UKPSC Syllabus — Prelims & Mains

Uttarakhand Public Service Commission — Combined State (Upper) Civil Services (Upper PCS)
Topic-wise syllabus with exam pattern · studyforgs.com/ukpsc/syllabus/

Exam pattern — Prelims

Paper I — General Studies	150 questions · 150 marks · 2 hours — decides the Mains shortlist
Paper II — General Aptitude (CSAT)	100 questions · 150 marks · 2 hours — qualifying, minimum 33%
Negative marking	1/4 mark deducted per wrong answer; unattempted questions not penalised
Nature	Screening only — Prelims marks not counted in the final merit

Exam pattern — Mains

Paper I — General Hindi	150 marks (minimum 35% needed for other papers to be evaluated)
Paper II — Essay	150 marks
Paper III — GS-I: History, culture, geography	200 marks
Paper IV — GS-II: Polity, governance, IR	200 marks
Paper V — GS-III: Science & technology, environment	200 marks
Paper VI — GS-IV: Economy, inclusive growth	200 marks
Paper VII — GS-V: Uttarakhand history, culture, society	200 marks
Paper VIII — GS-VI: Uttarakhand geography, economy, administration	200 marks
Total Mains	1,500 marks (8 papers, 3 hours each)

Syllabus at a glance — Prelims

- History of India and the national movement; history and culture of Uttarakhand (Kumaon, Garhwal, Jaunsar, freedom movement, statehood movement)
- Geography of India and Uttarakhand — Himalayan physiography, rivers, glaciers, forests, disasters
- Indian polity and governance; Uttarakhand administration, Panchayati Raj, UCC
- Indian economy; Uttarakhand economy — budget, tourism, hydropower, horticulture, migration (palayan), GEP
- Environment, ecology, biodiversity — Himalayan ecology, protected areas (Corbett, Rajaji, Nanda Devi, Valley of Flowers)
- General science and technology
- Current events of national, international and Uttarakhand importance; awards, sports, GI tags
- CSAT (Paper II) — comprehension, reasoning, decision-making, basic numeracy, Hindi comprehension

Syllabus at a glance — Mains

- GS-I — History and culture of India, world & Indian geography
- GS-II — Constitution, polity, governance, social justice, international relations
- GS-III — Science & technology, environment, energy, disaster management
- GS-IV — Indian economy, agriculture, inclusive growth, planning
- GS-V — Uttarakhand: history, culture, society, statehood movement, art and heritage
- GS-VI — Uttarakhand: geography, economy, agriculture, tourism, administration, disaster management
- Essay — three sections, one essay from each
- General Hindi — comprehension, grammar, précis, letter and official drafting

UKPSC Prelims — GS Paper I & CSAT — topic-wise (168 topics)

Paper I 150 Q · 150 marks · 1/4 negative · Paper II (CSAT) qualifying 33%

Uttarakhand Special

Uttarakhand — History & Freedom Movement

- Pre-history — Lakhu Udyar rock paintings, Kalsi, Malari burials
- Vedic & epic references — Kedarkhand, Manaskhand, Kuninda coins
- Kalsi Ashokan rock edict; Kuninda, Yaudheya rule
- Katyuri dynasty — Kartikeyapura, Baijnath, Jageshwar temples
- Chand dynasty of Kumaon — Som Chand, Rudra Chand, Baz Bahadur Chand, Almora
- Parmar (Panwar) dynasty of Garhwal — Ajaypal, Man Shah, Fateh Shah, Srinagar
- Chand–Parmar conflicts; Rohilla invasions
- Gorkha rule (1790–1815) — Gorkhyani, Khurbura battle, Amar Singh Thapa
- Anglo-Nepal War, Treaty of Sugauli 1815; Tehri Garhwal state — Sudarshan Shah
- British administration — Traill, Batten, Ramsay; Kumaon Commissionerate
- Coolie Begar & Coolie Utar movement — Badri Datt Pandey, Bageshwar 1921
- Forest movements — Rawain (Tilari) massacre 1930, Dhandak
- Peshawar Kand 1930 — Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali
- Salam Kranti (Salt Satyagraha), Quit India 1942 in Uttarakhand
- Sridev Suman and the Tehri Praja Mandal; merger of Tehri 1949
- Kumaon Parishad, Garhwal Congress; Govind Ballabh Pant, Hargovind Pant
- Chipko movement — Gaura Devi, Sunderlal Bahuguna, Chandi Prasad Bhatt
- Anti-liquor & Nasha Nahi Rozgar Do movement; Maiti movement
- Uttarakhand statehood movement — Rampur Tiraha, Khatima, Mussoorie 1994
- UP Reorganisation Act 2000; formation on 9 Nov 2000; renaming 2007
- Personalities — Jaswant Singh Rawat, Darwan Singh Negi, Gabar Singh Negi, Mukundi Lal
- Newspapers & literature — Almora Akhbar, Garhwali, Shakti; Gumani Pant, Sumitranandan Pant

