

Insta Prelims Cum Mains Test Series 2025 [1.0]

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1. ORIENTATION VIDEOS & STRATEGY VIDEOS [RECORDED]

Date	Subjects
22 nd May 2024	Polity
25 th June 2024	Economy
25 th July 2024	Geography
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15 th September 2024	Environment & Ecology
12 th October 2024	Science & Technology
25 th October 2024	Ancient & Medieval India, Art & Culture
15 th November 2024	Agriculture & International Relations

2. Previous Year UPSC Prelims Papers & Discussions

Date	Subject
Pre-uploaded	UPSC Prelims Paper - 2015
Pre-uploaded	UPSC Prelims Paper - 2016
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Pre-uploaded	UPSC Prelims Paper - 2018
Pre-uploaded	UPSC Prelims Paper - 2019
Pre-uploaded	UPSC Prelims Paper - 2020
Pre-uploaded	UPSC Prelims Paper - 2021
Pre-uploaded	UPSC Prelims Paper - 2022
Pre-uploaded	UPSC Prelims Paper - 2023

3. IPM 2025 1.0 Schedule

Date & Day	Tests	No. of Questions & Duration	Syllabus
ROUND 1: ESSENTIAL TESTS Mini Tests + Revision Tests			
SUBJECT: POLITY			
27-May-2024 Monday	Polity Mini Test 1 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<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 <p>Current Affairs: January 2024</p>
2-Jun-2024 Sunday	Polity Mini Test 2 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directive Principles • Fundamental Duties • Amendment of Constitution • Basic Structure of the Constitution • Emergency Provisions • Central Government

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President of India ○ Vice President of India ○ Prime minister ○ Central Council of Ministers ○ Parliament <p>Current Affairs: January 2024</p>
8-Jun-2024 Saturday	Polity Mini Test 3 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Governor ○ Chief Minister ○ State Council of Ministers ○ State Legislature • Judiciary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supreme Court ○ High Courts ○ Subordinate Courts ○ Lokadalat, Family courts, Gramnyayalayas & Other Alternate Dispute resolution mechanism • Indian Federalism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Centre-State Relations ○ Inter-state Relations • Local Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Panchayati Raj ○ Local Urban Government • Union Territories • 5th & 6th Schedule Areas • Special provisions for certain states <p>Current Affairs: February 2024</p>

14-Jun-2024
Friday

Polity Mini Test 4
(PRELIMS)

50 MCQs, 1 hour

- 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. Current Affairs: February 2024
23-Jun-2024 Sunday	Polity Full-Length Test (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	Polity Full Syllabus Current Affairs: January and February 2024
23-Jun-2024 Sunday	CSAT TEST 1 (PRELIMS)	80MCQs, 2hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic numeracy & General mental ability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Numbers ○ HCF & LCM ○ Averages ○ Ratio & Proportion ○ Series completion ○ Coding — Decoding ○ Blood Relations ○ Puzzle Test • English Comprehension
SUBJECT: ECONOMY			
29-Jun-2024 Saturday	Economy Mini Test 1 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Income Accounting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Money <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Definition

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Functions and significance ➤ Evolution of Money ➤ Money supply in India and factors affecting it ○ Banking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Need of banks ➤ Function ➤ Commercial Banks ○ Central Bank: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Importance ➤ Functions ➤ Structure ➤ Monetary Policy ➤ Policy tools, (CRR, SLR, OMO, Repo and Rev Repo, MSF etc.) ○ Banking Reforms <p>Current Affairs: March 2024</p>
5-Jul-2024 Friday	Economy Mini Test 2 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<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 • External Sector and Currency Exchange rate

			<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 <p>Current Affairs: March 2024</p>
11-Jul-2024 Thursday	Economy Mini Test 3 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 • Initiatives by the govt. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Government policies ○ Five-year Plans: Priorities and Performance, Issues

