

TIMETABLE - INSIGHTS SELF STUDY UPSC MAINS - 2015

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TEST NO.	DATE	DAY	PAPER	TEST DURATIO	NO. OF QUESTIONS	SYLLABUS
TEST - 1	7-Sep-15	Monday	GS - 1	1.5 Hours	15 Questions	- 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, redrawing of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.- their forms and effect on the society.
	8-Sep-15	Tuesday				
OPTIONAL	9-Sep-15	Wednesday				
	10-Sep-15	Thursday				OPTIONAL PAPER - 1 TEST (Compulsory at Offline Class)
TEST - 2	11-Sep-15	Friday	GS - 1	1.5 Hours	15 Questions	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 waterbodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.
	12-Sep-15	Saturday				
	13-Sep-15	Sunday				
TEST - 3	14-Sep-15	Monday	Essay	3 Hours	2 Essays	Quote Based and Philosophical Essays
OPTIONAL	15-Sep-15	Tuesday				OPTIONAL PAPER - 2 TEST (Compulsory at Offline Class)
TEST - 4	16-Sep-15	Wednesday	GS - 2	1.5 Hours	15 Questions	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 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

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	17-Sep-15 Thursday				
	18-Sep-15 Friday 19-Sep-15 Saturday 20-Sep-15 Sunday				
					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 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. Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.
TEST - 5 OPTIONAL	21-Sep-15 Monday 22-Sep-15 Tuesday 23-Sep-15 Wednesday 24-Sep-15 Thursday	GS - 2	1.5 Hours	15 Questions	OPTIONAL PAPER - 1 TEST (Compulsory at Offline Class)
					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, supply chain management. 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.
TEST - 6	25-Sep-15 Friday 26-Sep-15 Saturday 27-Sep-15 Sunday	GS - 3	1.5 Hours	15 Questions	

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OPTIONAL	28-Sep-15 Monday 29-Sep-15 Tuesday					
						OPTIONAL PAPER - 2 TEST (Compulsory at Offline Class)
						<p>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 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</p>
TEST - 7	30-Sep-15 Wednesday	GS - 3	1 Hour	15 Questions		
	1-Oct-15 Thursday					
TEST - 8	2-Oct-15 Friday	Essay	3 Hours	2 Questions		Essays related to Indian and Global Economy
	3-Oct-15 Saturday					
	4-Oct-15 Sunday					
						<p>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 non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weakersections. Case Studies on above issues.</p>
TEST - 9	5-Oct-15 Monday	GS - 4	2 Hours	15 Questions		
OPTIONAL	6-Oct-15 Tuesday					OPTIONAL PAPER - 1TEST (Compulsory at Offline Class)
						<p>Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance. Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world. 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>
TEST - 10	7-Oct-15 Wednesday	GS - 4	2 Hours	15 Questions		
	8-Oct-15 Thursday					
	9-Oct-15 Friday					
	10-Oct-15 Saturday					
	11-Oct-15 Sunday					

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TEST - 11	12-Oct-15 Monday 13-Oct-15 Tuesday	GS - 1	2 Hours	20 Questions	<p>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, redrawal of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.- their forms and effect on the society.</p>
TEST - 12	14-Oct-15 Wednesday	GS - 1	2 Hours	20 Questions	<p>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 waterbodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.</p>
TEST - 13	15-Oct-15 Thursday 16-Oct-15 Friday 17-Oct-15 Saturday 18-Oct-15 Sunday	Essay	3 Hours	2 Questions	<p>OPTIONAL PAPER - 2 TEST(Compulsory at Offline Class) Essays related to Social Problems</p>
TEST - 14	19-Oct-15 Monday 20-Oct-15 Tuesday	GS - 2	2 Hours	20 Questions	<p>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 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</p>

