

UPSC CSE MAINS TEST SERIES 2023



8

SECTIONAL
TESTS

4

FULL LENGTH
TESTS

3

ESSAY
TESTS

OVERVIEW

The ultimate program meticulously designed for truly dedicated aspirants to bank upon for being Mains 2023 Ready.

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.



TEST SERIES DETAILS

Pattern : 8 Sectional Tests (10 Qtns.) + 4 Full length Tests (20 Qtns.) + 3 Essay Tests

Mode of Test Series : Hybrid (Online+Offline)

Fees : 10,999

Study Resources : Access to Detailed Model Answers, Monthly Current Affairs, Mains Express material

FEATURES OF THE TEST SERIES



**HIGH QUALITY
FULL LENGTH
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 perspective 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 key words/context, approach towards attempting question, 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
- Full-Length Mock Tests to evaluate the overall preparation level.
- Detailed analysis of Tests based on Level of Difficulty making it easier for aspirants to evaluate their performance that strategize their preparation accordingly.

PREREQUISITES

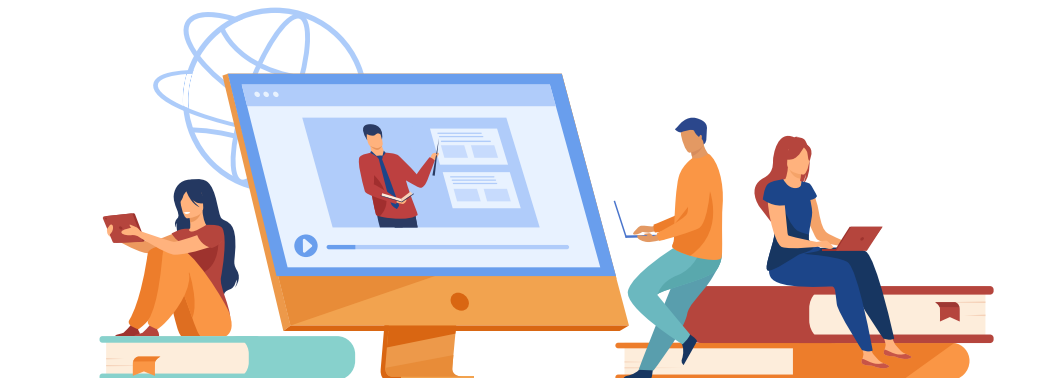
- Learn the key point of syllabus and be disciplined in your preparation.
- Read the syllabus thoroughly.
- Analyze the previous year papers.
- Keep the sources limited.
- Periodic revision is a must.
- Do not attempt tests without preparation.
- Sufficient time allocation for answer writing (via mocks).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

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.



SCHEDULE OF TEST SERIES

Test ID	Test uploading date	Subject	Syllabus	References
TEST 01	16.10.2022	GS PAPER I: WORLD GEOGRAPHY AND INDIAN GEOGRAPHY, INDIAN SOCIETY	<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 • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCERTs - Class 11 and 12 (Physical and Human) • Certificate Physical and Human Geography by GohCheng Leong • Newspapers: The Hindu • Current Affairs: IAS GYAN website, IAS Gazette, IASGYAN Mains Xpress • NCERT: Class 12 - Indian Society • NCERT: Class 12 - Social Change and Development in India • Developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies. • Effects of globalization on Indian society. • Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.
TEST 02	30.10.2022	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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCERTs: Class 9 and 10 - Democratic Politics 1 & 2 • NCERT: Class 11 - Indian Constitution at Work • Indian Polity by M Laxmikant • Indian Express, Hindu • Current Affairs: IAS GYAN website, IAS Gazette, IASGYAN Mains Xpress

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TEST 03	06.11.2022	GS PAPER III: INDIAN ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT	<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. Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment. Disaster and disaster management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCERT – Class 11 (Indian Economic Development) Class 12 – Macroeconomics Economic Survey Newspapers: The Hindu CBSE - Class 11 (Natural Hazards and Disaster Management) Apti Plus Environment book Current Affairs: IAS GYAN website, IAS Gazette, IAS GYAN Mains Xpress
TEST 04	20.11.2022	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. 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd ARC REPORT (4th Report- Ethics in Governance, 10th Report – Refurbishing of Personnel Administration) Apti Plus Notes Newspapers: The Hindu Lexicon for Ethics

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TEST 05	04.12.2022	ESSAY		
TEST 06	18.12.2022	GS PAPER I: ART & CULTURE, MODERN INDIAN HISTORY, 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. 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCERT - Introduction to Fine Arts NCERT - Modern India (Bipan Chandra) NCERT - Themes in Indian History (Part 3) India's Struggle for Independence - Bipan Chandra From Plassey to Partition: Sekhar Bandyopadhyay India After Gandhi by Ramchandra Guha Mastering Modern World History by Normal Lowe NCERT - World History (Arjun Dev) NCERT - Themes in World History
TEST 07	01.01.2023	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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCERT: Class 12 Political Science: Contemporary World Politics Ministry of External Affairs website The Hindu Current Affairs: IAS GYAN website, IAS Gazette, IAS GYAN Mains Xpress 2nd ARC NCERT: Class 12 - Indian Society NCERT: Class 12 - Social Change and Development in India

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TEST 08	15.01.2023	GS PAPER III: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SECURITY	<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. 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hindu (S&T section) The Indian Express (Explained Section) The Science Reporter Magazine Current Affairs: IAS GYAN website, IAS Gazette, IAS GYAN Mains Xpress Down to Earth Magazine IDSA publications on Security 2nd ARC The Oxford's Handbook of India's National Security
TEST 09	29.01.2023	GS PAPER IV: ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE – PART 2	<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 the world. 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. Case Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd ARC REPORT (4th Report- Ethics in Governance, 10th Report – Refurbishing of Personnel Administration) Apti Plus Notes Newspapers: The Hindu Lexicon for Ethics
TEST 10	05.02.2023	ESSAY		
TEST 11	11.06.2023	GS PAPER 1	FULL SYLLABUS	
TEST 12	18.06.2023	GS PAPER 2	FULL SYLLABUS	
TEST 13	25.06.2023	GS PAPER 3	FULL SYLLABUS	
TEST 14	02.07.2023	GS PAPER 4	FULL SYLLABUS	
TEST 15	09.07.2023	ESSAY		