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Mains Guidance Program 2023

Mentor Supported, Test Series Based Self Study Program for Civil Services Examination

Cohort - 9 (ALT)

Start Date: 20 November 2022

*Tests will commence from 27 November 2022

MGP	25 Tests : 20 Full Length Tests + 5 Open Simulator Tests
MGP+	31 Tests : 20 Full Length Tests + 6 Essay Tests + 5 Open Simulator Tests
MGP++	300+ Concept Classes & 25 Tests : 20 Full Length Tests + 5 Open Simulator Tests

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How can ForumIAS MGP aid in my preparation?

1. The program has been designed to ensure:
   a) Timely completion of syllabus.
   b) Early completion of syllabus.
   Having guided students since 2012, we are aware that early preparation for Mains is the key to clearing the Civil Services Examination.
2. A lot of students end up doing unguided self-study, with no clear deadlines and objectives in mind. Thus, they end up not covering the syllabus even after doing self-study for a year. MGP helps provide a **discipline and time bound routine, anchored to the syllabus.**
3. It helps students with **regular evaluation of their preparation through writing timely tests and provides necessary reorientation** as and when required.
4. One of the major pain points in the real examination is to **recollect what you have read and present it in a precise and time-bound manner.** Writing regular tests at MGP helps you learn the skill from DAY 1. You learn to apply what you have read.
5. When doing self-study, there are many topics which **do not have comprehensive resources.** Also, there are topics which require **value addition in terms of current affairs.** MGP through its test, solutions and discussions also aids as a source of value addition and revision.
6. The **concept classes (available with MGP++)** aim to help students **achieve conceptual clarity** as well as **value addition on topics lacking comprehensive resources.**
7. A hassle free and constant support from Mentors ensures you are **on an optimal and guided path** throughout your preparation.
8. Timely evaluation helps you **understand your mistakes and implement those feedback** before you attempt the next paper.
9. At ForumIAS, we believe in continuous change and adaptation on the basis of the dynamic pattern of UPSC and are quick to implement the same to reflect in our all deliverables. With ForumIAS, you will always be ahead of the curve.

	MGP	MGP+	MGP++
	Here, we provide you a detailed and disciplined test series based comprehensive preparation plan for CSE.	Along with the detailed and disciplined test series based comprehensive preparation plan as offered in MGP, we also offer **essay test series** which is a crucial marks fetching paper.	Along with the detailed and disciplined test series based comprehensive preparation plan as offered in MGP, we also offer **300+ Concept Classes (CC) on micro topics** of the syllabus
Mentorship	YES	YES	YES
Concept Classes	NA	NA	YES
Eassy Tests	NA	YES	NA
Good copies	YES	YES	YES

What are the deliverables under ForumIAS MGP, MGP+ & MGP++?

Mentorship	Mentorship is readily available in both ONLINE as well as OFFLINE mode at ForumIAS. Once you write a paper, you can always reach out to a mentor to discuss your paper seeking suggestions on improving your answer writing. The ONLINE mentorship will have a solution provided to students within 12 – 14 hours. Offline Mentorship can be available by visiting the office center.
Concept Classes Library	With MGP++ you will get access to a video library of 300+ videos on static topics with rich content. **The concept classes will be of 5 – 30 minutes** duration with the objective: a) To Provide **conceptual clarity on terms and keyword** of syllabus. For example: separation of powers or Sevottam model or doctrine of severability etc. b) To Provide **value addition on topics that lack comprehensive sources.** For example: Role of SHG in development or FCRA and NGO funding etc. c) **To help Filer content.** For example: What should I focus on French Revolution? Or What should I read under comparative constitution? **Note:** Concept Classes Library is not a replacement for Comprehensive Guidance Programme (CGP).
GS Test Question Paper	The GS Test Question paper is curated with idea of taking a student from basics to advanced. With that purpose, **Question Paper** the tests have been divided as Half Length Tests and Full-Length Tests. Also, you will be able to grow from writing tests starting 1.5 hours to 3 hours eventually if you follow the plan. **Note: Half-length tests (HLT)** will be sectional tests and will have questions from basic to moderate level. **Full length tests (FLT)** will replicate the pattern and difficulty level of UPSC.

