

Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE)

| Sr. No. | Particular | Description |
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| 1. | Conducting Body/Organizing Body | IITs (GATE examination is a Computer Based Test (CBT)) |
| 2. | Frequency in a Year | Once in a year (Mostly in February) |
| 3. | Who can appear | <p>Final year student or graduate of Bachelor's degree BE/ BTech/ BPharm, B.Arch, B.Sc (Research)/BS, MSc/MA/MCA or equivalent, Int ME/ M.Tech (Post-B.Sc), Int ME/ M.Tech or Dual Degree (after Diploma or 10+2), Int M.Sc/ Int BS-MS, Professional Society Examinations (equivalent to BE/BTech/BArch).</p> <p>The detailed eligibility criteria of GATE 2022 will consist of parameters like age limit, academic qualification, nationality and more. Candidates have to meet the GATE eligibility 2022 in order to appear for the GATE exam</p> |
| 4. | Benefits of Passing exam | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Admission to reputed higher study programs in India with scholarship 2. Opportunities to serve in research organization 3. Jobs in foreign companies 4. Admission to higher study in foreign universities on priority 5. Job opportunities from many reputed companies, private sectors and PSU sectors 6. Direct Teaching Jobs 7. Preference in jobs of top private coaching centers 8. 100% Job assurance |
| 5. | No. of students appearing in last three year | 2021 – 8,80,000 2020 – 858,000 2018 – 934,461 |
| 6. | Selection and shortlisting entrance | Gate Score |
| 7. | Important website | gate.iitd.ac.in (for gate 2021) |
| 8. | Facilitators for the preparation of exam. | Made Easy, Unacademy, Gate Academy, IES master |
| | Syllabus | https://www.careerpower.in/gate-syllabus.html |
| | Break up of Marks | Subject marks = 85, General Aptitude = 15, Total = 100 marks |
| | Important Key words | Rank, GATE score, cut off |

Competitive Exam CSIR NET (JRF/LS)

| Sr. No. | Particular | Description |
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| 01. | Conducting body/organizing body | National Testing Agency (NTA) |
| 02. | Frequency in a year | Twice a year |
| 03. | Who can appear | <p>This test is conducted in five categories 1) CHEMICAL SCIENCES, 2) EARTH, ATMOSPHERIC OCEAN AND PLANETARY SCIENCES 3) LIFE SCIENCES 4) MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES 5) PHYSICAL SCIENCES</p> <p>M.Sc. or equivalent degree/ Integrated BS-MS/BS-4 years/BE/B. Tech/B. Pharma/MBBS with at least 55% marks for General (UR)/General-EWS and OBC candidates and 50% for SC/ST, Persons with Disability (PwD) candidates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates enrolled for M.Sc or having completed 10+2+3 years of the above qualifying examination as on the closing date of online submission of Application Form, are also eligible to apply under the Result Awaited (RA) category on the condition that they complete the qualifying degree with requisite percentage of marks within the validity period of two years to avail the fellowship. • Such candidates will have to submit the attestation form duly certified by the Head of the Department/Institute from where the candidate is appearing or has appeared. • B.Sc (Hons) or equivalent degree holders or students enrolled in Integrated MS-PhD program with at least 55% marks for General (UR)/General-EWS and OBC candidates; 50% marks for SC/ST, Persons with Disability (PwD) candidates are also eligible to apply. Candidates with Bachelor's degree will be eligible for CSIR fellowship only after getting registered/enrolled for Ph.D/Integrated Ph.D program within the validity period of two years. Candidates possessing only Bachelor's degree are eligible to apply only for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and not for Lectureship (LS)/ Associate Professor. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification of degrees (whether Bachelor's or Master's) as notified by UGC in its Gazette Notification No. F. 5-1/2013 (CPP-II) dated 5th July, 2014 and as amended from time to time, shall apply. • The eligibility for lectureship/ Assistant Professor of NET qualified candidates will be subject to fulfilling the criteria laid down by UGC. Ph.D degree holders who have passed Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991 with at least 50% marks are eligible to apply for Lectureship/ Assistant Professor only • To apply for JRF, candidates should be maximum of 28 years of age {upper age limit may be relaxable up to 5 years in case of SC/ST/Persons with Disability(PwD)/ female applicants and 03 years in case of OBC (Non Creamy Layer) applicants}. • There is no upper age limit to apply for the post of lectureship |
| 04. | Benefits of passing the exam | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This test determines the eligibility of candidates for Lectureship/Assistant Professor in Indian University/Colleges. Those who qualify for JRF are eligible for Lectureship/Assistant Professor also, subject to fulfilling the eligibility criteria laid down by UGC. Some aspirants are declared successful in eligibility for Lectureship/Assistant Professor only based on their performance in the test. • The stipend of a JRF selected through CSIR-National Eligibility Test (NET) will be Rs.31,000/- p.m for the first two years. In addition, annual contingent grant of Rs.20,000/- per Fellow will be provided to the University / Institution. The Fellowship will be governed by terms and conditions of CSIR, UGC or Research Scheme, as applicable. |
| 05. | No. of students appearing last three year | 2,00,000 to 3,00,000 |

