



UPSC Super Simplified
DAILY ANSWER WRITING &
MENTORSHIP, 2023
(Essay & General Studies)

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ESSAY & GENERAL STUDIES

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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

- Cover **500+ General Studies topics**
- Daily **2 questions** based on predefined plan and current affairs
- **4 essay tests**
- **10 mock tests**
- Copy evaluation within 24 hrs
- **Weekly zoom sessions** for doubt clearance
- Explanation video lectures
- One-on-one sessions with mentors
- Evaluation by a CSE toppers and interview appeared candidates
- **Model answers** for revision
- **Best copies** of the week
- Rankers and interview appeared candidates as **mentors**
- Answer enriching tips, keywords, examples, case studies, statistics
- Copies can be submitted till mains 2023.

COMPLETE SCHEDULE

General Studies PAPER-IV

Week 1

Topic – Ethics Theory

Date of Test	Sub topics
11/09/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Ethics Theory Part I</u> will be shared
12/09/2022	Essence of Ethics, Determinants and Consequences of Ethics in Human Interaction; Dimensions of Ethics
13/09/2022	Ethics in private and public relationships
14/09/2022	Human Values – lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators
15/09/2022	Role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating moral and ethical values; Content, structure and function of attitude; Influence of attitude in thought and behaviour; Relation of attitude to thought and behaviour
16/09/2022	Moral and Political attitudes; Social influence and persuasion
17/09/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

Week 2
Topic – Ethics Theory

Date of Test	Sub topics
18/09/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Ethics Theory Part I</u> will be shared
19/09/2022	Aptitude and foundational values of Civil Service; Objectivity; Integrity; Impartiality and non-partisanship; Dedication to public service; Empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker sections of the society
20/09/2022	Concepts of emotional intelligence; Utility and application of emotional intelligence in administration and governance
21/09/2022	Public/Civil Service Values and Ethics in Public Administration- Status and associated problems; Ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions
22/09/2022	Laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; Accountability and ethical governance; Strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance
23/09/2022	Ethical Issues in International Relations and Funding; Corporate Governance; The philosophical basis of governance and probity; Concept of public service; Codes of Conduct; Codes of ethics
24/09/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

Week 3
Topic – Ethics Theory

Date of Test	Sub topics
25/09/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Ethics Theory Part III</u> will be shared
26/09/2022	Information sharing and transparency in government; Right to Information
27/09/2022	Citizen's Charters; Work culture; Utilisation of public funds
28/09/2022	Quality of service delivery; Challenges of corruption
29/09/2022	Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world to the concepts of morality
30/09/2022	Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world to the concepts of morality
01/10/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

Week 4
Topic – Ethics Case Studies

Date of Test	Sub topics
02/10/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Ethics Case Studies Part I</u> will be shared
03/10/2022	Case Study
04/10/2022	Case Study
05/10/2022	Case Study
06/10/2022	Case Study
07/10/2022	Case Study
08/10/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared
	<u>Essay Test 1</u>

Week 5
Topic – Ethics Case Studies

Date of Test	Sub topics
09/10/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Ethics Case Studies Part II</u> will be shared
10/10/2022	Case Study
11/10/2022	Case Study
12/10/2022	Case Study
13/10/2022	Case Study
14/10/2022	Case Study
15/10/2022	<u>GENERAL STUDIES PAPER IV MOCK TEST</u>
	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

General Studies PAPER-I

Week 6

Topic- Indian Culture

Date of Test	Sub topics
16/10/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Indian Culture</u> will be shared
17/10/2022	Art in stone age; Indus valley civilization
18/10/2022	Mauryan Art & Culture; Buddhism, Jainism; Ancient Period Education
19/10/2022	Post Mauryan Art & Culture; Gupta period Art & Culture
20/10/2022	Tamil language & Sangam literature; Chola Period Art & Culture; Bhakti & Sufi Movement; Vijayanagar Art & Culture
21/10/2022	Foreign Accounts; Ancient & Mediaeval Literature; Modern Architecture and literature & Miscellaneous topics
22/10/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

Week 7
Topic- Modern Indian History

Date of Test	Sub topics
23/10/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Modern Indian History</u> will be shared
24/10/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 3 Advent of the Europeans in India• Chapter 4 India on the Eve of British Conquest
25/10/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 5 Expansion and Consolidation of British Power in India• Chapter 6 People's Resistance Against British Before 1857
26/10/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 7 The Revolt of 1857• Chapter 8 Socio-Religious Reform Movements: General Features• Chapter 9 A General Survey of Socio-Cultural Reform Movements
27/10/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 10 Beginning of Modern Nationalism in India• Chapter 11 Indian National Congress: Foundation and Moderate Phase Foundation• Chapter 12 Era of Militant Nationalism (1905-1909)• Chapter 13 First Phase of Revolutionary Activities (1907-1917)• Chapter 14 First World War and Nationalist Response• Chapter 15 Emergence of Gandhi
28/10/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 16 Non-Cooperation Movement and Khilafat Aandolan Background• Chapter 17 Emergence of Swarajists, Socialist Ideas, Revolutionary Activities and Other New Forces Swarajists• Chapter 18 Simon Commission and the Nehru Report• Chapter 19 Civil Disobedience Movement and Round Table Conferences
29/10/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

Week 8
Topic- Modern Indian History

Date of Test	Sub topics
30/10/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Modern Indian History</u> will be shared
31/10/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Chapter 20 Debates on the Future Strategy after Civil Disobedience Movement● Chapter 21 Congress Rule in Provinces● Chapter 22 Nationalist Response in the Wake of World War II● Chapter 23 Quit India Movement, Demand for Pakistan, and the INA Quit
01/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Chapter 24 Post-War National Scenario● Chapter 25 Independence with Partition● Chapter 26 Constitutional, Administrative and Judicial Developments● Chapter 27 Survey of British Policies in India
02/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Chapter 28 Economic Impact of British Rule in India● Chapter 29 Development of Indian Press● Chapter 30 Development of Education● Chapter 31 Peasant Movements 1857-1947● Chapter 32 The Movement of the Working Class

Topic – Post Independence India

03/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Chapter 1 Challenges of Nation Building;● Chapter 2 Era of One party Dominance;● Chapter 3 Politics of Planned Development
04/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Chapter 4 India's External Relations● Chapter 5 Challenges to and Restoration of the Congress System● Chapter 6 The Crisis of Democratic Order
05/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Chapter 7 Rise of Popular Movements● Chapter 8 Regional Aspirations● Chapter 9 Recent Developments in Indian Politics
06/11/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

Week 9
Topic- World History

Date of Test	Sub topics
06/11/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>World History</u> will be shared
07/11/2022	World wars
08/11/2022	Industrial revolution
09/11/2022	Colonisation, redrawal of national boundaries, decolonisation
10/11/2022	Political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism, etc
11/11/2022	Miscellaneous Topics
12/11/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

Week 10
Topic- Society

Date of Test	Sub topics
13/11/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Society</u> will be shared
14/11/2022	Indian society and diversity – Salient aspects; Role of women and women's organisations
15/11/2022	Population and associated issues, Poverty and developmental issues
16/11/2022	Urbanisation, their problems and remedies.
17/11/2022	Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism
18/11/2022	Effects of globalisation on Indian society
19/11/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared
	<u>Essay Test 2</u>

Week 11
Topic- Geography

Date of Test	Sub topics
20/11/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Geography</u> will be shared
21/11/2022	Distribution of key natural resources across the world including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent
22/11/2022	Factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world including India
23/11/2022	Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc.
24/11/2022	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.
25/11/2022	Salient features of world's physical geography
26/11/2022	<u>GENERAL STUDIES PAPER IV MOCK TEST</u>
	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

General Studies PAPER-II

Week 12

Topic – Polity Part I

Date of Test	Sub topics
27/11/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Polity</u> will be shared
28/11/2022	Indian Constitution – historical underpinnings, evolution, features
29/11/2022	Amendments, significant provisions, basic structure doctrine
30/11/2022	Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries; Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States
01/12/2022	Issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure
02/12/2022	Devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.
03/12/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

Week 13
Topic – Polity Part II

Date of Test	Sub topics
04/12/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Polity Part II</u> will be shared
05/12/2022	Separation of powers between various organs, dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions; Structure, organisation and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary
06/12/2022	Parliament and State Legislatures- structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these
07/12/2022	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
08/12/2022	Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.
09/12/2022	Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.
10/12/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

Week 14
Topic – Social Justice

Date of Test	Sub topics
11/12/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Social Justice</u> will be shared
12/12/2022	Government policies and interventions aimed at development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
13/12/2022	Development processes and the development industry – the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, institutional and other stakeholders.
14/12/2022	Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and the States and the performance of these schemes
15/12/2022	Mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.
16/12/2022	Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources; Issues relating to poverty and hunger
17/12/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

Week 15
Topic – Governance

Date of Test	Sub topics
18/12/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Governance</u> will be shared
19/12/2022	Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability
20/12/2022	e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential
21/12/2022	Citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures
22/12/2022	Role of civil services in a democracy
23/12/2022	Role of civil services in a democracy
24/12/2022	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared
	<u>Essay Test 3</u>

Week 16
Topic – International Relations

Date of Test	Sub topics
25/12/2022	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>International Relations</u> will be shared
26/12/2022	India and its neighbourhood – International relations
27/12/2022	India and its neighbourhood – International relations
28/12/2022	Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting the Indian interests
29/12/2022	Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.
30/12/2022	Important International institutions, agencies, their structure and mandates
31/12/2022	<u>GENERAL STUDIES PAPER II MOCK TEST</u>
	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

General Studies PAPER-III

Week 17

Topic- Economics

Date of Test	Sub topics
01/01/2023	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Economics</u> will be shared
02/01/2023	Indian Economy and issues relating to planning; mobilisation of resources
03/01/2023	Growth, development; employment
04/01/2023	Government Budgeting; Inclusive growth and associated issues/challenges
05/01/2023	Effects of liberalisation on the economy (post 1991 changes); changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth
06/01/2023	Infrastructure: energy, ports, roads, airports, railways, etc.; Investment models
07/01/2023	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

Week 18
Topic- Agriculture

Date of Test	Sub topics
08/01/2023	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Agriculture</u> will be shared
09/01/2023	Major cropping patterns in various parts of the country; different types of irrigation and irrigation systems
10/01/2023	Storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers
11/01/2023	Economics of animal rearing; Food processing and related industries in India – scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements
12/01/2023	supply chain management; Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices
13/01/2023	Public Distribution System objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; Land reforms in India
14/01/2023	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

Week 19
Topic- Science and Technology

Date of Test	Sub topics
15/01/2023	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Science and Technology</u> will be shared
16/01/2023	Recent developments and their applications and effects in everyday life; Achievements of Indians in science & technology
17/01/2023	Indigenisation of technology and developing new technology
18/01/2023	General awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers
19/01/2023	Robotics, Nanotechnology, bio-technology
20/01/2023	Issues relating to intellectual property rights
21/01/2023	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

Week 20
Topic- Environment & Disaster Management

Date of Test	Sub topics
22/01/2023	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Environment & Disaster Management</u> will be shared
23/01/2023	Conservation
24/01/2023	Environmental pollution and degradation
25/01/2023	Environmental impact assessment
26/01/2023	Disaster Management
27/01/2023	Disaster Management
28/01/2023	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared
	<u>Essay Test 4</u>

Week 21
Topic- Security

Date of Test	Sub topics
29/01/2023	Analysis of Previous Year Questions & how to approach <u>Security</u> will be shared
30/01/2023	Challenges to internal security (external state and non-state actors)
31/01/2023	Linkages between development and spread of extremism
01/02/2023	Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges
02/02/2023	Basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention
03/02/2023	Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organised crime with terrorism, Various Security forces and agencies and their mandates
04/02/2023	<u>GENERAL STUDIES PAPER II MOCK TEST</u>
	Best copies of the week + Model Answers will be shared

Week 22
Topic- MOCK TESTS

DATE	SUBJECT
11/02/2023	<u>ESSAY</u>
18/02/2023	<u>GENERAL STUDIES PAPER I</u>
25/02/2023	<u>GENERAL STUDIES PAPER II</u>
04/03/2023	<u>GENERAL STUDIES PAPER III</u>
11/03/2023	<u>GENERAL STUDIES PAPER IV</u>

BOOKLIST

General Studies Paper-I

CULTURE & HISTORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● NCERT - Introduction to Fine Arts● Rajiv Ahir A Brief History of Modern India (Spectrum)● NCERT: Class 12 - Politics in India since Independence● World History Handout
SOCIETY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Society Handout● 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
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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"> ● Technology Handout ● 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
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