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UPSC CSE **MAINS** **TEST SERIES** **BROCHURE** 2022



APTI PLUS
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OVERVIEW

The ultimate program meticulously designed for truly dedicated aspirants to bank upon for being Mains 2022 Ready.

The Mains Examination is intended to assess the overall intellectual traits and depth of understanding of candidates rather than merely the range of their information and memory. The questions are likely to test the candidate's basic understanding of all relevant issues, and ability to analyze, and take a view on conflicting socio-economic goals, objectives and demands. 'Mains' assesses the quality of thoughts and content of one's mind. These will enter subconsciously into one's answer sheets.



Further, Instances of serious aspirants failing to clear the Mains hurdle, despite having good knowledge and being extensively read and doing all the hard work, are very common in the circles of UPSC CSE preparation.

So the question arises what is the magical mantra to achieve success in Mains?

It is '**LEARN, REVISE & PRACTICE, TEST, IMPROVE, SUCCEED**'.

APTI PLUS through its Program offers that kind of conducive 360 degree platform which meets each and every requirement of the '**LEARN, REVISE & PRACTICE, TEST, IMPROVE, SUCCEED**' mantra.

This highly innovative course has been strategically designed for serious aspirants to make them exam ready by strategically steering their preparation in the right direction and imparting them a mix of enhancement of knowledge, improvement in skills, personalized mentorship and extensive practice and revision.

**DETAILS****MAINS TEST SERIES FOR CSE 2023****Pattern**

8 Sectional Tests (10 Questions) +
8 Full length Tests (20 Questions)

**Date of
Commencement****Mode of
Test Series**

Online as well as Offline

**Fee Structure
(Incl. of GST)**

₹18,000

**Additional
Features**

1. Learn through Mains oriented subject-wise Sessions: 15 hours online classes on essay and ethics case studies
2. Improve through Personalised Mentorship: 6 one to one interactive sessions with mentors. (Mode: Telephonic, Duration: 20 minutes)

**Study
Resources**

Access to Detailed Model Answers, Monthly Current Affairs Magazine IAS Gazette, Mains Express material



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16 High Quality Tests

This component has been designed so as to ensure not only content development and enhanced answer writing skills for the aspirants but also to enable them to develop multi-dimensional analytical perspectives across all themes. It will help aspirants master the art of writing answers such as structure and presentation, learn how to present knowledge with contextual, structural and language competency, understand the keywords / context, approach towards attempting questions, understand their current preparedness and identify their strengths and weaknesses and work upon them in a concerted manner.

Features of Test Series Program:

- A clear-cut detailed schedule of the Tests.
- Strictly adhering to UPSC pattern and standard
- Sectional Tests to ensure that aspirants can cover each subject comprehensively in sufficient time and can evaluate his/her performance through the tests.
- Full-Length Mock Tests to evaluate the overall preparation level.
- Detailed analysis of Tests based on Level of Difficulty makes it easier for aspirants to evaluate their performance that strategize their preparation accordingly.

Prerequisites:

- Learn the key point of syllabus and be disciplined in your preparation.
- Read the syllabus thoroughly.
- Analyze the previous year papers.
- Keep the sources limited.
- Periodic revision is a must.
- Do not attempt tests without preparation.
- Sufficient time allocation for answer writing (via mocks).
- Allocate the months and schedule your days and weeks well in advance.

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What Aspirants should do?

- Whatever that you read, try to summarize in your own words at the end of the day.
- Dedicate an hour or two each day to practice answer writing.
- Follow daily current affairs from a limited source to keep oneself updated.
- Religiously and consistently follow one source of newspaper daily.
- Pick up one test paper, attempt it and read all the solutions, highlighting the important ones.
- This will help you in memorizing the content as well as condition you to attempt appropriate number of questions. Further, these tests would also add up as your notes.