Uttarakhand — Culture, Society & Tourism

- Fairs — Nanda Devi Raj Jat, Uttarayani (Bageshwar), Jauljibi, Purnagiri, Gauchar
- Festivals — Harela, Phool Dei, Ghee Sankranti, Bhitauli, Igas-Bagwal, Basant Panchami
- Folk dances — Chholiya, Jhora, Chanchari, Pandav Nritya, Langvir, Thadya
- Folk music & instruments — Jagar, Nyoli, Khuded; Dhol-Damau, Hurka, Ransingha
- Folk art — Aipan, Pichhora, wood carving, Ringal craft
- Languages & dialects — Kumaoni, Garhwali, Jaunsari, Rung, Bhotia
- Tribes — Tharu, Jaunsari, Bhotia, Buksa, Raji (Van Rawat)
- Char Dham — Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, Yamunotri; Panch Kedar, Panch Badri, Panch Prayag
- Hemkund Sahib, Piran Kaliyar, Nanakmatta, Reetha Sahib
- Haridwar Kumbh & Ardh Kumbh; Kanwar Yatra
- Hill stations & tourism circuits — Mussoorie, Nainital, Auli, Chopta, Munsiyari
- Adventure & eco-tourism — Valley of Flowers, Roopkund, Kailash-Mansarovar route (Lipulekh)

- Homestay & Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali tourism scheme; 13 Districts 13 Destinations
- Sports personalities & awards of Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand — Geography, Environment & Disasters

- Location, extent, borders (Nepal, Tibet/China, HP, UP); Garhwal & Kumaon divisions, 13 districts
- Physiography — Trans-Himalaya, Greater Himalaya, Lesser Himalaya, Shivaliks, Doon, Bhabar, Tarai
- Peaks — Nanda Devi, Kamet, Chaukhamba, Trishul, Panchachuli, Om Parvat
- Passes — Lipulekh, Mana, Niti, Muling La, Traill's Pass
- Glaciers — Gangotri, Milam, Pindari, Satopanth, Kafni, Khatling
- River systems — Alaknanda, Bhagirathi, Ganga; Yamuna, Tons; Kali (Sharda), Ramganga, Kosi
- Lakes — Nainital, Bhimtal, Sattal, Naukuchiatal, Roopkund, Hemkund, Dodital
- Bugyals (alpine meadows) — Bedni, Ali, Dayara, Auli
- Climate, rainfall, monsoon behaviour; Doon valley & Tarai agro-climate
- Soils, forest types (Sal, Chir, Deodar, Oak) and forest cover statistics
- National parks — Jim Corbett, Rajaji, Nanda Devi, Valley of Flowers, Gangotri, Govind
- Wildlife sanctuaries, Askot, Binsar, Kedarnath; Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve; Asan Ramsar site
- State symbols — Monal, Brahma Kamal, Burans, Musk deer
- Minerals & energy — limestone, magnesite, soapstone; hydropower projects (Tehri, Vishnuprayag, Koteshwar)
- Population & Census 2011 — density, sex ratio, literacy, urbanisation, district rankings
- Migration (palayan), ghost villages, Palayan Ayog
- Disasters — Kedarnath 2013, Chamoli (Rishiganga) 2021, Uttarkashi 1991 & Chamoli 1999 earthquakes
- Joshimath land subsidence, cloudbursts, forest fires, GLOF risk
- Seismic zones IV & V; USDMA; disaster management framework
- Char Dham all-weather road, Rishikesh–Karnprayag rail, Delhi–Dehradun expressway, Udham Singh Nagar–Bareilly link

