



INSIGHTSIAS

SIMPLIFYING IAS EXAM PREPARATION

INSIGHTS SUBJECT-WISE PRELIMS TEST SERIES 2024 1.0 (ONLY GS)

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1. Previous Years' UPSC Papers + Discussion & Strategy Videos

DATE	SUBJECT	
Pre-loaded	UPSC Prelims Paper – 2015	Discussion Video
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2. SUBJECT-WISE 1.0 2024 Schedule

Date	Subject	Syllabus	Sources
Essential Tests			
General Studies Test 1			
27th March 2023 Monday	General Studies: Ancient & Medieval India	<u>Ancient History</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prehistoric period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paleolithic ▪ Mesolithic ▪ Neolithic ▪ Chalcolithic • Harappan / Indus Valley Civilization • Vedic Age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Early Vedic period ▪ Later Vedic period • Mahajanapadas & Rise of Magadh • Religious Reforms • Iranian & Macedonian Invasion • Mauryan Age • Post Mauryan Age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indo Greek Invasion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indo-Greeks ○ Parthians ○ Shaka ○ Kushanas ○ Indo-Sassanian ▪ Sungas ▪ Kanvas ▪ Satavahanas • Guptas Age • Sangam Age • Regional Kingdoms • Post Guptas Age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Harshavardhana ▪ Pallava ▪ Chalukya <u>Medieval History</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triparty Struggle Pratiharas Palas • Chola Empire • Turkish conquest of India Ghaznavid Muhammad Ghuri • Rajput states 	<u>Old NCERT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient India – R S Sharma • Medieval India – Satish Chandra <u>New NCERT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our pasts – I • Our pasts – II • Themes – I • Themes – II <u>TamilNadu History Textbook - Class XI</u> <u>Current Affairs:</u> (1/1/2023- 26/3/2023) from the below sources. <u>Sources:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz. • INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs. • PRIME Notes • INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delhi sultanate<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Slave dynasty▪ The Khaljis▪ The Tughlaqs▪ The Sayyids▪ The Lodhis• Mughal empire (Including later Mughals)• Maratha Confederacy• Southern Dynasties<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Hoysalas▪ Yadavas▪ Kakatiyas• Vijaynagara• Bahmani Kingdom• Regional kingdoms• Religious Movements<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bhakti Movement▪ Sufi Movement <p>(Brief History, Salient Features, Social, Economics, Religious and Cultural conditions of all the above)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current Affairs	
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General Studies Test 2:

8th April 2023
Saturday

General Studies:

Art
&
Culture

- Architecture
 - Cave Architecture
 - Temple Architecture
 - Indo-Islamic Architecture
 - Modern Architecture(Under Indus Valley Civilization, The Mauryan Architecture, The Sungas, Kushanas, Satavahanas & Guptas, Post Guptas, Delhi-Sultanate, Mughals etc)
- Sculpture -- Indian Sculpture and Different schools of Art
- Indian Paintings
 - Pre historic painting & Cave paintings
 - Mural Paintings
 - Miniature Paintings - Pala School, Rajput Paintings, Mughal Paintings, Hill paintings etc.
 - Folk Paintings
 - Modern Indian Paintings
 - Personalities Associated
- Religion
 - Hinduism
 - Jainism
 - Buddhism
 - Islam
 - Christianity
 - Zoroastrianism
 - Judaism
- Philosophy
 - Six Schools of Philosophy
 - Ajivika
 - Lokayata etc.
- Indian Music
 - Classical Music
 - Hindustani Music
 - Carnatic Music
 - Folk Music Tradition
 - Modern Music
 - Personalities
- Indian Dance
 - Classical Dance forms in India – Odissi, Kathak, Kathakali, Mohiniattay, Sattriya, Manipuri, Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi

- Introduction to Indian art (NCERT class 11th)
- Living Craft Traditions of India (NCERT class 12th)
- Indian Culture by Nitin Singhania
- CCRT - Art and Culture

Current Affairs:

(1/1/2023 - 7/4/2023)
from the below sources.

- [INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.](#)
- [INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.](#)
- PRIME Notes
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- Folk Dances
- Modern Dance in India
- Theatre
 - Sanskrit Theatre
 - Folk Theatre
 - Modern Theatre
 - Personalities
- Puppetry
 - History
 - Different forms of Puppetry in
 - People Associated with Theatres
- Indian Cinema and
- Circus
- Bhakti & Sufi Movement
- Language & Literature
 - Indian Language
 - Classical Languages
 - Scheduled Languages
 - Indian Literature
 - Religious Literature
 - Secular Literature
- Fairs, Festivals and Craft
 - Religious Festivals,
 - Secular
 - Festivals (States & UT's)
 - Art & Crafts
- Science & Technology
 - Ancient, Science & Technology
 - Medieval Science & Technology
 - Famous Personalities in
 - Ancient and Medieval India
- Promotion and Preservation of Indian Heritage
 - Indian World Heritage Sites – Tangible & non-tangible heritage, Tentative list
 - Cultural Heritage Sites
 - Natural Heritage Sites
 - Important Institutions



General Studies Test 3:

20th April 2023
Thursday

Modern India
(Pre-Congress
phase)

- Fall of Mughals
- Advent of Europeans
 - Coming of Europeans
 - Struggle among Europeans
 - Rise of East India Company
- India under East India Company's Rule
 - Administration
 - Political policies
 - Regulating Act of 1773
 - Pitt's India Act 1784
 - Charter acts of 1784, 1793, 1813, 1833, 1853
 - British Expansion policy: Doctrine of lapse, Subordinate alliance etc.
 - Economic policies and their impact
 - Agricultural policies
 - Famine policy
 - Foreign Policies
 - Social Policies
 - Education Policies
 - Religious policies
- Indian Kingdoms in 18th century: Marathas, Punjab, Mysore, Hyderabad etc.
- Socio - Religious Reform Movements in the 19th and 20th CE India – Arya Samaj, Brahmo Samaj , etc.
- The Great Revolt of 1857
- Changes in Indian Administration after 1858 - GOI ACT 1858, Councils Act, 1861, 1892.
- Growth of Political Ideas and Political Organisations (up to 1885)
- Our past III (Both part 1 & part 2 --NCERT class VIII)
- Themes in Indian History – III (NCERT Class XII)
- A brief History of Modern India – Spectrum Publication
- Struggle for India's Independence – Bipin Chandra



General Studies Test 4:

