



# **UPSC Super Simplified**

## **GENERAL STUDIES DAILY ANSWER WRITING & MENTORSHIP PROGRAM, 2023**

*Promise to teach you how to write better answers in just 21 weeks.*

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## **GENERAL STUDIES**

### **DAILY ANSWER WRITING & MENTORSHIP, 2023**

*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+** mains topics
- Daily **2 questions**
- Copy evaluation within 24 hrs
- **Weekly zoom sessions** for doubt clearance
- Explanation video lectures
- **Model answers** for revision
- **Best copies** of the week
- Answer enriching tips, keywords, examples, case studies, statistics

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## **COMPLETE SCHEDULE**

### **General Studies PAPER-III**

**Week 1**

**Topic- Economics**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
25/09/2022	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Economics</u></b> will be shared
26/09/2022	Indian Economy and issues relating to planning; mobilisation of resources
27/09/2022	Growth, development; employment
28/09/2022	Government Budgeting; Inclusive growth and associated issues/challenges
29/09/2022	Effects of liberalisation on the economy (post 1991 changes); changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth
30/09/2022	Infrastructure: energy, ports, roads, airports, railways, etc.; Investment models
01/10/2022	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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**Week 2**  
**Topic- Agriculture**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
02/10/2022	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Agriculture</u></b> will be shared
03/10/2022	Major cropping patterns in various parts of the country; different types of irrigation and irrigation systems
04/10/2022	Storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers
05/10/2022	Economics of animal rearing; Food processing and related industries in India – scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements
06/10/2022	supply chain management; Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices
07/10/2022	Public Distribution System objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; Land reforms in India
08/10/2022	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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**Week 3**  
**Topic- Science and Technology**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
09/10/2022	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Science and Technology</u></b> will be shared
10/10/2022	Recent developments and their applications and effects in everyday life; Achievements of Indians in science & technology
11/10/2022	Indigenisation of technology and developing new technology
12/10/2022	General awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers
13/10/2022	Robotics, Nanotechnology, bio-technology
14/10/2022	Issues relating to intellectual property rights
15/10/2022	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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**Week 4**  
**Topic- Environment & Disaster Management**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
16/10/2022	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Environment &amp; Disaster Management</u></b> will be shared
17/10/2022	Conservation
18/10/2022	Environmental pollution and degradation
19/10/2022	Environmental impact assessment
20/10/2022	Disaster Management
21/10/2022	Disaster Management
22/10/2022	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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**Week 5**  
**Topic- Security**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
23/10/2022	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Security</u></b> will be shared
24/10/2022	Challenges to internal security (external state and non-state actors)
25/10/2022	Linkages between development and spread of extremism
26/10/2022	Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges
27/10/2022	Basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention
28/10/2022	Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organised crime with terrorism, Various Security forces and agencies and their mandates
29/10/2022	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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## **General Studies PAPER-I**

**Week 6**

**Topic- Indian Culture**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
30/10/2022	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Indian Culture</u></b> will be shared
31/10/2022	Art in stone age; Indus valley civilization
01/11/2022	Mauryan Art & Culture; Buddhism, Jainism; Ancient Period Education
02/11/2022	Post Mauryan Art & Culture; Gupta period Art & Culture
03/11/2022	Tamil language & Sangam literature; Chola Period Art & Culture; Bhakti & Sufi Movement; Vijayanagar Art & Culture
04/11/2022	Foreign Accounts; Ancient & Mediaeval Literature; Modern Architecture and literature & Miscellaneous topics
05/11/2022	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared



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**Week 7**  
**Topic- Modern Indian History**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
06/11/2022	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Modern Indian History</u></b> will be shared
07/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter 3 Advent of the Europeans in India</li><li>• Chapter 4 India on the Eve of British Conquest</li></ul>
08/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter 5 Expansion and Consolidation of British Power in India</li><li>• Chapter 6 People's Resistance Against British Before 1857</li></ul>
09/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter 7 The Revolt of 1857</li><li>• Chapter 8 Socio-Religious Reform Movements: General Features</li><li>• Chapter 9 A General Survey of Socio-Cultural Reform Movements</li></ul>
10/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter 10 Beginning of Modern Nationalism in India</li><li>• Chapter 11 Indian National Congress: Foundation and Moderate Phase Foundation</li><li>• Chapter 12 Era of Militant Nationalism (1905-1909)</li><li>• Chapter 13 First Phase of Revolutionary Activities (1907-1917)</li><li>• Chapter 14 First World War and Nationalist Response</li><li>• Chapter 15 Emergence of Gandhi</li></ul>
11/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter 16 Non-Cooperation Movement and Khilafat Aandolan Background</li><li>• Chapter 17 Emergence of Swarajists, Socialist Ideas, Revolutionary Activities and Other New Forces Swarajists</li><li>• Chapter 18 Simon Commission and the Nehru Report</li><li>• Chapter 19 Civil Disobedience Movement and Round Table Conferences</li></ul>
12/11/2022	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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**Week 8**  
**Topic- Modern Indian History**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
13/11/2022	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Modern Indian History</u></b> will be shared
14/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter 20 Debates on the Future Strategy after Civil Disobedience Movement</li><li>● Chapter 21 Congress Rule in Provinces</li><li>● Chapter 22 Nationalist Response in the Wake of World War II</li><li>● Chapter 23 Quit India Movement, Demand for Pakistan, and the INA Quit</li></ul>
15/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter 24 Post-War National Scenario</li><li>● Chapter 25 Independence with Partition</li><li>● Chapter 26 Constitutional, Administrative and Judicial Developments</li><li>● Chapter 27 Survey of British Policies in India</li></ul>
16/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter 28 Economic Impact of British Rule in India</li><li>● Chapter 29 Development of Indian Press</li><li>● Chapter 30 Development of Education</li><li>● Chapter 31 Peasant Movements 1857-1947</li><li>● Chapter 32 The Movement of the Working Class</li></ul>

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### Topic – Post Independence India

17/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter 1 Challenges of Nation Building;</li><li>● Chapter 2 Era of One party Dominance;</li><li>● Chapter 3 Politics of Planned Development</li></ul>
18/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter 4 India's External Relations</li><li>● Chapter 5 Challenges to and Restoration of the Congress System</li><li>● Chapter 6 The Crisis of Democratic Order</li></ul>
19/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter 7 Rise of Popular Movements</li><li>● Chapter 8 Regional Aspirations</li><li>● Chapter 9 Recent Developments in Indian Politics</li></ul>
19/11/2022	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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**Week 9**  
**Topic- World History**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
20/11/2022	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>World History</u></b> will be shared
21/11/2022	World wars
22/11/2022	Industrial revolution
23/11/2022	Colonisation, redrawal of national boundaries, decolonisation
24/11/2022	Political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism, etc
25/11/2022	Miscellaneous Topics
26/11/2022	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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**Week 10**  
**Topic- Society**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
27/11/2022	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Society</u></b> will be shared
28/11/2022	Indian society and diversity – Salient aspects; Role of women and women's organisations
29/11/2022	Population and associated issues, Poverty and developmental issues
30/11/2022	Urbanisation, their problems and remedies.
01/12/2022	Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism
02/12/2022	Effects of globalisation on Indian society
03/12/2022	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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**Week 11**  
**Topic- Geography**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
04/12/2022	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Geography</u></b> will be shared
05/12/2022	Distribution of key natural resources across the world including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent
06/12/2022	Factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world including India
07/12/2022	Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc.
08/12/2022	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.
09/12/2022	Salient features of world's physical geography
10/12/2022	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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## **General Studies PAPER-IV**

**Week 12**

**Topic – Ethics Theory**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
11/12/2022	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Ethics Theory Part I</u></b> will be shared
12/12/2022	Essence of Ethics, Determinants and Consequences of Ethics in Human Interaction; Dimensions of Ethics
13/12/2022	Ethics in private and public relationships
14/12/2022	Human Values – lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators
15/12/2022	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
16/12/2022	Moral and Political attitudes; Social influence and persuasion
17/12/2022	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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**Week 13**  
**Topic – Ethics Theory**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
18/12/2022	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Ethics Theory Part I</u></b> will be shared
19/12/2022	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
20/12/2022	Concepts of emotional intelligence; Utility and application of emotional intelligence in administration and governance
21/12/2022	Public/Civil Service Values and Ethics in Public Administration- Status and associated problems; Ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions
22/12/2022	Laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; Accountability and ethical governance; Strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance
23/12/2022	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
24/12/2022	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared



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**Week 14**  
**Topic – Ethics Theory**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
25/12/2022	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Ethics Theory Part III</u> will be shared</b>
26/12/2022	Information sharing and transparency in government; Right to Information
27/12/2022	Citizen's Charters; Work culture; Utilisation of public funds
28/12/2022	Quality of service delivery; Challenges of corruption
29/12/2022	Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world to the concepts of morality
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31/12/2022	<b>Best copies of the week + Model Answers</b> will be shared

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**Week 15**  
**Topic – Ethics Case Studies**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
01/01/2023	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Ethics Case Studies Part I</u></b> will be shared
02/01/2023	Case Study
03/01/2023	Case Study
04/01/2023	Case Study
05/01/2023	Case Study
06/01/2023	Case Study
07/01/2023	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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**Week 16**  
**Topic – Ethics Case Studies**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
08/01/2023	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Ethics Case Studies Part II</u> will be shared</b>
09/01/2023	Case Study
10/01/2023	Case Study
11/01/2023	Case Study
12/01/2023	Case Study
13/01/2023	Case Study
14/01/2023	<b>Best copies of the week + Model Answers</b> will be shared

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## **General Studies PAPER-II**

**Week 17**

**Topic – Polity Part I**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
15/01/2023	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Polity</u></b> will be shared
16/01/2023	Indian Constitution – historical underpinnings, evolution, features
17/01/2023	Amendments, significant provisions, basic structure doctrine
18/01/2023	Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries; Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States
19/01/2023	Issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure
20/01/2023	Devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.
21/01/2023	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

**Week 18**  
**Topic – Polity Part II**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
22/01/2023	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Polity Part II</u></b> will be shared
23/01/2023	Separation of powers between various organs, dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions; Structure, organisation and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary
24/01/2023	Parliament and State Legislatures- structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these
25/01/2023	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
26/01/2023	Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.
27/01/2023	Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.
28/01/2023	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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**Week 19**  
**Topic – Social Justice**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
29/01/2023	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Social Justice</u></b> will be shared
30/01/2023	Government policies and interventions aimed at development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
31/01/2023	Development processes and the development industry – the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, institutional and other stakeholders.
01/02/2023	Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and the States and the performance of these schemes
02/02/2023	Mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.
03/02/2023	Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources; Issues relating to poverty and hunger
04/02/2023	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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**Week 20**  
**Topic – Governance**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
05/02/2023	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>Governance</u></b> will be shared
06/02/2023	Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability
07/02/2023	e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential
08/02/2023	Citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures
09/02/2023	Role of civil services in a democracy
10/02/2023	Role of civil services in a democracy
11/02/2023	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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**Week 21**  
**Topic – International Relations**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
12/02/2023	<b>Analysis of Previous Year Questions &amp; how to approach <u>International Relations</u></b> will be shared
13/02/2023	India and its neighbourhood – International relations
14/02/2023	India and its neighbourhood – International relations
15/02/2023	Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting the Indian interests
16/02/2023	Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.
17/02/2023	Important International institutions, agencies, their structure and mandates
18/02/2023	<b>Best copies</b> of the week + <b>Model Answers</b> will be shared



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## BOOKLIST

### General Studies Paper-I

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

### General Studies Paper-II

POLITY AND GOVERNANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Laxmikanth</li><li>● Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu</li><li>● Yojana</li><li>● 2nd ARC (6th Report - Local Governance 13th Report - Organisation Structure of Government of India)</li><li>● Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 - NITI Aayog</li></ul>
SOCIAL JUSTICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Yojana</li><li>● Kurukshetra</li><li>● Newspapers - Indian Express and The Hindu</li></ul>

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● NCERT: Class 12 Political Science: Contemporary World Politics</li> <li>● Newspapers: The Indian Express, The Hindu</li> <li>● International Relations For General Studies Preliminary and Main Examination by Pavneet Singh</li> </ul>
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### General Studies Paper-III

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

### General Studies Paper-IV

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ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ETHICS, INTEGRITY, APTITUDE For Civil Services Examination by DK BALAJI IAS</li></ul>
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