Uttarakhand — Polity, Economy & Schemes

- Governors & Chief Ministers since 2000; Legislative Assembly (70 seats), Vidhan Sabha Gairsain summer capital
- Uttarakhand High Court (Nainital); Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha seats
- Panchayati Raj in UK — three tiers, Van Panchayats (1931 rules), reservation for women
- Uniform Civil Code 2024, Anti-Conversion Act, Land laws (Bhu-Kanoon), Anti-riot Act
- State Commissions — UKPSC, UKSSSC, Lokayukta, Women's Commission, HRC
- Administrative structure — divisions, districts, tehsils, blocks; new districts proposals
- State economy — GSDP composition, per-capita income, budget highlights, debt
- Agriculture — millets (Mandua, Jhangora), Basmati, Malta, Kiwi, off-season vegetables; Organic Uttarakhand
- Horticulture, apple belt, tea gardens (Kausani, Champawat), aromatic plants (CAP)
- Industry — SIDCUL (Pantnagar, Haridwar, Sitarganj), pharma hub, MSMEs, Investors Summit
- Hydropower & energy policy — UJVNL, UPCL, PTCUL; solar and small hydro
- Tourism & pilgrimage economy — Char Dham yatra data, GMVN, KMVN
- State schemes — Mukhyamantri Swarojgar, Nanda Gaura, Vatsalya, Ghasyari Kalyan, Lakhpati Didi
- Solar Swarojgar, Homestay, Atal Ayushman, Devbhoomi Udyamita
- Education & health institutions — IIT Roorkee, AIIMS Rishikesh, FRI, WII, IIRS, GB Pant University
- Defence & institutions — IMA Dehradun, Survey of India, ONGC, Garhwal & Kumaon Regiments
- State awards, Uttarakhand Ratna, Padma awardees from UK; recent state current affairs

Indian History & Culture

Ancient & Medieval India

- Indus Valley Civilisation — sites, town planning, decline
- Vedic age — society, polity, literature
- Buddhism, Jainism, Mahajanapadas
- Mauryas — Chandragupta, Ashoka, administration, Arthashastra
- Post-Mauryan — Shungas, Kushans, Satavahanas, Sangam age

- Guptas & Vardhanas — golden age, Harsha
- Early medieval — Rajputs, Palas, Pratiharas, Rashtrakutas, Cholas
- Delhi Sultanate — Slave, Khilji, Tughlaq, Sayyid, Lodi
- Vijayanagara & Bahmani kingdoms
- Mughals — Babur to Aurangzeb; administration, art, decline
- Bhakti & Sufi movements; Sikhism
- Marathas — Shivaji, Peshwas
- Art & architecture — temple styles, Indo-Islamic, paintings
- Indian philosophy, literature, classical dance & music

Modern India & National Movement

- Advent of Europeans; Battles of Plassey & Buxar; expansion of British power
- British economic policies — land revenue systems, drain of wealth, deindustrialisation
- Socio-religious reform — Brahmo Samaj, Arya Samaj, Aligarh, Ramakrishna Mission
- Revolt of 1857 — causes, leaders, consequences
- Peasant, tribal and working-class movements
- INC — moderates, extremists, Surat split
- Swadeshi, Partition of Bengal, Home Rule, Lucknow Pact
- Gandhian era — Champaran, Kheda, NCM, CDM, Quit India
- Revolutionaries — HSRA, Bhagat Singh, Chandrashekhar Azad, INA
- Constitutional developments — 1909, 1919, 1935 Acts; Cabinet Mission; Independence Act 1947
- Partition, integration of princely states, post-1947 consolidation

Geography (India & World)

Physical & World Geography

- Earth — interior, plate tectonics, earthquakes, volcanoes
- Landforms — fluvial, glacial, karst, coastal
- Atmosphere — pressure belts, winds, cyclones, climate types
- Oceans — currents, tides, salinity, El Niño/La Niña
- Continents, major rivers, mountains, deserts; important straits & canals
- World population, migration, resources and industrial regions
- Map-based questions — latitudes, time zones, countries & capitals

Indian Geography

- Physiographic divisions — Himalayas, plains, plateau, coasts, islands
- Drainage — Himalayan & peninsular rivers, river linking
- Monsoon mechanism, rainfall distribution, climatic regions
- Soils, natural vegetation, forest reports
- Agriculture — cropping patterns, irrigation, Green Revolution, agri-statistics
- Minerals & energy resources; industrial regions
- Transport — roads, railways, ports, airports, inland waterways
- Population — Census 2011, demographic trends, urbanisation, tribes

