

Dear Readers,

We are presenting a well compiled collection of relevant questions and their elaborate explanations for practice before facing the preliminary exams. CST has always endeavored to produce immaculate and impeccable material and practice papers to make you comfortable with any type of questions in the examination hall.

The CSAT - Civil Services Aptitude Test was introduced in 2011 with an aim to match the level of foreign Civil services exams and therefore, the true nature and requirements of the exams have to be seen in coming time. The digression of the Civil Services Prelims from a purely knowledge based exam to the present aptitude based exam reflects the urgent need to select officers not just with a greater aptitude but also with the aptitude specific to civil services. In 2011, the only benchmark paper was relatively on an easy side but one can anticipate surprise package in coming years as the papers would be made tougher comparatively. Therefore, some of the questions herein may be quite difficult in nature but you have to practice them in order to tackle the trendless trend of esteemed UPSC.



The approach required to tackle variety of problems in all sections, are dealt separately in form strategy. Readers are advised to take advantage of Strategy and question bank in integrity. Although the only benchmark for us was the CSAT 2011, we have tried to touch all level of toughness and varieties. Hence, instead of following rumors about CSAT pattern in coming years, one must focus on practicing this exhaustive set of questions. The emphasis will be on testing the aptitude of the candidate for the demanding life in the civil service and on the ethical and moral dimensions of decision-making.

In this book, our editors especially Abhinav Mathur and Nitesh Khabrani have worked extremely hard to produce original and authentic questions for practice. We welcome readers' feedback in order to improve the level as well as variety of questions portfolio.

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