



SYNERGY STUDY POINT

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CONGRATULATIONS!

We are proud to declare that more than 65 Synergians made into the coveted list in last four years.

OUR RESULT OF 2016

#	Name (All India Rank)	Synergy Batch
1	Gauravsingh Sogarwal (99)	Weekend Batch, Panorama Batch
1	Amit Tolani (151)	Panorama Batch
2	Dattatraya Shinde(377)	GS, Panorama Batch
3	Dilmil Singh Soach (379)	Interview Guidance
4	Shraddha Pandey (508)	Mains Test series and Interview Guidance
5	Shiva Prakash Devraju (572)	GS Weekend, Panorama Batch
6	Kiran Shinde (618)	History Optional Batch
7	Nitish Pathode (723)	GS, Panorama Batch and Interview Guidance
8	Sandeep Sathe (775)	Interview Guidance
9	Vikram Virkar (784)	Interview Guidance/Faculty
10	Yogesh Patil (836)	Interview Guidance
11	Kranti Khobragade (982)	History Optional Batch
12	Yogesh Bharsat (1013)	Mains Test Series
13	Rahul Mali (1054)	Mains Test series and Interview Guidance
14	Vishnu Auti (1064)	GS and History Mains Test Series and Interview Guidance
15	Indrajit Panda (1075)	GS Weekend, Panorama Batch and Interview Guidance

	Year	Name
1	2015	Sandeep Ghuge
2	2015	Sachin Ombase
3	2015	Mahesh Londhe
4	2015	Tushar Mohite
5	2015	Akshay Hakay
6	2015	Nisarg Hiware
7	2015	Arvind Renge
8	2015	Amit Khatawkar
9	2015	Vikram Virkar
10	2015	Sachin Ghagare
11	2015	Yogesh Chitte
12	2015	Ansari Shakeel
13	2015	Abhijeet Ichake
14	2014	Shiva Devaraju
15	2014	Sachin Ombase
16	2014	Mayur Govekar
17	2014	Nikhil Pingale
18	2014	Madhav Sulfule
19	2014	Amitkumar Mane
20	2014	Sandip Sathe
21	2014	Himalay Deokate
22	2014	Amit Khatawkar
23	2014	Sonal Sonkawade
24	2014	Swapnil Pawar
25	2014	Vivekanand Jadhavar
26	2014	Mrunmay Ramteke

	Year	Name
27	2014	Avinash Jadhav
28	2014	Sujit Kanade
29	2014	Akshay Hakay
30	2014	Diliraj Dabhale
31	2014	Motilal Shete
32	2014	Adinath Dagade
33	2014	Vivek Hoke
34	2014	Hemant Pol
35	2014	Rajesh Gawali
36	2014	Amol Thakur
37	2013	Joshi Mrunmai Shashank
38	2013	Kulange Vijay Amruta
39	2013	Deshpande Neha Deepak
40	2013	Gaikwad Vinodkumar Damodhar
41	2013	Thube Prateek Vijaykumar
42	2013	Swami Hareshwar
43	2013	Patange Vaishali Shamrao
44	2013	Ansari Shakeel Ahmed
45	2013	Yadav Vishwajeet Shirishkumar
46	2013	Patil Yatish Gajanan
47	2013	Sandip Vishwanath Sontakke
48	2013	Raskar Saurabh Suryabhan
49	2013	Phalake Abhayasinh Jaysing
50	2013	Bhadane Sachin Gulabrao
51	2013	Shete Motilal Sahadev
52	2013	Chavan Ujjwalkumar Bhimrao

ABOUT CIVIL SERVICE EXAM

Union Public Service Commission is an autonomous constitutional body which recruits personnel for different Union Services except Armed Forces. Civil Service is responsible for implementing the laws made by the legislature as well as the policies formulated by the government. This is the higher class among the public administration, which includes domestic as well as foreign affairs. UPSC through Civil Service Exam recruits candidates for following services.

1. Indian Administrative Service
2. Indian Police Service
3. Indian Foreign Service
4. Indian P & T Accounts & Finance Service
5. Indian Audit and Accounts Service
6. Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Central Excise)
7. Indian Defence Accounts Service
8. Indian Revenue Service (I.T.)
9. Indian Ordnance Factories Service (Assistant Works Manager, Administration)
10. Indian Postal Service
11. Indian Civil Accounts Service
12. Indian Railway Traffic Service
13. Indian Railway Accounts Service
14. Indian Railway Personnel Service
15. Post of Assistant Security Commissioner in Railway Protection Force
16. Indian Defence Estates Service
17. Indian Information Service (Junior Grade)
18. Indian Trade Service, Group 'A' (Gr. III)
19. Indian Corporate Law Service
20. Armed Forces Headquarters Civil Service (Section Officer's Grade)
21. Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli Civil Service
22. Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli Police Service
23. Pondicherry Civil Service
24. Pondicherry Police Service

PLAN OF EXAMINATION



The competitive examination comprises two successive stages:

- I. **Civil Services (Preliminary) Examinations (Objective Type)** for the selection of candidates for Main Examination; and
- II. **Civil Services (Main) Examination (Written and Interview)** for the selection of candidates for the various services and posts.

