



UPSC CSE MAIN TEST SERIES under **‘YAGA - 2021’**



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The Plan

This Test series is inclusive of the plan, which comprehensively covers all the topics and subjects outlined by the Main Examination Syllabus. Everyday targets have been set in the plan. You have to be determined to complete the targets without any let-ups. This will ensure your success in the Main examination.

Sl. No.	Nature of Tests	Number of Tests
1	Sectional	8
2	Full length	8
3	Essay	5
Total		21

Holidays are not included in the plan just to make sure that at least 2 revisions are completed before you appear in the exam. You are required to write 2 answers on a daily basis on the target topics for the day without fail. This exercise will get you ready for the tests that will follow in the weekend.

Documents with Previous year Questions segregated in accordance with topics in the syllabus is available at **UPSC Mains Subject Wise Previous Year Question Papers – Legacy IAS**. Your thought process will be better streamlined with the aid of topic-wise previous year questions at your disposal.

Students are expected to cover the Current Affairs related to that particular topic of the day from the sources one has generally referred to over the months (from May 2020 – Dec 2021). Comprehensive and reliable current affairs compilations can be downloaded.

Tests will be held every **Sunday** at 10:00 AM. Evaluations will be done only by subject specific faculties. In fact, if you feel the need to get extra inputs on answer writing and feedback, you are advised get your papers evaluated right in front of the concerned faculty.

The mode of test will be both **Offline and Online**. However, offline papers will be evaluated within the 6 days of submission. Online test papers will be evaluated with feedback with a delay of another 4 days.

Following classes will be held on every Monday in sync with the plan:

- Class on 'Overview' of the targets in the week – Focus will be laid on the nature of Questions in the previous years. Trends in the Question paper. Answer writing approach towards that particular subject.
- Class on 'Discussion' of the Test that you complete.

As far as the **Optional** is considered you are requested to make time every day to revise and write answers on your Optional paper. It is imperative to spend at least 40% of your quality time on optional subject itself.

WEEK	Date	Day	TARGETS & TESTS
WEEK 1	18 th October	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Culture - Salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
	19 th October	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Culture - Salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
	20 th October	Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern Indian History from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present- significant events, personalities, issues.
	21 st October	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Freedom Struggle – its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.
	22 nd October	Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-independence Consolidation and Reorganization within the country.
	23 rd October	Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of the World will include events from 18th century such as Industrial Revolution, world wars, Redrawing of National Boundaries, Colonization, Decolonization, political philosophies like Communism, Capitalism, Socialism etc.— their forms and effect on the society.
	24 th October	Sunday	Test 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Art & Culture ✓ History (India & World)
WEEK 2	25 th October	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India
	26 th October	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of Women and Women's Organization, Population and Associated Issues, Poverty and Developmental issues, Urbanization, their problems and their remedies.
	27 th October	Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effects of Globalization on Indian society. Social Empowerment, Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism.

	28th October	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salient features of World's Physical Geography 	
	29th October	Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). 	
	30th October	Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	
	31st October	Sunday	Test 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Indian Society ✓ Geography 	Test 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ESSAY
WEEK 3	01st November	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Constitution—Historical Underpinnings, Evolution, Features, Amendments, Significant Provisions and Basic Structure. Separation of Powers between various organs Dispute Redressal Mechanisms and Institutions. Comparison of the Indian Constitutional Scheme with that of Other Countries. 	
	02nd November	Tuesday	<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. 	
	03rd November	Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	

	04th November	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📄 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.
	05th November	Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📄 Government Policies and Interventions for Development in various sectors and Issues arising out of their Design and Implementation. 📄 Development Processes and the Development Industry – the Role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders. 📄 Role of Civil Services in a Democracy.
	06th November	Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📄 Important Aspects of Governance, Transparency and Accountability, E-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; Citizens Charters, Transparency & Accountability and institutional and other measures.
	07th November	Sunday	<p>Test 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Polity ✓ Governance
	08th November	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📄 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.
	09th November	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📄 Issues Relating to Development and Management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources. 📄 Issues relating to Poverty and Hunger.
WEEK 4			

