



Mains Guidance Program

for

Indian Forest Service 2026

(MGP – IFoS)

Starts: 27th September, 2026

Tests: 4 General Knowledge Tests + 2 English Test + 4 Optional Sectional Tests
each optional + 2 Optional FL Tests each optional

Optional Available: Forestry, Geology and Agriculture

Deliverables: Evaluated Tests + One to One Mentorship + Solution only for GK Tests

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Fees & Enrollment

Course	Fees
MGP - IFoS General Knowledge Tests Only	₹ 4,720/- (inclusive of taxes)
MGP - IFoS General Knowledge Tests + 1 Optional	₹ 9,440/- (inclusive of taxes)
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Test Calendar for General Knowledge

#	Date	Day	Test Code	Test Type	Syllabus	References
1	27th September 2026	Sunday	906501	Sectional Test 3 hours / 300 Marks	Indian Polity & Constitution - Political system, Preamble, Fundamental Rights, DPSP, Executive, Parliament & State Legislatures, Judiciary, Constitutional/Statutory Bodies. Indian History - Modern Indian History (Freedom Struggle), Ancient & Medieval History, Art & Culture.	Polity: - Indian Polity - M. Laxmikant - NCERT Class 11: Indian Constitution at Work History: - A Brief History of Modern India - Spectrum / Bipan Chandra - NCERT Class 11 Fine Arts (Art & Culture) - NCERTs Class 11 & 12 (History)
2	11th October 2026	Sunday	906502	Sectional Test 3 hours / 300 Marks	Indian Economy - Macroeconomic fundamentals, Planning, Agriculture, Industry, Infrastructure, Banking, Budgeting & Economic Survey. Geography - Physical Geography of India & World, Climate, Resources, Agriculture Geography, Mapping & Earth Systems.	Economy: - Indian Economy - Ramesh Singh / Nitin Singhania - NCERT Class 11 (Indian Economic Development) & Class 12 (Macroeconomics) - Latest Union Budget & Economic Survey Geography: - NCERT Class 11 & 12 (Physical & Human Geography) - Certificate Physical and Human Geography - G.C. Leong

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						• School Atlas (Orient BlackSwan / Oxford)
3	25th October 2026	Sunday	906503	Sectional Test 3 hours / 300 Marks	Environment & Ecology • Biodiversity, Climate Change, Conservation & National Parks, Environmental Legislation & International Conventions, Forestry/Ecological issues. Science & Technology • General Science in day-to-day observation, Space, Biotech, IT, Defense, Emerging Technologies.	Environment: • Environment - ForumIAS Red Book • NCERT Class 12 Biology (Last 4 chapters) • MoEFCC Reports & Current Updates Science & Tech: • NCERT Science (Classes 6 to 10) • Daily Newspapers (The Hindu / The Indian Express) - Sci-Tech section
4	1st November 2026	Sunday	906504	Full Length Test 3 hours / 300 Marks	Comprehensive Full Syllabus (Simulated Exam) • Full coverage of Polity, History, Economy, Geography, Environment, Science & Technology, and National/International Current Events.	All Subject Sources: • Standard Reference Books listed above • Monthly Current Affairs ForumIAS MGP Essential EPIC • Past 10 Years IFoS & UPSC Mains GK Questions
5	10 th October 2025	Saturday	906505	Full Length Test 3 hours / 300 Marks	General English	Complete Syllabus
6	2 nd November 2026	Monday	906506	Full Length Test 3 hours / 300 Marks	General English	Complete Syllabus

Test Calendar for Optional Subject: (8 question / 300 Marks / 3 Hours)

#	Date	Day	Test Code	Test Type
1	30th September 2026	Wednesday	907505	Sectional Test 1 Optional 1
2	4th October 2026	Sunday	908506 (G) / 909506 (A)	Sectional Test 1 Optional 2
3	7th October 2026	Wednesday	907507	Sectional Test 2 Optional 1
4	14th October 2026	Wednesday	908508 (G) / 909508 (A)	Sectional Test 2 Optional 2
5	18th October 2026	Sunday	907509	Sectional Test 3 Optional 1
6	21st October 2026	Wednesday	908510 (G) / 909510 (A)	Sectional Test 3 Optional 2
7	28th October 2026	Wednesday	907511	Sectional Test 4 Optional 1
8	4th November 2026	Wednesday	908512 (G) / 909512 (A)	Sectional Test 4 Optional 2
9	7th November 2026	Saturday	907413	Comprehensive Full Length Test 1 - Optional 1 (Forestry/Agriculture / Geology)
10	7th November 2026	Saturday	907414	Comprehensive Full Length Test 2 - - Optional 1 (Forestry/Agriculture / Geology)
11	11th November 2026	Wednesday	908415 (G) / 909415 (A)	Comprehensive Full Length Test 1 - - Optional 2 (Forestry/Agriculture / Geology)
12	11th November 2026	Wednesday	908416 (G) / 909416 (A)	Comprehensive Full Length Test 2 - - Optional 2 (Forestry/Agriculture / Geology)

