

Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission

UPPSC Mains Exam Pattern 2025

Paper	Subject	Marks
Paper 1	General Hindi	150
Paper 2	Essay (Can be written in Hindi, English, or Urdu)	150
Paper 3	General Studies-I (Indian Heritage & Culture, World History, Geography, and Society)	200
Paper 4	General Studies-II (Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice, and International Relations)	200
Paper 5	General Studies-III (Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security, and Disaster Management)	200
Paper 6	General Studies-IV (Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude)	200
Paper 7	General Studies-V (Uttar Pradesh Special)	200
Paper 8	General Studies-VI (Uttar Pradesh Special)	200
	Sub-Total (Written Examination)	1500
	Personality Test (Interview)	100
	Grand Total	1600

सामान्य हिंदी

- दिये गए गद्य खण्ड का अवबोध एवं प्रश्नोत्तर
- संक्षेपण
- सरकारी एवं अर्धसरकारी पत्र लेखन, तार लेखन, कार्यालय आदेश, अधिसूचना, परिपत्र
- शब्द ज्ञान एवं प्रयोग
 - ❖ उपसर्ग एवं प्रत्यय प्रयोग
 - ❖ विलोम शब्द
 - ❖ वाक्यांश के लिए एकशब्द
 - ❖ वर्तनी एवं वाक्य शुद्धि
- लोकोक्ति एवं मुहावरे

Essay

There will be three sections in the question paper of Essay, Candidates will have to select one topic from each section and they are required to write an essay in 700 words on each topic. In the three sections, topics of essay will be based on following sphere:

Section A

- (1) Literature and Culture
- (2) Social sphere
- (3) Political sphere

Section B

- (1) Science, Environment and Technology
- (2) Economic Sphere
- (3) Agriculture, Industry and Trade

Section C

- (1) National and International Events
- (2) Natural Calamities, Landslide, Earthquake, Deluge, Drought etc.
- (3) National Development programmes and projects

General Studies-I

1. History of Indian Culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
2. Modern Indian history (from A.D.1757 to A.D. 1947): Significant events, personalities and issues, etc.
3. The Freedom Struggle- its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.
4. Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country (till 1965A.D.).
5. History of the world– will include events from 18th century to middle of the 20th century such as French Revolution of 1789, Industrial Revolution, World Wars, redraw of national boundaries, Socialism, Nazism, Fascism, etc. their forms and effects on the society
6. Salient features of Indian Society and culture
7. Role of Women in society and women’s organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies
8. Meaning of liberalization, privatization and globalization and their effects on economy, polity and social structure
9. Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism
10. Distribution of major natural resources of World- Water, Soils, Forests in reference to South and South-East Asia with special reference to India. Factors responsible for the location of industries (with special reference to India).
11. Salient features of Physical Geography– Earthquake, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, Cyclone, Ocean Currents, winds and glaciers
12. Oceanic resources of India and their potential

13.Human migration– refugee problem of the World with focus on India

14.Frontiers and boundaries with reference to Indian sub-continent

15.Population and Settlements– Types and Patterns, Urbanization, Smart Cities and Smart Villages

General Studies-II

1.Indian Constitution– Historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure, Role of Supreme Court in evolution of basic provisions of Constitution

2.Functions and responsibilities of the Union and States– Issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein

3.Role of Finance Commission in Centre-State financial relations

4.Separation of powers, dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions, Emergence and use of alternative dispute redressal mechanisms

5.Comparison of the Indian Constitutional scheme with that of other major democratic countries

6.Parliament and State Legislatures– Structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers and privileges and concerned issues

7.Structure, organisation and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary– Ministries and Departments of the Government, Pressure Groups, and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity, Public Interest Litigation (PIL)

8.Salient features of the Representation of People's Act

9.Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and their responsibilities

10.Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies including NITI Aayog, their features and functioning

11.Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design, implementations and Information Communications Technology (ICT)

12.Development processes– The role of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders

13.Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes, mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections

14.Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources

15.Issues relating to poverty and hunger, their implication on body politic

16.Important aspects of governance. Transparency and accountability, e-governance applications, models, successes, limitations and potential, citizens, charters and institutional measures.

