

PART- B MAIN EXAMINATION

The main Examination is intended to assess the overall intellectual traits and depth of understanding of candidates rather than merely the range of their information and memory.

The nature and standard of questions in the General Studies papers (Paper I to Paper IV) will be such that a well-educated person will be able to answer them without any specialized study. The questions will be such as to test a candidate's general awareness of a variety of subjects, which will have relevance for a career in Civil Services. The questions are likely to test the candidate's basic understanding of all relevant issues, and ability to analyze, and take a view on conflicting socio-economic goals, objectives and demands. The candidates must give relevant, meaningful and sufficient answers.

The scope of the syllabus for optional subject paper (Paper VIII and paper IX) for the examination is broadly of the honors degree level i.e. a level higher than the bachelors 'degree and lower than the masters' degree. In the case of Engineering, Medical Science and law, the level corresponds to the bachelor's degree.

Syllabi of the papers included in the scheme of Civil Services (Main) Examination are given as follows :

Paper	Sub	Marks	Duration
I	One of the Indian Languages included in the VIII Schedule of the constitution (Hindi)	300	3 Hours
II	English Language	300	3 Hours
III	Essay	250	3 Hours
IV	General Studies – I	250	3 Hours
V	General Studies – II	250	3 Hours
VI	General Studies – III	250	3 Hours
VII	General Studies – IV	250	3 Hours
VIII	Optional Paper – I	250	3 Hours
IX	Optional Paper – II	250	3 Hours
	Interview	275	3 Hours
	TOTAL	2025	