

UPSC CSE-24 Optional Performance Analysis – [DecodeCIVILS – Mudit Jain](#)

I have collected 160 Marksheets of Selected Candidates of UPSC CSE-24. [I have already posted analysis of Essay and GS Marks with their comparison with CSE-23](#). Here is the Optional Marks Analysis of 160 selected candidates of CSE-24. Ranks are masked to maintain privacy.

Highlights:

- 160 Marksheets **cover 22 Optionals**. **Average** of Optional Marks of these 160 candidates is **263.76**
- The ones in **Red** have performed **below average** and those in **green** have performed **above average**.
- **Don't go by sheer count of selected candidates**. For example, Anthropology has 30 candidates out of 160 marksheets. But, it is waste of a number. **What matters is the selection %** (Candidates cleared with Anthro\*100/Candidates appeared Mains with Anthro). This figure can only be arrived at if we have ALL THE MARKSHEETS or after 2 year lag when UPSC comes up with its Annual Report for CSE-24.
- Scoring in **Anthropology** and **Sociology** was particularly tough this year. Anthropology getting lesser marks is no surprise. You cannot have 8 in top 20 from Anthropology every other year. However, Sociology performing poorly is a surprise to me as this subject never saw peaks that Anthropology witnessed. However, just like PSIR was down last year and improved performance this year, I expect improved performance for Sociology in CSE-25. Anthropology may witness a longer downturn as it clearly enjoyed success for many years and is now over-populated.
- **History** appears to have made a comeback.
- **Public Administration** is now opted by fewer candidates. Its performance has improved and it will definitely sustain in CSE-25. Similar trend observed for **Philosophy**.
- **Geography** and **PSIR** did better than previous year and also were above average this year.

Optional	No. of Marksheets	Marks	Average	Max Range
Agriculture	2	276	273	NA
		270		
Anthropology	30	298	263.03	250s
		297		
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		291		
		287		
		286		
		285		
		283		
		276		
		273		
		272		
		272		
		270		
		268		
		263		
		260		
		260		
		259		
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		257		
		256		
		252		
		251		
		248		
		243		
		242		
		233		
		230		
		212		
		212		
Chemistry	3	278	269.66	NA
		285		
		246		

Commerce	4	264	250	NA
		257		
		239		
		240		
Economics	3	267	253.33	NA
		233		
		260		
English Literature	1	264	264	NA
Geography	13	282	263.38	270s
		281		
		279		
		277		
		270		
		270		
		265		
		263		
		261		
		256		
		253		
		248		
		219		
Gujrati	1	230	230	NA
Hindi	5	269	254	NA
		271		
		253		
		246		
		231		
History	12	303	266.91	270s
		280		
		276		
		276		
		274		
		272		
		271		
		270		
		270		
		264		
		226		
		221		
Law	3	265	254	NA
		260		
		237		
Malayalam	3	278	251.33	NA
		245		
		231		
Mathematics	10	320	273	NA
		320		
		295		
		286		
		271		
		268		
		255		
		251		
		235		
		229		
Mechanical	2	275	281	NA
		287		
Medical Science	4	267	256.5	NA
		248		
		260		
		251		
Philosophy	3	298	265	NA
		261		
		236		
Physics	3	273	288	NA
		273		
		318		
PSIR	27	299	266.7	260s
		288		
		282		
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		279		

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		257		
		255		
		254		
		254		
		254		
		251		
		236		
Psychology	3	274	261.66	NA
		246		
		265		
PubAd	3	264	277.66	NA
		282		
		287		
Sanskrit	1	252	252	NA
Sociology	24	293	260.08	250s
		291		
		289		
		288		
		278		
		270		
		270		
		269		
		268		
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