

EXAM SYLLABUS

General Competitive Exams Syllabus PDF India

4 subjects · 65 topics · 240 min · 400 marks

Comprehensive syllabus for General Competitive Exams in India, covering English, General Awareness, Quantitative Aptitude, and Reasoning. Includes important topics and recommended study areas.

WHAT TO STUDY FIRST

Begin with General Awareness as it forms the foundational knowledge base for most competitive exams. Focus on both static GK and current affairs. Subsequently, tackle Quantitative Aptitude and Reasoning, as these require consistent practice. English can be prepared concurrently, focusing on grammar and vocabulary. Prioritize topics with higher weightage as indicated in specific exam notifications.

EXAM PATTERN

240 min · 400 marks · MCQ / Objective

Preliminary Examination

Marking: +4 marks for correct answer, -1 mark for incorrect answer. CSAT Paper II is qualifying with 33% passing marks.

Negative: Yes, for incorrect answers in both papers.

General Studies Paper I

200 marks · 120 min

MCQ

General Studies Paper II (CSAT)

200 marks · 120 min

MCQ

- Three stages: Preliminary, Mains, and Interview.
- Preliminary exam is the screening stage.
- Objective type (MCQ) for Preliminary Examination.
- Exam conducted in English and Hindi.
- CSAT Paper II is a qualifying paper.

SUBJECT-WISE SYLLABUS

01 English

15 topics · Varies

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- High School English Grammar and Composition by Wren & Martin
- Objective General English by S.P. Bakshi

- 1 Vocabulary
- 2 Grammar
- 3 Comprehension
- 4 Sentence Improvement
- 5 Active and Passive Voice

- 6 Error Spotting
- 7 Fill in the Blanks
- 8 One Word Substitution
- 9 Cloze Test
- 10 Sentence Rearrangement
- 11 Direct and Indirect Speech
- 12 Synonyms and Antonyms
- 13 Spelling Correction
- 14 Idioms and Phrases
- 15 Sentence Correction

02 General Awareness

14 topics · Varies

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Manorama Year Book
- Lucent's General Knowledge
- NCERT Books (Class 6-12)

- 1 Current Events (National and International)
- 2 History of India and Indian National Movement
- 3 Indian and World Geography
- 4 Indian Polity and Governance
- 5 Economic and Social Development
- 6 General Science
- 7 Environmental Ecology, Bio-diversity and Climate Change
- 8 Art and Culture
- 9 Important Dates and Events
- 10 Indian Economy
- 11 Sports
- 12 Books and Authors
- 13 Important Organizations and Institutions
- 14 Miscellaneous

03 Numerical and Quantitative Aptitude

17 topics · Varies

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Quantitative Aptitude for Competitive Examinations by R.S. Aggarwal
- Magical Book on Quicker Maths by M. Tyra

- 1 Number Systems
- 2 Fundamental Arithmetical Operations
- 3 Simplification
- 4 Percentages
- 5 Ratio and Proportion
- 6 Square roots
- 7 Averages
- 8 Interest (Simple and Compound)
- 9 Profit and Loss
- 10 Discount
- 11 Partnership Business
- 12 Mixture and Allegation
- 13 Time and Distance
- 14 Time and Work
- 15 Data Interpretation (Charts, Graphs, Tables)
- 16 Probability
- 17 Permutation and Combinations

04 Reasoning (Verbal and Non-Verbal)

19 topics - Varies

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

— A Modern Approach to Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning by R.S. Aggarwal

— Analytical Reasoning by M.K. Pandey

- 1 Verbal Reasoning
- 2 Non-Verbal Reasoning
- 3 Semantic Analogy
- 4 Seating Arrangement
- 5 Figural Analogy
- 6 Venn Diagrams
- 7 Number Series
- 8 Embedded Figures
- 9 Figural Series
- 10 Critical Thinking
- 11 Problem Solving
- 12 Symbolic/Number Classification
- 13 Figural Pattern-folding and completion

- 14 Word Building
 - 15 Social Intelligence
 - 16 Coding and de-coding
 - 17 Blood Relation
 - 18 Direction Sense
 - 19 Assertion and Reasoning
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4 subject(s), 65 topics listed above. Verify critical details with the official exam notification before applying.