

UPSC IES ISS Exam Pattern 2025

The UPSC IES ISS Exam Pattern consists of 6 papers, each constituting 100 or 200 marks. Candidates will be required to qualify all these papers for 1000 marks. Let us go through the detailed exam pattern for the UPSC IES and ISS exams below –

UPSC Indian Economic Service Written Examination Pattern

The below table describes the written examination pattern, subjects, duration of Indian Economic service examination 2025.

S.No	Name of Subject	Total Number of Marks	Duration
1	General English	100	3 hours
2	General Studies	100	3 hours
3	General Economic-I	200	3 hours
4	General Economics-II	200	3 hours
5	General Economics-III	200	3 hours

6	Indian Economics	200	3 hours
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Note –

- The Written examination is conducted for 1000 marks which include 5 subjects.
- The duration of every paper is 3 hours.

UPSC Indian Statistical Service Exam Pattern 2025

The UPSC ISS Exam Pattern is similar to that of the Indian Economic Services exam. However, the subject-specific papers will be different. The below table describes the written exam pattern, subjects, duration of Indian Statistical service examination 2025 –

S.No	Name of Subject	Total Number of Marks	Duration
1	General English	100	3 hours
2	General Studies	100	3 hours
3	Statistics-I (Objective)	200	2 hours
4	Statistics-II (Objective)	200	2 hours

5	Statistics-III (Descriptive)	200	3 hours
6	Statistics-IV (Descriptive)	200	3 hours

Note –

- The Written examination is conducted for 1000 marks which include 6 Papers
- The time duration for statistics I and II is 2 hours and the time duration for the remaining examination is 3 hours.
- Statistics I and II are objective papers with 80 questions each with maximum marks of 200 each, the duration of the examination is 2 hours.
- Statistics III and IV of the exam are descriptive papers
- General English and general students papers are common for both IES and ISS examinations

UPSC IES ISS Exam Pattern for Viva Voce

Candidates who have qualified the written examination will be called for the viva voce or interview process. The interview is conducted for 200 marks. The candidate will

be interviewed by the board officials of the examination. The aim of the interview is to check the suitability of the candidate in his/her post. The interview is intended to supplement the written examination to test the general knowledge and abilities of the candidate,

The process of the interview is not the strict cross-verification, it is all about checking the qualification and character standards of the candidate. The board will test the intellectual curiosity, grasping power, the balance of judgment, alertness of mind, integrity of character, the ability for social coherence and capacity of leadership in the candidate.

Syllabus of Indian Statistical Service Exam 2025

The syllabus for the Indian Statistical Service (ISS) Exam 2024 typically covers topics such as statistical methods, probability, linear models, time series analysis, sampling techniques, and applied statistics. Additionally, candidates may expect questions related to economic statistics, demographic statistics, and social statistics as part of the examination.

UPSC IES/ISS General English Syllabus

The General English paper is a common paper in the UPSC IES and ISS Exams. Candidates can refer to the important syllabus subjects mentioned below to prepare for the English section –

Subject	Syllabus Topics
General English Language & Comprehension	Understanding of English language and vocabulary
	Passages
	Essay writing
	Summary of Precise Writing

UPSC IES/ISS General Studies Syllabus

General Studies is another common paper for both the IES and ISS exams. Candidates can refer to the subjects mentioned in the table below –

Subject	Syllabus Topics
General Studies	Geography
	Current events
	General Knowledge
	Current Affairs

	History of India
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UPSC IES ISS Syllabus for Statistics-I (Objective Type)

Statistics-I will be an objective-type paper which will be conducted for 200 marks. The following are the important syllabus topics to study for the UPSC IES/ISS exam –

Subject	Syllabus Topics
Statistics I	Statistical Methods
	Concept of interpolation and extrapolation
	Bivariate normal distribution
	Ratios
	Data/Charts/Diagrams/Histograms
	Computer applications
	Basics of computer security
	The finite-difference of different orders
	Inverse Interpolation
	Summation of Sets
	Numerical solutions of differential equations

	<u>Probability</u>
	Intraclass correlation
	Frequency of distribution
	Order statistics
	Frequency Distribution
	Numerical analysis
	Data processing
	Operations of computer
	Low and High-level languages
	Numerical Differentiations
	Basics of Programming

UPSC IES ISS Syllabus for Statistics-II (Objective Type)

The following are the im[portant UPSC IES/ISS Syllabus topics for the Statistics II paper, which will be conducted for a total of 200 marks –

Subject	Syllabus Topics
Statistics II	Statistical Interferences

	Official Statistics
	Index Numbers
	Theory of linear estimation
	Important surveys and census
	Characteristics of good estimators
	National and International Official statistics
	Population Census
	National Statistical organization
	Linear Models
	Hypothesis testing
	National Accounts
	Estimation Methods
	Normal equations
	Error and estimation space
	Socio-economic Indicators
	Misc
	Sector-wise statistics

UPSC IES ISS Syllabus for Statistics-III (Descriptive)

The UPSC IES/ISS Syllabus for the Statistics III (Descriptive Paper) will have essay type questions based on the following topics –

Subject	Syllabus Topics
Statistics III (Descriptive Paper)	Econometrics
	Nature of economics
	Systematic sampling
	Coherence and variance function
	Simultaneous linear equation model
	Sampling of Techniques
	Applied Statistics
	Index Numbers
	Sampling with probability proportional to the size
	Time series analysis

Syllabus of Indian Economic Service Exam 2025

The syllabus for the Indian Economic Service (IES) Exam 2024 includes topics such as microeconomics, macroeconomics, Indian economy, statistical methods, econometrics, and general studies. Additionally, candidates are expected to have a strong understanding of current affairs, economic issues, and development policies. Let us go through the detailed syllabus for subject-wise papers below –

UPSC IES/ISS Syllabus for General Economics-I

The following are the important syllabus topics for preparation of this section –

Subject	Syllabus Topics
<u>General Economics</u> I	Theory of Production
	Theory of Distribution
	Theory of Consumer Demand
	Theory of Value
	Welfare Economics

UPSC IES/ISS Syllabus for General Economics II

The following are the important syllabus topics for the Economics II paper of the UPSC IES exam –

Subject	Syllabus Topics
General Economics II	Economic Thought
	Theory of Employment, output, inflation , and money
	Finance and Capital Markets
	Economic Growth and development
	Asian Finance Crisis 1970
	Euro zone crisis
	Concept of national income and Social Accounting
	IS-LM Model Investment savings and Liquidity money supply) and AD-AS(Aggregate Demand-Aggregate Supply) Model
	Basics of endogenous theory
	International economics
	Global Finance Crisis 2008
	Global Institutions

UPSC IES ISS Syllabus for General Economics III

The UPSC IES exam consists of an objective paper on General Economics III, important syllabus topics of which are as follows –

Subject	Syllabus Topics
General Economics III	Public Finance
	Rio process-1992 to 2012
	UNFFC
	Industrial economics
	Market mechanism
	Environmental Economics
	Rio Conventions
	Carbon markets
	State market and planning
	Climate change finance and green climate fund

UPSC IES/ISS Syllabus for Indian Economics

The following are the important syllabus topics for the Indian Economics section of the UPSC IES ISS Exam –

Subject	Syllabus Topics
Indian Economics	History of development and planning
	Budgeting and fiscal policy
	Agriculture and rural development strategies
	Labour
	Money and banking
	Commodity Market In India-spot
	Federal Finance
	Poverty, Unemployment and human development
	Industry: Strategy of industrial development
	Finance Trade
	Bilateral trade agreements
	Role of FMC(Forward Markets Commission