17.Role of Civil Services in a democracy in the context of emerging trends.

18.India and its relationship with neighbouring Countries;

19.Bilateral, Regional and Global groupings and agreements involving India and / or affecting India's interest

20.Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests- Indian diaspora

21.Important International Institutions, Agencies their structure, mandate and functioning

22.Current affairs and events of Regional, State, National and International importance

General Studies-III

1.Economic planning in India, objectives and achievements, Role of NITI Aayog, Pursuit of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

2.Issues of Poverty, Unemployment, Social Justice and Inclusive growth

3.Components of Government Budgets and Financial System

4.Major Crops, Different types of irrigation and irrigation systems, storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce, e-technology in the aid of farmers

5.Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices, Public Distribution System- objectives, functioning, Limitations, revamping, Issues of buffer stocks and food security, Technology missions in agriculture

6.Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management

7.Land reforms in India since independence

8.Effects of liberalization and globalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth

9.Infrastructure– Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways, etc.

10.Science and Technology– Developments and applications in everyday life and in National Security, India's Science and Technology policy

11.Achievements of Indians in science & technology, indigenization of technology. Developments of New technologies, transfer of technology, dual and critical use of technologies

12.Awareness in the fields of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Space Technology, Computers, Energy resources, nano-technology, microbiology, biotechnology. Issues relating to intellectual property rights (IPR), and digital rights

13.Environmental security and Ecosystems, Conservation of Wild life, Biodiversity, Environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment

14.Disaster as a Non-traditional security and safety challenge, disaster mitigation and management

15.Challenges of International Security– Issues of Nuclear proliferation, Causes and spread of extremism, Communication networks, role of media and social networking, Basics of cyber security, money laundering and human trafficking

16.India's internal security challenges– Terrorism, corruption, insurgency and organized crimes

17.Role, kind and mandate of security forces, Higher defence organizations in India

18.Issues in Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry and Animal Husbandry

General Studies-IV

1.Ethics and Human Interface– Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in human action, dimensions of ethics, Ethics in private and public relationship.

2.Human Values Lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators, role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values

3.Attitude– Content, structure, function, its influence and relation with thought and behaviour, moral and political attitudes, social influence and persuasion.

4.Aptitude and Foundational Values for Civil Service, integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public services, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker-sections

5.Emotional Intelligence– concept and dimensions, its utility and application in administration and governance

6.Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world

7.Public/Civil Service values and ethics in Public Administration– status and problems, ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions, laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance, accountability and ethical governance, strengthening of moral values in governance, ethical issues in international relations and funding, corporate governance

8.Probity in Governance– concept of public service, philosophical basis of governance and probity, information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, codes of ethics, codes of conduct, citizen's charter, work culture, quality of service delivery, utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption

9.Case studies on above issues

General Studies-V

1. History, Civilization, Culture and Ancient Cities of Uttar Pradesh.
2. Architecture, their significance and maintainability, museum, archive and archaeology of Uttar Pradesh.
3. Contributions of Uttar Pradesh in Pre and post 1857 freedom struggles of India.
4. Eminent freedom fighters and personalities of Uttar Pradesh.
5. Rural, Urban and Tribal issues: social structure, festivals, fairs, music, folk dances, literature and languages/dialects, social customs of Uttar Pradesh.
6. Political System of Uttar Pradesh: Governance, Governor, Chief Minister, Council of Ministers, State Assembly and State Council, Center-State Relation.
7. Public Service, Public Service Commission, Auditing, Advocate General, High Court and its jurisdiction in Uttar Pradesh.
8. Special State Selection Criteria, Official Language, Consolidated Fund and Contingency fund, Political Parties and State Election Commission of Uttar Pradesh.
9. Local Self Government: Urban and Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Right related issues in Uttar Pradesh.
10. Good Governance, Eradication of Corruption, Lokayukta, Citizen Charters, E-Governance, Right to Information, Redressal Policy.
11. Land Reforms and its impact in Uttar Pradesh
12. Issues Related to Security in Issues Related to Security in Uttar Pradesh.
 - ❖ Linkage between development and spread of extremism.
 - ❖ Role of External, State and Interstate actors in creating challenges to internal security through communication networks, media and social networking sites.
 - ❖ Basic rules of cyber security, money- laundering and its prevention.
 - ❖ Various security forces and agencies and their mandate.
 - ❖ Security challenges and their management in border areas, linkage of organized crimes with terrorism.
13. Law and Order and Civil Defence in Uttar Pradesh.
14. Medical and Health issues in Uttar Pradesh.
15. State Education System of Uttar Pradesh.
16. Contribution of Uttar Pradesh in development of India.
17. Current Affairs of Uttar Pradesh.
18. Implementation of Jal Shakti Mission and other central welfare scheme in Uttar Pradesh.

