

**BRILLIANT'S  
SUPPORT PROGRAMME  
For the  
UPSC CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION**

The Civil Services which constitutes all the departments running the Administration are the back bone of any Government machinery. A desire to serve the country as well as the power that come with these jobs is a definite reason to take the examination. But the long drawn out exam process, which tests both intensive as well as extensive knowledge, needs special preparation and a focused approach.

Brilliant's Package for CSE candidates consists of **concurrent** material for the Aptitude Test and Main Exam. Our package provides material for Papers I & II of the Aptitude Test as well as for the General Studies and one Optional subject for the Main Exam.

This is an **integrated course** of support for the Aptitude Test and Main examination. The Civil Services Examination being highly competitive, preparation for the Aptitude Test and Main Examinations must be concurrent. This also gives the student wider exposure and knowledge even for the Aptitude Test.

**Enrolment:**

1. Enrolment for our course towards the Civil Services Examination opens in January of the year prior to the year of exam.
2. The application for Enrolment is attached to this Prospectus.
3. The fees for the course and the list of Optional subjects for which we offer support are listed in the Application Form.
4. Despatch of course material will begin in April / May
  - Students who enroll after despatch has begun, will be sent all material due until the date of enrolment in one lot. Subsequent despatches will be as per the Schedule.
5. Material is usually sent monthly by Registered Parcel Post.
6. The despatch of study material for each course will be completed one month prior to the actual examination.

### **Medium of Instruction**

The course material is in the English medium and only students who can follow our lessons in the English medium should apply for enrolment.

### **Course Material for the Aptitude Test**

The course material for the Aptitude Test will be in the form of short notes on all topics prescribed under the syllabus. An exhaustive Sectional Test Paper/Question Bank consisting of a variety of Multiple Choice Questions is also included in each Set. It is essential that students practise these Tests and the Question Bank under examination conditions in order to develop the skill necessary - speed with accuracy - in answering such questions in the Aptitude Test.

### **Course Material for the Main Exam**

The course materials for General Studies and Optional will contain a thorough treatment of the topics given in the syllabus in the form of notes, short and long essays.

Questions from some previous years' CSE Question Papers will be indicated under each topic. Further, an assignment will also be given in each set. It is essential that students answer these assignments on their

A select bibliography will be given for the students' reference for additional source materials.

The study materials will be in **twelve sets** each in General Studies and the one optional subject and will be dispatched according to the dispatch schedule given below.

### **Note:**

*We **do not offer** support for Paper I - Indian Language, for Optionals Medical Sciences, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Science, Civil Engineering, Geology and Law.*

### **Current Affairs and Calendar of Events**

A "**Current Affairs**" booklet with short essays discussing in-depth important national and international events of the month, and a **Calendar of Events** with a short description of the events of the month will be sent every month.

Students enrolled in our course for the CSE will receive 24 such issues.

For Office Use only

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**APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT  
POSTAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME  
FOR  
CIVIL SERVICES EXAM, 2024**

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Enclose one signed  
photograph with this  
Form

(Enrolment forms  
will not be accepted  
without two  
photographs)

**Brilliant Learning Solutions Pvt. Ltd.**

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PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS  
IS THE COURSE YOU WISH  
TO APPLY AND ENROL FOR.

*(Please complete and sign both sides of this Form)*

Sir,

 Please enrol me as a student of your Full Course: Fees: **Rs. 27,890/- + GST Rs. 5,020/-, Total Rs. 32,910/-** Main General Studies and Optional: Fees: **Rs. 20,900/- + GST Rs. 3,762/-, Total Rs. 24,662/-** Full Course less MAIN Optional: Fees: **Rs. 19,925/- + GST Rs. 3,587/-, Total Rs. 23,512/-** Main Optional Only: Fees: **Rs. 9,490/- + GST Rs. 1,708/-, Total Rs. 11,198/-** \* I understand that:

- I am responsible to ensure my eligibility for the exam I am preparing for through this course
- Fees once paid will not be adjusted or refunded under any circumstances
- I will abide by the rules for this course given in the Prospectus
- All matters are subject to the jurisdiction of courts in Chennai only

Yours faithfully,

**Signature of Applicant****Date:**

(PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS)

APPLICANT'S NAME (as in school records) .....

**Date of Birth : Date** ..... **Month** ..... **Year** .....Sex:  Male  Female

Category ..... (General/SC/ST/Ex.S.)

Name of Parent/Guardian:

Permanent Home Address:

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Address to which all Correspondence and study material  
should be despatched:

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\* Denotes mandatory fields. Our course material is in the English Medium only • No instalment facility. • Enrolment Form will not be accepted without the photograph/s. • PIN CODE, AN ABSOLUTE MUST.

Brilliant Learning Solutions Pvt. Ltd. reserves the right to use the photographs and/or testimonials from students in promotional / publicity material. The Application Form should be sent to **Brilliant Learning Solutions Pvt. Ltd.** at the address above.

