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Stage 1 : PRELIMS

Paper 1

General Studies

- Max. Marks: 200
- Duration: 2hrs
- No. of ques: 100(2 marks each)
- **Negative Marking: 1/3rd of marks assigned to a question will be deducted as penalty for each wrong answer**

Paper 2

CSAT

- **Qualifying** (33% Marks Required)
- Max. Marks: 200
- Duration: 2hrs
- No. of ques: 80(2.5 marks each)
- **Negative Marking: 1/3rd of marks assigned to a question will be deducted as penalty for each wrong answer**

Pattern of Examination

Stage 2: MAINS

Qualifying

Paper-A: Indian Language

One of the Indian Languages to be selected by the candidate from the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution

- **Qualifying** (25% Marks Required)
- Max. Marks: 300
- Duration: 3hrs one of the Indian Languages to be

Paper-B: English

- **Qualifying** (25% Marks Required)
- Max. Marks: 300
- Duration: 3hrs

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Paper-I: Essay

- Max. Marks: 250
- Duration: 3hrs

Paper-II: GS-1

Indian Heritage and Culture History and Geography of the World Society

- Max. Marks: 250
- Duration: 3hrs

Paper-III: GS-2

Governance Constitution Polity Social Justice International Relations

- Max. Marks: 250
- Duration: 3hrs

Paper-IV: GS-3

Technology Economic Development Bio-diversity Environment Security Disaster Management

- Max. Marks: 250
- Duration: 3hrs

Paper-V: GS-4

Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude

- Max. Marks: 250
- Duration: 3hrs

Paper-VI: : Optional Subject Paper-1

- Max. Marks: 250
- Duration: 3hrs

Paper-VII: : Optional Subject Paper-2

- Max. Marks: 250
- Duration: 3hrs

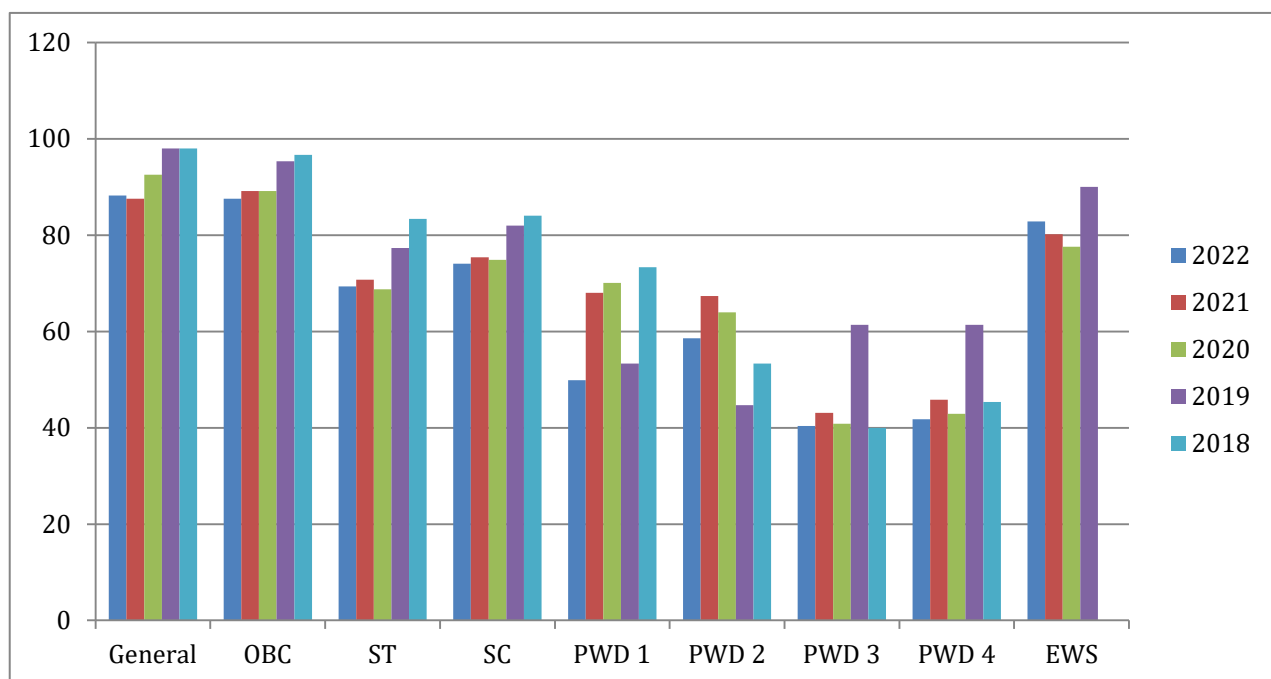
Stage 3 : INTERVIEW

The objective of the interview is to assess the personal suitability of the candidate for a career in public service by a board of competent observers.

- Max. Marks: 250
- Duration: 3hrs

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Prelims Cut Off Analysis of past Five Years					
Category	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
General	88.22	87.54	92.51	98	98
OBC	87.54	89.12	89.12	95.34	96.66
ST	69.35	70.71	68.71	77.34	83.34
SC	74.08	75.41	74.84	82	84
PWD 1	49.84	68.02	70.06	53.34	73.34
PWD 2	58.59	67.33	63.94	44.66	53.34
PWD 3	40.40	43.09	40.82	61.34	40.00
PWD 4	41.76	45.80	42.86	61.34	45.34
EWS	82.83	80.14	77.55	90	-----



Exam Overview

Stage 1: Prelims(MCQs)

Sl No.	Paper	Total Questions	Marks	Total Marks	Duration	Medium
1	General Studies Paper I (GS)	100	Correct:2Marks Incorrect:0.66Marks	200	2 hours	Hindi&English
2	General Studies Paper II (CSAT)	80	Correct:2.5Marks Incorrect:0.83Marks	200	2 hours	Hindi&English

Stage 2: Mains(Subjective)

Paper	Subject	Marks
Paper-I	Essay	250
Paper-II	General Studies – I (Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)	250
Paper-III	General Studies – II (Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations)	250
Paper-IV	General Studies – III (Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Security and Disaster Management)	250
Paper-V	General Studies – IV (Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude)	250
Paper-VI	Optional Subject – Paper I	250
Paper-VII	Optional Subject – Paper II	250
Qualifying Paper A	Indian Language	300
Qualifying Paper B	English Language	300

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Stage3:interview

Also known as personality test is the final stage of selection of CSE exam .

Personality test	275 marks
Duration	usually 30 to 40 mins
Interview board	Consist of 5 members including a chairman

Eligibility criteria

1.Nationality Indian

2.Age limit and no. of attempt

Category	UPSC Age Limit- Upper Relaxation	Number of Attempts
General	32	6
OBC	35	9
SC/ST	37	Unlimited (Up to age limit)
Disabled Defence Services Personnel	35	9
Ex-Servicemen	37	9
Persons with Benchmark Disability – EWS (Economically Weaker Section)	42	9

3.

Educational Qualification

Graduation (Bachelor) or students appearing in final year of graduation

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Preliminary Exam Syllabus

Paper I - General Studies Paper I	Paper II - General Studies Paper II(CSAT)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Current events of national and international importance● History of India and Indian National Movement● Indian and World Geography - Physical, Social, Economic geography of India and the World.● Indian Polity and Governance - Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues● Economic and Social Development - Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc.● General issues on Environmental Ecology, Biodiversity and Climate Change - that do not require subject specialisation● General Science	<p>CSAT: <u>Civil Services Aptitude Test</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Comprehension● Interpersonal skills including communication skills;● Logical reasoning and analytical ability● Decision-making and problem solving● General mental ability● Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude, etc.) (Class X level),● Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency etc. - Class X level)

