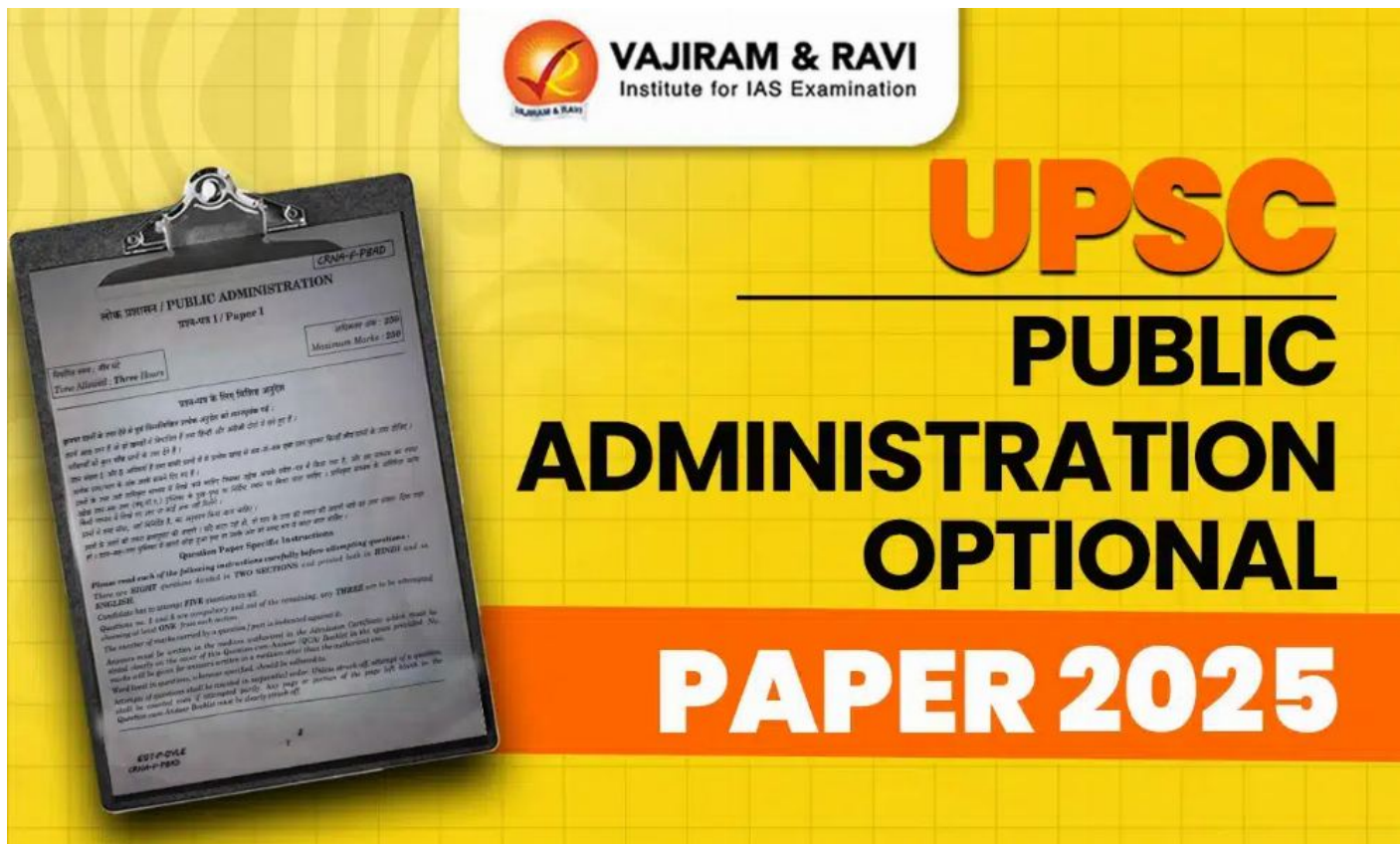


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Particulars	Details
Exam Name	UPSC Civil Services Exam
Optional Papers in UPSC Mains Exam	2 Papers
Optional Paper I	Public Administration Optional Paper-I
Optional Paper II	Public Administration Optional Paper-II
Optional Weightage	25% of the total marks of the Written Exam and Personality Test
Total Optional Subjects in the UPSC CSE Exam	48 Subjects
Public Administration Optional	Public Administration Optional Paper-I and Public Administration Optional Paper-II
Total Marks in Optional	500 Marks (250 marks each)

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- Aspirants with backgrounds in Political Science, Public Policy, or Administration find the subject familiar, as it directly deals with governance, institutions, and policy-making.
- The subject rewards clarity. Well-structured answers with definitions, thinkers' views, and real-life administrative examples such as bureaucracy, accountability, or public policy can fetch high marks.
- A large part of the syllabus overlaps with GS Paper 2 (Polity and Governance), GS Paper 4 (Ethics), and Essay, which reduces the need for separate preparation.
- The syllabus blends theory with application. It covers both administrative thinkers and models as well as the practical side like Indian Administration and governance challenges, making preparation more systematic.
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