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**REMEMBER TO SEND ONE ADDITIONAL SIGNED PHOTOGRAPH WITH THIS FORM.**

*Please keep a copy of this application for your records and send a scanned copy to [info@brilliantlearningsolutions.com](mailto:info@brilliantlearningsolutions.com)*

## CIVIL SERVICES EXAM, 2024 MAIN EXAM OPTIONALS

Note: Please read the guidelines given in the Prospectus for choosing optionals. This is an important decision for success

**(CHOOSE 1) (PLEASE SEE NOTE BELOW)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Botany                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical Engineering                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry              | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce & Accountancy | <input type="checkbox"/> Physics                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Science and International Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Management             | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoology                                       |

(Please  the appropriate boxes)

- I agree to inform of **Brilliant Learning Solutions Pvt. Ltd** of my Prelim Exam Roll Number as soon as I receive my Hall Ticket from UPSC and shall also inform you of my ranking as soon as the final results are published.
- I herewith remit the full course fee of
- Rs. 32,910/-     Rs. 24,662/-     Rs. 23,512/-     Rs. 11,198/- by
- DD drawn in favour of **Brilliant Learning Solutions Pvt. Ltd**, payable at Chennai.

\_\_\_\_\_ DD No.                      \_\_\_\_\_ Bank                      \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Net Banking/Online Bank Transfer                      \_\_\_\_\_ UTR Number                      \_\_\_\_\_ Date

(Bank routing instructions given below)

| BANK ROUTING DETAILS                                  |
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| ICICI BANK  |
| NUNGAMBAKKAM BRANCH,                                  |
| PRAKASH PRESIDIUM                                     |
| 110, NUNGAMBAKKAM HIGH ROAD                           |
| CHENNAI – 600 034.                                    |
| IFSC Code: ICIC0000009                                |
| <b>Note:</b> Bank charges to be paid by student.      |

- I have scanned the QR Code below. The UPI Reference No. is \_\_\_\_\_
- I have paid by debit/credit card on your payment gateway at [www.brilliant.study/courses](http://www.brilliant.study/courses)  
Transaction confirmation No. \_\_\_\_\_



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Student's Signature

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Date:

## The Civil Services Examination (CSE)

The Civil Services Examination (CSE) is conducted every year by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) as a common examination for recruitment to various services like the Indian Administrative Service, Indian Foreign Service and Indian Police Service, as well as Group A and Group B Central Services.

The notification for the examination, (giving rules and the syllabus for all subjects included in the exam) is normally published in the month of **November/December** every year in **Employment News/Rozgar Samachar** and Gazette of India as well as in some Newspapers. All students are advised to get a copy of this notification from the Employment News or other publications.

The Civil Services Examination is comprised of:

- a Preliminary examination consisting of two objective-type papers (General Studies Paper I and General Studies Paper II also popularly known as Civil Service Aptitude Test or CSAT), and
- a Main Examination consisting of nine papers of the conventional (essay) type, in which two papers are qualifying and only marks of seven are counted.
- A successful candidate sits for 32 hours of examination during the complete process.
- Those who pass the Main Exam then have a Final Interview.

### **SCHEME OF EXAMINATION**

#### **I. Aptitude Test (also called CSAT or the Civil Services Aptitude Test)**

The Aptitude Test has been normally held by the UPSC on a **Sunday** in the **latter half of May** every year. The exact date will be published in the Notification.

The Aptitude Test will have two papers (Papers I & II) with Objective (Multiple Choice) type questions and carries a maximum of 200 marks each. Each paper will be of two hours' duration.

- Paper I tests the candidate's knowledge on current events, history of India and the Indian national movement, Indian and world geography, Indian polity, Panchayati Raj system and governance, economic and social development, environmental ecology, biodiversity, climate change and general science, Art and culture.

- Paper II tests the candidate's skills in comprehension, interpersonal skills, communication, logical reasoning, analytical ability, decision making, problem solving, basic numeracy, data interpretation, English language comprehension skills and mental ability. It is qualifying in nature and the marks obtained in this paper are not counted for merit. However, it is mandatory for the candidate to score a minimum of 33 per cent in this paper to qualify the Prelims exam.

Paper II of the Preliminary Examination will be qualifying in nature i.e. it will not be graded for eligibility for the Main Examination but a candidate will need to score at least 33% to be eligible for grading on the basis of marks of Paper I of the Preliminary Examination. Those who qualify in the Prelims become eligible for the Main.

## **II. Main Examination**

Only those who qualify in the Preliminary Examination in any year are eligible for admission to the Main Examination of that year, provided they are otherwise eligible for admission to the Main Examination.

The Main Examination is intended to assess the overall intellectual traits and the depth of understanding of the candidates, rather than merely the range of their information and memory. Sufficient choice of questions will be allowed in the question papers

One subject is to be selected from the prescribed list of optional subjects. The papers are broadly of the Honours degree level, i.e. a level higher than the Bachelor's degree and lower than the Master's degree. In Engineering, Law and Medical Sciences, the level corresponds to the Bachelor's degree.

It would, therefore, be advisable to choose subjects with which the student is already familiar to a large extent, having studied it at the Graduate/PG level.

