

TEST SCHEDULE

TEST No.	DATE	GS PAPER TOPICS	TOPICS	REFERENCE MATERIALS
TEST NO.1	Sunday, 4 th November 2018 1.5 Hours, 130 Marks	GS-1: Physical and World Geography, Biodiversity, Environment and Disaster Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salient features of world's physical geography. • Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian subcontinent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India). • Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location - changes in critical geographical features (including water bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes. • 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 • Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment. • Disaster and disaster management. • CURRENT AFFAIRS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th NCERT: Physical Geography • Certificate Physical and Human Geography by Goh Cheng Leong • Around the World (Geography): ICSE Board [Class 6, 7 and 8] or OLD NCERT Books [Class 6, 7, 8] • Orient Black Swan School Atlas • Internet & Other sources • Ecology & Environment (India Year Book) • Ecology and Environment – P D Sharma • Shankar IAS Compilations • The Hindu Survey of the Environment • NCERT Ecology: Unit X -Class 12th Biology • www.downtoearth.org.in • PIB: www.pib.nic.in • Newspaper: The Hindu, Indian Express • Yojna, Kurukshetra, Current Affairs Magazine <p>Compilations on Disaster Management</p>
TEST NO.2	Sunday, 11 th November 2018	GS-1: World History & Post	<p>WORLD HISTORY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Renaissance • Industrial Revolution • French Revolution • Rise and Fall of Napoleon 	<p>WORLD HISTORY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCERT(old): World History by Arjun



	<p>1.5 Hours, 130 Marks</p>	<p>Independence History</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unification of Italy and Germany • Colonialism & Imperialism • American Revolution & Civil War • Russian Revolution • World War I • Communism and its spread • Fascism & Nazism • The Great Depression of 1929 • Inter War Period • World War II • Cold War • Decolonisation • Post-Cold War World • United Nations • Problems in Middle East • Problems in Africa • Redrawing of National Boundaries • Political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc. - their forms and effect on the society. <p>POST INDEPENDENCE HISTORY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Movement and Its Legacy • Initial Years • Reorganisation of States • Language Problem • Nehruvian Era – Foreign Policy • Shastri Years • Indira Gandhi years • JP Movement and National • Emergency • Janta Movement • Rajiv Years • Economic Reform 1991 • Land Reforms • Cooperatives • Agriculture and Green Revolution • Caste Untouchability, Anti-Caste Politics • Indian women since independence • Communalism 	<p>Dev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World History by Ankur Sharma, published by Wizard • Mastering World History by Norman Lowe • History of Modern World by B.V. Rao • Europe since Napoleon by David Thomson • Aspects of European History-II by Stephen J. Lee <p>POST INDEPENDENCE HISTORY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12th NCERT: Politics in India after Independence • India since Independence by Bipin Chandra • India after Gandhi by Ramchandra Guha • Pradhanmantri TV Series by ABP News
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<p>TEST NO.3</p>	<p>Sunday, 18th November 2018</p> <p>1.5 Hours, 125 Marks</p>	<p>GS-1: Modern India & Art and Culture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present significant events, personalities, issues. • The Freedom Struggle - its various stages and important contributors or contributions from different parts of the country. <p>Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.</p>	<p>Modern India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Freedom Struggle of independence - Bipin Chandra • “A Brief History of Modern India” - Spectrum Publications • Modern Indian history - B.L Grover • Plassey to Partition by Shekhar Bandhopadhyay • Modern India by Sumit Sarkar <p>Art & Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12th NCERT: Fine Arts • CCRT Website or compilation • Indian Culture and Heritage -NIOS: www.nios.ac.in • Facets of Indian Culture (Spectrum Publication) • Indian Art and Culture by Nitin Singhania (TMH Publications)
<p>TEST NO.4</p>	<p>Sunday, 25th November 2018</p> <p>1.5 Hours, 125 Marks</p>	<p>GS-3: Science & Technology & National Security</p>	<p>Science and Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science and Technology - developments and their applications and effects in everyday life Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology. • Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, 	<p>Science and Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science & Technology : TMH Publication or Spectrum Publication • Science Reporter • Shankar IAS Compilations • Newspapers: The Hindu, Indian Express • Yojna, Kurukshetra,



			<p>nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights</p> <p>National Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linkages between development and spread of extremism. • Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security. • 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. • Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism. • Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate. • CURRENT AFFAIRS 	<p>Current Affairs Magzines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IGNOU : MPA-018 Disaster Management • 2nd ARC REPORT (Crisis Management) <p>National Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCERT Class 12: Political Science: Contemporary World Politics (Chapter: Security in the Contemporary World) • 2nd ARC REPORT (Public Order, Capacity Building for Conflict Resolution, Combating Terrorism) • Ministry of Home Affairs: www.mha.nic.in • Challenges to Internal Security of India by Ashok Kumar IPS Internal Security by Lohit Matani IPS
TEST NO.5	Sunday, 2 nd December 2018 1.5 Hours, 125 Marks	ESSAY TEST- 1	Women, Education, Social Issues like Poverty, Child Issues, Unemployment , Global & Economic Issues	
TEST NO.6	Sunday, 9 th December 2018 1.5 Hours, 125 Marks	GS-1: Social Issues/ Indian Society GS-2: Indian Diaspora &	Social Issues/ Indian Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India • Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, 	Social Issues/ Indian Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCERT -12th – Indian Society NCERT -12th - Social Change and Development In India