Indian Polity & Governance

Constitution & Institutions

- Making of the Constitution, Preamble, salient features, Schedules
- Citizenship; Fundamental Rights (Art 12–35) and key judgments
- DPSP, Fundamental Duties; Basic structure doctrine
- Union executive — President, VP, PM, CoM, Attorney General
- Parliament — sessions, bills, committees, budget procedure, privileges
- Judiciary — Supreme Court, High Courts, PIL, judicial review, appointments
- State executive & legislature — Governor, CM, Assembly; special provisions (Art 371 etc.)
- Centre–State relations, Finance Commission, GST Council, Inter-State Council
- Emergency provisions; Constitutional amendments — major ones
- Local government — 73rd & 74th Amendments, PESA, urban bodies
- Constitutional & statutory bodies — ECI, UPSC, CAG, NHRC, CIC, NITI Aayog
- Elections — RPA 1951, electoral reforms, anti-defection, delimitation

- Governance — RTI, Lokpal, e-governance, citizen charters, civil services reforms
- Important recent laws — BNS/BNSS/BSA, Women's Reservation Act, Data Protection Act

Indian Economy & Social Development

Economy

- National income — GDP, GVA, growth trends, sectoral shares
- Planning — Five Year Plans to NITI Aayog; Vision documents
- Money & banking — RBI, monetary policy, NPAs, digital payments, UPI
- Inflation — CPI/WPI, causes, control
- Public finance — Budget, taxes, GST, fiscal deficit, FRBM, Finance Commission
- Agriculture — MSP, PM-KISAN, crop insurance, APMC reforms, food security
- Industry & infrastructure — Make in India, PLI, MSME, logistics, PM Gati Shakti
- External sector — BoP, trade policy, FDI, exchange rate, WTO
- Poverty, unemployment, inequality — measures and estimates
- Human development — HDI, education (NEP 2020), health (Ayushman Bharat), nutrition
- Flagship schemes — MGNREGA, PMAY, Jal Jeevan, Ujjwala, Skill India, SHGs
- Economic Survey & Budget highlights (current year)

Science, Technology & Environment

General Science & Technology

- Physics — motion, energy, light, sound, electricity, units
- Chemistry — atomic structure, acids/bases, metals, polymers, everyday chemistry
- Biology — cell, genetics, human body systems, nutrition, diseases
- Space — ISRO missions (Chandrayaan, Aditya, Gaganyaan), NavIC
- Defence tech — missiles, DRDO, indigenous platforms
- IT & emerging tech — AI, 5G, semiconductors, quantum, blockchain, cyber security
- Biotechnology, vaccines, GM crops, CRISPR
- Energy — nuclear, solar, wind, hydrogen, EVs
- Indian scientists & awards; science institutions

Environment & Ecology

- Ecosystems, food chains, biodiversity hotspots, IUCN categories
- Protected areas — NPs, sanctuaries, biosphere reserves, Ramsar, tiger & elephant reserves
- Environmental laws & bodies — EPA 1986, Wildlife Act, Forest Acts, NGT, CPCB
- Climate change — IPCC, UNFCCC, Paris Agreement, COP outcomes, NDCs, net zero
- Pollution — air (AQI, NCAP), water, plastic, e-waste; Himalayan ecology concerns
- Sustainable development, SDGs, Mission LiFE, green energy targets

Current Affairs

National, International & State

- National — govt schemes, appointments, awards, reports, indices
- International — summits, organisations, India's bilateral relations
- Sports — Olympics, Asian Games, cricket, awards; UK sportspersons
- Books, authors, important days, obituaries
- Uttarakhand current affairs — cabinet decisions, new schemes, events, appointments
- Economic current affairs — budget, RBI, indices, rankings

Paper II — CSAT (Qualifying)

Aptitude, Reasoning & Comprehension

- Reading comprehension (Hindi & English passages)
- Interpersonal skills & communication; decision making and problem solving
- Logical reasoning — syllogism, series, coding, blood relations, direction, seating
- Analytical ability — statements & assumptions, puzzles, Venn diagrams

- Basic numeracy — number system, percentage, ratio, average, profit-loss, time-work
- Data interpretation — tables, bar/pie/line charts
- General mental ability — clocks, calendars, dice, mirror images
- General Hindi — vocabulary, grammar basics, idioms (as asked in CSAT)

