

FAQs on Insights Integrated Prelims cum Mains Test Series (IPM)-2020

1. What is IPM 2020?

IPM 2020 stands for Integrated Prelims cum MAINS Test series 2020. It is a breakthrough initiative initiated by INSIGHTSIAS under the guidance of Founder & Director of INSIGHTSIAS Mr. Vinay Kumar G.B.

2. Why is IPM better?

IPM establishes coherence between Prelims & Mains test series. Thus students can effectively utilise time & could inculcate the knack of orienting their approach to both Prelims & Mains exam in a single go.

Apart from Coherence between Prelims & Mains tests the IPM also embodies EBS (Essential, Breakthrough and Simulation Tests) approach which ensures holistic preparation as there would be a progressive increase in difficulty of question and also bring in the art of Interdisciplinary linkages in answer writing.

It's an approach that every aspirant has been longing for and it fills the void in your preparation to the fullest.

3. What all do I get as a part of Subscription?

- a) Mentorship.
- b) Discussion of the test series from faculty.
- c) Detailed Synopsis. (soft copy only)
- d) Evaluated answer booklet within 10 Working days from the day of submission.
- e) All India Ranking.
- f) Performance analysis & Study material (soft copy only)
- g) Take away from IPM subscription.
 - i. Free MAINS TEST SERIES* after Prelims-2020 targeting MAINS-2020
 - ii. 50% discount upon subscribing to MAINS test series targeted towards MAINS-2020 after prelims.

4. How do I avail Mentorship?

Subscribers (both Online & Offline) are required to book an appointment for mentorship from the MAINS test series portal.

- a) Online Students would be receiving a call from INSIGHTSIAS at the scheduled time. (Each session of mentorship is for maximum of 20 minutes)
- b) Offline Students are required to visit INSIGHTSIAS Centre to avail mentorship.

NOTE: The mentorship begins from 1st of October.

5. When will the discussion be held?

- a) For Online Students the recorded video will be made available within a couple of days from the scheduled test date.
- b) For Offline Students usually the discussion will be held on the scheduled test date after the test (usually 2 P.M onwards).

NOTE: Discussion is only for the mains tests & not for the prelims tests.

6. When do I get Synopsis?

Synopsis will be made available in the test portal within a couple of days from the scheduled test date.

7. What's special features of insights evaluation?

The evaluation team of INSIGHTS consists of the veterans who have given mains and interviews. All the evaluators are hard trained by team insights to ensure the upmost quality feedback. The features of evaluation are

- 1) Time bound evaluation.
- 2) Comprehensive and constructive feedback.

8. Do I get the performance analysis?

Yes. For both prelims and mains the performance graph will be provided for each student which will help the students in self-assessment.

For prelims the categorical analysis will be provided in both difficulty level and each subject.

For Mains the performance will be provided Paper-wise (Each section) and also the overall analysis of highest marks, average marks and score of student.

9. Do I get any study material as a part of Subscription?

Study materials will be made available to the subscribers (either via mail or in the Portal) as and when the INSIGHTSIAS deems necessary to be provided.

Note: The study material will be provided for the MAINS topics like world history, internal security, Governance etc. It will cover the static portions, recent developments, examples and diagrams which will aid the students in comprehensive understanding of the topic and give edge to answer to fetch the extra marks in every question.

10. What is the criteria to avail Free MAINS TEST SERIES-2020 which is a part of IPM-2020 subscription?

- a) Subscribers are required to take all the tests (both Prelims & Mains)
- b) Subscribers are required to score minimum 10% of the total marks in all the tests & are required to maintain originality in answer writing (Not copying from synopsis)

11. Who can subscribe?

Any civil service aspirant (beginners & veterans) who aspires for a one stop solution (Test series) in his preparation targeting UPSC CSE 2020.

12. From where & how do I subscribe for the Integrated Prelims cum Mains (IPM) test series-2020?

- a) Please visit <https://www.insightsactivelearn.com/subscribe>
- b) Fill out the User Registration form.
- c) Verify yourself with the OTP sent to your mobile number.
- d) You will be redirected to our payment partner INSTAMOJO where the requisite fee for the test series needs to be paid.
- e) Within a few minutes the test series will be activated & a portal access will be made available against your subscription.

