

UPSC CIVIL SERVICES (MAIN) EXAMINATION 2024

Essay (Paper I)

Practice Answer Booklet

Write two essays, one from each section, in about 1,000 to 1,200 words each. 125 marks each. Write by hand in the ruled space, time yourself (87 min 30 s per answer), then check your answer against the framework at digitallylearn.com/upsc-pyq/mains/2024/essay/.

- Q1.** Forests precede civilizations and deserts follow them.
125 marks · 1,000 to 1,200 words · 87 min 30 s · Section A
- Q2.** The empires of the future will be the empires of the mind.
125 marks · 1,000 to 1,200 words · 87 min 30 s · Section A
- Q3.** There is no path to happiness; Happiness is the path.
125 marks · 1,000 to 1,200 words · 87 min 30 s · Section A
- Q4.** The doubter is a true man of science.
125 marks · 1,000 to 1,200 words · 87 min 30 s · Section A
- Q5.** Social media is triggering 'Fear of Missing Out' amongst the youth, precipitating depression and loneliness.
125 marks · 1,000 to 1,200 words · 87 min 30 s · Section B
- Q6.** Nearly all men can stand adversity, but to test the character, give him power.
125 marks · 1,000 to 1,200 words · 87 min 30 s · Section B
- Q7.** All ideas having large consequences are always simple.
125 marks · 1,000 to 1,200 words · 87 min 30 s · Section B
- Q8.** The cost of being wrong is less than the cost of doing nothing.
125 marks · 1,000 to 1,200 words · 87 min 30 s · Section B