2nd May 2023
Tuesday

General Studies:
Modern India
(National Move-
ment)

- Foundation of the Indian National Congress
- National movement (1885 - 1919)
 - Moderate Phase (1885 – 1905)
 - Partition of Bengal and the Swadeshi Movement
 - The first phase of Revolutionary and Terrorist Movement
 - The Morley-Minto Reforms or the Indian Councils Act, 1909
 - The Lucknow Pact (1916)
 - The Home Rule Movement
- National movement (1919 - 1939)
 - Montague-Chelmsford Reforms or the Government of India act, 1919
 - The Khilafat Movement (1920-22) and Non-Cooperation Movement
 - The Left MovementThe second phase of Revolutionary and Terrorist Movement
 - Anti-Simon Commission Agitation (1928-29)
 - Nehru Report, 1928
 - The Lahore Session, 1929
 - The Civil Disobedience Movement
 - The Government of India Act, 1935
 - Provincial Elections and Formation of popular Ministries in Provinces, 1937
- Our past III (Both part 1 & part 2 --NCERT class VIII)
- Themes in Indian History – III (NCERT Class XII)
- A brief History Of Modern India – Spectrum Publication
- Struggle for India’s Independence – Bipin Chandra



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Freedom to Partition (1939 - 1947)</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Second World War and the National Movement▪ The August Offer 1940▪ The Individual Satyagraha 1940-41▪ The Cripps Proposal, 1942▪ The Quit India Movement, 1942▪ Subhash Bose and Indian National Army▪ Rajagopalachari Formula & Desai Liaqat Plan▪ Wavell Plan and Simla Conference 1945▪ General Elections in India, 1945▪ Naval Mutiny: 1946▪ The Indian Independence Act, 1947• <u>Other Dimensions</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Tribal Movements▪ Peasants Movement▪ Dalit Movements▪ Women movement▪ Role of Press and Publications▪ Role of Business groups• <u>Miscellaneous: Reforms / Acts / Committee, Congress Sessions, Governor –General Viceroy etc.</u>	<p>Current Affairs: (1/1/2023- 1/5/2023) from the below sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs
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General Studies Test 5:

14th May 2023
Sunday

General Studies:
Geography
(World Geography)

Physical Geography of the world

- Origin and evolution of Universe Solar system
 - Geological History of the Earth
 - Geological Time scale
Latitude and Longitude including important Parallels and Meridians
 - Motions of the Earth and their effects
Inclination of the Earth's Axis and its effects
 - Local and Standard Time and the International Date Line, Calendar
 - Eclipses - Solar, Lunar
- Geomorphology
 - Interior structure of the earth
 - Rock
 - Landform Development
 - First order (continental drift theory, sea floor spreading, plate tectonics theory)
 - Second order (Mountains, Plateaus, Plains & other landforms)
 - Internal forces & their impact - Volcanoes, Earthquakes,
 - Folding, Faulting, Isostasy
 - External forces & their impact - Weathering, Erosion & landforms thus developed
- Climatology
 - Structure, Composition of atmosphere
 - Weather & Climate
 - Heat & temperature
 - Insolation
 - Heat Budget
 - Distribution of temperature
 - Temperature Inversion

- Fundamentals of Physical Geography (NCERT Class XI)
- Fundamentals of Human Geography (NCERT Class XII)
- Goh Cheng Leong - Certificate Physical and Human Geography

Current Affairs:
(1/1/2023-13/5/2023)
from the below sources.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Pressure and Pressure belts▪ Winds<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Planetary winds○ Seasonal winds○ Local winds▪ Precipitation-Forms & Types, Distribution of rainfall▪ Air Masses▪ Cyclones and anti-cyclones▪ World Climatic regions• <u>Oceanography</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bottom relief Features▪ Ocean waves, currents, tides & Tsunamis▪ Temperature distribution▪ Salinity distribution▪ Marine resources• <u>Biogeography</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Soils<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Classification○ Distribution○ Erosion & Conservation▪ Biomes <p><u>World Economic and Human Geography:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural resources and mineral resources and distribution of key natural resources across the world• Agriculture and agro-climatic regions• Industry and location factors• Infrastructure• World Population, density & distribution, races & tribes, settlements & migration <p>Continents - Major physical features, natural resources</p>	
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General Studies Test 6:

26th May 2023 Friday	General Studies: Geography (Indian Geography)	<u>Physical Geography of India</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Latitude▪ Longitude▪ Physiographic division of India<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Northern Mountains○ Plains of India○ Peninsular Plateau○ Islands of India▪ Drainage System<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Himalayan Drainage System○ Peninsular Drainage System○ Other small river system• Indian Climate<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Spatial and temporal distribution of temperature & pressure▪ Winds▪ Rainfall<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Indian Monsoon<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mechanism▪ Onset▪ Variability○ Rainfall distribution▪ Climatic Regions of India• <u>Soils</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Classification of Soils▪ Problems of Soil and Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• India Physical Environment (NCERT Class XI)• India - People and Economy (NCERT Class XII)• Mapping - India <p><u>Current Affairs:</u> (1/1/2023-25/5/2023) from the below sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Indian Flora & Faun</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Forests and their distribution▪ Forest Conservation▪ Fauna <p><u>Indian Economic and Human Geography</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agriculture typology and major Crops grown in India• Agro-Climatic Regions• Land Reforms and Land use pattern• Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Aquaculture• Water Resources- Availability and potential: Lakes, rivers, dams, power and irrigation projects, wetlands and interlinking of rivers• Mineral Resources- classification and distribution• Energy Resources- conventional and non-conventional resources• Population and Growth trends - density, sex ratio, literacy, tribes and racial groups in India• Rural and Urban Settlements- types and patterns• Industries- types and their locational factors• Transport and Communication -railways, highways, inland• water transport, shipping and sea-ports, air transport <p>Map Based Questions from India (Location of state, city, river, lakes, important places including Ramsar sites, Biosphere Reserves, Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks)</p>	<p>Current Affairs: (1/1/2023-13/5/2023) from the below sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs
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General Studies Test 7:			
5th June 2023 Monday	General Studies: 1	Full GS 1 Syllabus (Revision of GS Test 1 to 6)	Sources Mentioned for GS Tests 1 – 6 Current Affairs: (1/1/2023- 4/5/2023) from the below sources. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs

General Studies Test 8:			
23rd June 2023 Friday	General Studies: Polity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constitutionalism• Historical Underpinnings• Evolution & Making of the Constitution• Features and Significant Provisions• Political systems• Democratic & Non-Democratic• Parliamentary & Presidential• Unitary & Federal• Direct and Representative• Republic and Monarchy etc.• The Preamble• Constitutionalism• Historical Underpinnings• Evolution & Making of the Constitution• Features and Significant Provisions• Political systems• Democratic & Non-Democratic• Parliamentary & Presidential• Unitary & Federal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indian Constitution at Work (NCERT Class XI)• LAXMIKANTH – Indian Polity



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct and Representative• Republic and Monarchy etc.• The Preamble• The Union and its Territory• Citizenship• Fundamental Rights• Directive Principles• Fundamental Duties• Amendment of Constitution• Basic Structure of the Constitution• Emergency Provisions • <u>Central Government</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ President of India▪ Vice President of India▪ Prime minister▪ Central Council of Ministers, Parliament • <u>State Government</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Governor1/6/2022-31/8/2022▪ Chief Minister▪ State Council of Ministers▪ State Legislature • <u>Judiciary</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Supreme Court▪ High Courts▪ Subordinate Courts • <u>Indian Federalism</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Centre-State Relations▪ Inter-state Relations • <u>Local Government</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Panchayati Raj▪ Local Urban Government	<p><u>Current Affairs:</u> (1/1/2023-22/6/2023) from the below sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs
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General Studies Test 9:

5th July 2023
Wednesday

Polity

- Other Dimensions
 - Official Language
 - Public Services
 - Tribunals
 - Special provisions for SCs, STs, BCs, Minorities & Anglo-Indians
 - Rights and liabilities of the Government
 - Authoritative text in Hindi Language
 - Anti-defection law
- Political dimensions
 - Ministries and Departments of the Government
 - Pressure groups
 - Elections & political parties
 - Representation of People's Act
 - Election Process
 - Governance
 - Transparency & Accountability
 - RTI
 - Citizen's Charter
 - e-Governance
- Constitutional Bodies
 - Election Commission
 - Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
 - State Public Service Commission (SPSC)
 - Finance Commission
 - CAG
 - Attorney general of India
 - Advocate general of India
 - Special officer for Linguistic Minorities
 - National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)
 - National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)
 - National Commission for Backward Castes (NCBC) etc.
- Non-Constitutional Bodies
NITI Aayog, NHRC, SHRC, CIC, SIC, CVC, CBI, Lokpal, Lokayukta, NCPCR etc.

- Indian Constitution at Work (NCERT Class XI)
- LAXMIKANTH – Indian Polity

Current Affairs:
(1/1/2023-4/7/2023)
from the below sources.

- [INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.](#)
- [INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.](#)
- PRIME Notes
- [INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs](#)



General Studies Test 10:			
17th July 2023 Monday	Polity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Institutions UN, World Bank, IMF, WIPO, ADB, BRICS etc.• Government Schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indian Constitution at Work (NCERT Class XI)• LAXMIKANTH – Indian Polity <p><u>Current Affairs:</u> (1/1/2023-16/7/2023) from the below sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs

General Studies Test 11:			
27th July 2023 Thursday	General Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full GS 2 Prelims• (Revision of GS Test 8-10)	Sources Mentioned for GS Test 8 – 10 <p><u>Current Affairs:</u> (1/1/2023-26/7/2023) from the below sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs



General Studies Test 12:

14th August 2023
Monday

Economics

- National Income Accounting:
 - Definition
 - Concepts: GDP, GNP, Market Price and Factor Cost, NNP, NDP, transfer payments, National income at FC, Personal Income, disposable income, factors affecting national income, net foreign facto income
 - Measurement of national income: value added method, income method, expenditure method, Application of various methods, Base year, GDP deflator
 - Debates around GDP and other indices
- Money and Banking
 - Money
 - Definition
 - Functions and significance
 - Evolution of Money
 - Money supply in India and factors affecting it
 - Banking
 - Need of banks
 - Function
 - Commercial Banks
 - Central Bank:
 - Importance
 - Functions
 - Structure
 - Monetary Policy
 - Policy tools, (CRR, SLR, OMO, Repo and Rev Repo, MSF etc.)
 - Banking Reforms

- Indian Economic Development (NCERT Class XI)
- RAMESH SINGH – Indian Economy

Current Affairs:
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capital Markets & Money Markets<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Basic Terms and Concepts, Equity and debt Instruments▪ Primary market and Secondary markets etc. • Inflation and Employment<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Inflation<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Definition○ Inflationary Gap and Inflationary process○ Inflation Cycles: Demand Pull Inflation, Cost Push Inflation,○ Causes of Inflation○ Inflation Control measures▪ Unemployment<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Types of Unemployment: Structural, Seasonal, Frictional, Cyclical○ Nature of Unemployment in India • Government budgeting and Fiscal Policy<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Budgeting<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Evolution of Budgeting○ Institutions and Laws○ The Union Budget: Components - Revenue Account,○ Capital Account, Measures of Government Deficit etc.,○ Weaknesses in the Budgetary Process	
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General Studies Test 13:

26th Aug 2023 Saturday	Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>External Sector and Currency Exchange rate</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Balance of Payments: Definition, Current and Capital Accounts, Convertibility ▪ FDI, FII -- issues, challenges etc. ▪ Foreign Trade of India ▪ Trade Policy ▪ Product wise trade ▪ Region wise trade ▪ Subsidy boxes ▪ WTO related issues and India ▪ Intellectual Property Rights • <u>International Trade and Bodies:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IMF: Purpose and Objectives, Organization and Functions, Working and Evaluation, IMF and Underdeveloped Countries, SDR's, ▪ Reforms etc., ▪ World Bank ▪ Bilateral and Regional Cooperation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Economic Development (NCERT Class XI) • RAMESH SINGH – Indian Economy <p>Current Affairs: (1/1/2023-25/8/2023) from the below sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz. • INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs. • PRIME Notes • INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Agriculture:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Recent trends in Agriculture Sector▪ Cropping System and Pattern;▪ Agricultural Marketing and Reforms▪ Agricultural Research;▪ Sustainable Agriculture;▪ Animal Husbandry▪ PDS▪ Farm distress and government initiatives• <u>Industrial Sector:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Industrial Policies▪ Licensing▪ MSME▪ Labour Reforms▪ Companies Act▪ Make in India, Skill India▪ Challenges in Industrial development▪ Organised and unorganised sector▪ PPP▪ Investment models• <u>Initiatives by the govt.</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Government policies▪ Five-year Plans: Priorities and Performance, Issues related to planning▪ Economic Policies till 1991▪ Economic Reforms since 1991: End of license Raj, Liberalization, Privatisation and Globalisation• <u>Infrastructure:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ IT, Communication, Urbanisation, Transport, Mining, etc.	
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General Studies Test 14:

