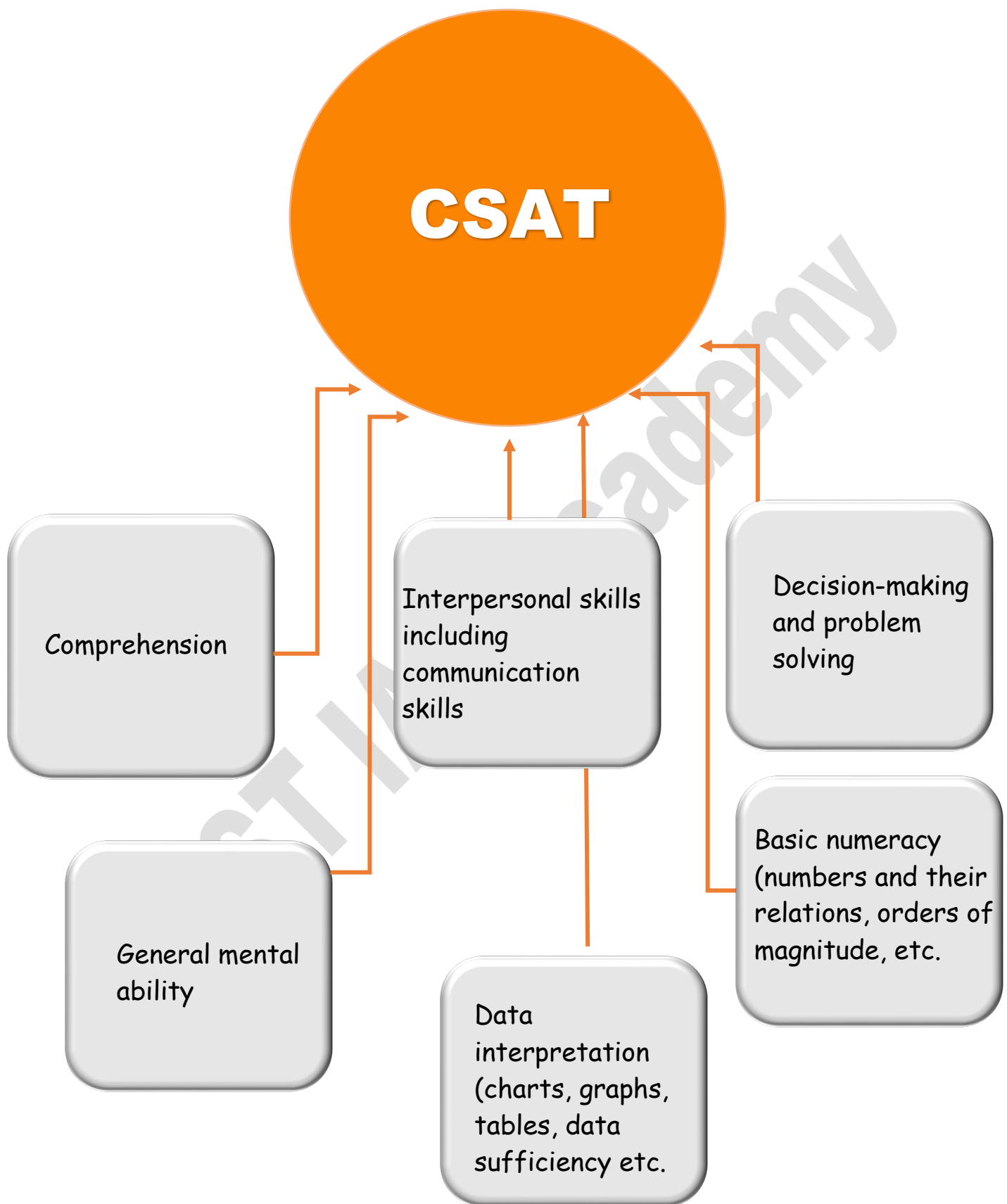


# Preliminary Exam Syllabus

## GENERAL STUDIES

- **Current Affairs** - Current events of national and international importance History - History of India and Indian National Movement
- **Geography** - Indian and World Geography - Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World
- **Indian Polity & Governance** - Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.
- **Economic & Social Development** - Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc.
- **Environment** - General Issues on Environmental Ecology, Biodiversity and Climate Change
- **Science** - General Science





## MAINS EXAM SYLLABUS

### GS Paper-I

#### HISTORY

##### Art & Culture

- Salient Aspects of Art Forms
- Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times
- Ancient & Medieval History

##### Modern History

- Mid 18th century to present-significant events, Personalities, and 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

##### World History

- The history of the world will include events from the 18<sup>th</sup> century such as the industrial revolution, world wars, redrawing of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism, etc, their forms and effects on the society

#### GEOGRAPHY

##### World & Indian Physical Geography

- Salient Features of the World's Physical Geography
- Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent)
- Factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India)

##### Important Geophysical Phenomenon

- Earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, Cyclone, etc.
- Geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical flora and fauna and the effects of water-bodies and ice-caps) and in features (including such changes)

#### GEOGRAPHY

- Salient Feature of Indian Society, Diversity of India
- Role of Women & Women Empowerment
- Population and Associated Issues
- Poverty & Developmental Issues
- Urbanization
- Effects of Globalization on Indian Society
- Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism

## GS Paper-II

### INDIAN POLITY

- 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, the 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

#### **Governance**

- 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

#### **International Relations**

- India and its neighbourhood relations
- Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or Affecting India's interests. Effects of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora
- Important International institutions, agencies and their structure, mandate

#### **Social Justice**

- 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

## GS Paper-III

### ECONOMY

- 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

### DISASTER MANAGEMENT

- Disasters and disaster Management

### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- 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 International Relations

### ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

- Conservation
- Environmental pollution and degradation
- Environmental impact assessment

### INTERNAL SECURITY

- 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

## GS Paper-IV

### ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE

- **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; the 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 the 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 the above issues

## **List of Optional Subjects**

Candidates may choose any optional subject from amongst the list of subjects given below:-

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Agriculture</b></li><li><b>2. Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science</b></li><li><b>3. Anthropology</b></li><li><b>4. Botany</b></li><li><b>5. Chemistry</b></li><li><b>6. Civil Engineering</b></li><li><b>7. Commerce and Accountancy</b></li><li><b>8. Economics</b></li><li><b>9. Electrical Engineering</b></li><li><b>10. Geography</b></li><li><b>11. Geology</b></li><li><b>12. History</b></li><li><b>13. Law</b></li></ol> | <b>GROUP 1</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>14. Management</b></li><li><b>15. Mathematics</b></li><li><b>16. Mechanical Engineering</b></li><li><b>17. Medical Science</b></li><li><b>18. Philosophy</b></li><li><b>19. Physics</b></li><li><b>20. Political Science and International Relations</b></li><li><b>21. Psychology</b></li><li><b>22. Public Administration</b></li><li><b>23. Sociology</b></li><li><b>24. Statistics</b></li><li><b>25. Zoology</b></li></ol> |
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**1. Assamese**

**2. Bengali**

**3. Bodo**

**4. Dogri**

**5. Gujarati**

**6. Hindi**

**7. Kannada**

**8. Kashmiri**

**9. Konkani**

**10. Maithili**

**11. Malayalam**

**12. Manipuri**

## **GROUP 2**

**13. Marathi**

**14. Nepali**

**15. Oriya**

**16. Punjabi**

**17. Sanskrit**

**18. Santhali**

**19. Sindhi**

**20. Tamil**

**21. Telugu**

**22. Urdu**

**23. English**