Outcome:

- Clarity regarding how much time they are going to contribute to each question (both in terms of thinking and writing down of the answer).
- Continuity and linkage between different parts.
- Answering the 'question' rather than a 'topic'
- Uncluttered presentation, underlining of key content, heading of sub-parts, diagrams/ flow-charts.
- Inter-topic linkages, catchy terms, facts and figures, case studies/ illustrations/ anecdotes.
- Balance between one's own view points on one hand and technical jargons, research studies, expert views on the other hand.

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15 hours Online classes on Essay and Ethics Case Studies

Aspirants can 'Learn & Enrich' their preparation with this targeted, exam-oriented complementary component by super specialized faculty who follow a systematic approach with special focus on application of knowledge to help aspirants hone their skills and skyrocket their mains marks.

Scoring well in Ethics paper can give an aspirant a well needed edge of 20-30 marks. This can be gauged from the fact that in CSE 2017 most of the toppers' scores in Ethics hovered around 90 to 100 marks whereas only a few aspirants scored above 105. One aspirant scored 134....getting the edge of around 30 marks in one single paper!!!

Similarly, Essay is considered to be very dicey paper as one year a candidate may score 155 and the following year the score may drop to 100. Further, the range of marks varies from as low as 70 to around 165.

The purpose of these special sessions is to help aspirants strategise their preparation in such a manner that they are able to cross the 65% marks barrier in both papers.

Highlights

- Interactive brainstorming on themes/topics that have high chances of coming in the exam
- Marking Pattern and Answer Writing Discussion

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6 One-to-one Interactive Sessions with Mentors

Highlights

- Will include interactive sessions with respect to feedback and doubt clearance
- Will enable the aspirants to pinpoint issues in their preparation and get an opportunity to resolve them
- Guidance of Aпти Plus acts like the lighthouses of the seashore.
- Instills competitive and fighting spirit, dedication and motivation for success
- Very ecosystem of Aпти Plus is enabling in the sense that it develops one's cognitive skills
- Continued Guidance: The 'X' Factor for Preparation
- Broadening the scope of Improvement
- The Edge called Psychological Advantage





SCHEDULE OF TEST SERIES

TEST ID	SUBJECT	SYLLABUS
TEST 01	GS PAPER I: WORLD GEOGRAPHY AND INDIAN GEOGRAPHY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salient features of world's physical geography. • 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. • 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). • Current Affairs
TEST 02	GS PAPER II: POLITY AND CONSTITUTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure. • 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.



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TEST ID	SUBJECT	SYLLABUS
TEST 03	GS PAPER III: INDIAN ECONOMY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT, SECURITY	<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. 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. 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. 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, nanotechnology, biotechnology and issues relating to intellectual property rights. Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment. Disaster and disaster management. 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, the 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.





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TEST ID	SUBJECT	SYLLABUS
TEST 04	GS PAPER-IV: ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE – PART 1	<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 behavior; 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 weaker sections. Case studies
TEST 05	GS PAPER I: ART & CULTURE, MODERN INDIAN HISTORY INDIAN SOCIETY, WORLD HISTORY	<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 /contributions from different parts of the country. Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country. Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times. Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India. Role of women and women’s organization, population and associated issues, poverty and Developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies. Effects of globalization on Indian society. Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism. 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.





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TEST ID	SUBJECT	SYLLABUS
TEST 06	GS PAPER II: GOVERNANCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND WELFARE	<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. • Role of civil services in a democracy. • 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. • 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 the development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources. • Issues relating to poverty and hunger
TEST 07	GS PAPER III: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	<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, nanotechnology, biotechnology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.



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TEST ID	SUBJECT	SYLLABUS
TEST 08	GS PAPER IV: ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE – PART 2	<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; 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.Case Studies
TEST 09	GS PAPER 1	FULL SYLLABUS
TEST 10	GS PAPER 2	FULL SYLLABUS
TEST 11	GS PAPER 3	FULL SYLLABUS
TEST 12	GS PAPER 4	FULL SYLLABUS
TEST 13	GS PAPER 1	FULL SYLLABUS
TEST 14	GS PAPER 2	FULL SYLLABUS
TEST 15	GS PAPER 3	FULL SYLLABUS
TEST 16	GS PAPER 4	FULL SYLLABUS