19.NGOs in Uttar Pradesh: Issues, Contribution and Impact.

20.Tourism in Uttar Pradesh: Issues and prospects.

21.Emphasis on Innovation in various fields in UP: Issues and it's impact on employment and socio-economic development of the society.

General Studies-VI

1.Overview of Economy of Uttar Pradesh: Main features of economy and State Budgets, Infrastructure and importance of Physical Resources.

2.Trade, Commerce, and industries of Uttar Pradesh.

3.Uttar Pradesh Government Schemes, Projects, and Planned Development for welfare of People, Human Resources and Skill Development.

4.Investment in Uttar Pradesh: Issues and Impact

5.Public Finance and Fiscal Policy, Tax and Economic Reforms, One District One Product Policy of Uttar Pradesh Government.

6.Planning and management of renewable and non-renewable energy resources of Uttar Pradesh.

7.Demography, Population and Censuses of Uttar Pradesh.

8.Commercialization of agriculture and production of agricultural crops in Uttar Pradesh.

9.Uttar Pradesh New Forest Policy.

10.Argo and Social Forestry in Uttar Pradesh.

11.Agricultural Diversity, Problems of agriculture and their solutions in Uttar Pradesh.

12.Developmental Indices of Uttar Pradesh in various fields.

13.Geography of UP: Geographical Location, Relief and Structure, Climate, Irrigation, Minerals, Drainage System and Vegetation.

14.National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in Uttar Pradesh.

15.Transport Network in Uttar Pradesh.

16.Power Resources, Infrastructure, and Industrial Development of UP.

17.Pollution and Environmental Issues in Uttar Pradesh, Pollution Control Board and its functions.

18.Natural Resources of Uttar Pradesh- Soil, Water, Air, Forests, Grasslands, Wetlands.

19.Climate Change and Weather Forecasting issues in Uttar Pradesh.

20.Habitat and Ecosystem, structure and function, adjustment; Flora and Fauna with reference to Uttar Pradesh.

21.Science and Technology: Its issues, advancements, and efforts in Uttar Pradesh.

22.Aquaculture, Viticulture, Sericulture, Floriculture, Horticulture, Arboric culture in up and its impact on development of Uttar Pradesh.

23.Evolvement of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) for development of Uttar Pradesh.

UPPSC Personality Test: Interview

The interview stage is not merely a test of knowledge—which has already been assessed in the written exams—but a **purposeful conversation** designed to evaluate a candidate's character and leadership potential.

Key Details

- **Weightage:** The interview carries a total of **100 marks**.
- **Format:** A formal interaction with a Board of experienced members.
- **Core Objective:** To determine the **personal suitability** of the candidate for a career in public service.

What the Board Evaluates

The interview aims to look beyond academic records to uncover the candidate's:

1. **Mental Calibre:** Assessment of intellectual depth and presence of mind.
2. **Analytical Ability:** The capacity to dissect complex problems and suggest logical, practical solutions.
3. **Psychological Traits:** This includes qualities such as integrity, social cohesion, leadership, and emotional stability.
4. **Current Awareness:** An understanding of both local (Uttar Pradesh) and national issues.

Note: The interview is a test of "personality" rather than "information." The goal is to see if you possess the temperament required to handle the responsibilities of an administrative officer.