

INSIGHTS MAINS TEST SERIES 2019 (15 TESTS/OCTOBER,2018 TO JANUARY,2019)

Date	Day	Test Number [TEST CODE]	Test Subject	No. of Questions	Duration	Topics	Sources	
10-Oct-2018	Wednesday	Test - 1 [A1901]	General Studies - 1	20	3 Hours	<ol 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, redrawing of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.- their forms and effect on the society. Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> NCERT Class XI Introduction to Art and Culture/CCRT Website/Class XII Themes in Indian History Class XII Themes in Indian History/Bipan Chandra's India's Struggle for Independence/ Shekar Bhandopdhyia's Plassey to Partition Class XII Themes in Indian History/Bipan Chandra's India's Struggle for Independence/ Shekar Bhandopdhyia's Plassey to Partition Class XII Politics in India Since Independence/ Bipan Chandra's India Since Independence NCERT Class XI Themes in World History/ Norman Lowe - World History/ NCERT Old Class IX & X History NCERT Class XII Indian Society/ Insights Secure (1 Oct,2018 to 08 Oct, 2018) / Current Affairs 	<p>Tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions on these topics will be asked taking cue from current affairs. Read these sources selectively based on topics/personalities/events that were in news for past 3-4 years. For World History, once go through History Optional World History questions to get fair idea about important topics. For topics related to Indian Society refer to Ministry Websites such as tribal ministry for latest issues
20-Oct-2018	Saturday	Test - 2 [A1902]	General Studies - 1	20	3 Hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Insights Secure/Current Affairs from PIB related to these topics/ Yojana/Kurukshetra (Issues on topics listed)/ Social Problems in India - Ram Ahuja Class XII Indian Society/ Social Problems in India - Ram Ahuja Social Problems in India - Ram Ahuja/ India Since Independence - Bipan Chandra NCERT Class XII Fundamentals of Physical Geography NCERT Class XII Fundamentals of Human Geography/ Down to Earth Website NCERT Class XII Fundamentals of Physical Geography/ Down to Earth Website/National c Website Insights Secure (09 Oct, 2018 to 18 Oct,2018) 	<p>Tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensively refer to related current affairs from sources such as Down to Earth/NASA/National Geographic and link them to related static topics in the recommended sources.
30-Oct-2018	Tuesday	Test - 3 [A1903]	General Studies - 2	20	3 Hours	<ol 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 Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Polity Laxmikanth/ Insights Secure/D D Basu - Introduction to Indian Constitution - Related Chapters/PRS India Insights Secure/ Indian Polity by Laxmikanth/ D D Basu Introduction to Indian Constitution - Related Chapters/NCERT Class XI Indian Constitution at Work Insights Secure/ Indian Polity by Laxmikanth/ D D Basu Introduction to Indian Constitution - Related Chapters/NCERT Class XI Indian Constitution at Work NCERT Class XI Indian Constitution at Work Indian Polity Laxmikanth/ Insights Secure/ PRS India Indian Polity by Laxmikanth/Insights Secure Insights Secure/ PRS India Insights Secure/ Indian Polity by Laxmikanth Insights Secure/ Indian Polity by Laxmikanth Insights Secure (19 Oct,2018 to 28 Oct, 2018) /PIB 	<p>Tips:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> For Paper-2 topics, once you gain conceptual clarity from standard textbooks, you must extensively refer to The Hindu and The Indian Express to study relevant articles that were in news for past 3-4 years. Insights Secure can be selectively studied For Paper-2 facts are as important as they are for GS-1 and 3 papers. Do note down and remember all relevant facts/examples Do consider selectively reading Our Parliament by Subhash Kashyap Collect important articles from Brookings India website

