

Topic Wise General Studies Preparation Guidelines

Civil Services Examination Paper-3 General Studies- 2

Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations.

Before starting the preparation for this section prepare the following NCERT books.

NCERT Class 11th- Indian Constitution at Work

NCERT Class 12th – Political science II

NCERT Class 10th – Democratic Politics

Note: Keep your eyes and ears open for issues in everyday news, relating to these topics.

India and its neighborhood relations.

For preparation of this section of the syllabus, you need to keep track of official website of ministry of external affairs and regular newspaper editorials and opinion pages.

Ministry of external affairs website: <https://www.mea.gov.in/>

The following article gives a simple and clear understanding about the relationship between India and its neighbors.

Website: <https://mea.gov.in/conflict-cooperation.htm>

While preparing your notes on this section, with respect to every neighboring country, prepare your own write up covering the genesis of India's relationship with that country, to where it stands today and what are the future prospects of engagement.

In doing so, Rajiv Sikri's book, **Challenge and Strategy- Rethinking India's Foreign Policy**, will come handy.

Making notes doesn't mean collecting bullet points in your notebooks, or collecting Xerox copies. Develop a habit of writing phrases, framing your own sentences, your paragraphs.

REMEMBER, WHILE MAKING NOTES, YOU ARE ALSO PRACTICING FRAMING YOUR OWN ANSWERS.

Again, make your own notes (**do not buy notes from market, somebody else's hard work will not reap benefits for you**). Once you have covered all of it and made your notes, just keep revising it, repeating it, as much as possible, up till your exam.

"Your notes are your hard work, stay loyal to them"

If you are reading anything beyond the ones stated above, you are either wasting your time or over studying.

We will be providing you a list of reference books that you need to pick up and read, once you finish the ones we are mentioning here.

Note: Reading means understanding while pronouncing, do not move further unless you have understood a line of text.

Note: While reading anything during your civil services preparation, the moment you come across a new word, of which you don't know the meaning, look it up in the dictionary, once you understand the meaning of that word, use that word in your sentences while making your notes. This way, you will simultaneously **improve your vocabulary** and your answers in your GS mains paper will be more mature in language.

That's all, this topic is done, do not waste your time digging for any more data.