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GS Test Solution	The solution to GS Tests is curated with a philosophy to provide adequate content for answering the question in hand. Added content is provided under Knowledge Base/Extra Information separate from the answer, as and when required.
GS Test Video Discussions	The video discussion of MGP tests ensures that the student is exposed to different ways of answer writing, which generally includes different means of presentation, addition of diagrams and flowcharts. The discussion also seeks to add more value to the content which is readily available with the student or the one he has received through solutions. **Note:** Discussion will **be held in online mode only**.
Essay Tests	Essay Test replicates the pattern of UPSC. Before prelims, tests have 2 sections with 2 choices. Keeping in mind two things (a) increased focus of UPSC on philosophical essay (b) unpredictability of the commission, both sections will have thematic as well as philosophical topics. This gives students the choice to attempt more philosophical essays.
Good Copies	Peer-to-Peer Learning is at the heart of ForumIAS philosophy. The Academy shall be providing good copies of the tests of GS and Essay so that you can learn from your peers.
Evaluation (GS and Essay)	The parameters of evaluation at ForumIAS continuously evolves to adapt to the changing demand of the examination, in consultation with our students who have cracked the exam year after year. Evaluation of submitted copies will be provided with objective inputs aimed at helping you improve your answer writing.

ForumIAS MGP- Our Track Record

Over the years, ForumIAS MGP has emerged as the most preferred guidance programme for Mains for the toppers. Our experience in the field and determination to provide mock tests as close to UPSC mains paper as possible have helped us attain very high hit rate in both UPSC Mains 2022 & 2021. Below is an indicative (but not exhaustive) list of 22 questions that were common in UPSC CSE Mains 2022 & 2021 and our MGP test series. Apart from these, many more questions and themes covered in the MGP test series featured in the UPSC CSE Mains 2022 & 2021 paper. Our students had already written and practised many questions that were asked by the commission.

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S.No.	Actual Question Asked in UPSC CSE Mains 2021	Questions Asked in Mains Guidance Programme (MGP)
1.	Examine the role of 'Gig Economy' in the process of empowerment of women in India.	Gig is an integral part of innovation driven economy, yet it can create its own divide. Analyze.
2.	To what extent did the role of the Moderates prepare a base for the wider freedom movement ? Comment.	The economic critique of Imperialism by the early nationalists laid a strong foundation to the nationalist movement. Discuss the contributions of Moderates in Indian Nationalist struggle.
3.	Can the vicious cycle of gender inequality, poverty and malnutrition be broken through microfinancing of women SHGs? Explain with examples	The participation of women in the labour force is not only desirable, but also essential because it increases the level of food availability, nutrition and creates essential demands. In the light of this statement, explain the role played by SHG in poverty alleviation and women employment.
4.	Though the Human Rights Commissions have contributed immensely to the protection of human rights in India, they have failed to assert themselves against the mighty and powerful. Analyzing their structural and practical limitations, suggest remedial measures.	The National Human Rights Commission has been criticised as a 'toothless tiger'. Examine.

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5.	Do Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees keep the administrations on its toes and inspire reverence for parliamentary control? Evaluate the working of such committees with suitable examples.	How does Departmental Standing Committees enhance the functioning of Parliament? Suggest measures to make them more effective.
6.	Describe the various causes and the effects of landslides. Mention components of the important components of National Landslide Risk Management strategy.	Examine the reasons for the rising trend in the incidences and widespread occurrences of landslips in hilly terrains of the country. Highlighting National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Guidelines on Landslide Hazard Management, suggest ways to mitigate impact of landslips.
7.	What are the research and developmental achievements in applied biotechnology? How will these achievements help to uplift the poorer sections of the society?	Analyse the role of application of biotechnology in the inclusive economic development of country.
8.	"We can never obtain peace in the outer world until and unless we obtain peace within ourselves."-Dalai Lama. What does this statement mean to you?	"We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves". - Dalai Lama. What does this statement mean to you?
9.	Attitude is an important component that goes as input in the development of human being. How to build a suitable attitude needed for a public servant?	Highlighting the three components of attitude, explain what should be the attitude of a civil servant while dealing with the issues related to integrity and probity in public life.
10.	Should impartial and being non-partisan be considered as indispensable qualities to make a successful civil servant? Discuss with illustrations.	Impartiality, non-partisanship and neutrality are not mutually exclusive in life of a civil servant. Comment.