Do not be carried away by the impression that some subjects are easier to score in than others. Performance depends upon the level of individual proficiency in the subject.

The written examination will consist of the following papers:

### **I. Compulsory**

Paper A            One of the Indian Languages\* 300 marks

Paper B            English    300 marks

Papers A and B are of a **qualifying nature** only. The marks obtained in them will not count for ranking purposes.

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| Paper I        | Essay  | 200 marks |
| Paper II       | General Studies I (Indian heritage and culture, history and geography of the world and society)                      | 250 marks |
| Paper III      | General Studies II (Governance, constitution, polity, social justice and international relations)                    | 250 marks |
| Paper IV       | General Studies III (Technology, economic development, bio-diversity, environment, security and disaster management) | 250 marks |
| Paper V        | General Studies IV (ethics, integrity and aptitude)  | 250 marks |
| Papers VI, VII | Two papers on one subject from the list of optional subjects (250 marks for each paper)                              | 500 marks |

### **II. Interview**

The number of candidates who pass the Main Exam and are called for the Interview is usually more than twice the number of likely vacancies. A total of 275 marks is allotted for the Interview.

### **Final Ranking**

The total marks obtained in the Main Examination - both written and interview - will determine the candidate's rank in the final selection.

## Eligibility

Eligibility for the examination is as follows:

### Nationality

- For the Indian Administrative Service and the Indian Police Service and Indian Foreign Service the candidate must be a citizen of India.
- For other services, the candidate must be one of the following:
  1. A citizen of India.
  2. A citizen of Nepal or a subject of Bhutan
  3. A Tibetan refugee who settled permanently in India before 1 January 1962.
  4. A person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia or Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India

### Educational qualification

All candidates must have as a minimum one of the following educational qualifications

- A degree from a Central, State or a Deemed university
- A degree received through correspondence or distance education
- A degree from an open university
- A qualification recognized by the Government of India as being equivalent to one of the above

The following candidates are also eligible, but must submit proof of their eligibility from a competent authority at their institute/university at the time of the main examination, failing which they will not be allowed to attend the exam.

- Candidates who have appeared in an examination the passing of which would render them educationally qualified enough to satisfy one of the above points.
- Candidates who have passed the final exam of the MBBS degree but have not yet completed an internship.
- Candidates who have passed the final exam of ICAI, ICSI and ICWAI.
- A degree from a private university.
- A degree from any foreign university recognized by the Association of Indian Universities.



## Age

**The candidate must have attained the age of 21 years and must not have attained the age of 32 years (for the General category candidate) on 1 August of the year of examination. Prescribed age limits vary with respect to caste reservations.**

- For Other Backward Castes (OBC) the upper age limit is 35 years.
- For Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST), the limit is 37 years.
- For Defence Services Personnel disabled in operations during hostilities, the limit is 42 years.
- For Candidates belonging to ex-servicemen including Commissioned officers and ECOs/SSCOs who have rendered military services for at least five years as on 1 August, of the year and have been released
  1. on completion of assignment (including those whose assignment is due to be completed within one year from 1 August of the year otherwise than by way of dismissal or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency or
  2. on account of physical disability attributable to Military Service or
  3. on invalidation or
    - Relaxation of up to a maximum of five years will be given in the case of ECOs/SSCOs who have completed an initial period of assignment of five years of Military Service as on 1 August of the year and whose assignment has been extended beyond five years and in whose case the Ministry of Defence issues a certificate that they can apply for civil employment and that they will be released on three months' notice on selection from the date of receipt of offer of appointment, the limit is 32 years.
    - For ECOs/SSCOs who have completed an initial period of assignment of five years of Military Service, the limit is 32 years.
    - For PwD candidates, the limit is 42 years.
    - For Domiciles of Jammu and Kashmir from 1 January 1980 to 31 December 1989, the limit is 32 years.
    - For the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category, the standard age limits apply.

### **Syllabus and Other Details**

The syllabus for the CSE is released by the UPSC with the Notification.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure compliance with all requirements of the UPSC to appear in the CSE.

### **STATE PUBLIC SERVICE EXAMINATIONS**

State Public Service Commissions hold examinations for recruitment to State-level Administrative posts of Group I etc., as and when required.

The syllabus and pattern for these examinations are generally more or less the same as those for the Civil Services Examination.

Our study material would, therefore, be generally useful for the preparation of the State Services Examinations. However, our course is targeted **specifically only** towards the Civil Services Exams, conducted by the UPSC. Candidates wanting to write the State Public Service Exam, may on their own volition, opt to use our study material by enrolling under our CSE Enrolment.

### Despatch Schedule

#### Study Material:

CSAT-Papers I & II: Sets 1 to 14

Main General Studies: Sets 1 to 12

Current Affairs & Calendar of Events  
(Quarterly)

Main Optional\*: Sets 1 to 12

#### Despatch Schedule

Starts from April 2023

Starts from July 2023

April 2023 to March 2024 &  
April 2024 to March 2025

Starts from July 2023

\* Please see the Application Form for the list of optional subjects offered.