The Preliminary Examination consists of two papers of Objective type (multiple choice questions). This examination is meant to serve as a screening test only; the marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination by the candidates who are declared qualified for admission to the Main Examination will not be counted for determining their final order of merit.

The number of candidates who appear the Main Examination is generally about twelve to thirteen times the total approximate number of vacancies to be filled in the year in the various Services and Posts. Only those candidates who are declared by the Commission to have qualified in the Preliminary Examination in the year are eligible for admission to the Main Examination of that year provided they are otherwise eligible for admission to the Main Examination.

Candidates, who obtain such minimum qualifying marks in the written part of the Main Examination as may be fixed by the Commission at their discretion, are summoned by the Commission for a Personality Test (Interview). The number of candidates summoned for interview is about twice to thrice the number of vacancies to be filled.

Marks thus obtained by the candidates in the Main Examination (written part as well as interview) would determine their final ranking. Candidates are then allotted to the various Services keeping in view their ranks in the examination and the preferences expressed by them for the various Services and Posts.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

The Examination comprises of **two compulsory papers of 200 marks each**.
The questions are of multiple choices, objective type.

Paper I - (200 marks) Duration: Two hours

- ✚ Current events of national and international importance
- ✚ History of India and Indian National Movement
- ✚ Indian and World Geography - Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World.
- ✚ Indian Polity and Governance - Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.
- ✚ Economic and Social Development Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector initiatives, etc.
- ✚ General issues on Environmental Ecology, Bio-diversity and Climate Change - that do not require subject specialization
- ✚ General Science

Paper II- (200 marks) Duration: Two hours

- ✚ Comprehension
- ✚ Interpersonal skills including communication skills
- ✚ Logical reasoning and analytical ability
- ✚ Decision-making and problem-solving
- ✚ General mental ability
- ✚ Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude, etc.) (Class X level), Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency etc. - Class X level)
- ✚ English Language Comprehension skills (Class X level)

The question papers are set both in Hindi and English.

Note: From 2014 prelims CSAT paper is of Qualifying nature where student need to get minimum 33% i.e. 66 Marks out of 200 Marks. These marks will not be counted in Prelims result.

MAIN EXAMINATION

The written examination consists of the following papers:

Name of the Paper	Description	Marks
Essay	Essay	250
General Studies–I	Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society	250
General Studies –II	Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations	250
General Studies –III	Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management	250
General Studies –IV	Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude	250
Optional Subject	Paper I and II	500
Sub Total (Written Test)		1750
Personality Test		275
Grand Total		2025

Apart from this there will be papers on regional language (Paper A) and English (Paper B), 300 marks each. But these will be only of qualifying nature. These marks will not be counted in final analysis but the papers on Essay, General Studies and Optional Subject of only such candidates will be taken cognizance who attain **25% marks in Indian Language and 25% marks in English** as minimum qualifying standards in these qualifying papers.

Marks obtained by the candidates for all papers mentioned in above table will be counted for merit ranking. **However, the Commission will have the discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all papers of the examination.**

Candidates will have the option to answer all the question papers, except the Qualifying Language papers Paper-A and Paper-B, in any of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India or in English. Candidates exercising the option to answer Papers in any one of the languages may give English version within brackets of only the description of the technical terms, if any, in addition to the version in the language opted by them. Candidates should note that if they misuse the above rule, a deduction will be made from the total marks.