S.No.	Actual Question Asked in UPSC CSE Mains 2022	Questions Asked in Mains Guidance Programme (MGP)
1.	What are the forces that influence ocean currents? Describe their role in fishing industry of the world. (15 marks Answer in 250 words)	Describe the various factors responsible for formation of ocean currents and discuss their impact on different human activities. (15 marks, 250 words)
2.	How will you explain the medieval Indian temple sculptures represent the social life of those days? (10 marks Answer in 150 words)	Temples of ancient India were not just places of worship but centres of socio-economic life of people. Discuss.
3.	Discuss the role of the National Commission for Backward Classes in the wake of its transformation from a statutory body to a constitutional body. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks	While providing constitutional recognition to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) is a step forward for the welfare of Socially and Economically Backward Classes, it might not be sufficient to improve the effectiveness of Commission's working and outcomes. Elucidate.
4.	The Gati-Shakti Yojana needs meticulous coordination between the government and the private sector to achieve the goal of connectivity. Discuss. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks	Highlighting the existing bottlenecks in infrastructure development in the country, examine the role of PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan for Multi-Modal Connectivity to overcome these challenges.
5.	How will I2U2 (India, Israel, UAE and USA) grouping transform India's position in global politics?	Compare the aims and objectives of I2U2 and Quad. What importance does I2U2 hold for India?
6.	Explain the mechanism and occurrence of cloudburst in the context of the Indian subcontinent. Discuss two recent examples.	What do you understand by cloud burst? Examine the reasons for high vulnerability of the mountainous regions to cloud bursts and discuss ways to mitigate its ill-effects.
7.	Discuss the types of organised crimes. Describe the linkages between terrorists and organised crime that exist at the national and transnational levels.	Examine the linkages between terrorism and organized crime. Present a case for breaking the illicit bond between the two.

8.	What are the main bottlenecks in upstream and downstream process of marketing of agricultural products in India ?	Explain the various problems in agricultural marketing system in the country. How far do you think that the reforms brought by new farm laws in agricultural marketing will solve these issues?
9.	Explain the causes and effects of coastal erosion in India. What are the available coastal management techniques for combating the hazard?	Frequent Sea incursions and accelerated coastal erosion pose a grave threat to our environment. Analyzing their impacts, propose some corrective measures..
10.	What are the different elements of cyber security? Keeping in view the challenges in cyber security, examine the extent to which India has successfully developed a comprehensive National Cyber Security Strategy.	Highlighting different kinds of cyberthreats faced by India, evaluate the current status of cyber security framework in the country
11.	The Rules and Regulations provided to all the civil servants are same, yet there is difference in the performance. Positive minded officers are able to interpret the Rules and Regulations in favour of the case and achieve success, whereas negative minded officers are unable to achieve goals by interpreting the same Rules and Regulations against the case. Discuss with illustrations.	Good governance does not depend on laws, but upon the personal qualities of those who administer the law. Do you agree with this statement? Justify your view.
12.	Russia and Ukraine war has been going on for the last seven months. Different countries have taken independent stands and actions keeping in view their own national interests. We are all aware that war has its own impact on the different aspects of society, including human tragedy. What are those ethical issues that are crucial to be considered while launching the war and its continuation so far? Illustrate with justification the ethical issues involved in the given state of affair.	"To delight in war is a merit in the soldier, a dangerous quality in the captain, and a positive crime in the statesman."– George Santayana. Can war be ethically justified? Discuss the moral principles related to war.

FEE STRUCTURE

Course	Fees (* GST@18% Applicable Extra)	Total Fees
MGP 2023 Cohort - 9 (ALT)	₹ 18,999/-	₹ **22,419/-**
MGP+ 2023 Cohort - 9 (ALT)	₹ 24,499/-	₹ **29,499/-**
MGP++ 2023 Cohort - 9 (ALT)	₹ 33,500/-	₹ **39,530/-**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Your test copies will be evaluated within 12 working days of copy submission. You can check the average time of copy checking for a certain duration at https://academy.forumias.com/transparency.
- Answer copies must be submitted within three weeks of test release date and at least two weeks before the start of UPSC Mains examination for timely evaluation. We recommend that you stick to the time table and write tests on designated days. The commitment of 12 working days evaluation is valid only for copies submitted in this time period.
- This program is non-refundable and non-transferable. There is no difference between the online and offline mode – candidates can come and write the test at Test Centre or remotely and send us scanned copies.
- Each program of ForumIAS is linked to ForumIAS Account with a fixed mobile number. No sharing of any programs is allowed. If candidates are found sharing programs, ForumIAS shall be free to terminate that or all program access to the candidate withou t any refund to the candidate.
- ForumIAS shall have full rights to close admissions as per its capacity. ForumIAS shall be free to amend its schedule in case of any exigencies that may arise.
- All fees once paid are non-refundable in nature. The course is also non-transferable in nature to another person. By subscribing to the course, you agree to the terms and conditions mentioned above.
- Force Majeure : Flaviant Network Pvt Ltd ("FNPL") will deliver this program on best effort and good faith basis. By subscribing to the program, you understand that in the case of a force majeure event, such as natural disaster, calamity, outbreak of a pandemic, accident, bodily harm, sickness to any persons directly involved in delivery of the program FNPL reserves right to modify, change or discontinue the program and shall not be liable for any financial obligations arising out of it. All disputes will be subject to jurisdiction of Delhi High Court.
- Fair copy submission clause: While we are committed at timely evaluation of copies, it is often seen that some candidates submit all test copies at one go in the end. We will evaluate (and have evaluated) all copies, but submission of more than 2 copies at one go will not be allowed. In case students bulk submit copies, evaluation in some unwanted and rare cases may breach 12-day service deadline.

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Detailed Test Calendar for MGP / MGP+ 2023

#	Date | Day	Test Code	GS Paper
00.	20 Nov. 2022 | Sunday		**Online Orientation for the Program**
	22 Nov. 2022 | Tuesday		**Online Orientation of Answer Writing.**
1.	27 Nov. 2022 | Sunday	61131	**GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test** World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
2.	4 Dec. 2022 | Sunday	61231	**GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test** Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
3.	11 Dec. 2022 | Sunday	61331	**GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test** Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
4.	14 Dec. 2022 | Wednesday	62511	**Essay Test #1 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT**
5.	18 Dec. 2022 | Sunday	61431	**GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test** Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies
6.	24 Dec. 2022 | Saturday	61133	**GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test** World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
7.	1 Jan. 2023 | Sunday	61233	**GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test** Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
8.	4 Jan. 2023 | Wednesday	62512	**Essay Test #2 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT**
9.	8 Jan. 2023 | Sunday	61333	**GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test** Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
10.	15 Jan. 2023 | Sunday	61433	**GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test** Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies
11.	22 Jan. 2023 | Sunday	61132	**GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test** World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
12.	25 Jan. 2023 | Wednesday	62513	**Essay Test #3 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT**
13.	29 Jan. 2023 | Sunday	61232	**GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test** Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
14.	5 Feb. 2023 | Sunday	61332	**GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test** Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
15.	8 Feb. 2023 | Wednesday	62514	**Essay Test #4 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT**

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16.	12 Feb. 2023 | Sunday	61432	**GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test** Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies	

PRELIMS 2023 BREAK

There are few things to keep in mind at this stage. Once MGP Tests as per schedule are over, it is expected that you (a) realign your preparation for Prelims (b) finish off any tests that you have missed (c) cover and revise optional subjects. You will need to have some self-discipline to finish off remaining Tests. We will be available to rightly orient you at this stage. You can submit all the Tests conducted till the Mains exam. There is complete flexibility.

A detailed Plan for the MGP 2023 Mains Simulator Tests will be released within 1 week of Prelims.

17.	3 weeks after Prelims	**MGP 2023 Simulator Test #1**	**GS Paper 1 / FLT**	
18.	4 weeks after Prelims	**MGP 2023 Simulator Test #2**	**GS Paper 2 / FLT**	
19.	4 weeks after Prelims	**Essay Test #7 (Only for MGP+ Students)**	**Essay Test # 5 / FLT**	
20.	5 weeks after Prelims	**MGP 2023 Simulator Test #3**	**GS Paper 3 / FLT**	
21.	6 weeks after Prelims	**MGP 2023 Simulator Test #4**	**GS Paper 4 / FLT**	
22.	6 weeks after Prelims	**Essay Test #8 (Only for MGP+ Students)**	**Essay Test # 6 / FLT**	
23.	7 weeks after Prelims	**MGP 2023 Simulator Test #5**	**GS Paper 1 / FLT**	
24.		**MGP 2023 Simulator Test #6**	**GS Paper 2 / FLT**	
25.	8 weeks after Prelims	**MGP 2023 Simulator Test #7**	**GS Paper 3 / FLT**	
26.		**MGP 2023 Simulator Test #8**	**GS Paper 4 / FLT**	

