

NISHAN-E-SIKHI TRAINING CENTRE FOR CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION
(Under the Aegis of Nishan-E-Sikhi Charitable Trust (Regd.) Khadur Sahib)
Entrance Examination for
Integrated (3+1) year B.A. Social Studies & Civil Services (UPSC) Examination Preparation
(Session 2026-27)
(to be held on Sunday, January 18, 2026)

EXAMINATION SCHEME

The Entrance Examination comprises written test followed by Personality Test/Interview.

The written test consists of two papers:

Paper I: Essay Writing on a given topic (300 words, Medium: English) **Duration: 30 minutes**

➤ **Paper II: General Studies** (100 MCQ's of one mark each with **negative marking of 0.33 marks** for each wrong answer) **Duration: 02 hours**

➤ **PERSONALITY TEST/INTERVIEW:** Based on the merit of the written test, the shortlisted candidates will be called for personality test/interview.

The final selection shall be based on the combined merit of the written test and the personality Test/Interview.

SYLLABUS: PAPER II- GENERAL STUDIES

History: (NCERT Class VI to X) (10 marks)

Kingdoms, kings and an early republic, Ashoka the Great Emperor, Gupta Empire, Vijayanagar and Bahmani kingdom, The Delhi sultanate, The Mughal Empire, Rulers and buildings, Bhakti Sufi traditions, From trade to territory the East India Company establishes power, Revolt of 1857 and after, Women, Caste and Reform, The making of the National Movement 1870 to 1947, Mahatma Gandhi and the National Movement

Economics: (NCERT Class IX to XII) (10 marks)

Food security PDS system, Role of education and health, Sectors of Indian economy and their contributions, Money, credit and banking, Indifference curve, Demand and elasticity, Market forms, National income and related aggregates, Economic reforms since 1991, Current challenges facing Indian economy

Geography: (NCERT Class VI to X) (10 marks)

Location of India, Inside Earth, Drainage system of India, Physiographic division of India, Climate (Related to India), Industries, Our solar system, Rocks, Soils of Punjab and India, Tectonic plates

Quants & Reasoning: (NCERT Maths V to VIII and Arihant Publications book for Reasoning) (20 marks)

Number system, Ratio and Proportion, Percentage, Profit and loss, Simple interest, Time and work, Time, speed and distance, Divisibility rule, Simplification, Exponents, Square and square root, Series, Coding-Decoding, Direction test, Blood relation, Sitting arrangement, Venn diagrams (Logical)

General English (Grammar Class IX and X any board) (10 marks)

Tenses, Parts of speech, Idioms, Antonyms and synonyms, Comprehension (Reading), Active passive voice, Articles, Narration, Conditional sentences (zero, I, II and III), Subject-verb agreement

Political Science (NCERT Class VI to X) (10 marks)

Indian Constitution and its historical background, Fundamental Rights, Directive Principle of State Policy and Fundamental Duties, Government, Indian Democracy, Parliament and Making of laws, Judiciary, Electoral Politics, Social Justice and the Marginalized, Gender, Religion and Caste, Political Parties.

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Environment and Ecology (NCERT Geography & Science Class VI to X, Miscellaneous) (10 marks)

Components of environment such as soil, air, water, pressure, temperature etc., Ecosystem and its components, Famous Indian-Sanctuaries, Wetlands, National parks, pollution it's types and components, Environmental organisations such as UNFCCC, UNEP, Conference of Parties (COP) such as COP 21, 26, 27 etc. etc., renewable and non-renewable energy types & uses, climate change and its impact, initiatives of India to tackle the climate change such as International Solar Alliance, Life program etc., Red data list of species such as endangered, critically endangered species

Current Affairs: Newspapers, Magazines, PIB, Miscellaneous) (10 marks)

National and international events, Government schemes and policies, science and technology, economics, environmental organisations, reports, and polity (including international politics which is part of Indian interests such as USA, RUSSIA, CHINA, JAPAN, SOUTH AFRICA, ISRAEL, GULF, etc.), sports, awards, books, famous personalities and their works (Last 4 months only).