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| 06. | Selection & shortlisting criteria | The total number of candidates who will qualify depends on the number of fellowships available and performance in the test, subject to the condition that they fulfill the laid down eligibility criteria. If a candidate is found to be over-age for JRF (NET), he/she will be automatically considered for Lectureship/Assistant Professor (NET) only. Candidates with M.Sc. qualification OR under M.Sc. Result Awaited (RA) category shall be eligible for Lectureship (LS)/Assistant Professor subject to fulfilling the eligibility criteria as laid down by the UGC |
| 07. | Important website links for registration and appearing | csirnet.nta.nic.in |
| 08. | Facilitators for the preparation of exam | Universities, colleges and private coaching centers . |
| a. | Syllabus | https://csirhrdg.res.in/Home/Index/1/Default/1776/78 |
| b. | Break up of Marks | Break up of marks is subject to the nature of different disciplines. Details can be obtained from the link: csirnet.nta.nic.in |
| c. | Important Key words | CSIR UGC NET for JRF and Lectureship |
| 09. | Other Important information if any | |

Competitive Exam

Joint Admission test for Masters (JAM)

| Sr. No. | Particular | Description |
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| 01. | Conducting body/organizing body | Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore |
| 02. | Frequency in a year | Once in a year |
| 03. | Who can appear | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The candidates who have Bachelor's degree in the discipline in which he/ she wants to pursue post graduation• The candidates who have either appeared or are due to appear in the final examination of their qualifying degree are also eligible to appear in JAM . |
| 04. | Benefits of passing the exam | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The objective of JAM is to provide admissions to M.Sc. (Two Years), Joint M.Sc.-Ph.D., M.Sc.-Ph.D. Dual Degree, and other Post-Bachelor Degree Programmes at the IITs and Integrated Ph.D. Degree Programmes Masters in Economics (Two Years), at the IISc and to consolidate Science as a career option for bright students across the country. |
| 05. | No. of students appearing last three year | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 62,654 in 2021• 66,958 in 2019• 55,498 in 2018 |
| 06. | Selection & shortlisting criteria | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On the basis of performance in JAM , for each test paper, separate merit lists will be prepared for General (GEN), OBC Non-Creamy Layer (OBC-NCL), Economically Weaker Section (EWS), SC, ST, and Persons with Disability (PwD) category candidates. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission to most of the Academic Programmes at various institutes will be made on the basis of Rank in JAM . • Candidates should note that mere appearance in JAM or being in the merit list of any test paper neither guarantees nor provides any automatic entitlement to admission. Qualified candidates will have to apply for admission as per the prescribed procedure. Admissions shall be made in order of merit in each category and the number of seats available at the Admitting Institute(s) • All candidates admitted through JAM should have a Bachelor’s degree. • In the qualifying degree, the aggregate marks or CGPA/CPI without rounding-off (taking into account all subjects, including languages and subsidiaries, all years combined) should be at least 55% or 5.5 out of 10 for General/OBC (NCL)/EWS category candidates, and 50% or 5.0 out of 10 for SC/ST and PwD category candidates. |
| 07. | Important website links for registration and appearing | jam.iisc.ac.in |
| 08. | Facilitators for the preparation of exam | Universities, colleges and private coaching centers . |
| a. | Syllabus | Syllabus can be downloaded from the following website jam.iisc.ac.in |
| b. | Break up of Marks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the JAM exam, the duration of the examination will be of 3 hours. The medium for all the test papers will be English only. There will be a total of 60 |