7th September
2023
Thursday

Ecology & Environ-
ment

- Ecology and Functions of an ecosystem
 - Terrestrial ecosystems
 - Aquatic ecosystems
- Environmental pollution
 - Pollutants
 - Air pollution
 - Water Pollution
 - Soil Pollution
 - Noise Pollution
 - Radioactive pollution
 - E-Waste
 - Solid Waste
 - Bioremediation
- Biodiversity
 - Basic Concepts
 - Plant and Animal Diversity
 - Marine Organisms
 - Threat to Biodiversity
 - Protected Area Network: National parks, Wildlife sanctuaries, Biosphere reserves, Reserved and protected forests, Conservation and community reserves, Village and panchayat Forests, Private protected areas, Conservation areas
 - Biodiversity Conservation efforts
 - Indian Biodiversity ad conserva-tion efforts
 - Bioprospecting
 - Biosafety
 - Biopiracy

- ICSE Environ-mental Stud-ies - Class X (2018 edition – S.Chand Publi-cations)
- Biology – NCERT 12th – Unit 4
- Shankar IAS – Environment

Current Affairs:
(1/1/2023-
6/9/2023) from
the below sources.

- [INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.](#)
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General Studies Test 15:

19th Sept. 2023 Tuesday	Ecology & Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Environmental problems:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climate Change ▪ Acidification ▪ Eutrophication ▪ Ozone Depletion ▪ Mitigation Strategies ▪ India and Climate Change • <u>Conservation efforts: India and World</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Institutional and Organizational mechanisms ▪ Environmental Acts and Policies ▪ Environmental conventions ▪ Sustainable development Environmental Monitoring and Impact Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICSE Environmental Studies - Class X (2018 edition – S.Chand Publications) • Biology – NCERT 12th – Unit 4 • Shankar IAS – Environment <p>Current Affairs: (1 / 1 / 2 0 2 3 - 18/9/2023) from the below sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz. • INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs. • PRIME Notes • INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs
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General Studies Test 16:

1st Oct. 2023 Sunday	Science & Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S&T in India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Historical Perspective ▪ Science and Planning ▪ S&T Policies in Independent India ▪ S&T Infrastructure in India ▪ Department of Science and Technology • Earth Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weather Forecasting and Climate Research in India ▪ Seismology Research ▪ Ocean Development ▪ Natural Disasters • Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Types of Energy Resources ▪ Fossil Fuels ▪ Renewable Sources and their Development in India 	<p>NCERT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class VI to Class X • Class XI – Chemistry: Unit 14 • Class XI – Biology: Units 4 & 5 • Class XII – Chemistry: Unit 16 • Class XII – Biology: Units 8, 9 & 10
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nuclear Science<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Radioactivity▪ Radioisotopes▪ Nuclear Power▪ Applications of Nuclear S&T▪ Safety Issues▪ Nuclear Weapons▪ India's Nuclear Science Programme▪ Particle Physics▪ Information Technology▪ Electronics▪ Computers▪ The Internet▪ Computer Security▪ Telecommunication▪ India and Info-Tech▪ Artificial Intelligence▪ Robots and Robotics▪ Fibre Optics▪ Computer- and IT-Related Terms and Products• Lasers<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Principles and Types▪ Applications▪ Basic Science▪ Industry▪ Defence▪ Nuclear Energy▪ Health and Medical Care▪ Laser Technology in India• Superconductivity<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ What is Superconductivity▪ Uses and Applications▪ Research in India• Nanotechnology<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Understanding Nanotechnology▪ Approaches in Nanotechnology▪ Applications▪ Implications and Various Concerns▪ Nanotechnology in India▪ Nano Mission• Astronomy and Space Research<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Astronomy and its Importance▪ The Origin and Development of the Universe	<p>Current Affairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science reporter• News papers <p>Current Affairs: (1/1/2023-30/9/2023) from the below sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Accelerating Expansion of the Universe▪ The Objects in the Universe▪ Observing the Universe▪ Space Exploration▪ Elements of Space Research and Technology▪ Major Space Probes▪ India's Space Programme▪ India's Space Ventures▪ Space Applications▪ Milestones in India's Space Ventures▪ Space-Industry Partnership in India▪ Export Promotion▪ International Cooperation in Space▪ Space Garbage and Dealing with it• Defence Research and Technology<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Weapon Innovations of Note▪ Defence R&D in India• Health and Medicine<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Disease-Causing Agents▪ Infectious Diseases▪ Non-Infectious or Degenerative Diseases▪ Deficiency Diseases▪ Allergies▪ Cancer▪ Recent Life Style Concerns▪ Health Policies and Programmes in India▪ Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy• Genetics<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ What are Genetics?▪ Physical Basis of Heredity▪ Chemical Basis of Heredity▪ Gene Mapping▪ Genome Analysis and Human Genetics• Biotechnology<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ What is Biotechnology▪ Biotechnology Techniques▪ Genetic Engineering▪ DNA Fingerprinting▪ Cloning▪ Artificial Insemination and Embryo▪ Stem Cell Technology	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Applications of Biotechnology▪ Biotech Research in India▪ Patents and Biotechnology• Applications of S&T<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Agriculture and Rural Development▪ Basic Resources of Agriculture▪ Environment-Friendly Agriculture<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sustainable Agriculture○ S&T Advancements in Agricultural Produce in India○ Genetically Modified Crops: Biosafety and Regulation○ Animal Husbandry○ Agriculture in Special Areas○ Climate-Smart Agriculture○ Research, Education, Transfer of Technology in India○ S&T and Rural Development in India▪ Industry<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Major R&D Infrastructure in India○ Contribution of CSIR○ Intellectual Property Rights Comments on the National IPR Policy	
General Studies Test 17:			
11th Oct. 2023 Wednesday	General Studies 3	Full GS 3 Syllabus (Revision of GS 12-16)	Sources mentioned for GS Test 12-16 <u>Current Affairs:</u> (1/1/2023-10/10/2023) from the below sources. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs



General Studies Test 18:

2nd Nov. 2023
Thursday

Ancient History
and
Art & Culture

- Ancient History
- Prehistoric period
 - Paleolithic
 - Mesolithic
 - Neolithic
 - Chalcolithic
- Harappan / Indus Valley Civilization
- Vedic Age
 - Early Vedic period
 - Later Vedic period
- Mahajanapadas & Rise of Magadh
- Religious Reforms
- Iranian & Macedonian Invasion
- Mauryan Age
- Post Mauryan Age
 - Indo Greek Invasion
 - Indo-Greeks
 - Parthians
 - Shaka
 - Kushanas
 - Indo-Sassanian
 - Sungas
 - Kanvas
 - Satavahanas
- Guptas Age
- Sangam Age
- Regional Kingdoms
- Post Guptas Age
 - Harshavardhana
 - Pallava
 - Chalukya

Medieval History

- Tripartite Struggle
- Pratiharas Palas
- Chola Empire
- Turkish conquest of India
Ghaznavid Muhammad Ghuri
- Rajput states
- Delhi sultanate
 - Slave dynasty
 - The Khaljis
 - The Tughlaqs
 - The Sayyids
 - The Lodhis
- Mughal empire (Including later Mughals)
- Maratha Confederacy

Ancient History

Old NCERT

- Ancient India – R S Sharma
- Medieval India – Satish Chandra

New NCERT

- Our pasts – I
- Our pasts – II
- Themes – I
- Themes – II

TamilNadu History
Textbook - Class XI

Art & Culture

- Introduction to Indian art (NCERT class 11th)
- Living Craft Traditions of India (NCERT class 12th)
- Indian Culture by Nitin Singhania
- CCRT - Art and Culture



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southern Dynasties<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Hoysalas▪ Yadavas▪ Kakatiyas• Vijaynagara• Bahmani Kingdom• Regional kingdoms• Religious Movements<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bhakti Movement▪ Sufi Movement <p>(Brief History, Salient Features, Social, Economics, Religious and Cultural conditions of all the above)</p> <p><u>Art & Culture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Architecture</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cave Architecture▪ Temple Architecture▪ Indo-Islamic Architecture▪ Modern Architecture <p>(Under Indus Valley Civilization, The Mauryan Architecture, The Sungas, Kushanas, Satavahanas & Guptas, Post Guptas, Delhi-Sultanate, Mughals etc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Sculpture</u> -- Indian Sculpture and Different schools of Art• <u>Indian Paintings</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Pre historic painting & Cave paintings▪ Mural Paintings▪ Miniature Paintings - Pala School, Rajput Paintings, Mughal Paintings, Hill paintings etc.▪ Folk Paintings▪ Modern Indian Paintings▪ Personalities Associated• Religion<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Hinduism▪ Jainism▪ Buddhism▪ Islam▪ Christianity▪ Zoroastrianism▪ Judaism• Philosophy<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Six Schools of Philosophy▪ Ajivika▪ Lokayata etc.	<p>Current Affairs: (1/1/2023-1/11/2023) from the below sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs
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General Studies Test 19 :

12th Nov. 2023
Sunday

General Studies:
Modern India

- Fall of Mughals
- Advent of Europeans
 - Coming of Europeans
 - Struggle among Europeans
 - Rise of East India Company
- India under East India Company's Rule
 - Administration
 - Political policies
 - Regulating Act of 1773
 - Pitt's India Act 1784
 - Charter acts of 1784, 1793, 1813, 1833, 1853
 - British Expansion policy: Doctrine of lapse, Subordinate alliance etc.
 - Economic policies and their impact
 - Agricultural policies
 - Famine policy
 - Foreign Policies
 - Social Policies
 - Education Policies
 - Religious policies
- Indian Kingdoms in 18th century: Marathas, Punjab,
- Mysore, Hyderabad etc.
- Socio - Religious Reform Movements in the 19th and 20th CE India - Arya Samaj, Brahma Samaj, etc.
- The Great Revolt of 1857
- Changes in Indian Administration after 1858 - GOI ACT 1858, Councils Act, 1861, 1892.
- Growth of Political Ideas and Political Organisations (up to 1885)
- Foundation of the Indian National Congress
- National movement (1885 - 1919)
 - Moderate Phase (1885-1905)
 - Partition of Bengal and the Swadeshi Movement
 - The first phase of Revolutionary and Terrorist Movement
 - The Morley-Minto Reforms or the Indian Councils Act, 1909
 - The Lucknow Pact (1916)
 - The Home Rule Movement

- Our past III (Both part 1 & part 2 --NCERT class VIII)
- Themes in Indian History - III (NCERT Class XII)
- A brief History Of Modern India - Spectrum Publication
- Struggle for India's Independence - Bipin Chandra

Current Affairs:
(1/1/2023-11/11/2023) from the below sources.

- [INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.](#)
- [INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.](#)
- PRIME Notes
- [INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs](#)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>National movement (1919 - 1939)</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Montague-Chelmsford Reforms or the Government of India act, 1919▪ The Khilafat Movement (1920-22) and Non Cooperation Movement▪ The Left Movement▪ The second phase of Revolutionary and Terrorist Movement▪ Anti-Simon Commission Agitation (1928-29)▪ Nehru Report, 1928▪ The Lahore Session, 1929▪ The Civil Disobedience Movement▪ The Government of India Act, 1935▪ Provincial Elections and Formation of popular Ministries in Provinces, 1937• <u>Freedom to Partition (1939 - 1947)</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Second World War and the National Movement▪ The August Offer 1940▪ The Individual Satyagraha 1940-41▪ The Cripps Proposal, 1942▪ The Quit India Movement, 1942▪ Subhash Bose and Indian National Army▪ Rajagopalachari Formula & Desai Liaqat Plan▪ Wavell Plan and Simla Conference 1945▪ General Elections in India, 1945▪ Naval Mutiny: 1946▪ The Indian Independence Act, 1947• <u>Other Dimensions</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Tribal Movements▪ Peasants Movement▪ Dalit Movements▪ Women movement▪ Role of Press and Publications▪ Role of Business groups <p><u>Miscellaneous:</u> Reforms / Acts / Committee, Congress Sessions, Governor – General Viceroys etc.</p>	
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General Studies Test 20:

