



## CSAT STRATEGY

## Civil Services Aptitude Test {CSAT}

- Part of the Civil Services Exam (Preliminary)
- Exam is to test analytical skills, reasoning ability and comprehension
- Number of questions: 80 Multiple Choice Questions
- Negative Marking:  $1/3^{\text{rd}}$
- Time: 2 hours
- Maximum Marks: 200
- CSAT Qualifying marks: 66 (33%)

## CSAT General Studies Paper II SYLLABUS

- Comprehension
- Logical reasoning and analytical ability
- Decision making and problem solving
- General mental ability
- Basic Numeracy (X Level)
- Data interpretation (X Level)- charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency etc.
- Interpersonal skills including communication skills

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- 80 Questions in two hours
- Each question carries 2.5 marks
- Negative Marking :  $1/3^{\text{rd}}$  of the total marks allotted to that question
- There is no negative marking for questions not attempted
- Questions from data interpretation, logical reasoning, etc. are generally easy but if the candidate is unfamiliar with them, answering them can be a tricky affair. This is where practice becomes essential.

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- To get 66 marks there should be 27 correct

Number of Questions attempted	How many can be wrong	Score Marks
27	0	66
30	9	66
33	18	66
36	27	66

## CSAT: TIME MANAGEMENT

- 2 hours means 120 minutes
- 120 minutes for 80 questions means 90 seconds for each question
- If you attempt only 40 questions you will get 3 minutes for each question
- CSAT questions are simple so if you spend more time per question it is more likely you get the correct answer
- So first strategy should be not to try to solve 80 questions
- Set a target for attempting number of questions and then decide how much time will you give to each question. With this strategy your Right % will go up.

## CSAT PAPER Question Distribution

- Maths : 20-25 Questions  
Reasoning and Data Interpretation: 30-35 Questions  
Comprehension : 20-25 Questions
- Comprehension: generally there is one question per 150 words
- As a strategy choose small paragraphs
- Read the question first then paragraph

## CSAT Strategy

- Attempt the section first where you are more confident
- Attempt 10 questions of that section
- In case you are strong in comprehension and you want to do first comprehension test do only 5 paragraphs
- Then shift to Math or Reasoning do 10 questions
- Go back to comprehension do another 5 questions
- So the strategy is 20 minutes slots for each section so you have total 6 slots.
- Try to do 8-10 questions in each slot of 20 minutes



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- Thus you will be able to do 48-60 questions out of 80 questions and you will be able to give sufficient time to each question. Therefore the chances of getting right will improve.
- Your aim is to qualify the exam that is 27 right answers
- The most frequent subjects in passages are Environment, Economics and health issues.
- Reading editorials covering environment, economic development and science and technology will help in improving your comprehension.

- Thank You