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| | | <p>questions carrying a total of 100 marks. The entire paper will be divided into three sections, A, B and C. All sections are compulsory. Questions in each section will be of different types as given below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section–A contains a total of 30 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) involving 10 questions of one mark each and 20 questions of two marks each. Each MCQ has four choices out of which only one choice is the correct answer. Candidates can mark the answer by clicking the choice. • Section–B contains a total of 10 Multiple Select Questions (MSQ) carrying two marks each. Each MSQ is similar to MCQ but with the difference that MSQ may have one or more than one correct choice(s) out of the four given choices. The candidate gets full credit only if he/she selects all the correct answer(s) only and no wrong answers. Candidates can mark the answer(s) by clicking the choice(s). • Section–C contains a total of 20 Numerical Answer Type (NAT) questions involving 10 questions of one mark each and 10 questions of two marks each. • In all sections, questions not attempted will result in zero marks. In Section-A (MCQ), wrong answer will result in negative marks. For each wrong answer to 1 mark questions, 1/3 mark will be deducted, and similarly, for each wrong answer to 2 marks questions, 2/3 mark will be deducted. In Section-B (MSQ), there are no negative and no partial marking provisions. There is no negative marking in Section-C as well. |
| c. | Important Key words | JAM exam |

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| 09. | Other Important information if any | |
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Competitive Exam

National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Joint entrance test

NIPER JEE

| Sr. No. | Particular | Description |
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| 01. | Conducting body/organizing body | National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) |
| 02. | Frequency in a year | Once a year |
| 03. | Who can appear | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The candidates who have Bachelor's degree in the discipline in which he/ she wants to pursue post graduation• The candidates who have post graduate degree in the discipline in which he/ she wants to pursue Doctrate. |
| 04. | Benefits of passing the exam | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The objective of the exam is to provide admissions to various courses available at NIPER:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NIPER-Ahmedabad• NIPER-Guwahati• NIPER-Hajipur• NIPER-Hyderabad• NIPER-Kolkata• NIPER-Raebareli• NIPER-S.A.S Nagar |
| 05. | No. of students appearing last three year | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5096 in 2020• |

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| 06. | Selection & shortlisting criteria | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the basis of performance in NIPER JEE a merit list will be generated. • Admission to most of the Academic Programmes at various NIPERS will be made on the basis of Rank in NIPER JEE. |
| 07. | Important website links for registration and appearing | <p>http://www.niperhyd.ac.in/ for the year 2021</p> <p>Link is likely to be changed subject to the NIPER holding the responsibility of conducting the exam.</p> |
| 08. | Facilitators for the preparation of exam | Universities, colleges and private coaching centers . |
| a. | Syllabus | http://www.niperhyd.ac.in/ |
| b. | Break up of Marks | Not mentioned in brochure |
| c. | Important Key words | NIPER JEE |
| 09. | Other Important information if any | |

Name of Competitive Exam: SSC CGL (Staff Selection Commission conducts the **Combined Graduate Level** (CGL) Exam for recruitment to various subordinate services like: Assistants in Ministries/Departments, Attached and Subordinate office of the Govt. of India. Inspectors of Central Excise & Customs.

| Sr. No. | Particular | Description |
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| 01. | Conducting body/organizing body | Staff Selection Commission conducts the Combined Graduate Level |
| 02. | Frequency in a year | Once in a year |
| 03. | Who can appear | Any graduate |
| 04. | Benefits of passing the exam | for recruitment to various subordinate services like: Assistants in Ministries/Departments, Attached and Subordinate office of the Govt. of India. Inspectors of Central Excise & Customs. |
| 05. | No. of students appearing last three year | about 15 lakh aspirants appear for the exam. |
| 06. | Selection & shortlisting criteria | The Staff Selection Commission conducts the exam in four stages called tiers. |
| 07. | Important website links for registration and appearing | https://ssc.nic.in |
| 08. | Facilitators for the preparation of exam | Paramount Coaching, KD Campus, Career power, Singh Academy of competitive success |
| | Syllabus | https://ssc.nic.in/Portal/Syllabus |
| | Break up of Marks | he candidates need to go through Tier-I & II examination and clear the Tier-III Descriptive paper (Qualifying paper) & Tier-IV (DEST and qualifying in nature) round as well, to secure position in various government offices |
| | Important Key words | |
| | Other Important information if any | |
| | Important Books | https://prepp.in/ssc-cgl-exam/books |