22nd Nov. 2023
Wednesday

General Studies:
Geography

Physical Geography of the world

- Origin and evolution of Universe
Solar system
 - Geological History of the Earth
 - Geological Time scale Latitude and Longitude including important Parallels and Meridians
 - Motions of the Earth and their effects Inclination of the Earth's Axis and its effects
 - Local and Standard Time and the International Date Line, Calendar
 - Eclipses - Solar, Lunar
- Geomorphology
 - Interior structure of the earth
 - Rock
 - Landform Development
 - First order (continental drift theory, sea floor spreading, plate tectonics theory)
 - Second order (Mountains, Plateaus, Plains & other landforms)
 - Internal forces & their impact - Volcanoes, Earthquakes,
 - Folding, Faulting, Isostasy
 - External forces & their impact - Weathering, Erosion & landforms thus developed
- Climatology
 - Structure, Composition of atmosphere
 - Weather & Climate
 - Heat & temperature
 - Insolation
 - Heat Budget
 - Distribution of temperature
 - Temperature Inversion
 - Pressure and Pressure belts
 - Winds
 - Planetary winds
 - Seasonal winds
 - Local winds
 - Precipitation-Forms & Types, Distribution of rainfall
 - Air Masses
 - Cyclones and anti-cyclones
 - World Climatic regions

- Fundamentals of Physical Geography (NCERT Class XI)
- Fundamentals of Human Geography (NCERT Class XII)
- Goh Cheng Leong - Certificate Physical and Human Geography
- India Physical Environment (NCERT Class XI)
- India - People and Economy (NCERT Class XII)
- Mapping - India & World



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oceanography<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bottom relief Features▪ Ocean waves, currents, tides & Tsunamis▪ Temperature distribution▪ Salinity distribution▪ Marine resources• Biogeography<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Soils<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Classification○ Distribution○ Erosion & Conservation▪ Biomes <p><u>World Economic and Human Geography:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Natural resources and mineral resources and distribution of key natural resources across the world▪ Agriculture and agro-climatic regions▪ Industry and location factors▪ Infrastructure▪ World Population, density & distribution, races & tribes, settlements & migrationContinents - Major physical features, natural resources <p><u>Physical Geography of India</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Latitude▪ Longitude▪ Physiographic division of India<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Northern Mountains○ Plains of India○ Peninsular Plateau○ Islands of India▪ Drainage System<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Himalayan Drainage System○ Peninsular Drainage System○ Other small river system• Indian Climate<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Spatial and temporal distribution of temperature & pressure▪ Winds▪ Rainfall<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Indian Monsoon<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Mechanism▶ Onset▶ Variability○ Rainfall distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs
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General Studies Test 22:

12th Dec. 2023 Tuesday	General Studies: Polity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constitutionalism• Historical Underpinnings• Evolution & Making of the Constitution• Features and Significant Provisions• Political systems• Democratic & Non-Democratic• Parliamentary & Presidential• Unitary & Federal• Direct and Representative• Republic and Monarchy etc.• The Preamble• The Union and its Territory• Citizenship• Fundamental Rights• Directive Principles• Fundamental Duties• Amendment of Constitution• Basic Structure of the Constitution• Emergency Provisions • <u>Central Government</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ President of India▪ Vice President of India▪ Prime minister▪ Central Council of Ministers, Parliament • <u>State Government</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Governor▪ Chief Minister▪ State Council of Ministers▪ State Legislature • <u>Judiciary</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Supreme Court▪ High Courts▪ Subordinate Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indian Constitution at Work (NCERT Class XI)• LAXMIKANTH – Indian Polity <p>Current Affairs: (1/1/2023-11/12/2023) from the below sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs
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General Studies Test 23:

22nd Dec. 2023
Friday

General Studies:
Polity

- Central Government
 - President of India
 - Vice President of India
 - Prime minister
 - Central Council of Ministers, Parliament
- State Government
 - Governor
 - Chief Minister
 - State Council of Ministers
 - State Legislature
- Judiciary
 - Supreme Court
 - High Courts
 - Subordinate Courts
- Indian Federalism
 - Centre-State Relations
 - Inter-state Relations
- Local Government
 - Panchayati Raj
 - Local Urban Government
- Other Dimensions
 - Official Language
 - Public Services
 - Tribunals
 - Special provisions for SCs, STs, BCs, Minorities & Anglo-Indians
 - Rights and liabilities of the Government
 - Authoritative text in Hindi Language
 - Anti-defection law
- Political dimensions
 - Ministries and Departments of the Government
 - Pressure groups
 - Elections & political parties
 - Representation of People's Act
 - Election Process
 - Governance
 - Transparency & Accountability
 - RTI
 - Citizen's Charter
 - e-Governance
- Constitutional Bodies
 - Election Commission
 - Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
 - State Public Service Commission (SPSC)

- Indian Constitution at Work (NCERT Class XI)
 - LAXMIKANTH – Indian Polity
- Current Affairs:
(1/1/2023-11/12/2023) from the below sources.
- [INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.](#)
 - [INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.](#)
 - PRIME Notes
 - [INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs](#)



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Finance Commission▪ CAG▪ Attorney general of India▪ Advocate general of India▪ Special officer for Linguistic Minorities▪ National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)▪ National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)▪ National Commission for Backward Castes (NCBC) etc.• Non-Constitutional Bodies NITI Aayog, NHRC, SHRC, CIC, SIC, CVC, CBI, Lokpal, Lokayukta, NCPCR etc.• International Institutions UN, World Bank, IMF, WIPO, ADB, BRICS etc.	
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General Studies Test 24:

1st Jan 2024 Monday	General Studies 2	Full GS 2 Syllabus (Revision of GS Tests 22 & 23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sources Mentioned for GS Tests 22 & 23Current Affairs: (1 / 1 / 2 0 2 3 - 31/12/2023) from the below sources.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs
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General Studies Test 25:

17th Jan 2024
Wednesday

General Studies:
Economy

- National Income Accounting:
 - Definition
 - Concepts: GDP, GNP, Market Price and Factor Cost, NNP, NDP, transfer payments, National income at FC, Personal Income, disposable income, factors affecting national income, net foreign factor income
 - Measurement of national income: value added method, income method, expenditure method, Application of various methods, Base year, GDP deflator
 - Debates around GDP and other indices
- Money and Banking
 - Money
 - Definition
 - Functions and significance
 - Evolution of Money
 - Money supply in India and factors affecting it
 - Banking
 - Need of banks
 - Function
 - Commercial Banks
 - Central Bank:
 - Importance
 - Functions
 - Structure
 - Monetary Policy
 - Policy tools, (CRR, SLR, OMO, Repo and Rev Repo, MSF etc.)
 - Banking Reforms
- Capital Markets & Money Markets
 - Basic Terms and Concepts, Equity and debt Instruments
 - Primary market and Secondary markets etc.
- Inflation and Employment
 - Inflation
 - Definition
 - Inflationary Gap and Inflationary process
 - Inflation Cycles: Demand Pull Inflation, Cost Push Inflation,

- Indian Economic Development (NCERT Class XI)
- RAMESH SINGH – Indian Economy

Current Affairs:
(1/1/2023-16/1/2024) from the below sources.