9-Nov-2018	Friday	Test - 4 [A1904]	General Studies - 2	20	3 Hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders 2. 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. 3. Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources. 4. Issues relating to poverty and hunger. 5. Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures. 6. Role of civil services in a democracy. 7. India and its neighborhood- relations. 8. Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests 9. Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora. 10. Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EPW (Selectively)/ Insights Secure/ 2. PIB/India Year Book/Insights Secure 3. Insights Secure/Yojana/EPW 4. Insights Secure/Yojana/EPW/Down to Earth 5. Laxmikant - Governance in India 6. Second ARC/ Laxmikant - Governance in India 7. MEA Website/Insights Secure/IDSA 8. MEA Website/Insights Secure/IDSA 9. MEA Website/Insights Secure/IDSA 10. Project Syndicate/Insights Secure (29 Oct, 2018 to 7 Nov, 2018) 	<p>Tips:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Most of these topics are covered extensively under Secure. Read article links from The Hindu/Livemint and The Indian Express extensively (Editorials) 2. Use IDSA and Brookings India websites to make a list of latest developments vis a vis Bilaterals/Diaspora etc
10-Nov-2018	Saturday	Test - 5 [A1905]	Essay	Two Topics	3 Hours	Essay on Agriculture/Environment Topics	EPW/Project Syndicate/Down to Earth	Read Chandra Mohan Garg/Anudeep Durishetty articles on Insights website to know how to write better essays
20-Nov-2018	Tuesday	Test - 6 [A1906]	General Studies - 3	20	3 Hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment. 2. Inclusive growth and issues arising from it. 3. Government Budgeting. 4. 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 5. 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. 6. Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management. 7. Land reforms in India. 8. Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth. 9. Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc. 10. Investment models. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economic Survey (Both 2017 & 2018)/Insights Secure/India Year Book 2. NITI Aayog reports 3. Recent budgets/ Concepts from Laxmikant 4. Down to Earth/Related Schemes/ Reports from Agri and Water Resources Ministries/Insights Secure 5. EPW/Insights Secure/Economic Survey 6. Ministry of Food Processing Industries 7. India Since Independence - Bipan Chandra 8. Economic Survey/NITI Aayog reports 9. Economic Survey/India Year Book 10. Insights Secure (8 Nov 2018 to 18 Nov 2018) & Current Affairs 	<p>Tips:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For Paper - 3 facts, data and examples are extremely important. Collect them from all authentic sources and use in your answers (Economic Survey/India-2018/PIB/NITI Aayog etc) 2. Insights Secure covers most of these topics extensively. Make notes out of synopsis to cover fast important topics.
30-Nov-2018	Friday	Test - 7 [A1907]	General Studies - 3	20	3 Hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life 2. Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology. 3. Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights. 4. Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment 5. Disaster and disaster management. 6. Linkages between development and spread of extremism. 7. Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security. 8. 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 9. Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism 10. Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Down to Earth/India Year Book-2018/Insights Secure/ The Hindu S&T Section 2. India Year Book-2018/ ISRO/Down to Earth/Science Reporter/Insights Secure 3. Insights Secure/ The Hindu articles/Science Reporter/Insights Secure 4. Down to Earth/ India Environmental Portal/Insights Secure 5. IDSA/NDMA Website/Insights Secure 6. IDSA/Insights Secure 7. IDSA/Insights Secure 8. IDSA/Insights Secure 9. IDSA/Insights Secure 10. IDSA/Insights Secure (19 Nov 2018 to 28 Nov 2018) 	<p>Tips:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do read Insights Current Affairs extensively for Paper-3 (in addition to Secure) 2. Science Reporter has free versions. Download and read only important issues (http://www.niscair.res.in/sciencecommunication/popularization%20of%20science/scirep0.asp) 3. http://www.indiaenvironmentportal.org.in/

10-Dec-2018	Monday	Test-8 [A1908]	General Studies - 4	FULL LENGTH	3 Hours	<p>1. 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.</p> <p>2. Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.</p> <p>3. 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.</p> <p>4. Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.</p>	<p><u>You may follow our article:</u> http://www.insightsonindia.com/2013/09/30/how-to-prepare-upsc-civil-services-mains-paper-v-gs-4-ethics-aptitude-integrity/ Or any source you have been following.</p>	<p>Tips: 1. Insights Secure covers many case studies and ethics paper related questions that are based on current affairs issues. Do read them</p>
20-Dec-2018	Thursday	Test-9 [A1909]	General Studies - 4	FULL LENGTH	3 Hours	<p>1. Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world.</p> <p>2. 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.</p> <p>3. 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.</p>	<p><u>You may follow our article:</u> http://www.insightsonindia.com/2013/09/30/how-to-prepare-upsc-civil-services-mains-paper-v-gs-4-ethics-aptitude-integrity/ Or any source you have been following.</p>	<p>Tips: 1. Insights Secure covers many case studies and ethics paper related questions that are based on current affairs issues. Do read them</p>
21-Dec-2018	Friday	Test-10 [A1910]	Essay	Two Topics	3 Hours	Topics will be on Indian Society and Polity based (Contemporary issues)		
30-Dec-2018	Sunday	Test-11 [A1911]	General Studies - 1	FULL LENGTH	3 Hours	Full Syllabus		
7-Jan-2019	Monday	Test-12 [A1912]	General Studies - 2	FULL LENGTH	3 Hours	Full Syllabus		
15-Jan-2019	Tuesday	Test-13 [A1913]	General Studies - 3	FULL LENGTH	3 Hours	Full Syllabus		
23-Jan-2019	Wednesday	Test-14 [A1914]	General Studies - 4	FULL LENGTH	3 Hours	Full Syllabus		
25-Jan-2019	Friday	Test-15 [A1915]	Essay	Eight Topics	3 Hours	All Topics		