- ❏ **The main Examination is intended to assess the overall intellectual traits and depth of understanding of candidates rather than merely the range of their information and memory.**
- ❏ The mains questions are such as to test a candidate's general awareness of a variety of subjects, which will have relevance for a career in Civil Services.
- ❏ The questions are likely to test the candidate's basic understanding of all relevant issues, and ability to analyze, and take a view on conflicting socio- economic goals, objectives and demands.
- ❏ The candidates must give relevant, meaningful and succinct answers.
- ❏ **If a candidate's handwriting is not easily legible, a deduction is made on this account from the total marks otherwise accruing to him.**
- ❏ **Marks are not allotted for mere superficial knowledge.**

- ✚ **Credit is given for orderly, effective and exact expression combined with due economy of words in all subjects of the examination.**
- ✚ The scope of the syllabus for optional subject papers for the examination is broadly of the honours degree level i.e. a level higher than the bachelors' degree and lower than the masters' degree. In the case of Engineering, Medical Science and law, the level corresponds to the bachelors' degree.
- ✚ The question papers for the examination are of conventional (essay/descriptive) type.
- ✚ Each paper is of three hours duration.

Syllabi of the papers included in the scheme of Civil Services (Main) Examination are given as follows:-

✚ **Compulsory Languages**

The aim of the paper is to test the candidates' ability to read and understand serious discursive prose, and express his ideas clearly and correctly, in English and Indian Language concerned. The pattern of questions is broadly as follows :- (i) Comprehension of given passages (ii) Precis Writing (iii) Usage and Vocabulary (iv) Short Essays Indian Languages :- (i) Comprehension of given passages (ii) Precis Writing (iii) Usage and Vocabulary (iv) Short Essays (v) Translation from English to the Indian language and vice-versa.

✚ **Essay**

Candidates may be required to write essays on multiple topics. They are expected to keep closely to the subject of the essay to arrange their ideas in orderly fashion and to write concisely. Credit is given for effective and exact expression.

✚ **General Studies- I**

Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society

- ◆ Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
- ◆ Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present-significant events, personalities, issues
- ◆ The Freedom Struggle - its various stages and important contributors /contributions from different parts of the country.
- ◆ Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.
- ◆ History of the world will include events from 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redrawing of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.- their forms and effect on the society.
- ◆ Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.
- ◆ Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.
- ◆ Effects of globalization on Indian society
- ◆ Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.
- ◆ Salient features of world's physical geography.
- ◆ Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian subcontinent);
- ◆ Factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India)

- ◆ Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location- changes in critical geographical features (including water bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.

✚ General Studies- II

Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations

- ◆ Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.
- ◆ Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.
- ◆ Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.
- ◆ Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries
- ◆ Parliament and State Legislatures - structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these.
- ◆ Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.
- ◆ Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.
- ◆ Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.
- ◆ Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies
- ◆ Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
- ◆ Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders
- ◆ Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.
- ◆ Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.
- ◆ Issues relating to poverty and hunger.
- ◆ Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.
- ◆ Role of civil services in a democracy.
- ◆ India and its neighborhood- relations.
- ◆ Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests
- ◆ Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian Diaspora.
- ◆ Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.

✚ General Studies-III

Technology, Economic Development, Bio diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management

- ◆ Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.
- ◆ Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.
- ◆ Government Budgeting.
- ◆ Major crops cropping patterns in various parts of the country, different types of irrigation and irrigation systems; storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers
- ◆ Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices; Public Distribution System- objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing.
- ◆ Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.
- ◆ Land reforms in India.
- ◆ Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.
- ◆ Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.
- ◆ Investment models.
- ◆ Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life
- ◆ Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology. Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.
- ◆ Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment
- ◆ Disaster and disaster management.
- ◆ Linkages between development and spread of extremism.
- ◆ Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.
- ◆ Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention
- ◆ Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism
- ◆ Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate

✚ General Studies- IV

Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude

This paper includes questions to test the candidates' attitude and approach to issues relating to integrity, probity in public life and his problem solving approach to various issues and conflicts faced by him in dealing with society. Questions generally utilize the case study approach to determine these aspects.

- ◆ Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in human actions; dimensions of ethics; ethics in private and public relationships. Human Values – lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators; role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values.
- ◆ Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.

- ◆ Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service , integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker sections.
- ◆ Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.
- ◆ Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world.
- ◆ Public/Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance; ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance.
- ◆ Probity in Governance: Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption.
- ◆ Case Studies on above issues.

Optional Subject

Optional Subject Papers I & II: Please check the syllabus in UPSC Notification published on <http://upsc.gov.in/exams/notifications/>

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| • Agriculture | • Anthropology | |
| • Mathematics | • Botany | |
| • Mechanical Engineering | • Chemistry | |
| • Medical Science | • Civil Engineering | |
| • Philosophy | • Commerce | |
| • Physics | • and Accountancy | |
| • Political Science and International Relations | • Economics | |
| • Psychology | • Electrical Engineering | |
| • Public Administration | • Geography | |
| • Sociology | • Geology | |
| • Statistics | • History | |
| • Zoology | • Law | |
| • Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science | • Management | |
| • Literature of any one of the following languages: | | |
| Assamese | Sindhi | Gujarati |
| Malayalam | Tamil | Hindi |
| Manipuri | Telugu | Kannada |
| Marathi | Urdu | Kashmiri |
| Nepali | English | Konkani |
| Oriya | Bengali | Maithili |
| Punjabi | Bodo | |
| Sanskrit | Dogri | |