Mains Exam syllabus

Qualifying Papers on Indian Languages and English :-

The aim of the paper is to test the candidate's ability to read and understand serious discursive prose, and to express his ideas clearly and correctly, in English and Indian language. The pattern of questions would be broadly as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Comprehension of given passages.(ii) Precis Writing.(iii) Usage and Vocabulary.(iv) Short Essays. Indian Languages:-<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) comprehension of given passages.(ii) Precis Writing.(iii) Usage and Vocabulary.(iv) Short Essays.(v) Translation from English to the Indian Language and vice-versa. |
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Note 1: The papers on Indian Languages and English will be of Matriculation or equivalent standard and will be of qualifying nature only. The marks obtained in these papers will not be counted for ranking.

Note 2: The candidates will have to answer the English and Indian Language papers in English and the respective Indian language (except where translation is involved).

Paper I

Essay :-

Candidates may be required to write essays on multiple topics. They will be expected to keep close to the subject of the essay to arrange their ideas in an orderly fashion and to write concisely. Credit will be given for effective and exact expression.

Paper II

General Studies I:

Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and the Society

- Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
- Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present – significant events, personalities, issues.
- The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.
- Post-independence consolidation and reorganisation within the country.
- History of the world will include events from the 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redrawal of national boundaries, colonisation, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.— their forms and effect on the society.
- Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.
- Role of women and women's organisation, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanisation, their problems and their remedies.
- Effects of globalisation on Indian society.
- Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.
- Salient features of the world's physical geography.
- Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).
- Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclones. etc., geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.

General Studies II

Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice, and International Relations

- Constitution of India —historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.
- Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.
- Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.
- Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.
- Parliament and State legislatures—structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these.
- Structure, organisation and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary—Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.
- Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.
- Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.
- Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.
- Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
- Development processes and the development industry —the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.
- Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.
- Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.
- Issues relating to poverty and hunger.
- Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.
- Role of civil services in a democracy.
- India and its neighbourhood- relations.
- Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.
- Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.
- Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.

Paper IV

General Studies III

Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management

- Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilisation, of resources, growth, development and employment.
- Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.
- Government Budgeting.
- Major crops-cropping patterns in various parts of the country, – different types of irrigation and irrigation systems storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers.
- Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices; Public Distribution System- objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing.
- Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.
- Land reforms in India.
- Effects of liberalisation on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.
- Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.
- Investment models.
- Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life.
- Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.
- Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.
- Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.
- Disaster and disaster management.
- Linkages between development and spread of extremism.
- Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.
- Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention.
- Security challenges and their management in border areas – linkages of organized crime with terrorism.
- Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.

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Paper V

General Studies IV

Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude

- Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in-human actions; dimensions of ethics; ethics – in private and public relationships. Human Values – lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators; role of family society and educational institutions in inculcating values.
- Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.
- Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service, integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker sections.
- Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.
- Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world.
- Public/Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance; ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance.
- Probity in Governance: Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilisation of public funds, challenges of corruption.
- Case Studies on the above issues.

Paper VI

Optional Paper-1

Optional Paper-2

(Opted by the candidates)

Mains Cut Off Analysis of past Five Years

Category	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
GENERAL	748	745	736	751	774
OBC	714	707	698	718	732
ST	706	700	682	699	719
SC	699	700	680	706	719
PWD 1	677	688	648	663	711
PWD 2	706	712	699	698	696
PWD 3	351	388	425	374	520
PWD 4	419	560	300	561	460
EWS	715	713	687	696	----

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COURSE DETAILS

Programmes	Batch	Days	Timing	Duration
GS foundation 2025	Early Morning	Monday to friday	8:00 am to 10:30 am	12 months
GS foundation 2026	Afternoon batch	Monday to friday	11:00 am to 1:00pm	25 months
GS foundation 2027	Evening batch	Monday to friday	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	36 months
Weekend batch	Morning batch Evening batch	Saturday and sunday	11:00 am to 1:30pm	18 months