- [INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.](#)
- [INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.](#)
- PRIME Notes
- [INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs](#)



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Causes of Inflation○ Inflation Control measures■ Unemployment<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Types of Unemployment: Structural, Seasonal, Frictional, Cyclical○ Nature of Unemployment in India• Government budgeting and Fiscal Policy<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Budgeting<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Evolution of Budgeting○ Institutions and Laws○ The Union Budget: Components - Revenue Account, Capital Account, Measures of Government Deficit etc.,○ Weaknesses in the Budgetary Process■ Fiscal Policy<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Public Finance - Role and Importance,○ Public Expenditure - Revenue and Capital, Development and Non-Development○ Public Revenue■ Sources of Revenue■ Taxes<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Classification - Direct and Indirect, Specific and Ad Valorem▶ Social and Economic Objectives of Taxes■ Public Debt■ Deficit Financing• <u>External Sector and Currency Exchange rate</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Balance of Payments: Definition, Current and Capital Accounts, Convertibility■ FDI, FII -- issues, challenges etc.■ Foreign Trade of India■ Trade Policy■ Product wise trade■ Region wise trade■ Subsidy boxes■ WTO related issues and India■ Intellectual Property Rights	
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- International Trade and Bodies:
 - IMF: Purpose and Objectives, Organization and Functions, Working and Evaluation, IMF and Underdeveloped Countries, SDR's, Reforms etc.,
 - World Bank
 - Bilateral and Regional Cooperation
- Agriculture:
 - Recent trends in Agriculture Sector
 - Cropping System and Pattern;
 - Agricultural Marketing and Reforms
 - Agricultural Research;
 - Sustainable Agriculture;
 - Animal Husbandry
 - PDS
 - Farm distress and government initiatives
- Industrial Sector:
 - Industrial Policies
 - Licensing
 - MSME
 - Labour Reforms
 - Companies Act
 - Make in India, Skill India
 - Challenges in Industrial development
 - Organised and unorganised sector
 - PPP
 - Investment models
- Initiatives by the govt.
 - Government policies
 - Five year Plans: Priorities and Performance, Issues related to planning
 - Economic Policies till 1991
 - Economic Reforms since 1991: End of license Raj, Liberalization, Privatisation and Globalisation
- Infrastructure: IT, Communication, Urbanization, Transport, Mining, etc.



General Studies 26:

27th Jan. 2024 Saturday	General Studies: Ecology & Environment	<p><u>1. Ecology and Functions of an ecosystem</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Terrestrial ecosystems▪ Aquatic ecosystems <p><u>2. Environmental problems:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Climate Change▪ Acidification▪ Eutrophication▪ Ozone Depletion▪ Mitigation Strategies▪ India and Climate Change <p><u>3. Environmental pollution</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Pollutants▪ Air pollution▪ Water Pollution▪ Soil Pollution▪ Noise Pollution▪ Radioactive pollution▪ E-Waste▪ Solid Waste▪ Bioremediation <p><u>4. Biodiversity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Basic Concepts▪ Plant and Animal Diversity▪ Marine Organisms▪ Threat to Biodiversity▪ Protected Area Network: National parks, Wildlife sanctuaries, Biosphere reserves, Reserved and protected forests, Conservation and community reserves, Village and panchayat Forests, Private protected areas, Conservation areas▪ Biodiversity Conservation efforts▪ Indian Biodiversity ad conservation efforts▪ Bioprospecting▪ Biosafety▪ Biopiracy <p><u>5. Conservation efforts: India and World</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Institutional and Organizational mechanisms▪ Environmental Acts and Policies▪ Environmental conventions▪ Sustainable development Environmental Monitoring and Impact Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indian Economic Development (NCERT Class XI)• RAMESH SINGH – Indian Economy <p>Current Affairs: (1/1/2023-16/1/2024) from the below sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs
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General Studies Test 27:

6th Feb 2024
Tuesday

General Studies:
Science & Tech-
nology

- S&T in India
 - Historical Perspective
 - Science and Planning
 - S&T Policies in Independent India
 - S&T Infrastructure in India
 - Department of Science and Technology
- Earth Sciences
 - Weather Forecasting and Climate Research in India
 - Seismology Research
 - Ocean Development
 - Natural Disasters
- Energy
 - Types of Energy Resources
 - Fossil Fuels
 - Renewable Sources and their Development in India
- Nuclear Science
 - Radioactivity
 - Radioisotopes
 - Nuclear Power
 - Applications of Nuclear S&T
 - Safety Issues
 - Nuclear Weapons
 - India's Nuclear Science Programme
 - Particle Physics
- Information Technology
 - Electronics
 - Computers
 - The Internet
 - Computer Security
 - Telecommunication
 - India and Info-Tech
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Robots and Robotics
 - Fibre Optics
 - Computer- and IT-Related Terms and Products
- Lasers
 - Principles and Types
 - Applications
 - Basic Science
 - Industry
 - Defence
 - Nuclear Energy
 - Health and Medical Care
 - Laser Technology in India



- Superconductivity
 - What is Superconductivity
 - Uses and Applications
 - Research in India
- Nanotechnology
 - Understanding Nanotechnology
 - Approaches in Nanotechnology
 - Applications
 - Implications and Various Concerns
 - Nanotechnology in India
 - Nano Mission.
- Astronomy and Space Research
 - Astronomy and its Importance
 - The Origin and Development of the Universe
 - Accelerating Expansion of the Universe
 - The Objects in the Universe
 - Observing the Universe
 - Space Exploration
 - Elements of Space Research and Technology
 - Major Space Probes
 - India's Space Programme
 - India's Space Ventures
 - Space Applications
 - Milestones in India's Space Ventures
 - Space-Industry Partnership in India
 - Export Promotion
 - International Cooperation in Space
 - Space Garbage and Dealing with it
- Defence Research and Technology
 - Weapon Innovations of Note
 - Defence R&D in India
- Health and Medicine
 - Disease-Causing Agents
 - Infectious Diseases
 - Non-Infectious or Degenerative Diseases
 - Deficiency Diseases
 - Allergies
 - Cancer
 - Recent Life Style Concerns
 - Health Policies and Programmes in India
 - Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy



- Genetics
 - What is Genetics?
 - Physical Basis of Heredity
 - Chemical Basis of Heredity
 - Gene Mapping
 - Genome Analysis and Human Genetics
- Biotechnology
 - What is Biotechnology
 - Biotechnology Techniques
 - Genetic Engineering
 - DNA Fingerprinting
 - Cloning
 - Artificial Insemination and Embryo
 - Stem Cell Technology
 - Applications of Biotechnology
 - Biotech Research in India
 - Patents and Biotechnology
- Applications of S&T
 - Agriculture and Rural Development
 - Basic Resources of Agriculture
 - Environment-Friendly Agriculture
 - Sustainable Agriculture
 - S&T Advancements in Agricultural Produce in India
 - Genetically Modified Crops: Biosafety and Regulation
 - Animal Husbandry
 - Agriculture in Special Areas
 - Climate-Smart Agriculture
 - Research, Education, Transfer of Technology in India
 - S&T and Rural Development in India
 - Industry
 - Major R&D Infrastructure in India
 - Contribution of CSIR
 - Intellectual Property Rights Comments on the National IPR Policy



General Studies Test 28:

16th Feb. 2024 Friday	General Studies 3	GS 3 Full Syllabus (Revision of GS Tests 25 – 27)	Sources mentioned for GS Tests 25-27 Current Affairs: (1 / 1 / 2 0 2 3 - 15/2/2024) from the below sources. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs
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General Studies Test 29 :

25th Feb 2024 Sunday	General Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• India year book 2023• Current Affairs <p>Current Affairs: (1/1/2023-25/2/2024) from the below sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs
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General Studies Test 30:

5th March 2024 Tuesday	Economic Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic Survey 2022-23, Budget 2023-24• Current Affairs (1/1/2023-4/3/2024) from the below sources. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.• PRIME Notes• INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs
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FULL WEEKLY SYLLABUS TESTS (Mimics UPSC Prelims Exam)

General Studies Test 31:

14th March 2024
Thursday

Full Syllabus

General Studies Test 32:

23rd March 2024
Saturday

Full Syllabus

General Studies Test 33 :

1st April 2024
Monday

Full Syllabus

General Studies Test 34 :

10th April 2024
Wednesday

Full Syllabus

General Studies Test 35:

19th April 2024
Friday

Full Syllabus

General Studies Test 36:

28th April 2024
Sunday

Full Syllabus

General Studies Test 37:

7th May 2024
Tuesday

Full Syllabus

General Studies Test 38:

16th May 2024
Thursday

Full Syllabus



3. INSTA Preparatory Classes Schedule

INSTA PREPARATORY CLASSES		
DATE	TOPIC	DESCRIPTION
Pre-loaded	Introductory class (strategy for CSE 2024)	You will get a great insight on the UPSC Journey, what should be the overall strategy, what would help in becoming toppers, how to make a customized plan for each individual and how to evaluate the plan and stick to it.
Pre-loaded	How to read books for IPM tests?	Considering the vast syllabus and also stack of study materials available, it is very important to choose the right books and also read them the right way. In this class, you will get to know how to study extensively as well as selectively from different sources available.
Pre-loaded	How to read Current affairs?	UPSC has time and again shown the width & depth of current affairs that it can go into. With the growing importance of Current Affairs, it is equally important to study current affairs with UPSC Exam perspective. This class throws a light on how to link current affairs to the Prelims, to GS answers as well as in Optional Subjects
Pre-loaded	How to make notes?	Effective notes making strategy is utmost important. An aspirant should learn to make customized notes for quick revision. One should not waste most of the time in making notes, at the same time should not ignore making important notes for quick revision
Pre-loaded	Approach to General Studies answer writing?	Writing answer to General Studies papers has been a case of 'So near, yet so far' for many CSE aspirants. The skill of answer writing with adequate weightages to demands & hidden demands, hierarchy of demands, interdisciplinary linkages are the way of conquering these papers.



Pre-loaded	Approach to Ethics Answer writing?	Ethics paper is one of the high scoring papers of the MAINS exam. It's a paper that personifies the true character of an individual and though scoring is easier with right ingredient, it has been a paradox to many. Unravel the mantra for ensuring the success in this paper in this session.
Pre-loaded	Approach to Essay Answer writing?	The most scoring paper of the MAINS examination gives an ample opportunity to script your viewpoint. Knack of selecting the topic which is very much in consonance with your preparation, having the right approach in presenting your viewpoint will reap greater dividends in examination.
Pre-loaded	How to prepare n complete syllabus for each IPM test?	'Crisis of plenty', w.r.t to the vast number of resources (study material), is the situation every student face in their preparation to the test or CSE Exam. Funneling the right resources is what helps you in completing the syllabus of exam & upping the ante of emerging successful in exam.
Pre-loaded	Strategy Class and Tricks to score well in mocks?	This class will deal with different techniques and tricks through which you can commit less mistakes, increase accuracy and score high in prelims and set your answers on higher pedestal in MAINS.

Note: We may add more classes if need be. These classes are in addition to the discussion classes for each test. Video of the classes will be made available in the portal.



4. Note on Sources Mentioned:

- a. In all cases except otherwise specifically mentioned we will follow New NCERTs
- b. Economy: 10th Edition of Ramesh Singh will be referred.
- c. Modern India: Refer to either Latest edition of Spectrum Publication or Struggle for India's Independence – Bipin Chandra.
- d. Current Affairs: We will be covering previous 10 days of Current Affairs from multiple sources. However, depending on the importance and need, we may cover current affairs of previous months' too.
- e. Map Based Questions: We suggest students to complete an exercise of Map work of all important political and physical geography. Emphasis should be on political and physical maps of places in news.
- f. In due course of time, we will compile the important places in news and how to practice map-based questions on them.
- g. Other parts of the syllabus: (National Parks/Biosphere Reserves etc. + Regional and International bodies + Tribes of India): We will share a break-up plan and resources to study and attempt this part of the syllabus in due time.

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