13. How do I take the tests & how to submit the answer booklets?

- a) You are required to login to the Mains test portal with your credentials provided at the time of registration.
- b) The Question Cum Answer booklets will be made available in MY TEST section on the scheduled test date at 9:30 A.M.
- c) You need to get the printout of the QcA booklet, write your answers, and scan the answer booklet as per the Guidelines and upload the booklet in the portal against the same test.
- d) Failing to meet the Guidelines of scanning, the answer booklets will be rejected and needs to be re-uploaded by you after making necessary corrections.

14. I have already subscribed for INSIGHTSIAS Prelims Test series-2020 (Textbook approach, Subject wise approach, combined package). Is the prelims component of IPM different from these test series?

Yes. Both are different.

15. How do I switch from Prelims Test series-2020 to IPM-2020?

a) Online Subscribers

'A switch option' has been enabled in the Prelims Test series portal.

Upon selecting to switch two options will be made available.

- i. You can retain your current subscription & also be part of IPM-2020. You would get a discount of 18% over the Fee.
- ii. You can cancel your current subscription and the fee paid will be carry forwarded (post deductions of GST) & only the difference in fee will have to be paid.

Note: Switch via cancellation of current subscription will be available until the month of August.

b) Offline Subscribers are required to visit the INSIGHTSIAS Office in order to switch to IPM-2020.

16. Do I have to take the tests on the scheduled test date?**I. Prelims Component**

- a) Complete flexibility is being offered to the online subscribers & the tests can be taken up at any time of your choosing.
- b) Offline subscribers are required to take the tests on the scheduled test date, failing which you can only take the test in the weekend of that particular week.

II. Mains Component

Complete flexibility is being offered to both Online & Offline subscribers. They can take the tests at any time.

Note: Offline students are required to take the tests at dedicated test slot (9:30 A.M. Monday to Friday) at the INSIGHTSIAS test centre.

17. Can I Switch from Online mode to Offline mode & vice versa?

Yes. You are required to send a mail to mains@insightsias.com or visit INSIGHTSIAS Office to make the changes.

Note: Change of mode of tests can be done only Once. There are no charges associated with it.

18. Do I get All India Rank for Prelims & Mains Tests?

Yes. But the ranking will be dynamic and it will be changing.

19. Do you upload the Topper answer booklets?

Three good answer booklets for each test (not always be of toppers) will be made available in the MAINS Test series portal at an appropriate time.

20. What is the Fee of IPM-2020?

The Fee is Rs.39000/- and is inclusive of GST.

21. Will there be any discount?

Yes. All the previous subscribers of INSIGHTSIAS will get 15% discount provided that the name and **mobile number** matches with our database.

Note: The discount will be reflected once you are directed to our payment partner INSTAMOJO for the payment of Fee.

Insights IAS Integrated Prelims cum Mains (IPM) **Year Long** Test Series - 2020 (**EBS** Approach)

**(EBS – Essential, Breakthrough and Simulation Approach:
Become a Pro in Prelims and Mains)**

**ADMISSIONS OPEN NOW BOTH OFFLINE AND
ONLINE (CLICK HERE)**

NOTE:

- **There will be separate **Year-long** Mains Test Series for CSE-2020 (without Prelims)**
- **Cost of Yearlong Test Series without Prelims component – **Rs 30,000/- (for 46 Tests)****

- For those who subscribe to Integrates Prelims cum Mains Test Series, there will be 50 percent discount on THREE Months Mains Test Series 2020 which starts after Prelims – 2020!

The Mains Tests are conducted in 3 levels

- 1) **Essential Tests** – *These are sectional tests which are* intended to test basic understanding of all the concepts along with factual and background knowledge of related issues.
- 2) **Breakthrough Tests** – These tests will check your ability to link basic concepts with current issues and also, your ability to interlink various dimensions of syllabus will also be tested. The questions under these tests will focus on increasing hit ratio in actual UPSC Mains.
- 3) **Simulation Tests** – These tests are conducted on par with the actual UPSC pattern in terms of quality, relevance to give real UPSC environment feeling to students

Tests (Prelims + Mains) Break-up:

Prelims tests – 51

- **General studies – 41**
 - Subject wise test -- 28
 - Revision test -- 6
 - Full length test -- 7
- **CSAT – 10**
 - Sectional tests -- 6
 - Full length tests – 4

Mains tests – 46

- **Essay – 10**
- **Elementary Tests– 12**
- **Breakthrough Tests – 08**
- **Simulation Tests - 16**

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