

## **SYLLABI FOR THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**

(The Examination comprises of **two compulsory papers** of 200 marks each.)

### **PAPER I**

**(200 marks) Duration: Two hours**

- 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, Bio-diversity and Climate Change - that do not require subject specialization.
- General Science.

### **PAPER II**

**(200 marks) Duration: Two hours**

- 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).
- English Language Comprehension skills (Class X level).

**Note 1:** Questions relating to English Language Comprehension skills of Class X level will be tested through passages from English language only without providing Hindi translation thereof in the question paper.

**Note 2:** The questions will be of multiple choice, objective type.

**Note 3:** It was officially notified that Paper II in the Preliminary Examination, the Civil Services Aptitude Test (**CSAT**), will only be a **qualifying** paper since **2015**. This means that the marks scored in CSAT, or the General Studies Paper II as it is officially called, would not be counted, provided the candidate scores a **minimum of 33 percent** marks in this paper.

**NEO IAS SUBJECT WISE ANALYSIS**  
**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS (PRELIMS)**

No.	Topics	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
1	Economy	23	25	34	24	14	22	19	26
2.	Indian History & Culture	21	14	17	17	21	16	21	13
3.	Indian Polity	14	23	6	14	12	17	21	10
4.	Geography	15	12	10	13	12	14	14	11
5.	Environment	9	12	11	15	25	16	17	16
6.	Science & Technology	10	4	11	7	6	2	4	13
7	General Science	1	1	1	2	5	12	4	5
8	International Relations	6	5	6	6	3	-	-	4
9.	Indian Society & Social Justice	1	4	4	2	2	1	-	2
	<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>

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