UKPSC Mains — 8 Written Papers — topic-wise (90 topics)

1,500 marks · General Hindi 150 (35% gateway) · Essay 150 · GS I–VI 200 each · GS-V & GS-VI are Uttarakhand papers

GS-I — History & Culture of India, World & Indian Geography

History & Culture

- Indian culture — art forms, literature, architecture from ancient to modern
- Ancient & medieval India — political, social, economic and religious developments
- Modern Indian history (1750s–1947) — events, personalities, issues
- Freedom struggle — stages, contributors from different regions
- Post-independence consolidation and reorganisation
- World history — industrial revolution, world wars, decolonisation, cold war

Geography

- World physical geography — landforms, climate, oceans, geophysical phenomena
- Distribution of natural resources across the world; location factors of industries
- Indian geography — physiography, drainage, climate, soils, vegetation
- Indian agriculture, minerals, industries, transport, population
- Map work — locate places in news, rivers, ranges, protected areas

GS-II — Constitution, Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR

Polity & Governance

- Constitution — evolution, features, amendments, basic structure
- Separation of powers, federalism, Centre–State relations, devolution
- Parliament & state legislatures — functioning, committees, privileges
- Executive & judiciary — structure, pressure groups, RPA, ECI
- Constitutional & statutory bodies; regulatory bodies
- Governance — transparency, accountability, e-governance, citizen charter, RTI, Lokpal
- Internal security basics — border management (Nepal & China borders of UK), cyber security, role of forces

Social Justice

- Government policies & interventions — welfare schemes, vulnerable sections, NGOs, SHGs
- Health, education, human resources — issues and policies
- Poverty, hunger, women, children, elderly, disabled — schemes and issues
- Indian society — diversity, caste, secularism, communalism, regionalism, globalisation effects

International Relations

- India & neighbours — Nepal (border, Kalapani/Lipulekh), China (LAC, Barahoti), Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka
- Bilateral, regional & global groupings — SAARC, BIMSTEC, QUAD, BRICS, SCO, G20
- India–US, Russia, EU, Japan, West Asia, Africa relations
- International institutions — UN, WTO, IMF, World Bank; Indian diaspora

GS-III — Science & Technology, Environment, Energy, Disaster Management

Science, Technology & Energy

- S&T developments & applications in everyday life; achievements of Indians; indigenisation
- IT, space, robotics, nano, biotech, AI — issues and IPR
- Energy — conventional & renewable, nuclear, hydrogen; Uttarakhand hydropower debate
- Health & nutrition science; agriculture science and biotechnology

Environment & Disaster Management

- Conservation, biodiversity, environmental pollution and degradation, EIA
- Climate change — international agreements, India's commitments, Himalayan fragility
- Disaster management — NDMA, SDMA, Sendai framework, community-based DRR
- Case studies — Kedarnath 2013, Chamoli 2021, Joshimath, forest fires, cloudbursts

GS-IV — Indian Economy, Agriculture, Inclusive Growth, Planning

Economy & Development

- Indian economy — planning, growth, inclusive development, employment, budgeting
- Money, banking, inflation, public finance, fiscal federalism
- Agriculture — cropping, irrigation, MSP, PDS, food processing, land reforms, e-technology
- Industry, infrastructure, investment models, LPG reforms, MSMEs
- External sector — trade, FDI, BoP, WTO issues
- Poverty, inequality, human development, Economic Survey & Budget highlights

GS-V — Uttarakhand: History, Culture, Society

Uttarakhand History

- Ancient Uttarakhand — archaeological sites, Kuninda, Katyuri dynasty, Kalsi edict
- Chand rule in Kumaon and Parmar rule in Garhwal — administration, land & revenue, society
- Gorkha rule and its impact; Anglo-Nepal war; Treaty of Sugauli
- British Kumaon and Tehri Garhwal state — administration, forest policy, land settlements
- Freedom movement in Uttarakhand — Coolie Begar, Peshawar Kand, Salt Satyagraha, Quit India, Praja Mandal
- Post-1947 movements — Chipko, anti-liquor, Maiti, statehood movement (1994–2000)
- Personalities — freedom fighters, social reformers, litterateurs, soldiers of Uttarakhand