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ related to planning ○ Economic Policies till 1991 ○ Economic Reforms since 1991: End of license Raj, Liberalization, Privatisation and Globalisation <p>Current Affairs: April 2024</p>
17-Jul-2024 Wednesday	Economy Mini Test 4 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Trade and Bodies: <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 • Agriculture: <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 • Industrial Sector: <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

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Investment models • Service Sector: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ India and Global Services ○ India's Services Today ○ Services Trade ○ Consultancy Services ○ Research and Development (R&D) Services ○ Space Services ○ Manufacturing vs. Services ○ Trade and Transport Services ○ Construction Development ○ Accountancy Services ○ Legal Services ○ Education Services ○ The Need for Reforms ○ General Issues ○ Sectoral Issues ○ Insurance in India • Infrastructure IT, Communication, Urbanisation, Transport, Mining, etc. <p>Current Affairs: April 2024</p>
26-Jul-2024 Friday	Economy Full-Length Test (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	Economy Full Syllabus Current Affairs: March and April 2024

26-Jul-2024 Friday	CSAT TEST 2 (PRELIMS)	80 MCQs, 2 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic numeracy & General mental ability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Percentage ○ Profit & Loss ○ Simple interest & Compound interest ○ Problems on ages ○ Sequential Output Tracing ○ Direction Sense Test ○ Logical Venn diagrams ○ Alphabet Test ○ Number, Ranking & Time Sequence Test • English Comprehension
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SUBJECT: GEOGRAPHY

1-Aug-2024 Thursday	Geography Mini Test 1 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<p>Origin & Evolution of Solar system, Geomorphology, World Mapping, Economic & Human Geography</p> <p>Evolution of Solar System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Geomorphology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interior structure of the earth • Rocks • Landform Development • First order (continental drift theory, sea floor spreading, plate tectonics theory) • Second order (Mountains, Plateaus, Plains & other landforms)
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal forces & their impact – Volcanoes, Earthquakes, • Folding, Faulting, Isostasy • External forces & their impact – Weathering, Erosion & landforms thus developed <p>Economic & Human Geography of the World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural resources and mineral resources and distribution of key natural resources across the world • Industry and location factors • Infrastructure • World Population, density & distribution, races & tribes, settlements & migration <p>World Mapping: Static: Continents – Major physical features & natural resources Dynamic: Places in News & Geography Current affairs</p> <p>Current Affairs: May 2024</p>
7-Aug-2024 Wednesday	Geography Mini Test 2 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<p>Climatology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure, Composition of atmosphere • Weather & Climate • Heat & temperature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Insolation ○ Heat Budget ○ Distribution of temperature ○ Temperature Inversion • Pressure and Pressure belts • Winds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planetary winds

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seasonal winds ○ Local winds ● Precipitation-Forms & Types, Distribution of rainfall ● Air Masses ● Cyclones and anti-cyclones ● World Climatic regions <p>Oceanography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bottom relief Features ● Ocean movements: waves, currents, tides & Tsunamis ● Temperature distribution ● Salinity distribution ● Marine resources <p>Biogeography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Soils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Classification ○ Distribution ○ Erosion & Conservation ● Biomes <p>Current Affairs: May 2024</p>
13-Aug-2024 Tuesday	Geography Mini Test 3 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<p>Physical Geography of India, Drainage System, Indian climate, soil, Natural Vegetation, Economic & Human Geography of India, India Mapping</p> <p>Physical Geography of India</p> <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

- Himalayan Drainage System
- Peninsular Drainage System
- Other small river systems

Indian Climate

- Spatial and temporal distribution of temperature & pressure
- Winds
- Rainfall
 - Indian Monsoon
 - Mechanism
 - Onset
 - Variability
 - Rainfall distribution
- Climatic Regions of India

