Study plan worksheet: UPSC CSE, Prelims

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SUBJECT	MARKS	SHARE OF MARKS	PRINTED UNITS	SHARE OF UNITS	MINUTES PER UNIT (YOURS)	HOURS FOR ONE PASS	HOURS FOR ALL ROUNDS
General Studies Paper-I (screening)	200	not counted	7	53.8%			
General Studies Paper-II (qualifying at 33%, commonly called CSAT)	200	not counted	6	46.2%			
Total			**13**	**100%**			

1. Hours for one pass = units × minutes per unit ÷ 60. Hours for all rounds = hours for one pass × your rounds.

Rounds I plan _____ **Study hours a week** _____ **Weeks until the exam** _____ **Buffer kept free (%)** _____

2. Hours I can use each week = hours a week × (100% minus the buffer) = _____

3. Weeks the plan needs = hours for all rounds (total) ÷ hours I can use each week = _____

4. Compare each subject's share of my hours with its share of the marks. Weeks the plan needs against weeks I have: _____

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Study plan worksheet: UPSC CSE, Main

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Essay (Paper-I)	250	12.3%	no topic list printed				
General Studies-I (Paper-II)	250	12.3%	12	20.0%			
General Studies-II (Paper-III)	250	12.3%	20	33.3%			
General Studies-III (Paper-IV)	250	12.3%	20	33.3%			
General Studies-IV (Paper-V)	250	12.3%	8	13.3%			
Optional subject (Papers VI and VII, 250 marks each)	500	24.7%	printed per optional subject				
Interview / Personality Test	275	13.6%	not applicable				
Paper-A, Indian language (qualifying)	300	not counted	not counted here				
Paper-B, English (qualifying)	300	not counted	not counted here				
Counted for ranking	**2,025**	**100%**	**60**	**100%**			

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