

Political Science and International Relations (ATS & ATS+) Mains

2024

Orientation

07 Oct. 2023

08 Oct. 2023

Paper-1 & 2 :
Strategy, Approach & Booklist

Start Date

12 Oct.
2023

Batch - 1

ATS

10 Tests (6 Sectional Tests + 4 Full Length Tests)
with test discussions for comprehensive coverage
of PSIR Optional

ATS+

40+ Hours of Value Addition Classes and
10 Tests to cover entire syllabus of
PSIR Optional Paper 1 & 2



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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

About Political Science and IR (PSIR) - ATS

Political Science and IR is one of the optionals that has been scoring in nature, but requires a robust conceptual clarity and continuous updation of current issues to achieve a good score in the CSE Mains examination.

The Test Series Program which covers whole syllabus of PSIR through **6 Sectional tests + 4 Full length tests** and discussions post every test. This ensures that the ATS serves its purpose beyond a generic test series and help you consolidate your content and build a differentiated content.

ForumIAS continuously learns from toppers every year and take required reorientation in answer writing and share with its aspirants to help them write the best possible answers.

What are the deliverables under PSIR ATS – for Mains 2024?

1. The program's focus is on maximizing your score in PSIR optional through a series of tests and detailed test discussions for value addition.
2. **The program includes:**
 - a) **Sectional tests:** Students will be able to read and evaluate the complete syllabus of both PSIR Paper I and Paper II through **6 sectional tests**.
 - b) **Full Length Test (FLT):** Evaluating your overall preparation and making final corrections and offering crucial suggestions for the exam through **4 FLTs**.
3. Answers/Synopsis of each Question will be provided after the test.
4. **Detailed Test discussion*** These discussion classes will provide student strategically apt value-added content through insights on relevant current affairs and well-researched credible resources for both the papers.
5. **Mentorship:** Discuss your paper with the mentor to get insights on requisite presentation and content improvement. Tailor-made strategic grooming of each candidate.
6. Test Solutions will be provided in PDF format (Online), or can be picked up from the Center.

About PSIR - ATS+

PSIR ATS+ is a unique program that aims to add value to your content and answer writing through targeted delivery of the content, references, case studies and examples. The content delivery is supplemented through tests that will help you put the content delivered into your answers.

This is the only program needed when you have completed your optional foundation and understood about the basic answer writing through tests.

What are the deliverables under PSIR ATS+ – for Mains 2024?

The program includes-

- a) **Sectional tests:** Students will be able to read and evaluate the complete syllabus of both PSIR Paper I and Paper II through **6 sectional tests**.
- b) **Full Length Test (FLT):** Evaluating your overall preparation and making final corrections and offering crucial suggestions for the exam through **4 FLTs**.
- c) **40+ Hours** of revision Classes and to cover entire syllabus of PSIR Optional Paper 1 & 2. (These classes are specifically for ATS+ Students)
 1. Pointed vital information for themes/topics of PSIR.
 2. Fresh and inviting references from first rate PSIR books and articles for various concepts and formulations.
 3. Specifically with respect to the theory portion (always carries more weightage than the rest), additional authentic information that will turn your answers catchier and ensure additional score.
 4. For Paper I, condensed and comprehensive references from research articles published in various PSIR related journals of repute.
 5. For Paper II, deliberation on a range of themes that are currently relevant and can figure in the 2023 mains examination.
 6. Exceedingly critical/vital tips for writing captivating answer on any theme/topic.

Note

- Revision Classes and corresponding material are only provided for ATS+ Students.
- Test discussions and Value Addition Classes will be made available in an online recorded format. The link for the same will be provided to the students.

	ATS	ATS+
	10 Tests (6 Sectional Tests + 4 Full Length Tests) with test discussions for comprehensive coverage of PSIR Optional	40+ Hours of Value Addition Classes and 10 Tests (6 Sectional Tests + 4 Full Length Tests) with test discussions to cover essentials and updates of PSIR Optional Paper 1 & 2.
Mentorship	YES	YES
Revision Classes	NA	YES
Post Test discussion	YES	YES
Model Answers	YES	YES

Fee Concession:

- Old/Existing Students of GS Foundation Program can avail fee concession of 50% on PSIR ATS 2024.
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FEE STRUCTURE

Course	Fees (* GST@18% Applicable Extra)	Total Fees
PSIR ATS 2024	₹ 12,000/-	₹ 14,160/-
PSIR ATS+ 2024	₹ 22,000/-	₹ 25,960/-

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Detailed Test Calendar for Political Science and IR ATS - Mains 2024

#	Date Day	Activity (test/class) Test Code	Syllabus	References
0.	07 October Saturday 11 AM	Orientation + Discussion of Paper I		
1.	08 October Sunday 11 AM	Orientation + Discussion of Paper II		
2.	12 October Thursday 5 PM	Value Addition Class 1		
3.	13 October Friday 5 PM	Value Addition Class 2		
4.	15 October Sunday 9 AM	Test I (Sectional Test)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Theory and Indian Politics: • Political Theory: meaning and approaches. • Theories of the State: Liberal, Neoliberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-colonial and feminist. • Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawls's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques. • Equality: Social, political and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action. • Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; concept of Human Rights. • Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy – representative, participatory and deliberative. • Concept of power, hegemony, ideology and legitimacy. • Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “An Introduction to Political Theory” by O.P. Gauba. • “Political Theory: An Introduction” by Andrew Heywood. • “Political Theory: An Introduction” by Rajeev Bhargava • “Political Ideologies: An Introduction” by Andrew Heywood.
5.	16 October Monday 5 PM	Discussion on Test I		
6.	19 October Thursday 5 PM	Value Addition Class 3		
7.	20 October Friday 5 PM	Value Addition Class 4		
8.	22 October Sunday 9 AM	Test 2 (Sectional Test)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Political Thought: Dharmashastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M.K. Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar, M.N. Roy. • Western Political Thought: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Western Political Thought: From Socrates to the age of Ideology” by Brian R. Nelson • Foundations Of Indian Political Thought-V.R Mehta • “Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers” by M. P. Singh and Himanshu Roy.

			Indian Government and Politics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Nationalism: Political Strategies of India's Freedom Struggle: Constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Non-cooperation, Civil Disobedience; Militant and revolutionary movements, Peasant and workers' movements. Perspectives on Indian National Movement: Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical humanist and Dalit. Making of the Indian Constitution: Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "India's Struggle for Independence" by Bipin Chandra. "Introduction to the Constitution of India" by DD Basu.
9.	23 October Monday 5 PM	Discussion on Test 2		
10.	26 October Thursday 5 PM	Value Addition Class 5		
11.	27 October Friday 5 PM	Value Addition Class 6		
12.	29 October Sunday 9 AM	Test 3 (Sectional Test)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salient Features of the Indian Constitution: The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles; Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine. (a) Principal Organs of the Union Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court. (b) Principal Organs of the State Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and High Courts. Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements. Statutory Institutions/Commissions: Election Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General, Finance Commission, Union Public Service Commission, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, National Commission for Women; National Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Minorities, National Backward Classes Commission. Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes. Planning and Economic Development: Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Government and Politics – B L Fadia "The Oxford Companion to Politics in India" by Niraja Gopal Jayal and Pratap Bhanu Mehta. "Our Constitution: An Introduction to India's Constitution and Constitutional Law" by Subhash C. Kashyap. EPW Magazine articles Newspaper + Current Affairs