SSC recruits candidates through several entry including SSC CGL, SSC CHSL, SSC JE, SSC SI, ASI, SSC JHT, etc. There are eleven such exams. The selected aspirants are appointed under Grade-‘B’ & ‘C’ scale. SSC is the second most popular institution after UPSC

Top MBA entrance exams in India: National Level

| Particular | CAT | | XAT | | | NMAT | | |
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| Conducting body/organizing body | IIMs | | XLRI, Jamshedpur | | | Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC) | | |
| Frequency in a year | Once | | Once a year | | | 75 days from October 2021 to December 2021 (<i>Likely</i>) Candidate can appear only 3 times in a year | | |
| Fees | Rs 2,000 (General category) and Rs 1,000 (Reserved category) | | Rs 1,750 (General category) | | | Rs.2000/- | | |
| Mode of exam | Online | | Online | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Exam at Test Centre • Online proctored exam from home | | |
| Top colleges accepting scores | IIMs, IITs, SPJIMR, MDI, etc. 1200+ B schools | | XLRI and XIMB, IMT, XIME, IRMA, MICA, TAPMI, Great Lakes, FORE, LIBA, BIMTECH among others 700+ MBA colleges | | | NMIMS and 30+ leading B-schools | | |
| No. of students appearing last three year | Nearly 200,000 | | Nearly 95,000 | | | | | |
| Exam pattern | 76 questions 4 choice MCQ format +3 for correct, 0 for unanswered, -1 for wrong question | | 100 questions in 5 choice MCQ format. +1 for correct, 0 for unanswered, -0.25 for wrong question | | | 108 Questions MCQ format, no -ve marking | | |
| Duration | 2 hours | | 3 hours | | | 2 hours | | |
| Break up of Marks | | Qs | | Qs | Marks | | Qs | Time |
| | VARC | 26 | DM | 21 | 21 | Language | 36 | 28 |
| | LRDI | 24 | V&LA | 26 | 26 | Quant | 36 | 52 |
| | QA | 26 | Q&DI | 28 | 28 | LR | 36 | 40 |
| | Total | 76 | GK | 25 | 25 | Total | 108 | 120 |
| Syllabus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal ability and reading comprehension (VARC) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision Making (DM) • Verbal & Logical Ability (V&LA) | | | | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative Ability (QA) • Logical reasoning and Data interpretation (LRDI) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative Ability & Data Interpretation (QA&DI) • General Knowledge (GK) | |
| Important website links for registration and appearing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://iimcat.ac.in/ • https://www.shiksha.com/mba/cat-exam • https://www.pagalguy.com/discussions/cat-2017-18-results-exam-date-notification-pattern-admit-card-information-pagalgu-38717690 | https://xatonline.in/ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://register.nmat.org/ • https://www.mbauniverse.com/mba-entrance-exams |
| Facilitators for the preparation of exam | IMS, TIME, Career launcher, etc. | IMS, TIME, Career launcher, etc. | Same |
| Who can appear | Anyone in final year of under graduation or above | Anyone in final year of under graduation or above | |
| BOOKS | | | |
| Other Important information if any | | | |

<https://www.mbauniverse.com/mba-entrance-exams>

Name of Competitive Exam: FRM & CFA

| Sr No. | Particular | FRM (Financial Risk Manager) | CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) |
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| 01 | Conducting body/organizing body | Global association of Risk professionals | CFA institute |
| 02 | Frequency in a year | L1: 3 times L2: 2 times | L1: 4 times L2, L3: 2 times |
| 03 | Who can appear | Anyone in 1 st year of graduation or above | Have a bachelor's (or equivalent) degree, or be in the final year of your bachelor's degree at the time of registration, or have four years of qualified, professional work experience or a combination of work/college experience that totals four years |
| 04 | Benefits of passing the exam | Best certification to prepare you for the fastest growing profession i.e. Risk Management | Most recognized certification in the field of finance. Open doors for most coveted professions like Investment manager, Investment banking, Commercial banking, trading, Financial advisory, Fin. Consulting etc. |
| 05 | No. of students appearing last three year | Close to 70,000 students appear for L1,2,3 globally. Pass rate: L1: 40-45% L2: 50-60% | Close to 250,000 students appear for L1,2,3 globally. USA, China and India having the highest numbers respectively Pass rate: L1: 40-45% L2: approx. 55% L3: approx. 55% |

