

UPSC Book List: Best Books for Prelims and Mains

Polity (Prelims & Mains GS-2)

Indian Polity by M. Laxmikanth

NCERT Class XI - Indian Constitution at Work

Governance in India by Laxmikanth

ARC Reports (for ethics and governance)

History & Culture (Prelims & Mains GS-1)

NCERTs Class 6-12

India's Struggle for Independence by Bipan Chandra

A Brief History of Modern India - Spectrum

Indian Art and Culture by Nitin Singhania

World History by Norman Lowe

Geography (Prelims & Mains GS-1)

NCERTs Class 6-12

Certificate Physical and Human Geography - G.C. Leong

Atlas - Oxford or Orient Blackswan

Economy (Prelims & Mains GS-3)

NCERTs Class 11-12

Indian Economy by Ramesh Singh

Economic Survey

Union Budget

Environment (Prelims & GS-3)

Shankar IAS Environment Book

NCERT Class 12 Biology (Ecology chapters)

Science & Technology (Prelims & GS-3)

NCERTs Class 6-10

Current Affairs-based Science topics

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CSAT (Prelims GS-2)

CSAT Manual - Tata McGraw Hill or Arihant

Basic NCERT Maths (Class 8-10)

Previous Year CSAT Papers

Ethics (Mains GS-4)

Lexicon for Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude

Ethics by Subba Rao & P.N. Roy Chowdhury

ARC Report on Ethics in Governance

Essay Preparation

Previous Year Essay Papers

Weekly essay writing practice

Editorial reading and brainstorming

Optional Subject Example - Sociology

Haralambos and Holborn - Sociology Themes

IGNOU BA & MA Notes

Ritzer - Sociological Theory

Indian Society by Ram Ahuja

Social Change in Modern India - M.N. Srinivas