TOTAL TESTS : 10 (FULL SYLLABUS)*

TEST CODE	DATE	SUBJECT
C2501	10 <sup>th</sup> November, 2024 (Sunday)	CSAT-1
C2502	1 <sup>st</sup> December, 2024 (Sunday)	CSAT-2
C2503	22 <sup>nd</sup> December, 2024 (Sunday)	CSAT-3
C2504	16 <sup>th</sup> February, 2025 (Sunday)	CSAT-4
C2505	16 <sup>th</sup> March, 2025 (Sunday)	CSAT-5
C2506	6 <sup>th</sup> April, 2025 (Sunday)	CSAT-6
C2507	13 <sup>th</sup> April, 2025 (Sunday)	CSAT-7
C2508	20 <sup>th</sup> April, 2025 (Sunday)	CSAT-8
C2509	27 <sup>th</sup> April, 2025 (Sunday)	CSAT-9
C2510	4 <sup>th</sup> May, 2025 (Sunday)	CSAT-10

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