

GS - MAINS TEST SERIES – 2023

DATE	TEST NO.	SUBJECT AND TOPIC	REFERENCES
25 th JUNE 2023	TEST – 1	<p>GENERAL STUDIES PAPER –1 → INDIAN HISTORY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE AND WORLD HISTORY</p> <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. ➤ Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country. ➤ History of the world will include events from 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redraw of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.- their forms and effect on the society. <p>➤ Current Affairs Developments from January to June 2023</p>	<p>PRIMARY AND ESSENTIAL READING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New NCERT Class 8 ➤ Old NCERT Modern History by Bipin Chandra ➤ New NCERT Class 12 – India Since Independence ➤ OLD NCERT Class 9 and 10 – The Story of Civilization ➤ Class and Printed IQRA IAS Notes <p>SECONDARY SOURCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NCERT- World History (Arjun Dev) ➤ NCERT- Themes in World History ➤ Mastering Modern World ➤ History by Normal Lowe ➤ From Plassey to Partition: Sekhar Bandyopadhyay ➤ India After Gandhi by Ramchandra Guha ➤ Class and Printed IQRA IAS Notes ➤ Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu

<p>2nd JULY 2023</p>	<p>TEST – 2</p>	<p>GENERAL STUDIES PAPER –1 → INDIAN AND WORLD GEOGRAPHY AND INDIAN SOCIETY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 ➤ Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism. ➤ Salient features of world’s physical geography. ➤ 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) ➤ Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone 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) <p>➤ Current Affairs Developments from January to June 2023</p>	<p>PRIMARY AND ESSENTIAL READING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NCERT Class 11 ➤ Fundamental Physical Geography ➤ Indian Physical Environment ➤ Certificate Physical and Human Geography by G C Leong • New NCERT– Class 11 and 12 • Introducing Sociology • Understanding Sociology • Indian Society • Social Change and Development of India • Class and Printed IQRA Notes <p>SECONDARY SOURCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NCERTs - Class 11 and 12 (Physical and Human) ➤ Certificate Physical and Human Geography by Goh Cheng Leong ➤ Physical Geography – Savinder Singh ➤ Down to Earth Magazine ➤ Class and Printed IQRA IAS Notes ➤ Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu
<p>9th JULY 2023</p>	<p>TEST – 3</p>	<p>GENERAL STUDIES PAPER – 2 → INDIAN POLITY AND CONSTITUTION</p>	<p>PRIMARY AND ESSENTIAL READING</p>

		<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 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 <p style="color: red; margin-top: 10px;">➤ Current Affairs Developments from January to June 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NCERT Democratic Politics Class 9 and 10 ➤ 11th NCERT ➤ Constitution at Work ➤ Political Theory ➤ Indian Polity by Laxmikant ➤ Introduction to the Constitution of India: D D Basu <p style="color: red; margin-top: 10px;">SECONDARY SOURCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2nd ARC REPORT ➤ PUNCHHI COMMISSION REPORT ➤ EPW MAGAZINE ➤ YOGANA ➤ Class and Printed IQRA IAS Notes ➤ Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu
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<p>16th JULY 2023</p>	<p>TEST – 4</p>	<p>GENERAL STUDIES PAPER – 2 → GOVERNANCE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 	<p>PRIMARY AND ESSENTIAL READING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Our Constitution, Our Parliament: Subhash Kashyap ➤ Indian Foreign policy by V P DUTT ➤ Introduction to the Constitution of India: D.D. Basu ➤ 2nd ARC REPORTS ➤ Yojana and Kurukshetra Magazine ➤ Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog <p>SECONDARY SOURCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2nd ARC REPORT ➤ PUNCHHI COMMISSION REPORT ➤ EPW MAGAZINE ➤ YOGANA MAGAZINE ➤ Foreign Affairs Website ➤ Governance in India by Laxmikanth ➤ Indian Foreign Policy by Oxford Publication ➤ Class and Printed IQRA IAS Notes ➤ Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu
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23 rd JULY 2023	TEST – 5	<p>GENERAL STUDIES PAPER – 3 → INDIAN ECONOMY</p> <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. ➤ 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, 	<p>PRIMARY AND ESSENTIAL READING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NCERT– Class 11 (Indian Economic Development) ➤ Class 12 – Macroeconomics ➤ Economic Survey – 2022 ➤ Budget – 2022 ➤ Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog <p>SECONDARY SOURCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yojana Magazine ➤ EPW Magazine ➤ Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog ➤ Economic Survey – 2023 ➤ Budget – 2023 ➤ Indian Economy - Dutt, Sundaram / Uma Kapila / Mishra Puri ➤ Class and Printed IQRA IAS Notes ➤ Newspapers: The

		<p>supply chain management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Land reforms in India. ➤ Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth. ➤ Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc. ➤ Investment models. <p>➤ Current Affairs Developments from January to June 2023</p>	<p>Indian Express, The Hindu</p>
30 th JULY 2023	TEST – 6	<p>GENERAL STUDIES PAPER – 3 → SCI-TECH, ENVIRONMENT, DISASTER MANAGEMENT, INTERNAL SECURITY</p> <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. ➤ 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 	<p>PRIMARY AND ESSENTIAL READING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CBSE - Class 11 (Natural Hazards and Disaster Management) ➤ Environment Book of your choice ➤ NIOS – Indian Culture and Heritage ➤ NCERT- Introduction to Fine Arts ➤ NCERT- Modern India (Bipin Chandra) ➤ NCERT- Themes in Indian History (Part 3) ➤ Science Reporter’s Magazine ➤ 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)

		<p>security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism ➤ Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate <p>➤ Current Affairs Developments from January to June 2023</p>	<p>SECONDARY SOURCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Oxford's Handbook of India's National Security ➤ Down to Earth Magazine ➤ Geography and You Magazine ➤ IDSA Website ➤ Class and Printed IQRA IAS Notes ➤ Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu
6 th AUGUST 2023	TEST – 7	<p>GENERAL STUDIES PAPER – 4 → ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE</p> <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. ➤ 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 nonpartisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker sections. 	<p>PRIMARY AND ESSENTIAL READING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude by D K Balaji ➤ 2nd ARC REPORT (4th Report- Ethics in Governance, 10th Report – Refurbishing of Personnel Administration) ➤ Class and Printed IQRA IAS Notes <p>SECONDARY SOURCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude by D K Balaji ➤ 2nd ARC REPORT (4th Report- Ethics in Governance ➤ 10th Report – Refurbishing of Personnel Administration) ➤ Class and Printed IQRA IAS Notes ➤ Newspapers: The Indian Express, The

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance. ➤ Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world 	Hindu
13 th AUGUST 2023	TEST – 8	<p>GENERAL STUDIES PAPER – 4 → ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption. ➤ Case Studies on above issues. 	<p>SECONDARY SOURCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude by D K Balaji ➤ 2nd ARC REPORT (4th Report- Ethics in Governance ➤ 10th Report – Refurbishing of Personnel Administration) ➤ Class and Printed IQRA IAS Notes ➤ Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu
20 th AUGUST 2023	TEST – 9	FULL ESSAY TEST - 2	
UPSC MOCK TEST MAINS – 2023			
1st SEPTEMBER 2023	TEST – 10	FULL ESSAY TEST	

2nd SEPTEMBER 2023	TEST – 11	FULL GS – 1 SYLLABUS
2nd SEPTEMBER 2023	TEST – 12	FULL GS – 2 SYLLABUS
3rd SEPTEMBER 2023	TEST – 13	FULL GS – 3 SYLLABUS
3rd SEPTEMBER 2023	TEST – 14	FULL GS – 4 SYLLABUS