FEE STRUCTURE

PROGRAM	OFFLINE FEE	ONLINE FEE	INSTALLMENT
GS foundation 2025	1,30,000	85,000	1-3 Instalments
GS foundation 2026	1,80,000	1,10,000	1-4 instalments
GS foundation 2027	2,30,000	1,30,000	1-5 instalments
Weekend batch	1,50,000	95,000	1-6 instalments

CSAT Syllabus

The CSAT (Civil Services Aptitude Test) syllabus for UPSC 2023 shall comprise the following broad categories:

1. Comprehension
2. Interpersonal skills including communication skills
3. Logical reasoning and analytical ability
4. Decision-making and problem-solving
5. General mental ability
6. Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude, etc.) (Class X level),
Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency, etc. – Class X level)

Detailed syllabus Analysis

UPSC CSAT Math Syllabus

the two main CSAT Maths Syllabus themes, namely:

- Basic Numeracy
- General Mental Ability

Maths Syllabus CSAT

Important Topics for Maths:

Basic Numeracy : Number System, L.C.M & H.C.F, Rational Numbers & Ordering, Decimal

Fractions, Simplification, Square Roots & Cube Roots, Surds & Indices, Ratio & proportion, Percentages, Averages, Set theory, Divisibility Rules, Remainder Theorem

General Mental Ability: Partnership, Profit & Loss, Time and Distance, Trains, Time & work, Work & Wages, Boats & Streams, Pipes & Cisterns, Simple Interest & Compound Interest, Allegation & Mixtures, Mensuration & Area, Permutations & Combinations, Probability, Geometry

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UPSC CSAT Reasoning Syllabus

Similar to the CSAT Math's Syllabus, the UPSC's official release of the CSAT Reasoning Syllabus lacked specifics. However, we have also broken down the IAS CSAT Reasoning syllabus into two sections, namely

- Logical Reasoning and Analytical Ability
- Data Sufficiency and Data Interpretation

Reasoning Syllabus for CSAT

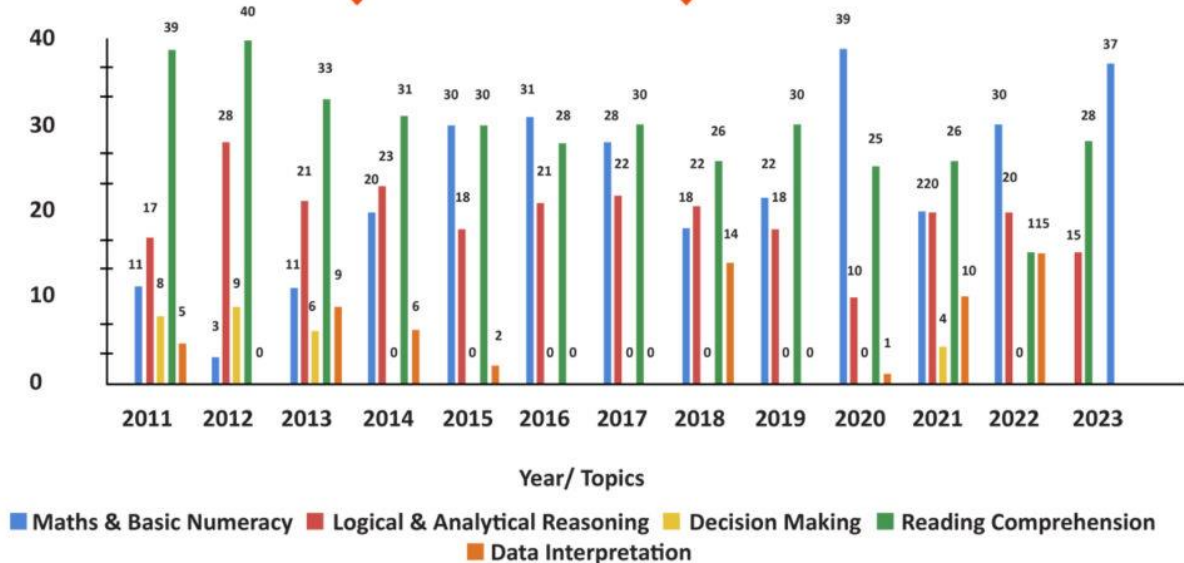
Important Topics for Reasoning:

