



# **UPSC Super Simplified**

## **IAS MAINS DAILY ANSWER WRITING**

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## **IAS MAINS ANSWER WRITING**

*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**

- Daily **2 questions** based on predefined plan
- **Approach answers** for revision
- One-on-one sessions with mentors
- **Validity** - 4 months
- Answer enriching tips, keywords, examples, case studies, statistics

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## **COMPLETE SCHEDULE**

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

#### **Topic- Economics**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
18/12/2023	Indian Economy and issues relating to planning; mobilisation of resources
19/12/2023	Growth, development; employment
20/12/2023	Government Budgeting; Inclusive growth and associated issues/challenges
21/12/2023	Effects of liberalisation on the economy (post 1991 changes); changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth
22/12/2023	Infrastructure: energy, ports, roads, airports, railways, etc.; Investment models
23/12/2023	<b>Model Answers will be shared</b>

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### Topic- Agriculture

Date of Test	Sub topics
25/12/2023	Major cropping patterns in various parts of the country; different types of irrigation and irrigation systems
26/12/2023	Storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers
27/12/2023	Economics of animal rearing; Food processing and related industries in India – scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements
28/12/2023	supply chain management; Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices
29/12/2023	Public Distribution System objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; Land reforms in India
30/12/2023	<b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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### Topic- Science and Environment

Date of Test	Sub topics
01/01/2024	Recent developments and their applications and effects in everyday life; Achievements of Indians in science & technology; Indigenisation of technology and developing new technology
02/01/2024	General awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, Robotics, Nanotechnology, bio-technology
03/01/2024	Issues relating to intellectual property rights
04/01/2024	Conservation; Environmental pollution and degradation; Environmental impact assessment
05/01/2024	Disaster Management
06/01/2024	<b>Model Answers</b> will be shared

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### Topic- Security

Date of Test	Sub topics
08/01/2024	Challenges to internal security (external state and non-state actors)
09/01/2024	Linkages between development and spread of extremism
10/01/2024	Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges
11/01/2024	Basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention
12/01/2024	Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organised crime with terrorism, Various Security forces and agencies and their mandates
13/01/2024	<b>Model Answers will be shared</b>

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## **General Studies PAPER-IV**

### **Topic – Ethics Theory**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
15/01/2024	Essence of Ethics, Determinants and Consequences of Ethics in Human Interaction; Dimensions of Ethics; Ethics in private and public relationships
16/01/2024	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
17/01/2024	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
18/01/2024	Aptitude and foundational values of Civil Service; Integrity; Impartiality and non-partisanship; Objectivity; Dedication to public service; Empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker sections of the society
19/01/2024	Concepts of emotional intelligence; Utility and application of emotional intelligence in administration and governance
20/01/2024	<b>Model Answers will be shared</b>

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### Topic – Ethics Theory

Date of Test	Sub topics
22/01/2024	Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world to the concepts of morality
23/01/2024	Public/Civil Service Values and Ethics in Public Administration- Status and associated problems; Ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions
24/01/2024	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
25/01/2024	Concept of public service; The 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
26/01/2024	Quality of service delivery; Utilisation of public funds; Challenges of corruption
27/01/2024	<b>Model Answers will be shared</b>



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### Topic – Ethics Case Studies

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
29/01/2024	Case Study
30/01/2024	Case Study
31/01/2024	Case Study
01/02/2024	Case Study
02/02/2024	Case Study
03/02/2024	<b>Model Answers will be shared</b>

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## Topic – Ethics Case Studies

Date of Test	Sub topics
05/02/2024	Case Study
06/02/2024	Case Study
07/02/2024	Case Study
08/02/2024	Case Study
09/02/2024	Case Study
10/02/2024	<b>Model Answers will be shared</b>

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## **General Studies PAPER-I**

### **Topic- Geography**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
12/02/2024	Distribution of key natural resources across the world including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent
13/02/2024	Factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world including India
14/02/2024	Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc.
15/02/2024	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.
16/02/2024	Salient features of world's physical geography
17/02/2024	<b>Model Answers will be shared</b>

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### Topic- Society

Date of Test	Sub topics
19/02/2024	Indian society and diversity – Salient aspects; Role of women and women's organisations
20/02/2024	Population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues
21/02/2024	Urbanisation, their problems and remedies.
22/02/2024	Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism
23/02/2024	Effects of globalisation on Indian society
24/02/2024	<b>Model Answers will be shared</b>

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## Topic- History

Date of Test	Sub topics
26/02/2024	Indian Culture
27/02/2024	Indian Culture
28/02/2024	Modern Indian History
29/02/2024	Modern Indian History
01/03/2024	Modern Indian History
02/03/2024	<b>Model Answers will be shared</b>

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## Topic – History

Date of Test	Sub topics
04/03/2024	Post Independence India
05/03/2024	Post Independence India
06/03/2024	World History
07/03/2024	World History
08/03/2024	World History
09/03/2024	<b>Model Answers will be shared</b>

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## **General Studies PAPER-II**

### **Topic – Polity Part I**

<b>Date of Test</b>	<b>Sub topics</b>
11/03/2024	Indian Constitution – historical underpinnings, evolution, features, Amendments, significant provisions, basic structure doctrine
12/03/2024	Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries; Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States
13/03/2024	Issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure
14/03/2024	Devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.
15/03/2024	Separation of powers between various organs, dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions; Structure, organisation and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary
16/03/2024	<b>Model Answers will be shared</b>

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## Topic – Polity Part II & Governance

Date of Test	Sub topics
18/03/2024	Parliament and State Legislatures- structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these
19/03/2024	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
20/03/2024	Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies; Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.
21/03/2024	Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability; e-governance-applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential
22/03/2024	Citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures; Role of civil services in a democracy
23/03/2024	<b>Model Answers will be shared</b>



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## Topic – Social Justice

Date of Test	Sub topics
25/03/2024	Government policies and interventions aimed at development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
26/03/2024	Development processes and the development industry – the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, institutional and other stakeholders.
27/03/2024	Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and the States and the performance of these schemes
28/03/2024	Mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.
29/03/2024	Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources; Issues relating to poverty and hunger
30/03/2024	<b>Model Answers will be shared</b>

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## Topic – International Relations

Date of Test	Sub topics
01/04/2024	India and its neighbourhood – International relations
02/04/2024	India and its neighbourhood – International relations
03/04/2024	Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting the Indian interests
04/04/2024	Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.
05/04/2024	Important International institutions, agencies, their structure and mandates
06/04/2024	<b>Model Answers will be shared</b>

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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>● Indian Art and Culture- Nitin Singhania</li><li>● Rajiv Ahir A Brief History of Modern India (Spectrum )</li><li>● NCERT: Class 12 - Politics in India since Independence</li><li>● A History of the Modern World by Ranjan Chakrabarti</li></ul>
SOCIETY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● NCERT: Class 12 - Indian Society</li><li>● NCERT: Class 12 - Social Change and Development in India</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>

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## 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>● 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>

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## General Studies Paper-IV

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