Soils

- Classification of Soils
- Problems of Soil and Conservation

Natural Vegetation

- Forests and their distribution
- Forest Conservation
- Fauna

Economic & Human Geography of India

- 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

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>India Mapping: Static: Major physical features & natural resources, location of states, cities, rivers, lakes, important places including Ramsar sites, Biosphere Reserves, Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks</p> <p>Dynamic: Places in News & Geography Current affairs</p> <p>Current Affairs: June 2024</p>
19-Aug-2024 Monday	Geography Full-Length Test (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	Geography Full Syllabus Current Affairs: May & June 2024
19-Aug-2024 Monday	CSAT TEST 3 (PRELIMS)	80MCQs, 2hours	Revision of Test 1&2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic numeracy & General mental ability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Numbers ○ HCF & LCM ○ Averages ○ Ratio & Proportion ○ Series completion ○ Coding — Decoding ○ Blood Relations ○ Puzzle Test ○ Percentage

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Profit & Loss ○ Simple interest & Compound interest ○ Problems on ages ○ Sequential Output Tracing ○ Direction Sense Test ○ Logical Venn diagrams ○ Alphabet Test ○ Number, Ranking & Time Sequence Test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Comprehension
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SUBJECT: MODERN INDIA

25-Aug-2024 Sunday	Modern India Mini Test 1 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<p>From Fall of Mughals till 1885</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agricultural policies ○ Famine policy • Foreign Policies • Social Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education Policies
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 to1885) <p>Current Affairs: July 2024</p>
31-Aug-2024 Saturday	Modern India Mini Test 2 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<p>Foundation of the Indian National Congress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 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 ● Freedom to Partition (1939 - 1947)

			<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 <p>Current Affairs: July 2024</p>
6-Sep-2024 Friday	Modern India Mini Test 3 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<p>THEME BASED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socio - Religious Reform Movements in the 19th and 20th CE India – Arya Samaj, Brahmo Samaj , etc. • Tribal Movements • Peasants Movement • Working class movements • Dalit Movements • Women movement • Role of Press and Publications • Role of Business groups • Economic policies and their impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agricultural policies ○ Famine policy • Foreign Policies • Social Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education Policies ○ Religious policies • British Expansion policy: Doctrine of lapse, Subordinate alliance etc • Relation of British with Indian states:

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Policy of Ring Fence, Subordinate Isolation, Subordinate Union and Equal Federation ● Congress Sessions ● Governor –General Viceroys etc. ● Famous personalities <p>Current Affairs: August 2024</p>
15-Sep-2024 Sunday	Modern India Full-Length Test (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	<p>Modern India Full Syllabus</p> <p>Current Affairs: August 2024</p>
15-Sep-2024 Sunday	CSAT TEST 4 (PRELIMS)	80 MCQs, 2 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Basic numeracy & General mental ability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Problems on clock ○ Partnership ○ Pipes & cistern ○ Time & work ○ Logical Sequence of Words ○ Arithmetical Reasoning ○ Inserting the Missing Character ○ Data Sufficiency ○ Decision Making ● English Comprehension
SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY			
21-Sep-2024 Saturday	Environment Mini Test 1 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ecology and Functions of an ecosystem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Terrestrial ecosystems ○ Aquatic ecosystems ● Biodiversity

			<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>Current Affairs: July & August 2024</p>
27-Sep-2024 Friday	Environment Mini Test 2 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Environmental pollution</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pollutants ○ Air pollution ○ Water Pollution ○ Soil Pollution ○ Noise Pollution ○ Radioactive pollution ○ E-Waste ○ Solid Waste ○ Bioremediation • <u>Environmental problems:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Climate Change ○ Ocean Acidification ○ Eutrophication ○ Ozone Depletion ○ Mitigation Strategies ○ India and Climate Change

			Current Affairs: January to August 2024
3-Oct-2024 Thursday	Environment Mini Test 3 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<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 <p>Current Affairs: September 2024</p>
12-Oct-2024 Saturday	Environment Full-Length Test (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	<p>Full Environment Syllabus</p> <p>Current Affairs: September 2024</p>
12-Oct-2024 Saturday	CSAT TEST 5 (PRELIMS)	80 MCQs, 2 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic numeracy & General mental ability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Time & Distance ○ Boats & streams ○ Problems on trains ○ Permutation & combination ○ Probability ○ charts, graphs, tables etc. ○ Assertion and Reason

