

NISHAN-E-SIKHI TRAINING CENTRE FOR CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION

Entrance Examination Blueprint for UPSC Target Batch (2026-28)

Day & Date of Entrance Examination: Sunday, June 14, 2026 (Tentative)

Last Date for Registration: June 13, 2026

Examination Scheme:

The Entrance Examination comprises of a written test followed by an Interview.

Written Examination: The written test consists of two papers:

- **Paper I:** *Essay Writing* (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

Interview: Based on the merit of the written test, the shortlisted candidates will be called for interview on a given date.

The final selection shall be based on the combined merit of the written test and interview.

Paper I: Essay writing: The student is required to write an essay on a topic out of the two given topics.

Paper II: General Studies: Sectional Structure

S. No.	Section	No. of Questions
1	History	10
2	Economics	10
3	Polity	10
4	Geography	10
5	Environment	10
6	Science & Technology with Recent Developments	10
7	Quantitative Aptitude	10
8	Reasoning Ability	10
9	General English	10
10	Current Affairs (Last 5 Months)	10
Total Questions		100

Suggested Resources:

- NCERT books for History, Economics, Polity, Geography and General Science.
- Books on grammar, vocabulary, comprehension for General English.
- Resources related to Current Affairs (Newspapers, magazines etc.).
- Texts on Environment Studies related to climate change, conservation & sustainability.
- Any standard book for quantitative aptitude & reasoning ability.