

UPSC Books – Best Books For IAS Prelims

There are two papers in Prelims (GS 1 and CSAT) and both are of objective type with negative marking. The best IAS books for Prelims are given below:

Subject	UPSC Books
History	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. India's Struggle for Independence – Bipan Chandra2. Indian Art and Culture by Nitin Singhanian3. NCERT XI (Ancient & Medieval)4. NCERT XII (Modern Indian History)
Geography	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Certificate Physical Geography – G C Leong2. NCERT VI – X (Old Syllabus)3. NCERT XI, XII (New Syllabus)4. World Atlas (Orient Black Swan)
Indian Polity	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Indian Polity – M Laxmikanth2. NCERT IX-XII
Economics	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Indian Economy by Nitin Singhanian2. Economic Development & Policies in India – Jain & Ohri3. NCERT XI
International Relations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. NCERT XII (Contemporary World Politics)2. Current Affairs
CSAT	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tata McGraw Hill CSAT Manual2. Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning – R S Aggarwal
Solved Papers	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. IAS General Studies Prelims Solved Papers – Vishal Publications <p>For more information on CSAT, check the linked article</p>

UPSC Books – Best Books For IAS Mains

Given below are the best general studies books for the UPSC Mains:

Subject	UPSC Books
History, Indian Heritage & Culture [GS Paper 1]	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Indian Art and Culture by Nitin Singhanian2. India's Struggle for Independence by Bipan Chandra3. India after Independence by Bipan Chandra4. History of Medieval India by Satish Chandra5. Ancient India by R.S Sharma
Geography [GS Paper 1]	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Geography of India by Majid Husain2. World Geography by Majid Husain3. World Atlas (Orient Black Swan)4. Certificate Physical and Human Geography – G C Leong5. Fundamentals of Physical Geography NCERT Class 11
Polity & International Relations [GS Paper 2]	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Indian Polity by M. Laxmikanth2. Introduction to the Constitution of India by DD Basu3. International Relations: Pushpesh Pant
Economy [GS Paper 3]	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Indian Economy – Nitin Singhanian2. Environment and Disaster Management – Tata McGraw Hill3. Challenges to Internal Security of India – Ashok Kumar
Ethics [GS Paper 4]	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude for Civil Services Main Examination by Subba Rao and P.N. Roy Chaudary
Solved Papers	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. IAS General Studies Prelims Solved Papers – Vishal Publications