Logical Reasoning And Analytical Ability (LR & AA): Analogy, Classification, Series, Coding-Decoding, Blood Relation, Direction Sense Test, Logical Venn Diagram, Alphabet Test, Seating Arrangement, Mathematical Operations

Data Interpretation & Data Sufficiency (DI & DS): Table Chart, Pie Chart, Bar Chart, Arithmetical Reasoning, Inserting the missing character, Eligibility Test, Number, Ranking and Time Sequence Test, Clock, Calendar, Problems on Ages, Cubes & Dice, Syllogism, Statement & Arguments, Statement & Assumptions, Statement & Course of Action, Statement & Conclusions, Deriving Conclusion, Assertion & Reason, Punch Lines, Situation Reaction Test, Cause & Effect, Analytical Reasoning, Mathematical puzzles & patterns

UPSC CSAT Syllabus Trend Analysis (2011-2023)

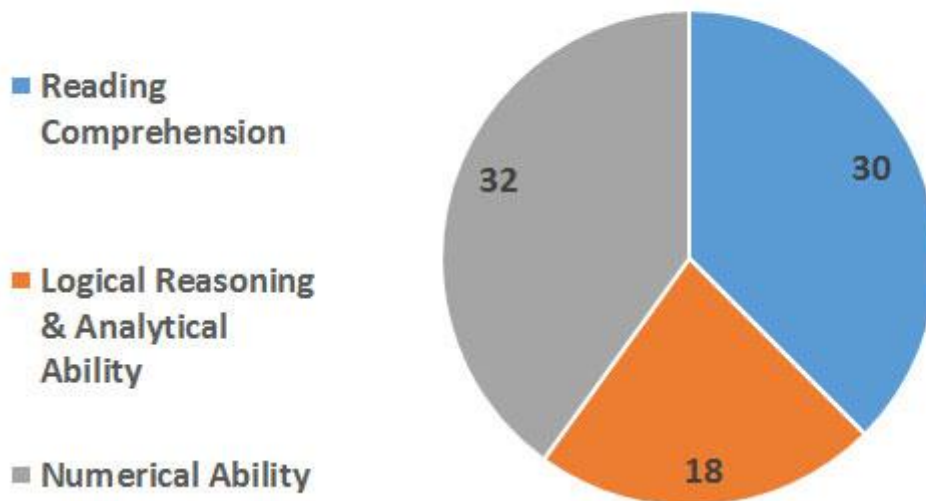
Subject Wise Trend Analysis For CSAT Exam (2011-2023)



Key features of the program

- Holistic coverage of entire syllabus
- Comprehensively compiled study material
- Formula sheet to quick revision and easy grasp of the topics
- PYQs solution book
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- Analytical approach to logical reasoning
- Proficiency in language and reading comprehension
- Practice session after completion of each module based on PYQs

CSAT Paper - 2 Topic Wise Analysis



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Optionals	OFFLINE FEE	ONLINE FEE	INSTALLMENT	Duration
History	52,000	47,000	1-2 Instalments	6 Months
PSIR	52,000	47,000	1-2 instalments	7 Months
Sociology	52,000	47,000	1-2 Instalments	5 Months
Anthropology	52,000	47,000	1-2 instalments	5 Months
Public Administration	52,000	47,000	1-2 Instalments	6 Months
Geography	52,000	47,000	1-2 instalments	6 Months
Economics	52,000	47,000	1-2 Instalments	6 Months
Mathematics	65,500	63,500	1-3 instalments	8 Months
Philosophy	52,000	47,000	1-2 Instalments	5 Months

BATCH SIZE	25 TO 30 MAX
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