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| 06 | Selection & shortlisting criteria | <p>A) You must have cleared Level 1 and 2 within 4 years of applying for Level 1 exam</p> <p>B) You must have a minimum 2 years of work exp. In risk management profile, within 5 years of clearing level 2</p> | <p>a) You have to clear all the 3 levels in that order (you can only move to next level after clearing the previous one)</p> <p>b) Complete 4 years of work experience requirements before, during, or after participation in CFA Program. Your experience must be directly involved with the investment decision-making process or producing a work product that informs or adds value to that process</p> |
| 07 | Important website links for registration and appearing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.garp.org/frm • https://finance.careers360.com/articles/frm-certification | https://www.cfainstitute.org/en/programs/cfa/ |
| 08 | Facilitators for the preparation of exam | Analyst Prep (free videos on YouTube), FinTree, Ashwini Bajaj, Wallstreet School | <p>1) Recommended: Free YouTube videos of “Mark Meldrum” (For more detailed preparation), IFT (if the time is less)</p> <p>2) Paid facilitators: FinTree, Ashwini Bajaj, Wallstreet School, etc.</p> |
| a. | Syllabus | Level 1: [Foundations of Risk Management(20%), Quantitative Analysis(20%), Financial Markets and Products(30%), Valuation and Risk Models(30%)] | <p>Syllabus consists of 10 key areas of study which are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethical and Professional Standards (15-20%) • Corporate Finance (8–12%) • Economics (8–12%) |

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| | | Level 2: [Market Risk, Credit Risk, Liquidity & Treasury Risk, Operational & Integrated Risk, Investment Management, Current issues in financial markets (20%)] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Reporting and Analysis (13-17%) • Quantitative Methods(8–12%) • Alternative Investments(5-8%) • Derivatives(5-8%) • Equity Investments(10-12%) • Fixed Income (10-12%) • Portfolio Management and Wealth Planning(5-8%) |
| b. | Break up of Marks | <p>Breakup: Mentioned above in syllabus</p> <p>L1: 100 questions & L2: 80 questions, time: 4 hours, no -ve marking, all questions equally weighted, 4 choices/question</p> | <p>Breakup: Mentioned above in syllabus</p> <p>L1: 2 3-hour exams with 120 questions each, MCQ, no -ve marking, 3 choices/question, all questions equally weighted</p> <p>L2: 2 135-minute exams with 44 multiple-choice questions each, MCQ, no -ve marking, 3 choices/question, all questions equally weighted</p> <p>MAJOR DIFFERENCE TO L1: Each item set consists of a vignette followed by either 4 or 6 multiple-choice questions. Multiple-choice questions in each item set must be answered based on the information in the vignette. Hence, the items are not free-standing, as in the CFA Level I exam. You will need to refer back to the vignette before answering each item.</p> <p>L3: refer</p> <p>https://www.cfainstitute.org/en/programs/cfa/exam/level-iii</p> |

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| c. | Important Key words | Risk management, Finance | Finance, Portfolio management, Buy side/Sell side, Accounting, Investment Banking, Ethics, etc. |
| | Exam Cost | USD1,200–1,700 depending on fee deadline | USD2,400–4,590 depending on fee deadline |
| | BOOKS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FRM exam material provided by GARP • Books: Schweser OR Bionic turtle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFA material provided by the institute • Books: Schweser |
| 09 | Other Important information if any | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative in nature(people with math background will have a slight benefit) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 300 hours of study for each CFA level • Minimum 6 months of preparation for each CFA level • Over 4 years on an average to complete the entire CFA course |

Name of Competitive Exam: PPSC CCE (Punjab State Civil Services Combined Competitive Examination)

| Sr. No. | Particular | Description |
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| 01. | Conducting body/organizing body | PPSC |
| 02. | Frequency in a year | Once in 2-3 years |
| 03. | Who can appear | Any graduate with Punjabi Matric pass below Age 37 |
| 04. | Benefits of passing the exam | Positions like SDM, DSP, Tehsildar, etc. |
| 05. | No. of students appearing last three year | 2021: 50000 2018: 22000 |
| 06. | Selection & shortlisting criteria | 13 times the number of vacancies in prelims for mains, 3 times the vacancies in mains for interview and then the final merit. The total vacancies vary each year. The vacancies for 2020-21 were 75, for 2018, they were 67. |
| 07. | Important website links for registration and appearing | Ppsc.gov.in |
| 08. | Facilitators for the preparation of exam | PPSC |
| a. | Syllabus | Refer to the notification on ppsc website |
| b. | Break up of Marks | Prelims: Paper 1 200 marks + Paper 2 200 marks (Qualifying in nature) Mains: 7 exams with a total of 1350 marks Interview: 150 marks Merit is decided with Mains + interview marks |
| c. | Important Key words | Refer CBL, Raj Malhotra or Abhimanu for complete details |
| 09. | Other Important information if any | There is a physical test which is compulsory for the position of DSP, which should be kept in mind. So, fitness is equally important to studies when it comes to Punjab civil services. Moreover, unlike upsc, |

