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Date	Test No.	Test Subject	No. of Question & Duration	Topic	Sources
15 th June 2023	Test 1	GS 1	20 Question & 3 hrs	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.2. Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present- significant events, personalities, issues.3. The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.4. Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.5. 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.6. Current Affairs from June 2022 till test date. <p>Note: Out of 20 Questions, 2 will be from SECURE Initiative. (June 2022 till 14th June 2023)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. NCERT Class XI Introduction to Art & Culture/CCERT Website/Class XII Themes in Indian History2. Class XII Themes in Indian History/Bipan Chandra's India's struggle for Independence/ Shekhar Bandhophyay's Plassey to Partition3. Class XII Politics in India since Independence/Bipan Chandra's India Since Independence4. NCERT Class XI Themes in World History/ Norman Lowe – World History /NCERT Old Class IX & X History5. NCERT Class XII Indian Society/Insights Secure/Current Affairs



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20 th June 2023	Test 2	GS 1	20 Question & 3 hrs	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.2. Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.3. Effects of globalization on Indian society.4. Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.5. Salient features of world's physical geography. Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).6. Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.7. Current Affairs from June 2022 till test date.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. NCERT Class XII Indian Society.2. CCRT website3. Down to Earth/ NASA/ National Geographic & link them to the related static topics in the recommended sources.4. INSIGHTS Current affairs & Mind Maps related to the subjects.5. Ministry of women, Tribal Ministry (for latest issues) <p>(Read the sources selectively based on Topics/ events/ personalities that were in news for past 3-4 years)</p> <p>Note: Out of 20 Questions, 2 will be from SECURE Initiative. (June 2022 till 19th June 2023)</p>



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23 rd June 2023	Test 3	ESSAY	8 Topics & 3 hrs	All GS 1 Topics + Philosophical topics	
28 th June 2023	Test 4	GS 2	20 Question & 3 hrs	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Indian Constitution—historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.2. 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.3. Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.4. Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.5. Parliament and State legislatures—structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these.6. 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.7. Salient features of the Representation of People’s Act.8. Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.9. Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.10. Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.11. Current Affairs from June 2022 till test date.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Indian Polity Laxmikanth2. DD Basu – Introduction to Indian Constitution Related Chapters3. NCERT Class XII Indian Constitution at Work4. Insights Secure/PRS India5. Insights Secure/PIB <p>Note: Out of 20 Questions, 2 will be from SECURE Initiative. (June 2022 till 27th June 2023)</p>



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3 rd July 2023	Test 5	GS 2	20 Question & 3 hrs	<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 neighbourhood- 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.11. Current Affairs from June 2022 till test date.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. EPW (Selectively)2. Insights Secure3. PIB/India Year Book - 20194. Yojana/Down to Earth5. Laxmikanth - Governance in India6. Second ARC7. MEA Website/IDSA8. Project Syndicate <p>Note: Out of 20 Questions, 2 will be from SECURE Initiative. (June 2022 till 2nd July 2023)</p>
6 th July 2023	Test 6	ESSAY	8 Topics & 3 hrs	All GS 2 Topics + Philosophical topics	



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11 th July 2023	Test 7	GS 3	20 Question & 3 hrs	<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.11. Current Affairs from June 2021 till test date. <p>Note: Out of 20 Questions, 2 will be from SECURE Initiative (June 2022 till 10th July 2023)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Economic Survey (2021-2022)2. Insights Secure3. India Year Book – 20234. NITI Aayog reports5. Recent budgets / Concepts from Lakmikanth6. Down to Earth/Related Schemes/Reports from Agri and Water Resources Ministries7. EPW8. Ministry of Food Processing Industries9. India Since Independence - Bipan Chandra



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16 th July 2023	Test 8	GS 3	20 Question & 3 hrs	<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.11. Current Affairs from June 2022 till test date. <p>Note: Out of 20 Questions, 2 will be from SECURE Initiative (June 2022 till 15th July 2023)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Down to Earth2. India Year Book – 20233. The Hindu S&T Section4. ISRO/Science Reporter5. India Environmental portal/Insights Secure6. IDSA/NDMA Website



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19 th July 2023	Test 9	ESSAY	8 Topics & 3 hrs	All GS 3 Topics + Philosophical topics	
24 th July 2023	Test 10	GS 4	19 Question & 3 hrs	<ol style="list-style-type: none">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.2. Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behavior; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.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.4. Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance. <p>Note: Out of 20 Questions, 2 will be from SECURE Initiative (June 2022 till 23rd July 2023)</p>	<p>You may follow our article:</p> <p>https://www.insightsonindia.com/2013/09/30/how-to-prepare-upsc-civil-services-mains-paper-v-gs-4-ethics-aptitude-integrity/</p> <p>INSTAPEDIA on www.insightsonindia.com - https://www.insightsonindia.com/ethics-integrity-and-aptitude/</p> <p>Or any source you have been following.</p>



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29 th July 2023	Test 11	GS 4	19 Question & 3 hrs	<ol style="list-style-type: none">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. <p>Note: Out of 20 Questions, 2 will be from SECURE Initiative. (July 2022 till 28th July 2023)</p>	<p>You may follow our article: https://www.insightsonindia.com/2013/09/30/how-to-prepare-upsc-civil-services-mains-paper-v-gs-4-ethics-aptitude-integrity/</p> <p>INSTAPEDIA on www.insightsonindia.com - https://www.insightsonindia.com/ethics-integrity-and-aptitude/</p> <p>Or any source you have been following.</p>
3 rd Aug 2023	Test 12	GS 4	19 Question & 3 hrs	GS 4 Full Syllabus	
5 th Aug 2023	Test 13	ESSAY	8 Topics & 3 hrs	All Topics	



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8 th Aug 2023	Test 14	ESSAY	8 Topics & 3 hrs	All Topics
11 th Aug 2023	Test 15	GS 1 FLT	20 Questions & 3 hrs	Full Length Test
14 th Aug 2023	Test 16	GS 2 FLT	20 Questions & 3 hrs	Full Length Test
17 th Aug 2023	Test 17	GS 3 FLT	20 Questions & 3 hrs	Full Length Test
20 st Aug 2023	Test 18	GS 4 FLT	20 Questions & 3 hrs	Full Length Test
25 th Aug 2023	Test 19	ESSAY FLT	8 Topics & 3 hrs	All Topics
26 th Aug 2023	Test 20	GS1 FLT	20 Questions & 3 hrs	Full Length Test
26 th Aug 2023	Test 21	GS 2 FLT	20 Questions & 3 hrs	Full Length Test
27 th Aug 2023	Test 22	GS 3 FLT	20 Questions & 3 hrs	Full Length Test
27 th Aug 2023	Test 23	GS 4 FLT	19 Questions & 3 hrs	Full Length Test



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2nd Sep 2023	Test 24	ESSAY FLT	8 Topics & 3 hrs	Full Syllabus
3rd Sep 2023	Test 25	GS 1 FLT	20 Questions & 3 hrs	Full Length Test
3rd Sep 2023	Test 26	GS 2 FLT	20 Questions & 3 hrs	Full Length Test
4th Sep 2022	Test 27	GS 3 FLT	20 Questions & 3 hrs	Full Length Test
4th Sep 2023	Test 28	GS 4 FLT	19 Questions & 3 hrs	Full Length Test