

UPSC 2026 Complete Booklist (Beginner Friendly)

1. NCERT Foundation (Class 6–12)

- History, Geography, Polity, Economics, Science NCERTs

2. Polity

- M. Laxmikanth – Indian Polity

3. History

- Spectrum – Modern History

- Old NCERT – Ancient & Medieval (optional)

4. Geography

- NCERT + GC Leong – Physical Geography

- Atlas (Oxford/Orient BlackSwan)

5. Economy

- NCERT Basics

- Current Affairs + Budget & Economic Survey

6. Environment

- Shankar IAS Environment Book

7. Science & Tech

- NCERT Basics + Current Affairs

8. Current Affairs

- The Hindu / Indian Express Newspaper

- Monthly Current Affairs Magazine

9. Ethics (GS Paper IV)

- Lexicon / Subba Rao (basic reference)

10. Optional Subject

- Choose based on interest (Geography, Sociology, Pub Ad etc.)

11. Practice

- Previous Year Questions (Prelims + Mains)
- Mock Test Series

Golden Rules

- Limited books, multiple revisions
- Make short notes
- Daily newspaper reading