

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 | 276 270 | 273 | NA |
| Anthropology | 30 | 298 297 297 291 287 286 285 283 276 273 272 272 270 268 263 260 260 259 258 257 256 252 251 248 243 242 233 230 212 212 | 263.03 | 250s |
| Chemistry | 3 | 278 285 246 | 269.66 | NA |

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| Commerce | 4 | 264 257 239 240 | 250 | NA |
| Economics | 3 | 267 | 253.33 | NA |
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| English Literature | 1 | 264 | 264 | NA |
| Geography | 13 | 282 | 263.38 | 270s |
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| Gujrati | 1 | 230 | 230 | NA |
| Hindi | 5 | 269 | 254 | NA |
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| History | 12 | 303 | 266.91 | 270s |
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| Law | 3 | 265 | 254 | NA |
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| Malayalam | 3 | 278 | 251.33 | NA |
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| Mathematics | 10 | 320 | 273 | NA |
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| Mechanical | 2 | 229 | 281 | NA |
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| Medical Science | 4 | 287 | 256.5 | NA |
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| Philosophy | 3 | 251 | 265 | NA |
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| Physics | 3 | 236 | 288 | NA |
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| PSIR | 27 | 318 | 266.7 | 260s |
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| Psychology | 3 | 274 | 261.66 | NA |
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| PubAd | 3 | 264 | 277.66 | NA |
| | | 282 | | |
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| Sanskrit | 1 | 252 | 252 | NA |
| Sociology | 24 | 293 | 260.08 | 250s |
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