Important extracts from UPSC notification dated 22.02.2017:

- 1. Advertisement by UPSC in newspapers and Employment News, on 22nd February, 2017. Last date for forms to reach UPSC Delhi, is 17th March, 2017 till 6 PM, but payment of fee of Rs.100 is to be completed by 16.03.2017
- 2. Application to be filled online only at www.upsc.gov.in
- 3. Preliminary Examination will be held on 18th June 2017
- 4. Main Examinations is likely to be held in October 2017. Fee will be Rs 200/-
- 5. All the five compulsory papers of the Main Examination are held in the first three days, with two papers on each day. This is followed by Papers 1 and 2 of each of the two Elective subjects, as chosen by the candidate. Generally, the Main Examination involves five days only.
- 6. Number of vacancies is 980, and the number of candidate to be listed for Main Examination will be 12 to 13 times the number of vacancies.
- 7. Age limits are from 21 years to 32 years as on 1st August 2017.
- 8. Relaxation of upper age limit is
 - a) Up to 5 years for SC / ST/ residents of Jammu and Kashmir from 1st January 1980 to 31st December 1989 / Ex servicemen who have rendered 5 years service and released as on 1st August 2017 (See details in UPSC notification)
 - b) Up to 3 years for OBC / and those disabled in Military Service (see details)
 - c) Up to 10 years in case of Blind, Hearing Impaired and Orthopedically handicapped persons.

About the Preliminary Examination:

- 1. Two compulsory papers of two hours and 200 marks each. It is compulsory to appear in both papers. Those who appear in only one paper will be disqualified, and their Answer Sheet for one paper will NOT be evaluated.
- 2. The Exam is held on a single day.

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- 3. Both Question Papers are of Class 10 level and have Objective type questions with multiple choices, from which the correct choice is to be made and tick marked in the separate Answer sheet. (see sample in **UPSC** notification)
- 4. Questions on current events do not require any specialized knowledge. They only need general awareness about developments and events of national and international importance.
- 5. There is NEGATIVE MARKING, which means that there is one minus mark for every two wrong answers for all questions. Some questions will have inbuilt negative marking.
- 6. NO EXTRA TIME beyond two hours is provided to normal candidates. P.H. category candidates are provided EXTRA twenty minutes.
- 7. General Studies Paper II will be the qualifying Paper with minimum 33% marks.
- 8. UPSC Pre 2013 General Studies Question Papers may be seen separately on Home Page of 10x10learning.com

SYLLABUS

- (i) The question papers will be set both in Hindi and English. However, questions relating to English Language Comprehension skills of Class 10 level will be tested through passages from English Language only, without providing Hindi translation thereof in the question paper.
- (iii) Details of the syllabi are indicated in APPENDIX 1 Section 1
- (iv) Each paper will be of two hours duration.

Preliminary Examination

Paper I (200 marks) Duration: Two hours

- 1) Current events of national and international importance.
- 2) History of India and Indian National Movement.
- 3) Indian and World Geography: Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World.
- 4) Indian Polity and Governance: Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.

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- 5) Economic and Social Development: Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector initiatives, etc.
- 6) General issues on Environmental Ecology, Bio diversity and Climate Change that do not require subject specialisation
- 7) General Science.

Paper II (200 marks) Duration: Two hours. This Paper will be the qualifying paper in which 33% marks are to be scored for qualifying.

- 1) Comprehension: English Language Comprehension skills
- 2) Interpersonal skills including communication skills;
- 3) Logical reasoning and analytical ability
- 4) Decision making and problem solving
- 5) General mental ability
- 6) Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude, etc.) (Class 10 level). Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency etc. Class 10 level)

Note 1: Questions relating to English Language Comprehension skills of Class 10 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 is mandatory for the candidate to appear in both the Papers of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination for the purpose of evaluation. Therefore a candidate will be disqualified in case he / she does not appear in both the papers of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination.

33% marks needed in Preliminary Examination, for qualifying for Main Examination. Both Papers are compulsory. Paper name, duration, number of questions and marks are given below

Paper I - General Studies	2 Hours	100	200
Paper II – Aptitude	2 Hours	80	200
Total			400

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