



Mains Guidance Programme

MAINS TEST SCHEDULE AND SOURCES

(Mains Test Series 2020-21)

Features

Students will receive:

- PDFs for self evaluation question papers
- Question papers discussion session by Expert Faculties of each subject.
- This Guidance Programme is especially designed for beginners along with expert mentorship.
- The evaluated question papers will be sent back to students within 15 days after receiving the answer sheet.
- Evaluative discussion session will be uploaded within 2-3 days after the scheduled test date.
- Commencement of the programme i.e. from 1st November, 2020 and completion till 30th August, 2021.
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S/No	Date	Paper	Topics Covered [Max Marks: 250, Duration of the Test: 3 Hrs]	Sources
Test 1	01/11/2020	G. S. PAPER-II: POLITY AND CONSTITUTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indian Constitution- 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, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NCERTs: Class 9 and 10 - Democratic Politics 1 & 2• NCERT: Class 11 - Indian Constitution at Work• Indian Polity by M Laxmikant• Introduction to the Constitution of India: D D Basu• Indian Express, The Hindu• Jatin Verma IAS Current Affairs Notes• Yojana

			<p>associations and their role in the Polity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>+ Current Affairs</p>	
Test 2	17/11/2020	G. S. PAPER-II: POLITY AND GOVERNANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions. • Salient features of the Representation of People's Act. • Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e governance-applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability. • Role of civil services in a democracy. • Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCERT: Class 11 - Indian Constitution at Work • Indian Polity by M Laxmikant • Introduction to the Constitution of India: D D Basu • Indian Express, The Hindu • Newspapers: Indian Express, The Hindu • Jatin Verma Current Affairs Notes

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation. + Current Affair 	
Test 3	3/12/2020	G. S. PAPER-I: HISTORY AND ART & CULTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. + Current Affair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIOS – Indian Culture and Heritage NCERT - Introduction to Fine Arts NCERT - Modern India (Bipan Chandra) NCERT - Themes in Indian History (Part 3) Ancient India- R S Sharma Medieval India- Satish Chandra Newspapers: Indian Express, The Hindu Jatin Verma Current Affairs Notes
Test 4	17/12/2020	G. S. PAPER-I: WORLD HISTORY AND POST INDEPENDENCE INDIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country. History of the world will include events from 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redrawing of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCERT - World History (Arjun Dev) NCERT - Themes in World History India's Struggle for Independence - Bipan Chandra NCERT - Modern India (Bipan Chandra)

			<p>etc.- their forms and effect on the society. + Current Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCERT - Themes in Indian History (Part 3) • Newspapers: Indian Express, The Hindu • Jatin Verma Current Affairs Notes
Test 5	05/01/2021	G. S. PAPER-I & PAPER III: PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY & DISASTER MANAGEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salient features of world's physical geography. • Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location changes in critical geographical features (including waterbodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes. • Disaster and disaster management. + Current Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCERTs - Class 11 (Physical Geography) • Certificate Physical and Human Geography by Goh Cheng Leong • CBSE - Class 11 (Natural Hazards and Disaster Management) • Down to Earth Magazine • Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu • Jatin Verma Current Affairs Notes
Test 6	21/01/2020	G. S. PAPER-I & PAPER III: HUMAN GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian subcontinent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India) • Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCERTs - Class 12 (Human Geography) Certificate Physical and Human Geography by Goh Cheng Leong • NCERT: Class 12 Biology (Unit 10: Ecology)

			<p>environmental impact assessment.</p> <p>+ Current Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu • Jatin Verma Current Affairs Notes
Test 7	05/02/2021	G. S. PAPER-III: ECONOMICS – PART 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment. • Inclusive growth and issues arising from it. • Government Budgeting. • Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth. • Investment models. <p>+ Current Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Survey • NCERT – Class 11 (Indian Economic Development) • Indian Economy - Dutt and Sundaram • Yojana • Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu • Jatin Verma Current Affairs Notes
Test 8	20/02/2021	G. S. PAPER-III: ECONOMICS – PART 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc. • Land reforms in India • 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; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCERT: Class 11 (Political Theory) Economic Survey • Indian Economy - Dutt, Sundaram / Uma Kapila / Mishra Puri • 2nd ARC • Kurukshetra • EPW • Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 - NITI Aayog • Newspapers: The Indian

			<p>issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management. <p>+ Current Affairs</p>	<p>Express, The Hindu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yojana • Jatin Verma Current Affairs Notes
Test 9	05/03/2021	G. S. PAPER-I & II: SOCIETY & SOCIAL JUSTICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India. • Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies. • Effects of globalization on Indian society. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCERT: Class 12 - Indian Society • NCERT: Class 12 - Social Change and Development in India • Yojana • Newspapers - Indian Express and The Hindu • Jatin Verma Current Affairs Notes

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism. <p>+ Current Affairs</p>	
Test 10	21/03/2021	G. S. PAPER-IV: ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE – PART 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd ARC REPORT (4th Report- Ethics in Governance, 10th Report - Refurbishing of Personnel Administration) • NCERT: Class 11 (Political Theory) • Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu • Jatin Verma Current Affairs Notes Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude - Lexicon

Test 11	05/04/2021	G. S. PAPER-IV: ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE – PART 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion. Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance. • Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world. • 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, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption. 	2nd ARC REPORT (4th Report- Ethics in Governance, 10th Report - Refurbishing of Personnel Administration) Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude - Lexicon
Test 12	20/04/2021	G. S. PAPER-II: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India and its neighborhood-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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCERT: Class 12 Political Science: Contemporary World Politics • Ministry of External Affairs website • Articles on IDSA Website • Publications of Observer

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate. + Current Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Foundation (ORF) • The Indian Express and The Hindu • Jatin Verma Current Affairs Notes
Test 13	05/05/2021	G. S. PAPER-III: SECURITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. + Current Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDSA publications on Security (Northeast, LWE, Border Security, Financial, International & Organised Crime) • 2nd ARC (7th Report Capacity Building for Conflict Resolution) • 2nd ARC (8th Report Combating Terrorism - Protecting by Righteousness) • Newspaper- Hindu, Indian Express • Jatin Verma Current Affairs Notes
Test 14	20/05/2021	G. S. PAPER-III: TECHNOLOGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hindu (S&T section), The Indian Express (Explained Section) • ISRO Website • Jatin Verma Current Affairs Notes

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nanotechnology, biotechnology and issues relating to intellectual property rights. <p>+ Current Affairs</p>	
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Prelims Break

Test 15	04/07/2021 1	General Studies Paper I	Complete syllabus of GS1 paper (Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society) + Current Affairs
Test 16	18/07/2021	General Studies Paper II	Complete syllabus of G.S. Paper II (Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations) + Current Affairs
Test 17	25/07/2021 1	General Studies Paper III	Complete syllabus of G.S. Paper III (Technology, Economic Development, Bio diversity -Environment, Security and Disaster Management) + Current Affairs
Test 18	01/08/2021 1	General Studies Paper IV	Complete Syllabus of G.S. Paper IV (Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude)
Test 19	08/08/2021 1	General Studies Paper I	Complete syllabus of GS1 paper (Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society) + Current Affairs
Test 20	15/08/2021 1	General Studies Paper II	Complete syllabus of G.S. Paper II (Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations) + Current Affairs
Test 21	22/08/2021 1	General Studies Paper III	Complete syllabus of G.S. Paper III (Technology, Economic Development, Bio diversity -Environment, Security and Disaster Management) + Current Affairs
Test 22	30/08/2021 1	General Studies Paper IV	Complete Syllabus of G.S. Paper IV (Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude)