



UPSC Super Simplified

LAKSHYA

(Daily 2 Questions+ 8 Half Length Tests+ 4 Essay Tests + 5 Full Length Tests)
IAS MAINS ANSWER WRITING & MENTORSHIP, 2023

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This program is based on the concept of the compounding effect. The compound effect is the strategy of reaping huge rewards from small, seemingly insignificant actions. Writing 2 answers daily may seem like a very small task. But in the long run, it will drastically improve your answer quality and help in clearing the IAS Mains exam.

Features of program

- Rankers and interview appeared candidates as **mentors**
- Daily **2 questions** based on predefined plan
- **8 sectional half-length general studies** tests and **4 sectional essay** tests
- 5 Full-Length Tests
- Time-bound copy evaluation
- One-on-one sessions with mentors
- Evaluation by a CSE toppers and interview appeared candidates
- **Approach answers** for revision
- **Subjectwise weekly strategy videos**
- **Model answers** for revision
- **Best copies** of the week
- Weekly **Video Discussion**
- Answer enriching tips, keywords, examples, case studies, statistics

Why this program?

For IAS Mains, students have to prepare for 7 papers, and the syllabus is vast. If a student is not well prepared for IAS Mains before attempting prelims, his chances of clearing IAS Mains are very small. With this program, we are providing scientific planning and right direction. So, do not waste precious time. With this program, you can cover the essay and general studies syllabus in smart way.

Fees: ₹ 9000/-

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COMPLETE SCHEDULE

General Studies PAPER-II

Week 1

Topic – Polity Part I

Date of Test	Sub topics
31/07/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>Polity Part I</u> Discussion Video
01/08/2022	Indian Constitution – historical underpinnings, evolution, features
02/08/2022	Amendments, significant provisions, basic structure doctrine
03/08/2022	Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries; Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States
04/08/2022	Issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure
05/08/2022	Devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.
06/08/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared

Week 2
Topic – Polity Part II

Date of Test	Sub topics
07/08/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>Polity Part II</u> Discussion Video
08/08/2022	Separation of powers between various organs, dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions; Structure, organisation and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary
09/08/2022	Parliament and State Legislatures- structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these
10/08/2022	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
11/08/2022	Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.
12/08/2022	Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.
13/08/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared

Week 3
Topic – Social Justice

Date of Test	Sub topics
15/08/2022	Government policies and interventions aimed at development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
16/08/2022	Development processes and the development industry – the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, institutional and other stakeholders.
17/08/2022	Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and the States and the performance of these schemes
18/08/2022	Mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.
19/08/2022	Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources; Issues relating to poverty and hunger
20/08/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared
21/08/2022	Polity & Social Justice Sectional half length test

Week 4
Topic – Governance

Date of Test	Sub topics
21/08/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach Governance Discussion Video
22/08/2022	Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability
23/08/2022	e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential
24/08/2022	Citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures
25/08/2022	Role of civil services in a democracy
26/08/2022	Role of civil services in a democracy
27/08/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared

Week 5
Topic – International Relations

Date of Test	Sub topics
28/08/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>International Relations</u> Discussion Video
29/08/2022	India and its neighbourhood – International relations
30/08/2022	India and its neighbourhood – International relations
31/08/2022	Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting the Indian interests
01/09/2022	Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.
02/09/2022	Important International institutions, agencies, their structure and mandates
03/09/2022	Essay Test 1
	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared
04/09/2022	Governance & International Relations Sectional half length test

General Studies PAPER-III

Week 6

Topic- Economics

Date of Test	Sub topics
04/09/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>Economics</u> Discussion Video
05/09/2022	Indian Economy and issues relating to planning; mobilisation of resources
06/09/2022	Growth, development; employment
07/09/2022	Government Budgeting; Inclusive growth and associated issues/challenges
08/09/2022	Effects of liberalisation on the economy (post 1991 changes); changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth
09/09/2022	Infrastructure: energy, ports, roads, airports, railways, etc.; Investment models
10/09/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared

Week 7
Topic- Agriculture

Date of Test	Sub topics
11/09/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>Agriculture</u> Discussion Video
12/09/2022	Major cropping patterns in various parts of the country; different types of irrigation and irrigation systems
13/09/2022	Storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers
14/09/2022	Economics of animal rearing; Food processing and related industries in India – scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements
15/09/2022	supply chain management; Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices
16/09/2022	Public Distribution System objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; Land reforms in India
17/09/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared
18/09/2022	Economics, Agriculture Sectional half length test

Week 8
Topic- Science and Technology

Date of Test	Sub topics
18/09/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>Science and Technology</u> Discussion Video
19/09/2022	Recent developments and their applications and effects in everyday life; Achievements of Indians in science & technology
20/09/2022	Indigenisation of technology and developing new technology
21/09/2022	General awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers
22/09/2022	Robotics, Nanotechnology, bio-technology
23/09/2022	Issues relating to intellectual property rights
24/09/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared

Week 9
Topic- Environment & Disaster Management

Date of Test	Sub topics
25/09/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>Environment & Disaster Management</u> Discussion Video
26/09/2022	Conservation
27/09/2022	Environmental pollution and degradation
28/09/2022	Environmental impact assessment
29/09/2022	Disaster Management
30/09/2022	Disaster Management
01/10/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared

Week 10
Topic- Security

Date of Test	Sub topics
02/10/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>Security</u> Discussion Video
03/10/2022	Challenges to internal security (external state and non-state actors)
04/10/2022	Linkages between development and spread of extremism
05/10/2022	Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges
06/10/2022	Basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention
07/10/2022	Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organised crime with terrorism, Various Security forces and agencies and their mandates
08/10/2022	Essay Test 2
	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared
09/10/2022	Science & technology, Environment & Disaster Management, Security Sectional half length test

General Studies PAPER-IV

Week 11

Topic – Ethics Theory

Date of Test	Sub topics
09/10/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>Ethics Theory Part I</u> Discussion Video
10/10/2022	Essence of Ethics, Determinants and Consequences of Ethics in Human Interaction; Dimensions of Ethics; Ethics in private and public relationships
11/10/2022	Human Values – lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators; Role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating moral and ethical values
12/10/2022	Content, structure and function of attitude; Influence of attitude in thought and behaviour; Relation of attitude to thought and behaviour; Moral and Political attitudes; Social influence and persuasion
13/10/2022	Aptitude and foundational values of Civil Service; Integrity; Impartiality and non-partisanship
14/10/2022	Objectivity; Dedication to public service; Empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker sections of the society
15/10/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared

Week 12
Topic – Ethics Theory

Date of Test	Sub topics
16/10/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>Ethics Theory Part II</u> Discussion Video
17/10/2022	Concepts of emotional intelligence; Utility and application of emotional intelligence in administration and governance
18/10/2022	Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world to the concepts of morality
19/10/2022	Public/Civil Service Values and Ethics in Public Administration- Status and associated problems; Ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions
20/10/2022	Laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; Accountability and ethical governance; Strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance
21/10/2022	Ethical Issues in International Relations and Funding; Corporate Governance
22/10/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared

Week 13
Topic – Ethics Theory

Date of Test	Sub topics
23/10/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach Ethics Theory Part III Discussion Video
24/10/2022	Concept of public service; The philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information sharing and transparency in government
25/10/2022	Right to Information; Codes of ethics; Codes of Conduct
26/10/2022	Citizen's Charters; Work culture
27/10/2022	Quality of service delivery; Utilisation of public funds
28/10/2022	Challenges of corruption
29/10/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared
30/10/2022	Ethics Theory Sectional half length test

Week 14
Topic – Ethics Case Studies

Date of Test	Sub topics
30/10/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>Ethics Case Studies Part I</u> Discussion Video
31/10/2022	Case Study
01/11/2022	Case Study
02/11/2022	Case Study
03/11/2022	Case Study
04/11/2022	Case Study
05/11/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared

Week 15
Topic – Ethics Case Studies

Date of Test	Sub topics
06/11/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>Ethics Case Studies Part II</u> Discussion Video
07/11/2022	Case Study
08/11/2022	Case Study
09/11/2022	Case Study
10/11/2022	Case Study
11/11/2022	Case Study
12/11/2022	Essay Test 3
	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared
13/11/2022	Ethics Case Studies Sectional half length test

General Studies PAPER-I

Week 16

Topic- Indian Culture

Date of Test	Sub topics
13/11/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>Indian Culture</u> Discussion Video
14/11/2022	Art in stone age; Indus valley civilization
15/11/2022	Mauryan Art & Culture; Buddhism, Jainism; Ancient Period Education
16/11/2022	Post Mauryan Art & Culture; Gupta period Art & Culture
17/11/2022	Tamil language & Sangam literature; Chola Period Art & Culture; Bhakti & Sufi Movement; Vijayanagar Art & Culture
18/11/2022	Foreign Accounts; Ancient & Mediaeval Literature; Modern Architecture and literature & Miscellaneous topics
19/11/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared

Week 17
Topic- Modern Indian History

Date of Test	Sub topics
20/11/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>Modern Indian History</u> Discussion Video
21/11/2022	Advent of Europeans and consolidation of British power in India
22/11/2022	Rising resentment against Company rule; Reform movements
23/11/2022	The struggle begins; National movement (1905-1918)
24/11/2022	Era of mass nationalism begins (1919-1939)
25/11/2022	Towards freedom and Partition (1939-1947); India under British rule: Governance and other aspects
26/11/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared

Week 18
Topic – Post Independence India

Date of Test	Sub topics
27/11/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>Post Independence India & World History</u> Discussion Video
28/11/2022	Challenges of Nation Building; Era of One party Dominance; Politics of Planned Development
29/11/2022	India's External Relations; Challenges to and Restoration of the Congress System; The Crisis of Democratic Order; Rise of Popular Movements
30/11/2022	Rise of Popular Movements; Regional Aspirations; Recent Developments in Indian Politics

Topic – World History

Date of Test	Sub topics
01/12/2022	World wars, industrial revolution
02/12/2022	Colonisation, redrawal of national boundaries, decolonisation; Political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism, etc
03/12/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared
04/12/2022	History Sectional half length test

Week 19
Topic- Society

Date of Test	Sub topics
04/12/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>Society</u> Discussion Video
05/12/2022	Indian society and diversity – Salient aspects; Role of women and women's organisations
06/12/2022	Population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues
07/12/2022	Urbanisation, their problems and remedies.
08/12/2022	Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism
09/12/2022	Effects of globalisation on Indian society
10/12/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared

Week 20
Topic- Geography

Date of Test	Sub topics
11/12/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions (Past 10 yeras) & how to approach <u>Geography</u> Discussion Video
12/12/2022	Distribution of key natural resources across the world including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent
13/12/2022	Factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world including India
14/12/2022	Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc.
15/12/2022	Geographical features and their location, changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and polar ice caps) and, in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.
16/12/2022	Salient features of world's physical geography
17/12/2022	Essay Test 4
	Best copies of the week + Model Answers + Video Discussion will be shared
18/12/2022	Society & Geography Sectional half length test

Week 21
Topic- Mock Tests

Date of Test	Sub topics
19/12/2022	Essay
20/12/2022	General Studies I
20/12/2022	General Studies II
21/12/2022	General Studies III
21/12/2022	General Studies IV

BOOKLIST

General Studies Paper-I

CULTURE & HISTORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● NCERT - Introduction to Fine Arts● Indian Art and Culture- Nitin Singhanian● Rajiv Ahir A Brief History of Modern India (Spectrum)● NCERT: Class 12 - Politics in India since Independence● A History of the Modern World by Ranjan Chakrabarti
SOCIETY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● NCERT: Class 12 - Indian Society● NCERT: Class 12 - Social Change and Development in India● Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu
GEOGRAPHY, DISASTER MANAGEMENT & ENVIRONMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● NCERTs - Class 11 and 12 (Physical and Human)● Certificate Physical and Human Geography by Goh Cheng Leong● Down to Earth Magazine● Yojana Magazine● NDMA Website● Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu

General Studies Paper-II

POLITY AND GOVERNANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Laxmikanth● Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu● Yojana● 2nd ARC (6th Report - Local Governance 13th Report - Organisation Structure of Government of India)● Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 - NITI Aayog
SOCIAL JUSTICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Yojana● Kurukshetra● Newspapers - Indian Express and The Hindu
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● NCERT: Class 12 Political Science: Contemporary World Politics● Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu● International Relations For General Studies Preliminary and Main Examination by Pavneet Singh

General Studies Paper-III

ECONOMICS & AGRICULTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Indian Economy by Sanjeev Verma● Indian Economy Key Concepts by Sankarganesh K● Economic Survey● Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu● Yojana● Kurukshetra● Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 - NITI Aayog
TECHNOLOGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Hindu (S&T section)● The Indian Express (Explained Section)
SECURITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Challenges to Internal Security of India by Ashok Kumar and Vipul Anekant● 2nd ARC (7th Report Capacity Building for Conflict Resolution)● 2nd ARC (8th Report Combating Terrorism - Protecting by Righteousness)● Newspapers - Indian Express and The Hindu● IDSA publications on Security (Northeast, LWE, Border Security, Financial, International & Organised Crime)

General Studies Paper-IV

ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ETHICS, INTEGRITY, APTITUDE For Civil Services Examination by DK BALAJI IAS• Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude – G Subba Rao & P N Roy Chowdhury (Selectively)• 2nd ARC REPORT (4th Report- Ethics in Governance, 10th Report - Refurbishing of Personnel Administration)
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