

Scheme of Entrance Test for Prelims 2014

The Entrance Test will be of 2 hours duration, carrying 200 marks and two sections. Section I and section II. Section I will be of the objective type (multiple choice questions). 75 questions will be asked, each carrying 2 marks (75x2=150). First 50 questions will be based on syllabus of Paper I, UPSC Preliminary Test (2013). Last 25 questions will be based on syllabus of Paper II. Under section II, 4 topics will be given and the candidate has to write an essay on any one. It carries 50 marks (1x50=50). Short-listed candidates will be called for interview which carries 50 marks. Final selection will be based on combined marks of Entrance Test and Interview.

For convenience of preparation, weightage and suggested readings are given in the table which is an indicator of pattern of question paper. About 25 per cent of questions are likely to be inter-disciplinary, hence may be accounted for more than one broad area. Suggested readings are most basic on which an aspirant is expected to be thorough. Questions may also be framed from other relevant books/study material. To have an idea regarding the nature of questions under section I, aspirants are advised to refer to the Civil Services Preliminary Examination Papers I and II of 2011, 2012 and 2013 available on UPSC website (www.upsc.gov.in). For section II, aspirants may refer Main Examination Papers on Essay.

Weightage and Suggested Readings

| S. No. | Broad Area | Approximate No. of Questions | Suggested Readings |
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| 1 | Current events of National and International importance | 8 | The Hindu, 1 st July 2013 onwards |
| 2 | History of India and Indian National Movement | 8 | NCERT History books from class VI to VIII (Preferably old editions – before 2005) |
| 3 | Indian and World Geography - Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and World | 8 | NCERT Geography books from class VI to X and India Reference Annual (Publications Division, GoI) |
| 4 | Indian Polity and Governance- Constitution, Political System, Panchayat Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc. | 8 | 1) Indian Polity – Laxmikanth 2) NCERT books including “India Constitution at Work- class XI” |
| 5 | Economic and Social Development - Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc. | 8 | 1) NCERT books for class IX, X, XI & XII (Macro) 2) Indian Reference Annual 3) Yojana & Kurukshetra (Govt. Magazines) |
| 6 | Environmental Ecology, Bio-Diversity and Climate Change | 3 | IGNOU Study material available on website or any standard book / study material |
| 7 | General Science (and Technology) | 7 | 1) NCERT books from class VI to VIII and 2) Hindu’s Science and Technology page (every Thursday) |
| 8 | English Language Comprehension | 10 | Pearson’s study material for Paper II and /or other standard study material. Solve previous papers of competitive examinations. |
| 9 | Arithmetic and Mensuration | 5 | School level books upto Class X |
| 10 | Logical Reasoning, Analytical Ability and General Mental Ability | 10 | Pearson’s Study material for Paper II of Prelims or Any Standard Work |

Note: For more details see Brochure 2014 available on the website www.manuu.ac.in