Culture & Heritage

- Fairs & festivals — Nanda Devi Raj Jat, Uttarayani, Harela, Phool Dei, Igas
- Folk dance, music, theatre, Jagar tradition, instruments
- Folk art & crafts — Aipan, wood carving, Ringal, wool; GI tags of Uttarakhand
- Temple architecture & heritage — Jageshwar, Baijnath, Katarmal, Kedarnath, Badrinath
- Languages & literature — Kumaoni, Garhwali, Jaunsari; major writers and poets
- Pilgrimage & spiritual heritage — Char Dham, Panch Kedar, Panch Badri, Kumbh, Hemkund

Society

- Social structure — castes, tribes (Tharu, Jaunsari, Bhotia, Buksa, Raji), customs, polyandry in Jaunsar
- Women of Uttarakhand — role in economy & movements, Mahila Mangal Dal, Ghasyari, status indicators
- Migration (palayan) — causes, ghost villages, Palayan Ayog reports, reverse migration efforts
- Demography — Census 2011 data, literacy, sex ratio, urbanisation, district disparities
- Social issues — alcoholism, unemployment, health access in hills, education quality
- Uniform Civil Code 2024 — provisions, debates, implementation

GS-VI — Uttarakhand: Geography, Economy, Administration, Disaster Management

Geography & Resources

- Physiography — Himalayan zones, Doon, Bhabar, Tarai; peaks, passes, glaciers
- Drainage — Ganga, Yamuna, Kali systems; lakes; Bugyals
- Climate, soils, forest types, forest cover; Van Panchayats
- Biodiversity — protected areas, state symbols, medicinal plants, human-wildlife conflict
- Minerals, water and hydropower resources; land use pattern

Economy, Agriculture & Tourism

- State economy — GSDP structure, per-capita income, budget, debt, hill–plain disparity
- Agriculture & horticulture — millets, off-season vegetables, fruits, tea, aromatic plants, organic farming
- Industry — SIDCUL, pharma, MSMEs, industrial policy, Investors Summit, Devbhoomi Udyamita
- Tourism — pilgrimage, adventure, eco & homestay tourism; carrying capacity debates
- Infrastructure — Char Dham road, Rishikesh–Karnprayag rail, expressways, airports, ropeways
- State schemes — Swarojgar, Nanda Gaura, Vatsalya, Lakhpati Didi, Atal Ayushman, Solar Swarojgar; GEP

Administration & Disaster Management

- Administrative structure — divisions, districts, Gairsain summer capital, High Court
- Panchayati Raj & urban bodies in UK; Van Panchayats; women's reservation
- State legislation — land laws, anti-conversion, UCC, anti-riot, Char Dham Devasthanam debate
- State institutions — UKPSC, UKSSSC, Lokayukta, commissions; e-governance initiatives (Apuni Sarkar)
- Disaster profile — earthquakes (zone IV/V), floods, landslides, GLOF, forest fires, cloudbursts
- USDMA, SDRF, early warning, Kedarnath reconstruction, Joshimath subsidence response

General Hindi (150 marks · 35% gateway)

General Hindi

- Comprehension of unseen passages (अपठित गद्यांश)
- Précis writing (संक्षेपण)
- Letter, application, official correspondence — अर्धशासकीय पत्र, कार्यालय ज्ञापन, अधिसूचना
- Grammar — संधि, समास, उपसर्ग-प्रत्यय, वाक्य शुद्धि, विराम चिह्न
- Vocabulary — पर्यायवाची, विलोम, अनेकार्थी, वाक्यांश के लिए एक शब्द, तत्सम-तद्भव
- Idioms & proverbs (मुहावरे-लोकोक्तियाँ); translation English↔Hindi; administrative terminology

Essay & Answer Writing

Essay (150 marks · three sections)

- Essay structure — introduction, thesis, multi-dimensional body, conclusion; word-limit discipline
- Practise essays — Uttarakhand themes (migration, tourism vs ecology, disasters, women, statehood)
- Practise essays — national/philosophical themes (education, technology, democracy, values)
- Quotes, data, examples bank — Uttarakhand-specific and national

Answer Writing & Interview

- Attempt previous years' Mains papers (UKPSC 2016, 2021, 2024) under timed conditions
- Daily 2–3 answers — GS mix with at least one Uttarakhand (GS-V/VI) question
- Uttarakhand fact-sheet for Mains — one-page notes per district
- Interview preparation — DAF, Uttarakhand issues, hobbies, current affairs

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