- Situation Reaction Test +
- Verification of Truth of the Statement
- Logic
- Statement - Arguments
- Statement - Assumptions
- Statement - Courses of Action
- Statement – Conclusions
- Syllogism
- English Comprehension

SUBJECTS: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY and INTERNAL SECURITY

- 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

18-Oct-2024
Friday

S&T Mini Test 1
(PRELIMS)

50 MCQs, 1 hour

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ India's Nuclear Science Programme ○ Particle Physics • Information Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 • Astronomy and Space Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 |
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 <p>Current Affairs: January 2024 till September 2024</p>
26-Oct-2024 Saturday	S&T Mini Test 2 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nanotechnology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Understanding Nanotechnology ○ Approaches in Nanotechnology ○ Applications ○ Implications and Various Concerns ○ Nanotechnology in India ○ Nano Mission • 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

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 ○ 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
1-Nov-2024 Friday	S&T Full Length Test (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	Science & Technology Full Syllabus Current Affairs: January 2024 till September 2024

1-Nov-2024

CSAT TEST 6
(PRELIMS)

80 MCQs, 2 hours

Revision of Test 4 & 5

- Basic numeracy & General mental ability
 - Problems on clock
 - Partnership
 - Pipes & cistern
 - Time & work
 - Logical Sequence of Words
 - Arithmetical Reasoning
 - Inserting the Missing Character
 - Data Sufficiency
 - Decision Making
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 - Statement - Assumptions
 - Statement - Courses of Action
 - Statement - Conclusions
 - Syllogism
- English Comprehension

SUBJECT: ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL INDIA

7-Nov-2024
Thursday

A&M Mini Test 1
(PRELIMS)

50 MCQs, 1 hour

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

Current Affairs: October 2024

<p>13-Nov-2024 Wednesday</p>	<p>A&M Mini Test 2 (PRELIMS)</p>	<p>50 MCQs, 1 hour</p>	<p>Medieval History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triparty Struggle Pratiharas Palas • Chola Empire • Turkish conquest of India Ghaznavid Muhammad Ghori • Rajput states • 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> <p>Current Affairs: October 2024</p>
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20-Nov-2024 Wednesday	A&M Full Length Test (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	Ancient and Medieval India Full Syllabus Current Affairs: October 2024
SUBJECTS: ART & CULTURE			
26-Nov-2024 Tuesday	A&C Mini Test 1 (PRELIMS)	50 MCQs, 1 hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture <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"> • Sculpture -- Indian Sculpture and Different schools of Art • Indian Paintings <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 • Bhakti & Sufi Movement <p>Current Affairs: January 2024 to October 2024</p>

4-Dec-2024
Wednesday

A&C Mini Test 2
(PRELIMS)

50 MCQs, 1 hour

- 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
 - 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
- Language & Literature
 - Indian Language
 - Classical Languages
 - Scheduled Languages
 - Indian Literature
 - Religious Literature
 - Secular Literature
- Fairs, Festivals and Craft
 - Religious Festivals,

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Secular ○ Festivals (States & UT's) ○ Art & Crafts • <u>Promotion and Preservation of Indian Heritage</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indian Word Heritage Sites – Tangible & non-tangible heritage, Tentative list ○ Cultural Heritage Sites ○ Natural Heritage Sites ○ Important Institutions <p>Current Affairs: January 2024 to October 2024</p>
10-Dec-2024 Tuesday	A&C Full Length Test (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	Art & Culture Full Syllabus Current Affairs: January 2024 to October 2024
10-Dec-2024 Tuesday	CSAT Test 7 (PRELIMS)	80 MCQs, 2 hours	Full syllabus
17-Dec-2024 Tuesday	Agriculture Full-Length Test (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	<p>ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE OF AGRICULTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture sector in India • Agriculture and five-year plans • Green revolution and agriculture • Agriculture policies, programmes initiatives in 75 years • WTO and agriculture • Agriculture and intellectual property rights • Import and exports of agriculture produce <p>GEOGRAPHICAL PERSPECTIVE OF AGRICULTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agro-climatic zones in India • Types of soils and crops • Indian monsoon and agriculture • Farming methods in India