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics. • Party System: National and regional political parties, ideological and social bases of parties; patterns of coalition politics; Pressure groups, trends in electoral behaviour; changing socio-economic profile of Legislators. • Social Movements: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements. • Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics. • Party System: National and regional political parties, ideological and social bases of parties; patterns of coalition politics; Pressure groups, trends in electoral behaviour; changing socio-economic profile of Legislators. • Social Movements: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements. 	
13.	30 October Monday 5 PM	Discussion on Test 3		
14.	02 November Thursday 5 PM	Value Addition Class 7		
15.	03 November Friday 5 PM	Value Addition Class 8		
16.	05 November Sunday 9 AM	Test 4 (Sectional Test)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative Political Analysis and International Politics: • Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; political economy and political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method. • State in comparative perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and, advanced industrial and developing societies. • Politics of Representation and Participation: Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies. • Globalisation: Responses from developed and developing societies. • Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory. • Key concepts in International Relations: National interest, Security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalisation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IGNOU notes on Comparative Politics. • "The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations" by John Baylis, Steve Smith and Patricia Owens. • Global Politics- Andrew Heywood • "The Oxford Handbook of International Relations" by Christian Reus-Smit and Duncan Snidal.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing International Political Order: Rise of super powers; strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and Cold War; nuclear threat; Non-aligned movement: Aims and achievements; Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world. 	
17.	06 November Monday 5 PM	Discussion on Test 4		
18.	09 November Thursday 5 PM	Value Addition Class 9		
19.	10 November Friday 5 PM	Value Addition Class 10		
20.	19 November Sunday 9 AM	Test 5 (Sectional Test)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evolution of the International Economic System: From Brettonwoods to WTO; Socialist economies and the CMEA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance); Third World demand for new international economic order; Globalisation of the world economy. United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; specialized UN agencies aims and functioning; need for UN reforms. Regionalisation of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, SAARC, NAFTA. Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation. <p>India and the World:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy; institutions of policymaking; continuity and change. India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement: Different phases; current role. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India's foreign policy – V P Dutt Challenge and Strategy: Rethinking India's Foreign Policy- Rajiv Sikri Magazine – The Economist Newspapers – The Hindu, IE
21.	20 November Monday 5 PM	Discussion on Test 5		
22.	23 November Thursday 5 PM	Value Addition Class 11		
23.	24 November Friday 5 PM	Value Addition Class 12		

24.	26 November Sunday 9 AM	Test 6 (Sectional Test)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India and South Asia: Regional Co-operation: SAARC – past performance and future prospects. South Asia as a Free Trade Area. India's "Look East" policy. Impediments to regional co-operation: river water disputes; illegal crossborder migration; ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; border disputes. India and the Global South: Relations with Africa and Latin America; leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations. India and the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia. India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council. India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy. 8. Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy: India's position on the recent crisis in Afghanistan, Iraq and West Asia, growing relations with US and Israel; vision of a new world order. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Oxford Handbook of Indian Foreign Policy" by David M. Malone, C Raja Mohan and Srinath Raghvan Indian Foreign Policy: An Overview by Harsh Pant Current Affairs Newspapers – The Hindu, IE Websites – IDSA, ORF, MEA,
25.	27 November Monday 5 PM	Discussion on Test 6		
26.	03 December Sunday 9 AM	Test 7	Paper – I Full Length Test (FLT - I)	Paper - I Complete Syllabus
27.	04 December Monday 5 PM	Discussion on Test 7		
28.	10 December Sunday 9 AM	Test 8	Paper -2 Full Length Test (FLT - 2)	Paper - 2 Complete Syllabus
29.	11 December Monday 5 PM	Discussion on Test 8		
30.	17 December Sunday 9 AM	TEST	TEST 9 PAPER I – FLT	
31.	18 December Monday 5 PM	Test Discussion - 9		
32.	23 December Saturday 9 AM	TEST	TEST 10 PAPER 2 – FLT	
33.	24 December Sunday 5 PM	Test Discussion - 10		

Topper's Testimonials

I was a part of MGP at Forum IAS. Apart from this I also took Current Affairs classes for mains by Dipin Dasodhan Sir. The top notch quality of the content and the versatile perspectives I got from Sir's classes really boosted my score in GS. One on one interaction with Ayush Sir during my interview preparation helped me.

I am really grateful to Forum IAS especially Dipin Sir and Ayush Sir for their valuable inputs.



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Garima Lohia

GARIMA LOHIA
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To Forum IAS,

MGP Program helped me in simulating mine & the feedback was helpful too.

Thank you for so much efficiency & in paper checking and the elaborate feedback.



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Ishita Kishore

Ishita Kishore
AIR - 1

My name is Umaharathi. I've secured AIR 3 in UPSC CSE 2022. I was enrolled in the MGP program for General Studies and Anthropology. The analytical nature of questions helped me prepare well for the actual exam. The ranking system helped me track my progress constantly. I'm grateful for the



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