*** Optional 1 is forestry | Optional 2 is choice between Agriculture and Geology**

Test Wise Syllabus Plan for Optional

Optional	Test	Syllabus	References
Forestry	Sectional Test I Optional I - PART A	Paper I - Section A (Part I): • Silviculture - General: Ecological and physiological factors influencing vegetation, natural and artificial regeneration of forests; methods of propagation, grafting techniques; site factors; nursery and planting techniques; water budgeting, grading and hardening of seedlings; special approaches; establishment and tending. • Silviculture - Systems: Clear felling, uniform shelterwood selection, coppice and conversion systems. Management of silviculture systems of temperate, subtropical, humid tropical, dry tropical and coastal tropical forests; aerial seeding, thinning. • Silviculture - Mangrove and Cold Desert: Habitat & characteristics, plantation establishment, rehabilitation of degraded mangrove formations, protection against natural disasters; Cold desert characteristics and species management.	• Principles and Practice of Silviculture – L.S. Khanna • Indian Forestry – K. Manikandan & S. Prabhu • Theory and Practice of Silvicultural Systems – Ram Prakash & L.S. Khanna
	Sectional Test 2 Optional I - PART A + B	• Silviculture of Trees: Traditional and recent advances in tropical silvicultural research and practices. Specific silviculture of economically important species: <i>Acacia catechu</i>, <i>Acacia nilotica</i>, <i>Albizia lebbek</i>, <i>Azadirachta indica</i>, <i>Bamboo</i> spp., <i>Butea monosperma</i>, <i>Cedrus deodara</i>, <i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>, <i>Eucalyptus</i> spp., <i>Shorea robusta</i>, <i>Tectona grandis</i>, <i>Terminalia tomentosa</i>, etc. • Agroforestry, Social Forestry, JFM & Tribology: Agroforestry scope, soil & water conservation, nutrient availability, pest-predator relationships, agro-ecological zones, multipurpose trees & NTFPs; Social/Urban Forestry objectives & people's participation; JFM principles, benefits & role of NGOs; Tribology: tribal scene in India, cultural traditions, participation in forestry programmes. • Forest Soils, Soil Conservation & Watershed Management: Soil classification, factors affecting formation, physical/chemical/biological properties; Erosion types, wind breaks, shelterbelts, sand dune stabilization, saline/alkaline land reclamation; Organic matter, N & C cycles, VAM;	• Silviculture of Indian Trees – H.G. Champion & S.K. Seth • An Introduction to Agroforestry – P.K.R. Nair • Indian Forestry – K. Manikandan & S. Prabhu • ForumIAS Handouts / Tribal Ministry Reports - Forest Soils – S.P. Banerjee

	Sectional Test 3 Optional I - PART B	Watershed management concepts, mini-forests, torrent & landslide control, water harvesting, ground water recharge. • Environmental Conservation and Biodiversity: Components, principles of conservation, impact of deforestation, forest fires, mining & development projects, population growth; Pollution types, global warming, greenhouse effects, acid rain, EIA, Environmental legislation. • Tree Improvement and Seed Technology: Tree improvement concepts, provenance, seed production & orchards, progeny tests, genetic testing, breeding for resistance, gene conservation (in situ & ex situ), cost-benefit ratio.	• NCERT Class XI Geography • Environmental Studies / EIA Manuals – Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change • Forest Tree Improvement – B.G. Hibberd • Indian Forestry – K. Manikandan & S. Prabhu
	Sectional Test 4 Optional I Paper 2 Full Coverage	• Forest Management, Working Plans, Mensuration & Remote Sensing: Yield regulation, rotation, normal forest, working plan preparation; Tree measurement, volume estimation, GIS, GPS, remote sensing applications. • Forest Utilization, Protection, Economics & Legislation: Wood seasoning/preservation, NTFPs, wildlife biology, Forest Protection (fires/pests), IFA 1927, WPA 1972, FRA 2006, National Forest Policies.	• Forest Management – Ram Prakash • Forest Mensuration – L.S. Khanna • Indian Forestry – K. Manikandan & S. Prabhu • Bare Acts (IFA 1927, WPA 1972, FRA 2006)
	Comprehensive Full Length Test 1	Complete Syllabus: Paper-I	• All primary references for Paper I (Tests 1–6)
	Comprehensive Full Length Test 2	Complete Syllabus: Paper-II	• All primary references for Paper II (Test 7)