			<p>ENVIRONMENT PERSPECTIVE OF AGRICULTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crop diversity in India • Negative impacts of green revolution • Land degradation, desertification and agriculture • Climate smart agriculture <p>SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PERSPECTIVE OF AGRICULTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organic farming, permaculture and zbnf • Agriculture biotechnology • Nuclear agriculture • Space technology and agriculture • Emerging technologies and agri- culture <p>Current Affairs: November 2024</p>
24-Dec-2024 Tuesday	IR & Schemes Full-Length Test (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Institutions UN, World Bank, IMF, WIPO, ADB, BRICS etc. • Government Schemes <p>Current Affairs: November 2024</p>
<p>ROUND 2: BREAKTHROUGH TESTS (Subject-wise Tests)</p>			
5-Jan-2025 Sunday	Ancient & Medieval India and Art & Culture (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	Ancient & Medieval India and Art & Culture Full Syllabus Current Affairs: December 2024
13-Jan-2025 Monday	Modern India (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	Modern India Full Syllabus Current Affairs: December 2024
21-Jan-2025 Tuesday	Geography (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	World Geography & Indian Geography Full Syllabus Current Affairs: January to December 2024

21-Jan-2025 Tuesday	CSAT TEST 8 (PRELIMS)	80MCQs, 2 hours	Full syllabus
29-Jan-2025 Wednesday	Polity and International Relations (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	Polity and International Relations Full Syllabus Current Affairs: January to December 2024
10-Feb-2025 Monday	Economy & Economic survey (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	Economy Full Syllabus Current Affairs: January 2025
18-Feb-2025 Tuesday	Environment and Schemes and India Year Book (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	Environment and Schemes Full Syllabus Current Affairs: January 2025
26-Feb-2025 Wednesday	Science & Technology and Agriculture (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	Science & Technology and Agriculture Full Syllabus Current Affairs: January 2024 to January 2025
26-Feb-2025 Wednesday	CSAT TEST 9 (PRELIMS)	80MCQs, 2hours	Full Syllabus
ROUND 3: BREAKTHROUGH TESTS (GS Paper-Wise)			
9-Mar-2025 Sunday	General Studies Paper 1 (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	Ancient & Medieval India, Modern India, Art & Culture and Geography Current Affairs: January 2024 to February 2025
9-Mar-2025 Sunday	CSAT TEST 10 (PRELIMS)	80MCQs, 2 hours	Full Syllabus
17-Mar-2025 Monday	General Studies Paper 2 (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	Polity, International Relations and Schemes Current Affairs: January 2024 to February 2025
17-Mar-2025 Monday	CSAT TEST 11 (PRELIMS)	80MCQs, 2 hours	Full Syllabus

