

**UPSC CSE
Preliminary 2022
Detailed Exam
Analysis**

UPSC Prelims Subject-Wise Weightage

	Polity	History	Geography	Environment	Economy	Current Affairs	Science and Tech
2022	10	16	15	16	18	12	13
2021	14	20	10	11	10	27	8
2020	17	20	10	10	15	18	10
2019	15	17	14	11	14	22	7
2018	13	22	10	13	18	14	10

Subject Wise Analysis

Indian Polity (10-12 Questions)

The questions from this section were Easy to Moderate. If your concepts are clear, you would find many easy questions like Deputy Speaker, Constitutional Amendment Bill, Anti-Defection Law etc. However, the paper also consisted of some moderate but doable questions like the questions on Advocates, Contempt of Court etc. .

Environment (16 Questions)

The questions from this section were Moderate to Difficult. This year UPSC has asked a lot of climate organizations like Climate Action Tracker, Climate Group and EP100. Questions were also asked from agriculture section like System of Rice Intensification and particulate matter. The questions from this section were more direct this time as compared to previous years.

Geography (15 Questions)

Overall, the questions from this section were moderate. Questions were direct so, many questions from this section were from the 'either you know or you don't' category. Questions from Lakes, Peaks, Canyon were asked that are more of rote learning nature.

History (16 Questions)

The questions from modern history were less and were on a difficult side. This year, the focus was on Medieval History and Art and Culture. This year the questions were really difficult and some questions were Masters and Doctorate level. Questions like Ashoka Edicts, Rajput Dynasties, GOI Act 1919, Cripps Mission etc. were doable and some questions like Sangam Literature, Buddhist Text were difficult to attempt.

Science and Technology (13 Questions)

The new found affection of UPSC with the technologies could be again seen from this year topic. The questions from this section were difficult. The questions were from new and emerging technologies such as Saas, qubit, Web 3.0 etc. Aspirants are not expected to read technological topics in much depth.

Economy (18 Questions)

UPSC Prelims 2022 Economy Analysis: The questions from this section were slightly difficult than last year. This year, around 18 questions were asked from this section and most of them were conceptual in nature. Questions on NEER, REER, Inflation Indexed bonds, debt financing etc were a tough nut to crack this year.

Conclusion

The question paper was moderate to difficult. Some questions were very difficult to attempt but 60% paper were doable and students with good understanding of basic concepts would be able to clear this exam.

Just because UPSC has asked many location specific questions, one should not start focusing on every location in the world map. Last year, UPSC had asked questions from Sports section but this year there were no such questions. Every year there are questions that are unpredictable, so it's better to focus on the basics and current affairs.

This element of surprise will always be there in the paper; one just needs to target the easy and moderate questions.

EXPECTED CUT-OFF

	2022	2021	2020	2019		2018	2017
General	90-95	87.54	92.51	98		98.00	105.34
SC	75-78	75.41	74.84	82		84.00	88.66
ST	67-70	70.71	68.71	77.34		83.34	88.66
OBC	85-90	84.85	89.12	95.34		96.66	102.66
EWS	80-85	80.14	77.55	90		-	-