

UPSC

Civil Services Examination

GENERAL STUDIES

Prelims & Mains

Reference List

(English Medium)

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(1) Current Events

- (i) News Papers - The Hindu, Indian Express.
- (ii) Journals - Yojana, kurukshetra and Frontline (All in a very selective way)
- (iii) India Year Book - Government of India. (Selective)
- (iv) India Year Book in Brief : Jawwad Kazi (The Unique Academy Publication.)
- (v) Current Affairs – Monthly Round-Up by Jawwad Kazi & Shivaji Kale

(2) History of India and Indian National Movement

- (i) NCERT - 11th to 12th std. (New and Old)
- (ii) Modern Indian History - Grover & Mehta
- (iii) Modern India - Shekhar Bandopadhyaya OR
Indai's Struggle For Independence - Bipan Chandra
- (iv) India Since Independence - Bipan Chandra
- (v) India After Gandhi - Ramchandra Guha (Selective)
- (vi) Contemporary World History - Arjun Dev

(3) Geography (India and World)

- (i) NCERT - 6th to 12th std.
- (ii) Physical Geography - G. C. Leong
- (iii) Indian Geography - Majid Hussain
- (iv) Atlas - Oxford / TTK / Blackswan

(4) Environment & Ecology

- (i) ICSE (Books) 11th & 12th std.
- (ii) State of Environment - A Report by Centre for Science & Environment, Delhi.
- (iii) Environment Survey (Selective) by MoE, Central Govt.
- (iii) Down to Earth - (Monthly)

(5) Indian Society

- (i) NCERT 11th and 12th

(6) Indian Constitution and Governance

- (i) NCERT 9th, 10th & 11th only Constitution at work; and 12th (Part-1) - 'Politics in India Since Independence'
- (ii) Indian Polity - M. Laxmikant
- (iii) 'From Government to Governance' by Kuldeep Mathur
- (iv) Second ARC Recommendations : Summary
- (v) Public Institutions in India Ed. by Pratap Bhanu Mehta (At least Introduction and 1 OR 2 Chapters on Institutions)

(7) India and World (International Relations / India's Foreign Policy)

- (i) NCERT - 12th (Part - 2) : Contemporary World Politics
- (ii) India's Foreign Policy by Sumit Ganguly (Oxford India Series)

(8) Indian Economy (Social and Economic Development)

- (i) NCERT - 9th to 11th & 12th (Macroeconomics)
- (ii) Understanding Indian Economy - Dharendra Kumar (The Unique Academy Publication)
- (iii) Indian Economy - Ramesh Singh
- (iv) Inclusive Growth in India : Agriculture, Poverty and Human Development - Mahendra Dev (Selective)
- (v) Economic Survey and Budget of the Current Year.

(9) General Science

- (i) NCERT - 6th to 10th.
- (ii) Science and Technology - for Mains (TMH)
- (iii) Science Reporter, a Monthly (Selectively)

(10) Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude

- (i) NCERT 11th & 12th Psychology (Selective)
- (ii) 'GS-IV Answer Writing : An Essential Guide', by Sushruth Ravish and Aparna Dixit (The Unique Academy Publication)
- (iii) Good Practices Handbook by NITI Aayog
- (iv) Second ARC 4th Report : 'Ethics In Governance'
- (v) 'Justice' by Michael Sandel

(11) Guide For Prelims - General Studies

- (i) Tata McGraw Hill / Spectrum / Pearson (Any One)

(12) Civil Services Aptitude Test (CSAT)

- (i) Basic Numeracy and General Mental Ability - NCERT Maths 6th to 10th
- (ii) Quantitative Aptitude - R. S. Agarwal
- (iii) Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning by R. S. Agarwal
- (iv) English Composition & Grammar - Pal & Suri / Wren & Martin / Holy Faith Publication (if so needed)
- (v) Guide on CSAT : TMH / Spectrum / Pearson