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| | | marks of English and Punjabi exams matter, so they should be given adequate time. |
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Input hours required: Although it varies from person to person, but a minimum of 10 hours of regular study with frequent revision and note making is required. This along with regular tests and self-improvement is important.

Important dates: These will depend on when the notification for the examination is released along with the timetable. No fixed dates as such.

Book List: The preparation for PPSC and UPSC go hand in hand and the booklist and style of preparation is also similar. So, the standard booklist remains the same. The optional subject is not needed in ppsc, so those books can be eliminated, but SADDA PUNJAB book is a must for Punjab related preparation. Along with this, WREN and MARTIN for English if needed and any Punjabi Grammar book is sufficient.

Refer <https://anudeepdurishetty.in/booklist-for-prelims/> for a holistic approach and books for prelims and mains preparation.

Institute for preparation: Chetan Bharat Learning, Abhimanu IAS or Dronacharya IAS are working hard towards UPSC/PPSC preparation.

Name of Competitive Exam: UPSC Civil Services Exam

| Sr. No. | Particular | Description |
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| 01. | Conducting body/organizing body | UPSC |
| 02. | Frequency in a year | Once a year |
| 03. | Who can appear | Any graduate below age 32 |
| 04. | Benefits of passing the exam | Positions like IAS, IPS, IRS, etc. |
| 05. | No. of students appearing last three year | Around 6 lakh every year |
| 06. | Selection & shortlisting criteria | <p>13 times the number of vacancies in prelims for mains, 3 times the vacancies in mains for interview and then the final merit.</p> <p>The total vacancies vary each year. For the year 2021, the vacancies are 712.</p> <p>Refer https://www.shiksha.com/exams/ias-exam-vacancies for previous year details</p> |
| 07. | Important website links for registration and appearing | Upssc.gov.in |
| 08. | Facilitators for the preparation of exam | UPSC |
| a. | Syllabus | Refer to the notification on upsc website |
| b. | Break up of Marks | <p>Prelims: Paper 1 GS 200 marks (Qualifying) + Paper 2 CSAT 200 marks (66 marks needed to qualify)</p> <p>Mains: 7 exams with a total of 1750 marks + English exam + one regional language exam both of which are qualifying in nature (90 marks needed out of 300)</p> <p>Interview: 275 marks</p> <p>Merit is decided with mains + interview marks</p> |

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| c. | Important Key words | Refer Insightsonindia or vision website for complete details |
| 09. | Other Important information if any | The optional subject carries immense importance, so proper thought needs to be put in while deciding it to secure a rank. |

Input hours required: Although it varies from person to person, but a minimum of 10 hours of regular study with frequent revision and note making is required. This along with regular tests and self-improvement is important.

Important dates: 10th October for UPSC Prelims 2021

Mains examination dates tentative from second week of Jan 2022 onwards.

Book List: Refer <https://anudeepdurishetty.in/booklist-for-prelims/> for a holistic approach and books for prelims and mains preparation.

Additional websites: <https://www.insightsonindia.com/>

<http://www.visionias.in/>

Institutes in Northern India: Either joining online classes or going to Delhi is recommended. Otherwise, Chetan Bharat Learning, Abhimanu IAS or Dronacharya IAS are also working hard in UPSC preparation.