Science And Technology (NCERT Class VI to X for Basic concepts, Miscellaneous) (10 marks)

Basic concepts & principles of science and their application, recent developments in Defence such as successful test of AGNI-V missiles, Space (launch of recent satellites and their role), Computers (such as quantum computer), use of nanotechnology, Basics of Biotechnology and it's use, contributions of scientists such as Dr. Homi Bhabha, Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam, and recent scientists, Scientific Organisations such as ISRO, NASA, DRDO etc. Collaborations of India with the World in different scientific areas.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS**1. Which Greek ambassador visited the court of Chandragupta Maurya?**

- a) Fa-hein b) Al- beruni
- c) Megasthenes d) Xuanzang

2. The Vijayanagar Empire was founded by which ruler?

- a) Harihara and Bukka Rai
- b) Krishna Deva Raya
- c) Devaraya I
- d) Devaraya II

3. Which of the following is NOT a tool of monetary policy?

- a) Cash Reserve Ratio
- b) Statutory Liquidity Ratio
- c) Repo Rate
- d) Direct and Indirect Tax

4. Consider the following statements about Price Elasticity of Demand:

- I. If demand is perfectly elastic, even a small change in price leads to zero demand.
- II. When demand is inelastic, total expenditure (or total revenue) moves in the same direction as price.
- III. Elasticity of demand is always greater than zero but less than one.

IV. A necessity good generally has inelastic demand.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- a) I and II only
- b) II and IV only
- c) I, II and IV only
- d) All of the above

5. 'Panchamrit' was introduced by India at which of the following Climate Change Conference?

- a) COP 21
- b) COP 25
- c) COP 26
- d) COP 27

6. Which type of soil has majority presence in India?

- a) Laterite
- b) Alluvial
- c) Black
- d) saline

7. Which of the following country is not the full member of Shanghai cooperation organisation (SCO)?

- a) Iran b) Japan
- c) Russia d) India

8. Recently in August 2025 with which country India has signed a joint declaration on security cooperation?
- China
 - Japan
 - Russia
 - USA
9. Artificial way of causing rainfall to reduce air pollution makes use of
- silver iodide and potassium iodide
 - silver nitrate and potassium iodide
 - silver iodide and potassium nitrate
 - silver nitrate and potassium chloride
10. Brahmos is joint venture of
- India and Japan
 - India and France
 - India and Russia
 - India and USA
11. A certain sum of money was divided between x and y, in the ratio of 4:3. If y's share is ₹2,400, then the total initial capital is ____.
- ₹7,200
 - ₹5,600
 - ₹8,000
 - ₹6,000
12. If A can do a piece of work in 20 days and B can do the same work in 40 days, then Both together A and B they can do the job in how many days?
- 13.33 days
 - 14.33 days
 - 15.33 days
 - 16.33 days
13. In a certain code 'MISSIONS' is written as 'MSIHSNOS'. How is 'ONLINE' written in that code?
- OLNNIE
 - ONILEN
 - NOILEN
 - LNOENI
14. A man walks 5 km toward south and then turns to the right. After walking 3 km he turns to the left and walks 5 km. Now in which direction is he from the starting place?
- West
 - South
 - North-East
 - South-West
15. Spot the Error in the given sentence: She is senior than me in experience.
- She is
 - Senior
 - than me
 - in experience
16. Choose the antonym of DOCILE from the given options:
- Submissive
 - Manageable
 - Stubborn
 - Gentle
17. Which of the following longitudes passes through India?
- 60°E to 100°E
 - 68°E to 97°E
 - 70°E to 90°E
 - 65°E to 95°E
18. Which one of the following States receives rainfall from both the Arabian Sea branch and the Bay of Bengal branch of Monsoon?
- Punjab
 - Maharashtra
 - Meghalaya
 - Tamil Nadu
19. Which Fundamental Right is considered the "heart and soul" of the Indian Constitution?
- Cultural and Educational Rights
 - Right to Equality
 - Right to Freedom of Religion
 - Right to Constitutional Remedies
20. What is the minimum age for the eligibility to be a Presidential candidate?
- 30
 - 28
 - 21
 - 35