PERSONALITY TEST (INTERVIEW)

- The candidate is interviewed by a Board who has before them a record of his/her career. He/she is asked questions on matters of general interest. The objective of the interview is to assess the personal suitability of the candidate for a career in public service by a Board of competent and unbiased observers. The test is intended to judge the mental caliber of a candidate. In broad terms this is really an assessment of not only his/her intellectual qualities but also social traits and his/her interest in current affairs. Some of the qualities that are judged are mental alertness, critical powers of assimilation, clear and logical exposition, balance of judgment, variety and depth of interest, ability for social cohesion and leadership, intellectual and moral integrity.
- The technique of the interview is not that of a strict cross-examination but of a natural, though directed and purposive conversation which is intended to reveal the mental qualities of the candidate.
- The interview test is not intended to be a test either of the specialized or general knowledge of the candidates which has been already tested through their written papers. Candidates are expected to have taken an intelligent interest not only in their special subjects of academic study but also in the events which are happening around them both within and outside their own state or country as well as in modern currents of thought and in new discoveries which should rouse the curiosity of well educated youth.

STRATEGY

Abraham Lincoln once said *“Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm.”*

Step 1: Important Decisions

1. What is required for success?
 - Devoted study
 - Good writing style
 - To the Point Approach
 - Basic command over English and Aptitude
 - Good grasp over current affairs
 - Healthy competitions and feedbacks.... i.e. critical self assessment
 - Quality material and guidance
 - Patience and Self confidence

2. When to start the preparation? (for the next year’s Preliminary exam in August, followed by Mains)
 - One should start preparation one year prior to the exam i.e. from June/July. If not possible, at least ten months prior to the examination i.e. latest by October.
 - If you are going to prepare immediately after graduation, then don’t waste time, start immediately after your final exam.
 - If you are going to study while working start preparation in June/July. Don’t delay to start otherwise you will experience time crunch later.
 - If you are preparing during graduation, generalized plan cannot be suggested, so discuss personally with us to evolve an individual plan.

3. How to start preparation?

If you have joined Synergy, just follow the curriculum of the batch, you will reach the destination.

If you are starting on your own, to begin with follow the initial steps.....

 - Analysis of previous year question papers
 - Understanding of Syllabus
 - Reading of basic study material
 - Start writing... begin with easy questions

4. How to select the optional subject?

This is very important decision. Fortunately in the new format GS is much more important. So don’t take this decision at the beginning. First start preparing for GS and then after some time take this decision. Because in four GS papers you will be introduced to variety of optional subjects like History, Geography, Public Administration, Political Science and Sociology. This will help you to determine your inclination to a particular subject. Every subject has its own demand (i.e. thinking pattern, writing style, presentation techniques etc). Your personality should suit to it. Following are some basic criteria...

 - Interest and understanding in the subject (about which you will come to know when you study for GS Mains)

- Analysis of the syllabus and previous years' question papers of the shortlisted subjects
- Writing style and presentation techniques suitable for that particular optional (about which you will know once you start writing for GS and essay)
- Thinking Pattern expected for a particular optional (you will come to know about yours after you prepare for GS.)
- Availability of study material
- Availability of guidance
- Weightage of optional in GS
- Graduation background
- Apart from this, some give importance to the length of the syllabus.... Which is an unfound criterion

While preparing for GS Mains, you will be also preparing for History, Geography, Public Administration, Political Science, Sociology etc. It will help you in deciding your interest in a particular optional subject properly. Rather than selecting an optional without having knowledge of other subjects or without knowing your own writing and presentation styles and thinking patterns, it is better to delay this decision. It will prove more informed and rational decision afterwards.

5. How to manage other examinations like MPSC (state services exam) along with UPSC?
At the beginning it is better to concentrate on UPSC alone as it will cover major portion of other similar exams. You can dedicatedly prepare for them for some time prior to exam dates depending upon time table (unfortunately this keep changing every year)
6. Can I prepare while working or pursuing graduation?
Yes you can.... You need to be mentally very strong for the whole year to manage everything. A break of two/three month's in-between will bring nothing but failure.
We conduct weekend batches for these students. We are proud to share that we have many selections from this batch.... Rajat Bansal (IPS), Anshu Varma (IRAS), Devraju Shiva (IAS), etc.