Name of Competitive Exam: AFCAT (Air Force Common Admission Test)

| Sr. No. | Particular | Description |
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| 01. | Conducting body/organizing body | Indian.air.force.nic.in |
| 02. | Frequency in a year | Twice in year |
| 03. | Who can appear | Graduate and final year appearing student can apply for test AFCAT |
| 04. | Benefits of passing the exam | Selection as officer in Indian Air force flying branch, Tech Branch, Non Tech Branch (Ground Duty) |
| 05. | No. of Students appearing last three year | As per Advertisement |
| 06. | Selection & Shortlisting criteria | AFCAT Exam – SSB – Medical - Final Merit list |
| 07. | Important website links for registration and appearing | Indian.airforce.nic.in |
| 08. | Facilitators for the preparation of exam | - |
| a. | Syllabus | G.K and General Aptitude Test and Tech Test of BTech & BA Syllabus |
| b. | Break up of Marks | -NA- |
| c. | Important Key words | -NA- |
| 09. | Other Important information if any | -NA- |
| 10. | Important Books | Preparation for AFCAT Test by Arihant Publications |
| 11. | Coaching institutes | Private coaching institution in Delhi and Chandigarh |

Name of Competitive Exam: TES (Technical Entry Scheme)

| Sr. No. | Particular | Description |
|----------------|--|--|
| 01. | Conducting body/organizing body | Join.indianarmy.in |
| 02. | Frequency in a year | Twice in year |
| 03. | Who can appear | Graduate with cut off B Tech Merit |
| 04. | Benefits of passing the exam | Officer Rank in Indian Army |
| 05. | No. of Students appearing last three year | As per Advertisement |
| 06. | Selection & Shortlisting criteria | Merit cut off B Tech – SSB – Medical – Final Merit List |
| 07. | Important website links for registration and appearing | Join.Indianarmy.in |
| 08. | Facilitators for the preparation of exam | - |
| a. | Syllabus | As per Advertisement (GK and Aptitude) |
| b. | Break up of Marks | -NA- |
| c. | Important Key words | -NA- |
| 09. | Other Important information if any | -NA- |
| 10. | Important Books | Preparation for Defence Services for Selecting as Officer in Defence |
| 11. | Coaching institutes | Private Institution in Delhi and Chandigarh |

Name of Competitive Exam: NCC Special Entry

| Sr. No. | Particular | Description |
|----------------|--|--|
| 01. | Conducting body/organizing body | Join.Indianarmyt.in |
| 02. | Frequency in a year | Twice in a year |
| 03. | Who can appear | Graduate & Final year students can appear + A,B & C Certificates of NCC) [An Air Force only in flying Branch & army) |
| 04. | Benefits of passing the exam | As per advertisement |
| 05. | No. of Students appearing last three year | SSB – Medical – Final Merit List |
| 06. | Selection & Shortlisting criteria | Join.indianarmy.in |
| 07. | Important website links for registration and appearing | - |
| 08. | Facilitators for the preparation of exam | As described in advertisement |
| a. | Syllabus | -NA- |
| b. | Break up of Marks | -NA- |
| c. | Important Key words | -NA- |
| 09. | Other Important information if any | -NA- |
| 10. | Important Books | Preparation for defence services as officer by Arihant Publishers etc. |
| 11. | Coaching institutes | Private coaching institutes in Delhi & Chandigarh |

Name of Competitive Exam: CDS (Combined Defence Services)

| Sr. No. | Particular | Description |
|----------------|--|--|
| 01. | Conducting body/organizing body | Join.Indianarmy.in |
| 02. | Frequency in a year | Twice in year |
| 03. | Who can appear | Graduation in any discipline |
| 04. | Benefits of passing the exam | Select as officer in defence services rank |
| 05. | No. of Students appearing last three year | As per advertisement |
| 06. | Selection & Shortlisting criteria | Test – SSB – Medical – Final Merit List |
| 07. | Important website links for registration and appearing | Join.indianarmy.in |
| 08. | Facilitators for the preparation of exam | - |
| a. | Syllabus | As described in advertisement |
| b. | Break up of Marks | -NA- |
| c. | Important Key words | -NA- |
| 09. | Other Important information if any | -NA- |
| 10. | Important Books | CDS exam by arihant publishers |
| 11. | Coaching institutes | Private institutions in Delhi & Chandigarh |

Name of Competitive Exam: University Entry Scheme (UES) in Indian Army

| Sr. No. | Particular | Description |
|----------------|--|--|
| 01. | Conducting body/organizing body | Army officers come to institutes and select students after interview. Selected candidates are eligible for SSB (Army & Navy) |
| 02. | Frequency in a year | Once in a year |
| 03. | Who can appear | Graduate in any discipline |
| 04. | Benefits of passing the exam | Office Rank in Army & Navy |
| 05. | No. of Students appearing last three year | As per advertisement |
| 06. | Selection & Shortlisting criteria | SSB – Medical – Final Merit List |
| 07. | Important website links for registration and appearing | Join.Indianarmy.in |
| 08. | Facilitators for the preparation of exam | - |
| a. | Syllabus | As per advertisement |
| b. | Break up of Marks | -NA- |
| c. | Important Key words | -NA- |
| 09. | Other Important information if any | -NA- |
| 10. | Important Books | CDS Exam by arihant publishers |
| 11. | Coaching institutes | Private institution in Delhi & Chandigarh |