All India Mains Open Simulator Tests

27.	2 Weeks before Mains examination	Essay Open Test	Essay	Not to be evaluated
28.	2 Weeks before Mains examination	GS Paper 1 – Open Test	GS Paper 1 / FLT	Not to be evaluated
29.		GS Paper 2 – Open Test	GS Paper 2 / FLT	
30.	2 Weeks before Mains examination	GS Paper 3 – Open Test	GS Paper 3 / FLT	Not to be evaluated
31.		GS Paper 4 – Open Test	GS Paper 4 / FLT	

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SYLLABUS

GS Paper	Topic	References

GS - 1 SYLLABUS COMPLETED

| GS Paper 1 | **(Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)**

Topic 1 : Indian Culture - Salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
Topic 2: 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.
Topic 3: Post-independence Consolidation and Reorganization within the country.
Topic 4: History of the World will include events from 18th century such as Industrial Revolution, world wars, Redrawal of National Boundaries, Colonization, Decolonization, political philosophies like Communism, Capitalism, Socialism etc.— their forms and effect on the society.
Topic 5: 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.
Topic 6: Salient features of World's Physical Geography.
Topic 7: Distribution of Key Natural Resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).
Topic 8: 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. | • **ForumIAS Red Book – World History**
• **ForumIAS – A Summary of History of Modern India**
• **ForumIAS Red Book – Indian Society & Social Issues**
• **ForumIAS Red Book – Post - Independence History**
• NCERT Arjun Dev
• Norman Lowe
• Bipin Chandra –Old NCERT
• "A Brief History of Modern India" –Spectrum Pub.
• NCERT -12th–Indian Society
• NCERT -12th-Social Change and Development in India
• IGNOU –ESO -12 Society in India
• NCERT Class 12th-Contemporary World Politics.

• 11th History book of Tamil Nadu board
• Textbook on Fine Arts Class XI NCERT
• CCRT Website or compilation
• Indian Culture and Heritage - NIOS: www.nios.ac.in
• 12 th NCERT – Politics in India since Independence
• Selective reading of India since independence by Bipin Chandra or India After Gandhi by Ramchandra Guha
• 11th NCERT: Physical Geography
• ForumIAS Notes & Handouts
• Certificate Physical and Human Geography by Goh Cheng Leong
• 12th NCERT: Human geography.
• Internet for industries and resource distribution.
• Atlas: Orient Blackswan
• Epic magazine for current affairs. |

GS - 2 SYLLABUS COMPLETED

| GS Paper 2 | **(Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations)**

Topic 1: Indian Constitution—Historical Underpinnings, Evolution, Features, Amendments, Significant Provisions and Basic Structure. | • **ForumIAS – A Summary of Indian Polity**
• **ForumIAS Red Book – Indian Society and Social Issues**
• 11th NCERT: Indian Constitution at Work |

	Topic 2: 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. Topic 3: Separation of Powers between various organs Dispute Redressal Mechanisms and Institutions. Topic 4: Comparison of the Indian Constitutional Scheme with that of Other Countries. Topic 5: Parliament and State Legislatures—Structure, Functioning, Conduct of Business, Powers & Privileges and Issues Arising out of these. Topic 6: 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. Topic 7: Salient Features of the Representation of People's Act. Topic 8: Appointment to various Constitutional Posts, Powers, Functions and Responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies. Topic 9: Statutory, Regulatory and various Quasi-judicial Bodies. Topic 10: Government Policies and Interventions for Development in various sectors and Issues arising out of their Design and Implementation. Topic 11: Development Processes and the Development Industry — the Role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders. Topic 12: 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. Topic 13: Issues Relating to Development and Management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources. Topic 14: Issues relating to Poverty and Hunger. Topic 15: Important Aspects of Governance, Transparency and Accountability, E-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; Citizens Charters, Transparency & Accountability and institutional and other measures. Topic 16: Role of Civil Services in a Democracy. Topic 17: India and its Neighborhood- Relations. Topic 18: Bilateral, Regional and Global Groupings and Agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests. Topic 19: Effect of Policies and Politics of Developed and Developing Countries on India's interests, Indian Diaspora. Topic 20: Important International Institutions, agencies and fora - their Structure, Mandate.	• Indian Polity by M Laxmikant • Introduction to Constitution of India – DD Basu • 2nd ARC Reports • Annual Reports of Ministries such as Women and Child Development / HRD Ministry/ Health Ministry etc. • Book - Challenge and Strategy: Rethinking India's Foreign Policy by Rajiv Sikri • Class 12 NCERT – Political Science: Contemporary World Politics • Websites such as – Ministry of External Affairs, IDSA, ORF, Gateway House • ForumIAS Academy handouts/ Booklets • Newspapers – The Hindu/ Indian Express • Epic magazine for current affairs