Step 2: FAQs about Synergy

1. Why should I join Synergy?
Synergy means 'coming together and creating something new'.... Synergy as an institute is based on solid support of the alumni. Majority of students join Synergy, not because of promotional activity but because of mouth publicity.

We are the LEADER in GS and have unparallel track record in optional subject results e.g. All India History Topper- Sonal Sonkawade (Marks – 396).

All former students are happy with Synergy due to

- Good track record: 300 plus students selected as IAS, IPS, IFS, IRS, etc.
- Expert and easily accessible faculties who give personal feedbacks
- Timely coverage of the syllabus
- Emphasis on Approach building

- Comprehensive printed notes (More than 5,000 pages for GS)
- Strategy lectures on every topic of syllabus with question papers analysis
- In depth teaching of every topic of syllabus
- Special emphasis on writing and presentation techniques
- Exhaustive test series- both prelims and Mains perspective (number of sectional + comprehensive tests conducted over the year) with personal feedback
- Comparative results for Prelims Test Series
- Special focus on Current Events... “PANORAMA” batch and notes are considered unparalleled in India. Your understanding of current affairs will be incomplete without Panorama. (about 50 weekly booklets on current affairs are provided)
- Experience sharing and guidance by successful candidates
- Calm environment (though situated in the heart of Pune City)
- Situated in Appa Balwant Chowk (ABC)(where all books are easily available)
- Easy availability of accommodation and study rooms nearby
- Quality infrastructure- AC classrooms, spacious benches, modern audio-video system, reserved parking space, etc.

2. Who are the Faculties at Synergy?

All the faculties at Synergy are having in depth experience of all three stages of examination, including interview. There is a blend of senior and junior faculties so that with experience, contemporary demands will be integrated with.

There are four types of faculties...

- Core faculty- includes directors of the Institute **Atul Lande** and **Sujeet Rukari**
- Support Faculty- includes faculties who are tied with Synergy and always ready to guide you whenever you need them
- Visiting Faculty- Synergy is building a strong team of faculty drawn from both administration and academics. The combination enables faculty members to leverage their knowledge & experience in accordance with the requirements of Syllabus.
- Post Holders as faculty- Synergy has advisory board which includes senior administrators working in different states and 100+ post holder alumni. They keep visiting Synergy to share their experiences both of examination and work. This provides an opportunity for all to draw inspiration.

Step 3: General Queries

1. Is Library necessary for UPSC preparation?

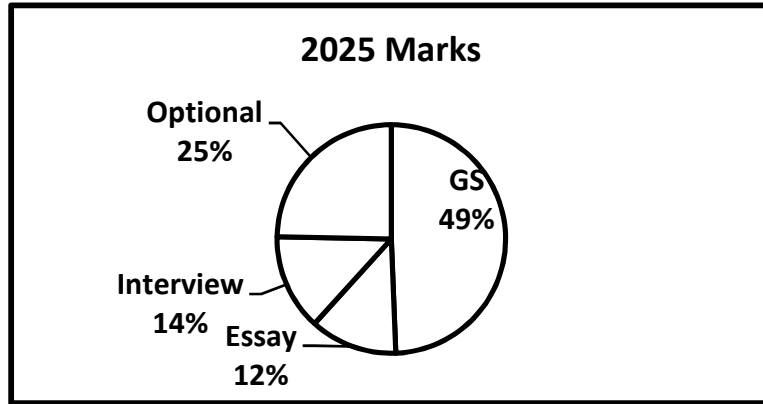
At Synergy, detailed notes are provided for all topics of the syllabus. In addition to this, reference list is also provided. Students are expected to buy these books for ready reference. If any book is too costly or out of print, it can be availed from the Synergy Library.

2. What about accommodation, mess and reading/study rooms?

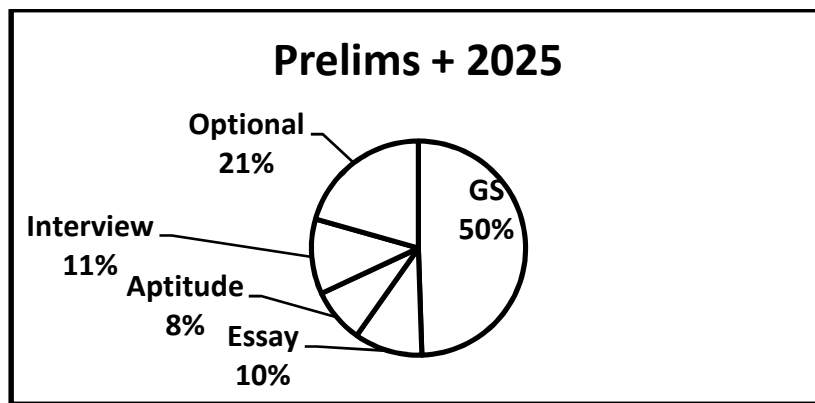
For girls, hostel facility with limited seats is available in the Institute’s premises itself. Synergy is situated in the centre of Pune city with many accommodation and study room facilities available in the vicinity. Their contact details can be availed from the Synergy Administration.

