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Pre-cum-Mains (Subjects)	Recommended Books & Authors
History	- India’s Struggle for Independence by Bipan Chandra
	- A Brief History of Modern India by Rajiv Ahir (Spectrum)
	- Ancient India: India's Ancient Past by R.S. Sharma
	- Medieval India: Satish Chandra (Old NCERT)
	- History of Ancient and Early Medieval India by Upinder Singh
	- NCERT Class XI & XII for Ancient, Medieval, and Modern History
Art & Culture	- Indian Art & Culture by Nitin Singhania
	- An Introduction to Indian Art (NCERT Class XI)
Geography	- Certificate Physical & Human Geography by G.C. Leong
	- NCERTs Class VI-XII
	- World Atlas (Orient Black Swan/Oxford)
Polity	- Indian Polity by M. Laxmikanth
	- Introduction to Constitution of India by D.D. Basu
	- NCERTs Class IX-XII
Economy	- Indian Economy by Nitin Singhania/Ramesh Singh
	- NCERT Class XI Economy
	- Economic Development & Policies in India by Jain & Ohri
	- Economic Survey (latest)
Environment	- Shankar IAS Environment Book
	- Environmental Studies: From Crisis to Cure by Rajagopalan
	- Environment by Ravi P. Agrahari
Science & Tech	- NCERTs Class VI–X for basics
	- Current Affairs (Science-related)
Current Affairs	- Newspapers (The Hindu/Indian Express), monthly magazines (SumatiIAS-SUMATI FUSION)
General Knowledge	- Previous Year Question Papers

General Studies Paper I

Indian Heritage and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Art and Culture by Nitin Singhania – Covers art forms, literature, architecture, and other cultural aspects. The Wonder That Was India by A.L. Basham – Focuses on the cultural history of India.
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India's Struggle for Independence by Bipan Chandra – Detailed analysis of India's freedom movement. India After Gandhi by Ramachandra Guha – Important for understanding post-independence India. History of Modern World by Jain and Mathur – Covers significant events in world history that shaped modern societies.
Indian Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Themes and Social Issues by Nadeem Hasnain Structure and Change by S.C. Dubey Social Problems in India by Ram Ahuja Concepts, Theories, and Recent Trends by A.R. Desai
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Geography by Majid Husain – Discusses the physical and human geography of the world. Geography of India by Majid Husain – Essential for Indian geography specifically. Oxford School Atlas – Useful for map-based questions and a better understanding of geographical concepts.

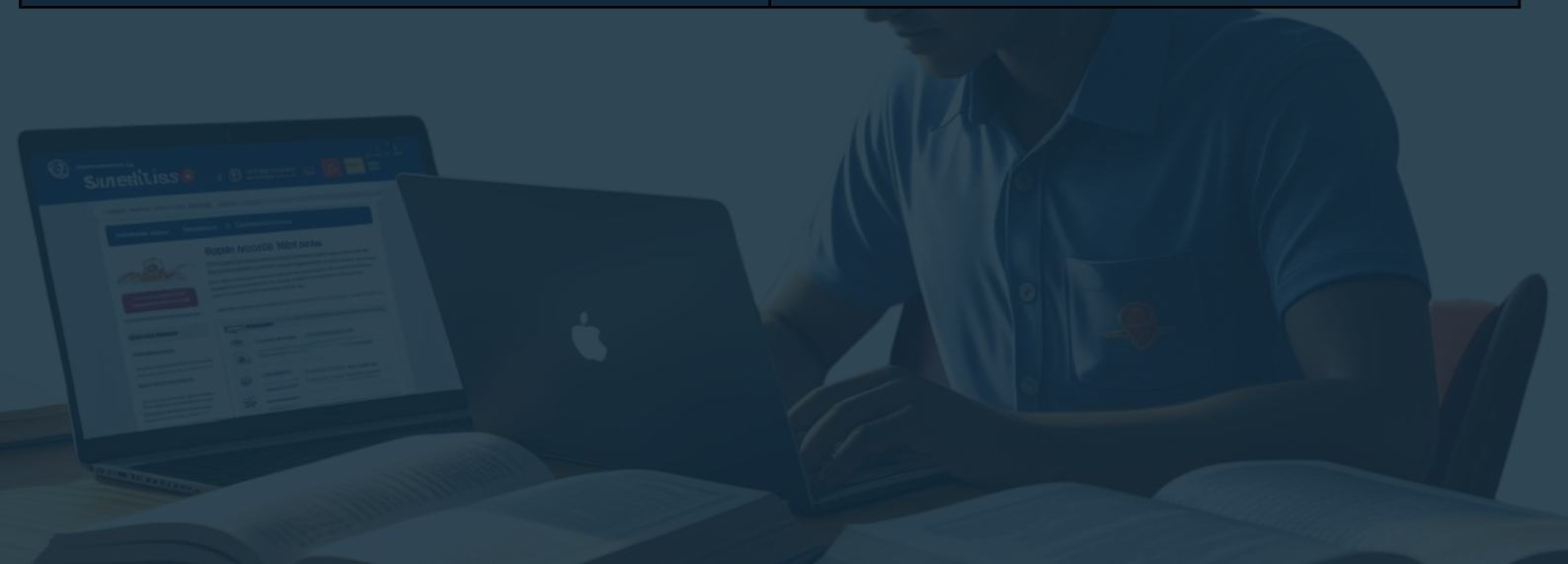
General Studies Paper II

Constitution, Polity and Governance

- Indian Polity by M. Laxmikanth – A comprehensive guide on the Indian constitution and political system.
- Governance in India by M. Laxmikanth – Explores issues on governance.
- Important Judgments that Transformed India by Alex Andrews George – Discusses landmark Supreme Courtcases.
- Introduction to the Constitution of India by DD Basu

