

## ONLINE LIBRARY PROJECT “Career Option”

An IAS officer is one of the most respectable positions in the society. Candidates who wish to become an IAS officer have to appear and clear the Civil Service Exam conducted by UPSC. Discussed below is the step by step process to become IAS officer after higher secondary.

### **Step 1: Obtain a Bachelor Degree**

After higher secondary, candidates who wish to become IAS officer are required to obtain graduation in any discipline from a UGC recognized university. Bachelor degree is the minimum qualification required to apply for the civil service exam. There is no minimum percentage required to be eligible to this exam. Final year candidates are also eligible to apply for this exam.

### **Qualify the Civil Service Exam**

The all India combined competitive examination for Civil Service comprises of two stages. They are

- Preliminary Examination
- Main Examination

Preliminary examination is usually conducted in the month of May/ June every year. This exam will be in objective type format. The exam consists of two papers, general studies and an optional subject. There will be questions for 150 marks from general section and 300 marks from optional subject. Candidates can choose their optional subject from the list given below.

- Agriculture
- Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science
- Botany
- Chemistry
- Civil [Engineering](#)
- Commerce
- Economics
- Geography
- Geology
- Indian History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Medical Science
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration

- Electrical Engineering
- Sociology
- Statistics
- Zoology

The medium of instructions will be in English and in Hindi. Candidates can expect questions in the optional paper from the degree level syllabus. Time limit of each paper is two hours. Candidates who have cleared the preliminary examination are eligible for the main exam.

### **Clear the Main Examination**

Main examination is of descriptive type. It consists of nine papers. Time duration for each paper is three hours. It comprises of the following papers.

- One Indian Language for 300 marks
- English for 300 marks
- General Essay for 300 marks
- General Studies of 300 marks
- Any two optional papers for 300 marks each
- Personal Interview

The final selection for Indian Administrative Service is carried out on the basis of personal interview. Usually the final interview is conducted in the month of April/ May every year. Candidates can expect questions on matters of general interest. The questions are designed to measure the suitability as well as the mental calibre of the candidates. Apart from this candidates will have to go for a medical test as part of selection procedure. Once selected, all candidates are required to undergo compulsory foundation training.

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