

## Introduction to

# I.A.S

Why? Who?  
What? Where?



### Why I.A.S?

IAS officers are responsible for the smooth functioning of administrative departments. The prestige and power that comes along with these top-notch jobs is a definite reason for anybody to join this profession.

### Who should be an I.A.S officer?

Any student who has:

- Love for our country
- Good managerial skills
- Leadership qualities
- Decision making skills
- Willingness for self development

### Other Civil Services:

- Indian Foreign Service
- Indian Police Service
- Indian Revenue Service
- Civil Accounts Service



**Did you know?** Most of the time, some very intelligent IAS officers are the real brains behind the good policies which are implemented in our country.

### Who is eligible to appear for the I.A.S examination?

A graduate in any discipline from a recognised university or institution, between 21-28 years of age as on 1st August of the examination year, is eligible to sit for the Civil Services Examination.

The UPSC conducts the combined Civil Services Exam in three phases comprising of preliminary exam, mains and interview or the personality test. The entire cycle takes over a year to complete.

### Functional Levels:

The Government of India hierarchy is common to all services, except for the post of Cabinet Secretary.

The scales are:

- Junior Scale Officers
- Senior Scale
- Super Time Scale
- Additional Secretary
- Secretary
- Chief Secretary
- Cabinet Secretary

# Discover the Career Options Right for You

## 1 Initial Options



### What are your career ideas?

If you haven't already given it a thought, then base it on influences from:

- Parents, family and friends
- Passion towards a subject
- Personal experiences
- Media and internet

Univariety probes and provides answers

### Initial Options

Go to step 2

### Instructions

- Follow this process, one at a time, to finalise career choices
- If the answer is 'No' 'at any stage then start from stage 1
- Do in-depth self research
- Complete details of this process and the questions around a 'Typical Day' Test are at [www.univariety.com/courses](http://www.univariety.com/courses)

## 2 Hypothesis



### Do you like it?

Remember the activities from the past which gave you joy and happiness. Does this career option similarly excite you?

### Initial Hypothesis



### Can you do it?

- Do you know how long it takes to get the degree?
- Do you like the subjects which you will study?
- Can you perform to get through to good colleges?
- Do you have the financial resources to support the degree?

### Final Hypothesis

Go to step 3

## 3 Validation



### Do you want it?

Do you like the:

- Nature of work you will do?
- Type of people you will deal with?
- Physical and mental effort required?
- The challenge it poses?



### Will it fulfill your and your family's ambitions?

Will this give you a good:

- Lifestyle?
- Time with family and friends?
- Salary and money potential?
- Possibility of being famous?

### Validated Hypothesis

Go to step 4

## 4 Finalisation



### 'Typical Day' Test?

*"If you want to know the road ahead, then ask someone who has travelled it."*

- Ancient Chinese Proverb

Here, we ask you to identify 2 - 3 people who have the same career that you have chosen and brought to this stage. Observe and ask questions to understand the 'typical life' in that career



## Decision

### Tools

- Discussion within the family and friends
- Univariety Website – Career Section
- Sessions with Univariety Counsellors
- Internet, books and other media