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TEST - 15	21-Oct-15 Wednesday	GS - 2	2 Hours	20 Questions	<p>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.</p> <p>Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.</p> <p>Issues relating to poverty and hunger.</p> <p>Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.</p> <p>Role of civil services in a democracy.</p> <p>India and its neighborhood- relations.</p> <p>Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests</p> <p>Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.</p> <p>Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.</p>
TEST - 16	22-Oct-15 Thursday	Essay	3 Hours	2 Questions	Essays related to Human Geography and culture
	23-Oct-15 Friday				
	24-Oct-15 Saturday				
	25-Oct-15 Sunday				
TEST - 17	26-Oct-15 Monday	GS - 3	2 Hours	20 Questions	<p>Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.</p> <p>Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.</p> <p>Government Budgeting.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.</p> <p>Land reforms in India.</p> <p>Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.</p> <p>Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.</p> <p>Investment models.</p>
	27-Oct-15 Tuesday				
TEST - 18	28-Oct-15 Wednesday	GS - 3	2 Hours	20 Questions	<p>Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life</p> <p>Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.</p> <p>Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.</p> <p>Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment</p> <p>Disaster and disaster management.</p> <p>Linkages between development and spread of extremism.</p> <p>Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism</p> <p>Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate</p>
TEST - 19	29-Oct-15 Thursday	Essay	3 Hours	2 Questions	Essays related to Indian polity
	30-Oct-15 Friday				
	31-Oct-15 Saturday				

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	1-Nov-15 Sunday					
	2-Nov-15 Monday					
						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 non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker sections
TEST - 20	3-Nov-15 Tuesday	GS - 4	3 Hours	30 Questions		
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	4-Nov-15 Wednesday					OPTIONAL TEST - PAPER - 1(Compulsory at Offline Class)
	5-Nov-15 Thursday					
						Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance. Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world. 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.
TEST - 21	6-Nov-15 Friday	GS - 4	3 Hours	30 Questions		
	7-Nov-15 Saturday					
	8-Nov-15 Sunday					
TEST - 22	9-Nov-15 Monday	GS - 1	3 Hours	30 Questions		FULL LENGTH - Whole Syllabus
	10-Nov-15 Tuesday					
	11-Nov-15 Wednesday					
	12-Nov-15 Thursday					
	13-Nov-15 Friday					
	14-Nov-15 Saturday					
	15-Nov-15 Sunday					
TEST - 23	16-Nov-15 Monday	GS - 2	3 Hours	30 Questions		FULL LENGTH - Whole Syllabus
	17-Nov-15 Tuesday					
	18-Nov-15 Wednesday					
	19-Nov-15 Thursday					
	20-Nov-15 Friday	GS - 3	3 Hours	30 Questions		FULL LENGTH - Whole Syllabus
	21-Nov-15 Saturday					
	22-Nov-15 Sunday					
OPTIONAL	23-Nov-15 Monday					OPTIONAL PAPER - 2 TEST (Compulsory at Offline Class)
	24-Nov-15 Tuesday					
TEST - 24	25-Nov-15 Wednesday	GS - 4	3 Hours	30 Questions		FULL LENGTH - Whole Syllabus
	26-Nov-15 Thursday					
TEST - 25	27-Nov-15 Friday	Essay	3 Hours	2 Questions		Any Topic Can Be Asked
			ROUND - 4			
	28-Nov-15 Saturday					
	29-Nov-15 Sunday					
	30-Nov-15 Monday					
	1-Dec-15 Tuesday					
	2-Dec-15 Wednesday					
	3-Dec-15 Thursday					
	4-Dec-15 Friday					
	5-Dec-15 Saturday					

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	6-Dec-15	Sunday				
TEST - 26 & 27	7-Dec-15	Monday	GS - 1	3 Hours	25 Questions (MORNING)	GS - 2 3 Hours 25 Questions (AFTERNOON SESSION)
TEST - 28 & 2	8-Dec-15	Tuesday	GS - 3	3 Hours	25 Questions (MORNING)	GS - 4 3 Hours 25 Questions (AFTERNOON SESSION)
TEST - 30	9-Dec-15	Wednesday	Essay	3 Hours	2 Questions (MORNING)	
	10-Dec-15	Thursday	OPTIONAL PAPER-1			OPTIONAL PAPER - 2
	11-Dec-15	Friday				
	12-Dec-15	Saturday				
	13-Dec-15	Sunday				
	14-Dec-15	Monday				
	15-Dec-15	Tuesday				
	16-Dec-15	Wednesday				
	17-Dec-15	Thursday				
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UPSC MAINS	18-Dec-15	Friday	UPSC CIVIL SERVICES MAINS - 2015 STARTS			
	19-Dec-15	Saturday				
	20-Dec-15	Sunday				
	21-Dec-15	Monday				
	22-Dec-15	Tuesday	UPSC CIVIL SERVICES MAINS - 2015 ENDS			
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