Step 4: comparative weightage for all subjects

Let's consider the marks which are counted for final ranking (**Mains + Interview**) first,

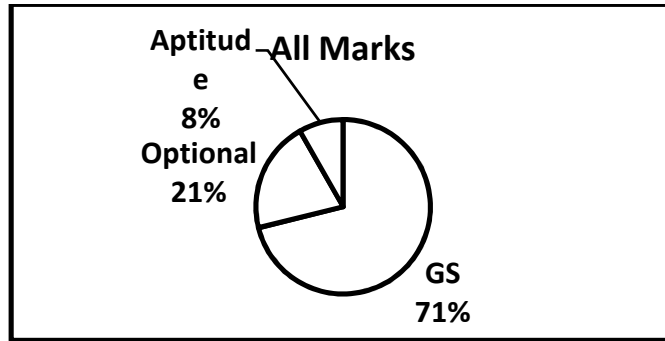


Now, if Prelims is also added,



We can rearrange all this information in following manner as well...

1. **GS Based Marks**= GS Prelims, 200 + GS Mains, 1000 + Essay, 250 (Essay means Mains GS and writing style) + Interview, 275 (It means Mains GS and communication style) = **1725**
2. **Optional Based Marks = 500**
3. **Aptitude based Marks = Prelims Aptitude, 200 Marks** (It is now qualifying nature, still have significance)



Step 5: Schedule of Study

(Assuming prelims in June 2018 followed by Mains in October 2018)

Month	Activity	Why?
Until December 2017	Preparation of GS Mains, Essay, Optional	GS is compulsory. It has highest weightage. It creates strong foundation for GS Prelims, Current Affairs and Essay
		Optional- As shown earlier it contributes to 21% in total marks, so begin its study earliest.
		Right from day one, you should not waste time. By December, majority of the content preparation will be over
December 2017	What is level of your aptitude paper?	If you are weak here, you should start its preparation immediately. To test you can solve last years' question papers.
November 2017– October 2018	Current Affairs (Panorama batch), Answer writing Practice	Current events for a period of one year before Mains Exam are relevant for exam.
January 2017– March 2018	Prelims (Both Papers)	Around 70 % syllabus of Prelims GS will be covered while you are preparing for Mains, remaining syllabus you can cover until March
	Remaining Syllabus of Mains	If any... for all subjects
February 2018- June 2018	Prelims	Revision and practice for prelims along with test series
July – October 2018	Revision, Answer writing Practice	Mains answer writing practice is essential as it is the only link between you and UPSC. UPSC doesn't know you personally i.e. for how much time you have studied or how many books you have referred. Interview call and final ranking depends upon your mains answers and score.

Thus, even though the Main exam is second stage, you prepare for it before the first stage i.e. Preliminary exam due to the reasons listed in above table.

UPCOMING BATCHES AND SCHEDULE

Note:

1. Fees mentioned here are inclusive of taxes.
2. For installments if any, cheques are compulsory. Without cheques against installments admission will not be given.
3. The timings and days in the table are indicative.
4. Other batches will be notified in due course of time.
5. Our batches are module wise, so you can join at any day and cover complete syllabus.

For 2018 Attempt

S.No.	Batch Name and Time	Starts On
1	Synergy Special Batch (Evening Batch- 5:00 to 8:00 PM)	5 th June 2017
2	GS Integrated Batch (Evening Batch- 5:00 to 8:00 PM)	5 th June 2017
3	Synergy Special Batch (Morning Batch- 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM)	3 rd July 2017
4	GS Integrated Batch (Morning Batch- 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM)	3 rd July 2017
5	Weekend GS Batch (Every Sunday) (10.30 am - 5.15 pm)	2 nd July 2017
6	Panorama – Saturday (5.00 pm – 8.00 pm)	November 2017 Can Join Anytime
7	Optional Batches 1.30 pm-4.30 pm	7 th August 2017

Synergy Special Batch (EVENING/MORNING)

Syllabus and format of UPSC has undergone a transformation. The importance of compulsory subjects is increasing day by day. The integration between these subjects with optional subjects is also increasing. To address this transformation Synergy is launching a batch which covers all subjects in a synergized i.e. integrated manner. Material, Teaching and feedback on tests are essential aspects of UPSC preparation. This batch will focus on all these aspects.