Name of Competitive Exam: Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) in Indian Railway

| Sr. No. | Particular | Description |
|----------------|--|--|
| 01. | Conducting body/organizing body | RRB |
| 02. | Frequency in a year | 2014,2019 Once in 5 Years |
| 03. | Who can appear | Diploma, Degree Present |
| 04. | Benefits of passing the exam | Fully govt. job, HRA, DA and Good promotion chances |
| 05. | No. of Students appearing last three year | 2-3 lakh per zone for 1000 seats. |
| 06. | Selection & Shortlisting criteria | CBT-1 (Non-Technical) CBT-1 (Tech) Psychometric test Medical test Document verification |
| 07. | Important website links for registration and appearing | RRB.gov.in |
| 08. | Facilitators for the preparation of exam | RRB Jen, NTPC only |
| a. | Syllabus | <p>a. Syllabus – G.S + Aptitude + Reasoning + current Affairs</p> <p>b. One Question – 1 Marks (No Negative Marketing)</p> <p>c. Computer Based Exam (CBT)</p> <p>d. Imp Information – Level of question is due to high completion level you have to cover complete syllabus with previous year question bank.</p> |

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| b. | Break up of Marks | |
| c. | Important Key words | |
| 09. | Other Important information if any | Note: Presently these are only three exams for degree holder <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. RRB JE2. NTPC- Clerical3. Group-D (Not for degree holder) |
| 10. | Important Books | |
| 11. | Coaching institutes | |

Name of Competitive Exam: CDS (Officer in armed forces.)

| Sr. No. | Particular | Description |
|----------------|--|--|
| 01. | Conducting body/organizing body | UPSC |
| 02. | Frequency in a year | 2 times a year |
| 03. | Who can appear | 1. Age 19-25 for OTA 2. Age 19-24 for IMA any bachelor degree 3. Age 19-22 for INA engineering degree 4. Age 19-23 for Airforce Should be unmarried Any Graduation with physics and maths in 12th class or engineering degree |
| 04. | Benefits of passing the exam | Officer in armed forces |
| 05. | No. of students appearing last three year | 2 lakh every time |
| 06. | Selection & shortlisting criteria | 7000-9000 clear written |
| 07. | Important website links for registration and appearing | Mathematics for NDA/ NA by RS Aggarwal English previous 10 years paper and related GK current affairs and CBSE books |
| 08. | Facilitators for the preparation of exam | - |

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| a. | Syllabus | Above mention book of maths will cover everything in addition can solve previous years papers For English and GK no syllabus is there |
| b. | Break up of Marks | IMA 115-125 INA 105-115 AFA 125-135 OTA 85-95 These marks vary time to time depending upon the exam difficulty level however generally remains near these marks |
| c. | Important Key words | |
| 09. | Other Important information if any | At last 60-70 get selected for army 6-7 for airforce 10-15 for navy |

Name of Competitive Exam: AFCAT

| Sr. No. | Particular | Description |
|----------------|--|---|
| 01. | Conducting body/organizing body | Airforce |
| 02. | Frequency in a year | 2 times a year |
| 03. | Who can appear | For flying age 20-24 Min 60 in 12th with physics and maths Any graduation For other branches eligibility vary |
| 04. | Benefits of passing the exam | Officer in armed forces |
| 05. | No. of students appearing last three year | 3-4 lakh |
| 06. | Selection & shortlisting criteria | 6000-7000 |
| 07. | Important website links for registration and appearing | afcat.cdac.in |
| 08. | Facilitators for the preparation of exam | - |
| a. | Syllabus | Just a (book) on Previous years papers of afcat Don't study specially for it Basic aptitude and maths which all engineers do for any competitive exam but do solve 10 papers 20 days before exam and then related stuff |
| b. | Break up of Marks | 150-170/300 |
| c. | Important Key words | |
| 09. | Other Important information if any | For engineering branch EKT is also there but clearing that is not mandatory |