		<p>International Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> urbanization, their problems and their remedies. Effects of globalization on Indian society. Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism. <p>International Relations & Indian Diaspora</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India and its neighbourhood-relations. Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora. Important International institutions, agencies and fora, their structure, mandate. <p>CURRENT AFFAIRS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Problems in India - Ram Ahuja Newspapers: The Hindu, Indian Express PIB, Yojna, Frontline, Kurukshetra <p>International Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCERT Class 12th : Political Science: Contemporary World Politics Foreign Policy of India by V N Khanna Ministry of External Affairs website PIB: www.pib.nic.in Newspapers: The Hindu, Indian Express
<p>TEST NO.7</p>	<p>Sunday, 16th December 2018</p> <p>1.5 Hours, 125 Marks</p>	<p>GS-4: Ethics: Theory</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion. Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service, integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude by Mitras IAS Part- I & II ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE – D.SUBBARAO Chronicle LEXICON Understanding Ethics by Noel Preston A Short Introduction to Ethics – Dr. S.N. Singh BBC Guide to Ethics 2nd ARC Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Ethics in Governance, (2) Citizen Centric Administration (3) Refurbishing Personnel Administration (4) RTI: Master Key to Good Governance



			<p>towards the weaker sections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance 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. 	
TEST NO.8	Sunday, 23 rd December 2018 1.5 Hours, 125 Marks	GS-4: Ethics: Case Studies	Case Studies based on ethics syllabus	Previous Years Papers on Case Studies Must be Analyzed and Prepared Accordingly
TEST NO. 9	Sunday, 23 rd December 2018 1.5 Hours, 125 Marks	ESSAY TEST- 2	Environment, Sustainable Development, Agriculture, Climate Change, Pollution, Disaster Management	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethics and Human Interface: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude by



<p>TEST NO.10</p>	<p>Sunday, 30th December 2018</p> <p>1.5 Hours, 125 Marks</p>	<p>GS-4: Ethics: Theory</p>	<p>Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in human actions; dimensions of ethics; ethics in private and public relationships. Human Values – lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators; role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion. • Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service , integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weakersections. • Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance • 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, 	<p>MitrasIAS Part- I & II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE – D.SUBBARAO • Chronicle LEXICON • Understanding Ethics by Noel Preston • A Short Introduction to Ethics – Dr. S.N. Singh • BBC Guide to Ethics • 2nd ARC Reports <p>(1) Ethics in Governance, (2) Citizen Centric Administration (3) Refurbishing Personnel Administration (4) RTI: Master Key to Good Governance</p>
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TEST NO.11	Sunday, 6 th January 2019 3 Hours, 250 Marks	GS-4: Ethics: Case Studies	Case Studies based on ethics syllabus	Previous Years Papers on Case Studies Must be Analyzed and Prepared Accordingly
TEST NO.12	Sunday, 13 th January 2019 3 Hours, 250 Marks	GS-2: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein. • Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions. • Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries. • Parliament and State Legislatures - structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these. • Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity. • Salient features of the Representation of People's Act. • Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies. • Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies. • Government policies and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th NCERT: Indian Constitution at Work • 12th NCERT: Politics in India after Independence • Indian Polity by M Laxmikant • Introduction to the Constitution of India : D D Basu • Constitution of India by PM Bakshi • 2nd ARC REPORT • Punchi Commission Report • PIB: www.pib.nic.in • Current Magazine, Yojna, Kurukshetra • Newspaper: The Hindu, Indian Express, Rajya Sabha TV

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			<p>interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders. • 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. • Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector or Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources. • Issues relating to poverty and hunger. • Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures. • Role of civil services in a democracy. • CURRENT AFFAIRS 	
TEST NO.13	<p>Sunday, 20th January 2019</p> <p>3 Hours, 250 Marks</p>	ESSAY TEST- 3	<p>Political Issues, Governance, Federalism, Democracy, Secularism, Science & Technology, Cyberspace, Intelligence,</p>	



			Philosophical	
TEST NO.14	Sunday, 27 th January 2019 1.5 Hours, 125 Marks	GS-3: Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment. • Inclusive growth and issues arising from it. • Government Budgeting. • 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. • Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management. • Land reforms in India. • Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth. • Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways, etc. • Investment models • CURRENT AFFAIRS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th NCERT: Economics: Indian Economic Development • Economic Survey of India • Indian Economy: R. Dutt and Sundaram • Indian Economy: Mishra & Puri • Theory of Macro Economics by H.L. Ahuja • Economic Development since Independence by Uma Kapila • Indian Economy Since Independence - Uma Kapil • 2nd ARC REPORT(Strengthening Financial Management Systems) • Report :Twelfth Five Year Plan 2012-17 Documents(Planning Commission) • PIB: www.pib.nic.in • India Year Book • Yojna, Kurukshetra, Current Affairs Magazine • Newspaper: The Hindu, Indian Express • Rajya Sabha TV
TEST NO. 15	Sunday, 23 rd June 2019 3 Hours, 250 Marks	Full Test GS -1	GS1: Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society	



TEST NO. 16	Sunday, 7 th July 2019 3 Hours, 250 Marks	ESSAY TEST- 5	Any Theme/Issue Candidate has to write <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 essay selected from list of topics/themes • 1 essay for any philosophical topics as per UPSC Pattern 	
TEST NO. 17	Sunday, 21 st July 2019 3 Hours, 250 Marks	Full Test GS -2	GS2: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations	
TEST NO. 18	Sunday, 4 th August 2019 3 Hours, 250 Marks	ESSAY TEST- 6	Any Theme/Issue Candidate has to write <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 essay selected from list of topics/themes • 1 essay for any philosophical topics as per UPSC Pattern 	
TEST NO. 19	Sunday, 18 th August 2019 3 Hours, 250 Marks	Full Test GS -3	GS3:Technology , Economic Development , Biodiversity -Environment , Security and Disaster Management	
TEST NO. 20	Sunday, 1 st September 2019 3 Hours, 250 Marks	Full Test GS -4	GS4:Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude	