25-Mar-2025 Tuesday	General Studies Paper 3 (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2 hours	Economy, Environment & Ecology, Science & Technology, Agriculture Current Affairs: January 2024 to February 2025
25-Mar-2025 Tuesday	CSAT TEST 12 (PRELIMS)	80MCQs, 2 hours	Full Syllabus
ROUND 4: Simulation Tests Full Syllabus Tests (PRELIMS)			
6-Apr-2025 Sunday	GS Full Syllabus (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2hours	GS Full Syllabus Current Affairs : January 2024-March 2024
6-Apr-2025 Sunday	CSAT TEST 13 (PRELIMS)	80MCQs, 2 hours	Full Syllabus
12-Apr-2025 Saturday	GS Full Syllabus (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2hours	GS Full Syllabus Current Affairs : April 2024-June 2024
18-Apr-2025 Friday	GS Full Syllabus (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2hours	GS Full Syllabus Current Affairs : July 2024-Sept 2024
18-Apr-2025 Friday	CSAT TEST 14 (PRELIMS)	80MCQs, 2 hours	Full Syllabus
24-Apr-2025 Thursday	GS Full Syllabus (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2hours	GS Full Syllabus Current Affairs: October 2024-Dec 2024
30-Apr-2025 Wednesday	GS Full Syllabus (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2hours	GS Full Syllabus Current Affairs: January 2025-Mar 2025
6-May-2025 Tuesday	GS Full Syllabus (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2hours	GS Full Syllabus Current Affairs: January 2024 -June 2024 and April 2025
6-May-2025 Tuesday	CSAT TEST 15 (PRELIMS)	80MCQs, 2 hours	Full Syllabus

11-May-2025 Sunday	GS Full Syllabus (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2hours	GS Full Syllabus Current Affairs: January 2024-April 2025
18-May-2025 Sunday	GS Full Syllabus (PRELIMS)	100 MCQs, 2hours	GS Full Syllabus Current Affairs: January 2024-April 2025
18-May-2025 Sunday	CSAT TEST 16 (PRELIMS)	80MCQs, 2 hours	Full Syllabus

4. Sources

Subject	Sources
Ancient India	Old NCERT: Ancient India – R S Sharma New NCERTs - Our Past I, Themes I New Tamil Nadu History Textbook - Class XI
Medieval India	Old NCERT: Ancient India – R S Sharma New NCERTs - Our Past II, Themes II New Tamil Nadu History Textbook - Class XI
Art & Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New TN History textbook • 6th-12th new NCERT history textbooks (this will not include 12th Fine arts textbook on painting) • Introduction to Indian art (NCERT class 11th) • Living Craft Traditions of India (NCERT class 12th) • Indian Culture by Nitin Singhania • CCRT – to supplement above sources
Modern India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • India’s struggle for independence – Bipin Chandra

Geography	<p>World Geography:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Environment - Class VII • The Earth Our Habitat - Class VI • Fundamentals of Physical Geography (NCERT Class XI) • Fundamentals of Human Geography (NCERT Class XII) • Goh Cheng Leong - Certificate Physical and Human Geography <p>Indian Geography:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource and Development - Class VIII • Contemporary India - II - Class X • India Physical Environment (NCERT Class XI) • India - People and Economy (NCERT Class XII) <p>Current affairs: Down to Earth Magazine</p>
Polity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any Basic standard material or Handouts (you can refer Insights secure synopsis) • 2nd ARC reports (selective) • Three Year Action Agenda, 2017- 18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog • Strategy for New India @ 75 – NITI Aayog
International Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class 12th Political Science- Contemporary World Politics • Challenge and Strategy: Rethinking India's Foreign Policy by Rajiv Sikri • Ministry of External Affairs website (Selective Reading) • Insights Secure Synopsis • Observer Research Foundation (ORF) (Selective Reading)
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics - NCERT Class IX • Understanding Economic Development (NCERT Class 10th) • Indian Economic Development (NCERT Class XI) • Introductory Macroeconomics (NCERT Class XII) • Any Standard Reference book like Ramesh Singh/ Nitin Singhania
Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any Basic standard material or Handouts (you can refer Insights Secure Synopsis) • Yojana & Kurukshetra (Selective Reading) • Down to Earth (Selective Reading) • NDMA guidelines (Selective Reading)
Science & Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class XI – Chemistry: Unit 14 • Class XI – Biology: Units 4 & 5

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class XII – Chemistry: Unit 16 • Class XII – Biology: Units 8, 9 & 10 Science & Technology • Current affairs: The Hindu S&T Section
Current Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspapers • Insights IAS Daily Current Affairs / Current Affairs Monthly Compilations on www.insightsonindia.com • Insights IAS Current Affairs Quiz • QUED • Editorials • Sansad TV

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