GS - 3 SYLLABUS COMPLETED

GS Paper 3	**(Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)** Topic 1: Indian Economy and issues relating to Planning, Mobilization of Resources, Growth, Development and Employment. Topic 2: Inclusive Growth and issues arising from it. Topic 3: Government Budgeting. Topic 4: 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. Topic 5: 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. Topic 6: Food Processing and Related Industries in India- Scope' and Significance, Location, Upstream and Downstream Requirements, Supply Chain Management. Topic 7: Land Reforms in India. Topic 8: Effects of Liberalization on the Economy, Changes in Industrial Policy and their Effects on Industrial Growth.	• **ForumIAS Red Book – Indian Economy** • **ForumIAS Red Book – Agriculture** • **ForumIAS Red Book – Science & Technology** • **ForumIAS Red Book – Environment** • **ForumIAS Red Book – Internal Security** • 11th NCERT: Economics: Indian Economic Development • 12th NCERT: Macroeconomics • Economic Survey of India • Selective reading of Indian Economy Since Independence - Uma Kapila • 2nd ARC Report (Strengthening Financial Management Systems) • Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog

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	Topic 9: Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc. Topic 10: Investment Models. Topic 11: Science and Technology- Developments and their Applications and Effects in Everyday Life. Topic 12: Achievements of Indians in Science & Technology; Indigenization of Technology and Developing New Technology. Topic 13: Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, Robotics, Nano-technology, Bio-technology and issues relating to Intellectual Property Rights. Topic 14: Conservation, Environmental Pollution and Degradation, Environmental Impact Assessment. Topic 15: Disaster and Disaster Management. Topic 16: Linkages between Development and Spread of Extremism. Topic 17: Role of External State and Non-state Actors in creating challenges to Internal Security. Topic 18: Challenges to Internal Security through Communication Networks, Role of Media and Social Networking Sites in Internal Security Challenges, Basics of Cyber Security; Money-Laundering and its prevention. Topic 19: Security Challenges and their Management in Border Areas - Linkages of Organized Crime with Terrorism. Topic 20: Various Security Forces and Agencies and their Mandate.	• The Science Reporter magazine • NCERT: Class 12 Biology (Chapter 10: Ecology) • 2nd ARC Report [3rd Report – Crisis management] • IGNOU – MPA – 018 Disaster management • 2nd ARC (7th Report Capacity Building for Conflict Resolution) • 2nd ARC (8th Report Combating Terrorism - Protecting by Righteousness) • IDSA reports • The Oxford's Handbook of India's National Security • NCERT Class 12 – Contemporary World politics. • Newspapers – The Hindu / Indian Express • Epic magazine for current affairs.

GS - 4 SYLLABUS COMPLETED

GS Paper 4	**Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude** **This paper will include questions to test the candidates' attitude and approach to issues relating to integrity, probity in public life and his problem solving approach to various issues and conflicts faced by him in dealing with society. Questions may utilise the case study approach to determine these aspects. The following broad areas will be covered:** Topic 1: 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. Topic 2: Attitude: Content, Structure, Function; its Influence and Relation with Thought and Behaviour; Moral and Political Attitudes; Social Influence and Persuasion. Topic 3: 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. Topic 4: Emotional Intelligence-Concepts, and their Utilities and Application in Administration and Governance. Topic 5: Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from India and World. Topic 6: 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. Topic 7: 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. Topic 8: Case Studies on above issues.	• **ForumIAS Red Book – Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude** • Selective Study from G. Subbarao • 2nd ARC Reports (Ethics in Governance, Citizen Centric Administration, Refurbishing Personnel Administration, RTI: Master Key to Good Governance) • Newspaper and internet • Epic magazine for current affairs.

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