UPSC CSE Free Study Notes

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Exam pattern

Prelims: GS Paper I and CSAT (qualifying)
Mains: 9 descriptive papers including Essay and Optional
Interview: Personality test, 275 marks

Syllabus checklist

- ☐ History & Culture
- ☐ Polity & Governance
- ☐ Geography & Environment
- ☐ Economy
- ☐ Current Affairs

Study plan tips

1. Read the official notification first and note eligibility, dates and the exact pattern.
2. Split the syllabus into weekly targets; finish each topic with 20–30 practice questions.
3. Take one full timed mock test every week, then review every wrong answer.
4. Keep a one-page formula/fact sheet per subject and revise it daily.
5. In the last month, focus on mocks, revision and previous-year papers from the official site.

Practice questions with solutions

1. Who presides over a joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament?
A. President B. Vice-President C. Speaker of Lok Sabha D. Prime Minister

Answer: C. Under Article 108, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha presides over a joint sitting.

2. Which is the largest freshwater lake in India?
A. Chilika B. Wular C. Dal D. Loktak

Answer: B. Wular Lake in Jammu & Kashmir is India's largest freshwater lake; Chilika is brackish.

3. The Dandi March of 1930 was launched to protest against:
A. Rowlatt Act B. Salt tax C. Partition of Bengal D. Simon Commission

Answer: B. Gandhi's Dandi March began the Civil Disobedience Movement against the British salt tax.

4. Repo rate is the rate at which:
A. Banks lend to customers B. RBI lends to banks C. Banks lend to RBI D. Government borrows abroad

Answer: B. Repo rate is the rate at which RBI lends short-term funds to commercial banks.

5. If 6 workers finish a job in 10 days, how many days will 15 workers take?
A. 3 B. 4 C. 5 D. 6

Answer: B. Total work = 60 worker-days. 60 / 15 = 4 days.

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