Social Justice and International Relations

- Social Problems In India by Ram Ahuja – Covers social issues and justice in the Indian context.
- International Relations by Pavneet Singh or Global Politics by Andrew Heywood

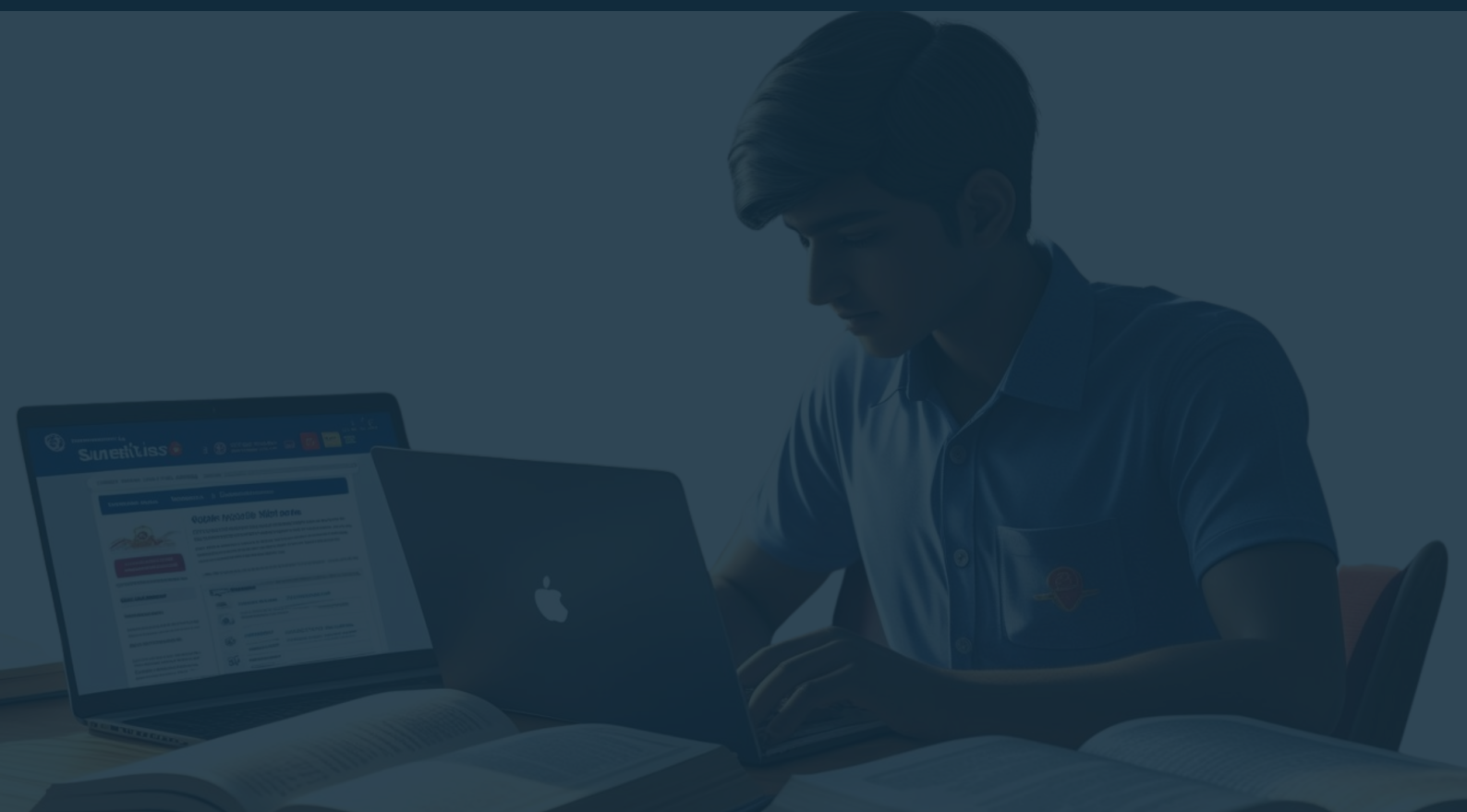


General Studies Paper III

Economy and Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Economy by Ramesh Singh – A detailed guide on the structure and state of the Indian economy. Economic Survey (latest) – Offers insights into recent economic developments. India's Economic Development by Uma Kapila – Provides a narrative on economic policies and developments.
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment by Shankar IAS– Comprehensive coverage of environmental topics. Challenges to Internal Security of India by Ashok Kumar and Vipul Anekant
Science & Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developments in Science and Technology by Kalpana Rajaram and Dr R K Suri Science and Technology by Ravi. P. Agrahari
International Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations” by John Baylis, Steve Smith, and Patricia Owens “Global Politics” by Andrew Heywood “Theories of Comparative Politics: The Search for a Paradigm Reconsidered” by Ronald H. Chilcote IGNOU notes on Comparative Politics “Theories of International Relations” by Palgrave Publications “The Oxford Handbook of International Relations” by Christian Reus-Smit and Duncan Snidal “Understanding International Relations” by Chris Brown and Kirsten Ainley “Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches” by Georg Sorenson and Robert Jackson “Indian Foreign Policy: An Overview” by Harsh Pant
Disaster Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disaster Management in Brief by B. Singh Internal Security and Disaster Management for UPSC by Syed Waqar Raza Disaster Management: Warning Response & Community by Kamal Kishore and Muzamil M.

General Studies Paper IV

- **General Studies Paper IV is centered around Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude. This paper tests your moral and ethical thinking abilities, as well as your attitude toward various issues.**
- **Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude by Subba Rao and P.N. Roy Chowdhury**
- **Lexicon for Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude for IAS General Studies Paper IV by Niraj Kumar**



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