Batch Comprises of	Batch Details				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GS Prelims and Mains including test series for Prelims and Mains answer writing practice. • Panorama i.e. Current Affairs • Optional subject and test series • Essay • Aptitude with test series • Personalized guidance for Compulsory Language Papers- English and Regional Language • Interview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting Dates and Timings: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Evening (5:00 PM- 8:00 PM)</td> <td>Morning (10:00 AM-1:00PM)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5th June 2017</td> <td>3rd July 2017</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration: Until Interview • Fees: Rs 85,000 /- (10% discount, if paid at once) 	Evening (5:00 PM- 8:00 PM)	Morning (10:00 AM-1:00PM)	5th June 2017	3rd July 2017
	Evening (5:00 PM- 8:00 PM)	Morning (10:00 AM-1:00PM)			
5th June 2017	3rd July 2017				

G.S. Integrated Batch (EVENING/MORNING)

As we have seen earlier, in the evolving format of UPSC examination significance of GS is increasing immensely. GS also helps in Essay and Interview. GS comprises of many different subtopics. For each topic one need different approach. Many topics are interrelated (like economy and social). For some strong theoretical foundations are required (like Technology). Some might change with time (like international relations). For some practice is required (like polity). For some prelims and Mains integration is expected (like History). For some memorization is inevitable (like Geography). For some ability to have strong opinions is necessary (like political issues). Considering all these Synergy is launching a very comprehensive round the year Pre cum Mains batch to create strong foundation for ultimate success.

Batch Comprises of	Batch Details				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GS Prelims and Mains including test series for Prelims and Mains answer writing practice. • Panorama i.e. Current Affairs • Essay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting Dates and Timings: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Evening (5:00 PM- 8:00 PM)</td> <td>Morning (10:00 AM-1:00PM)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5th June 2017</td> <td>3rd July 2017</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration: Until Interview • Days: Monday – Friday • Fees: Rs 60,000 /- (10% discount, if paid at once) 	Evening (5:00 PM- 8:00 PM)	Morning (10:00 AM-1:00PM)	5th June 2017	3rd July 2017
	Evening (5:00 PM- 8:00 PM)	Morning (10:00 AM-1:00PM)			
5th June 2017	3rd July 2017				

Weekend (SUNDAY) GS Batch

In life there will always be some commitments from which we can't run away. Some of us may be working, for some it might not be possible to reside in Pune, some might be completing graduation or post graduation. There is another certainty of life that we can't run away from our dreams as well. We at synergy wanted to be a part of these dreams and so pioneered the concept of Weekend batch. Everything about it is similar with the regular batch apart from timings and batch duration. As we are conducting lectures only on Sundays and we don't want to reduce teaching time, batch duration will be more.

Batch Comprises of	Batch Details
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GS Prelims and Mains including test series for Prelims and Mains answer writing practice. • Panorama i.e. Current Affairs • Essay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting Date: 2nd July 2017 • Duration: Until Prelims • Days: Sunday, 10:30 AM – 5:15 PM • Fees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ With Panorama Lecture:- Rs 53, 000/- ➤ Without Panorama Lecture:- Rs 48, 000/-

Panorama- Current Affairs

Overall weightage of GS and consequently Current Affairs is increasing day by day. Current Events are relevant for Prelims GS, Mains GS, Mains Essay, and Interview and also for number of optional subjects. While preparing for Current Affairs students find it very difficult to manage so many different sources available. Many times they might skip some important news. On some days due to some unavoidable circumstances they do not find time to read newspapers. Many issues are difficult to grasp as students are not having the background knowledge of the issue. On many debatable issues it is difficult to find opinions. Time is also required to make detailed notes. Many times significance of the news from prelims, mains or essay point of view is not understood.

To address this, we have started "Panorama", weekly discussion on the Current Affairs during a week. ***It is round the year activity once in a week.***

Batch Comprises of	Batch Details
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive weekly updates on all sections of General Studies • Detail printed booklet every week (about 50 pages per booklet) • Syllabus based classification • Extensive coverage of information from sources Hindu, Yojana, Indian Express, Economic Times, Science reporter, India Today, PIB etc. • objective and analytical information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting Date: Batch starts in November but one can join anytime • Day: Saturday, 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM. Every month there will be about three lectures. • Fees: Rs 10,000 /-

Optional Batches

Though importance of optional marks has reduced, still it is important in the final selection. Optional preparation requires different strategy than GS preparation. In these batches emphasis will be on conceptual clarity of the subject and writing practice.