	10th November	Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India and its Neighborhood- Relations. 	
	11th November	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bilateral, Regional and Global Groupings and Agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests. 	
	12th November	Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effect of Policies and Politics of Developed and Developing Countries on India's interests, Indian Diaspora. 	
	13th November	Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important International Institutions, agencies and fora - their Structure, Mandate. 	
	14th November	Sunday	Test 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Social Justice ✓ International Relations 	Test 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ESSAY
WEEK 5	15th November	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Economy and issues relating to Planning, Mobilization of Resources, Growth, Development and Employment. Effects of Liberalization on the Economy, Changes in Industrial Policy and their Effects on Industrial Growth. 	
	16th November	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusive Growth and issues arising from it. Government Budgeting. Land Reforms in India. 	
	17th November	Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	
	18th November	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	

	19th November	Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Processing and Related Industries in India- Scope' and Significance, Location, Upstream and Downstream Requirements, Supply Chain Management.
	20th November	Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc. Investment Models.
	21ST November	Sunday	Test 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Indian Economy ✓ Agriculture ✓ Investment & Infrastructure
WEEK 6	22nd November	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation, Environmental Pollution and Degradation, Environmental Impact Assessment.
	23rd November	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disaster and Disaster Management.
	24th November	Wednesday	<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. Various Security Forces and Agencies and their Mandate.
	25th November	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
	26th November	Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science and Technology- Developments and their Applications and Effects in Everyday Life.
	27th November	Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achievements of Indians in Science & Technology; Indigenization of Technology and Developing New Technology.

	28th November	Sunday	Test 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Environment ✓ Science & technology ✓ Internal Security Challenges ✓ Disaster management 	Test 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ESSAY
WEEK 7	29th November	Monday	<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. 	
	30th November	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📄 Human Values - Lessons from the Lives and Teachings of Great Leaders, Reformers and Administrators; Role of Family Society and Educational Institutions in Inculcating Values. 	
	01st December	Wednesday	<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. 	
	02nd December	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📄 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. 	
	03rd December	Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📄 Emotional Intelligence-Concepts, and their Utilities and Application in Administration and Governance. 	
	04th December	Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📄 Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from India and World. 	
	05th December	Sunday	Test 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ethics & Human Interface ✓ Attitudes & Human Values ✓ Aptitude & Foundational Values ✓ Emotional Intelligence ✓ Contributions of Moral Thinkers & Philosophers ✓ Related Case Studies 	

WEEK 8	06th December	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public/Civil Service Values and Ethics in Public Administration: Status and Problems; Ethical Concerns and Dilemmas in Government and Private Institutions; 				
	07th December	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laws, Rules, Regulations and Conscience as Sources of Ethical Guidance; 				
	08th December	Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accountability and Ethical Governance; Strengthening of Ethical and Moral Values in Governance; Ethical Issues in International Relations and Funding; Corporate Governance. 				
	09th December	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Probity in Governance: Concept of Public Service; Philosophical Basis of Governance and Probity; 				
	10th December	Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Probity in Governance: Concept of Public Service; Philosophical Basis of Governance and Probity; 				
	11th December	Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizen's Charters, Work Culture, Quality of Service Delivery, Utilization of Public Funds, Challenges of Corruption 				
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WEEK 9	13th December	Monday	Revise P1 Syllabus				
	14th December	Tuesday	Revise P1 Syllabus				
	15th December	Wednesday	Revise P1 Syllabus				
	16th December	Thursday	Revise P2 Syllabus				
	17th December	Friday	Revise P2 Syllabus				
	18th December	Saturday	Revise P2 Syllabus				

	19th December	Sunday	Test 13 and 14 1. Full length Test on GS Paper-1 2. Full length Test on GS Paper-2
WEEK 10	20th December	Monday	Revise P3 Syllabus
	21st December	Tuesday	Revise P3 Syllabus
	22nd December	Wednesday	Revise P3 Syllabus
	23rd December	Thursday	Revise P3 Syllabus
	24th December	Friday	Revise P4 Syllabus
	25th December	Saturday	Revise P4 Syllabus
	26th December	Sunday	Test 15 and 16 1. Full length Test on GS Paper-3 2. Full length Test on GS Paper-4
WEEK 11	27th December	Monday	Revise P1
	28th December	Tuesday	Revise P2
	29th December	Wednesday	Test 17 ESSAY
	30th December	Thursday	Revise P3
	31st December	Friday	Revise P4
	01st January	Saturday	Test 18 & Test 19 1. Full length Test on GS Paper-1 2. Full length Test on GS Paper-2
	02nd January	Sunday	Test 20 & Test 21 1. Full length Test on GS Paper-1 2. Full length Test on GS Paper-2

Note: The last week of the test series is similar to UPSC CS exam week.



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