Subjects available are

- ✓ History
- ✓ Geography

Batch Comprises of	Batch Details
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-depth coverage of whole syllabus• Comprehensive notes• Module wise test series	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Starting Date: 7th August 2017• Duration: Until January• Days: 3 days per week (1:30 PM- 4:30 PM)• Fees: Rs 25,000

Note: World History part of History optional will be covered along with General Studies batch lectures.


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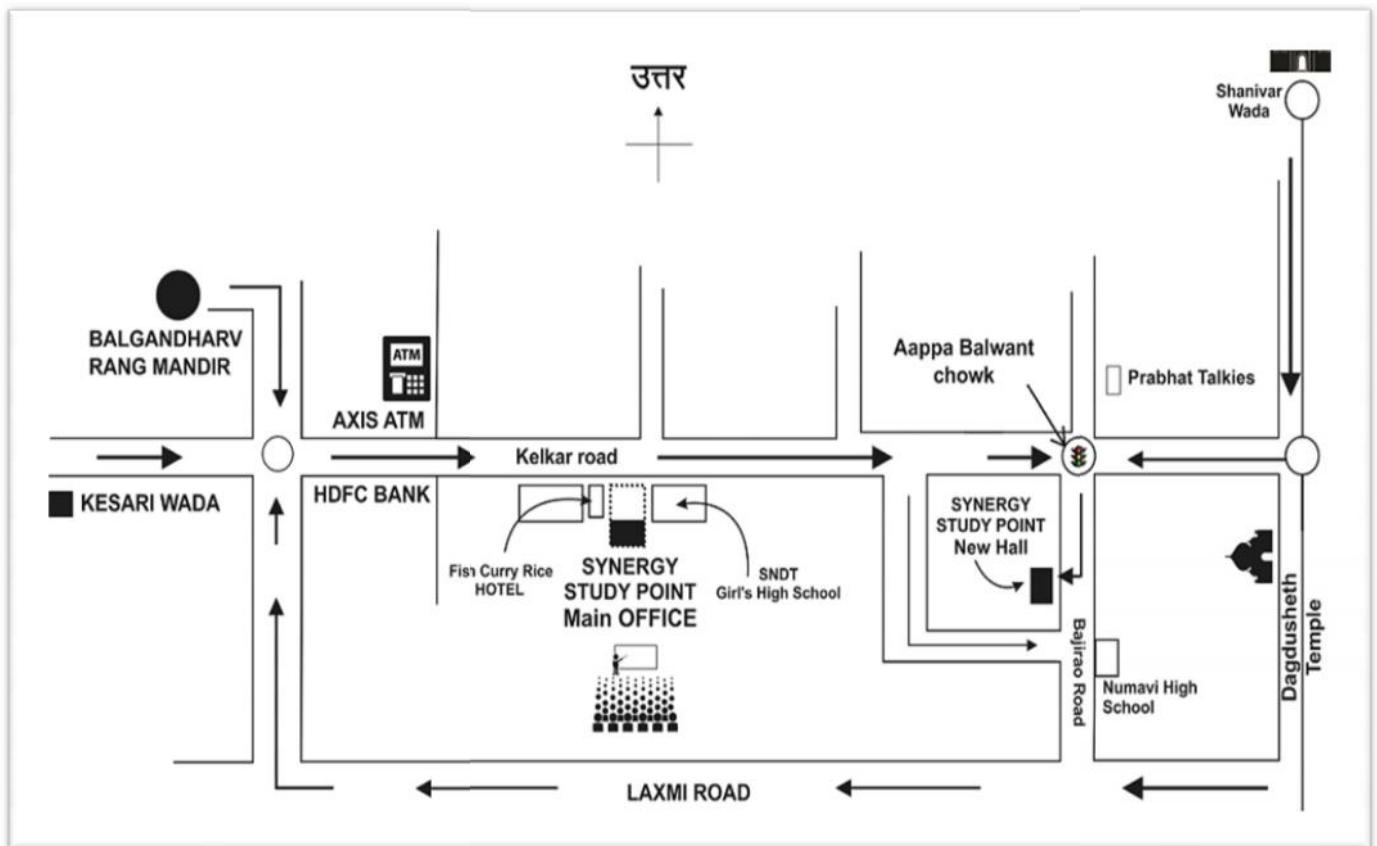
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