Geology	Sectional Test I Optional I - PART A	General Geology: Solar system, meteorites, origin/interior of earth, radioactivity & age of earth, volcanoes, earthquakes & seismicity of India, island arcs, trenches, mid-ocean ridges, continental drift, seafloor spreading, plate tectonics, isostasy, orogeny/epeirogeny. Geomorphology & Remote Sensing: Weathering/mass wasting, landforms, geomorphic cycles, morphology & lithology, applications, remote sensing, EM spectrum, aerial photo interpretation, GIS & GPS. Structural Geology: Geologic mapping, projection diagrams, stress-strain analysis, deformation, folds/faults classification, foliations, lineations, joints, unconformities, superposed deformation, petro-fabrics.	• Principles of Physical Geology by A. Holmes • A Textbook of Geology by P.K. Mukherjee • Remote Sensing and GIS by Basudeb Bhatta • Structural Geology by M.P. Billings / Haakon Fossen
	Sectional Test 2 Optional I - PART B	Paleontology: Species concept, mega/microfossils, preservation modes, paleoclimatic/paleoceanographic applications, Cephalopoda, Trilobita, Brachiopoda, Echinoidea, Anthozoa, evolutionary trends (Hominidae, Equidae, Proboscidae), Siwalik fauna, Gondwana flora. Stratigraphy & Geology of India: Stratigraphic units (litho, bio, chrono), Precambrian rocks of India, Phanerozoic rocks & economic importance, boundary problems (Precambrian/Cambrian, P/T, K/T, Pliocene/Pleistocene), Himalayan evolution. Hydrogeology & Engineering Geology: Hydrologic cycle, aquifers, porosity, permeability, groundwater chemistry, salt water intrusion, recharge, rainwater harvesting, engineering properties of rocks, dams/tunnels/bridges investigation, landslides, earthquake-resistant structures.	• Paleontology (Invertebrate) by H. Woods / R.M. Black • Geology of India (Vol I & 2) by M.S. Krishnan / R. Vaidyanadhan & M. Ramakrishnan • Groundwater Hydrology by D.K. Todd • Engineering and General Geology by Parbin Singh

	Sectional Test 3 Optional I - PART A	Mineralogy: Crystallography (systems, symmetry, projection diagrams, defects, X-ray), optical mineralogy (microscope, pleochroism, extinction, birefringence, dispersion), silicates classification, rock-forming minerals (igneous, metamorphic, carbonate, phosphate, sulphide, halide). Igneous & Metamorphic Petrology: Magma generation, crystallization systems (albite-anorthite, diopside-anorthite, diopside-wollastonite-silica), reaction principle, magmatic differentiation, petrography/petrogenesis of granite, syenite, diorite, basic/ultrabasic, charnockite, Deccan volcanics. Metamorphic grades/zones, phase rule, ACF/AKF diagrams, textures/structures, migmatites, granulite terrains. Sedimentology: Processes of formation, diagenesis, lithification, clastic/non-clastic classification, depositional environments, sedimentary facies, sedimentary structures, heavy minerals, sedimentary basins of India.	• Optical Mineralogy by P.F. Kerr • Concise Mineralogy by William D. Nesse • Principles of Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology by Anthony Philpotts / John D. Winter • Sedimentology and Stratigraphy by Gary Nichols / Sam Boggs Jr.
	Sectional Test 4 Optional I - PART B	Economic Geology: Ore minerals & gangue, tenor of ore, processes of formation, ore localization, textures/structures, metallogenic epochs/provinces, Indian deposits (Al, Cr, Cu, Au, Fe, Pb-Zn, Mn, Ti, U, Th), coal & petroleum, National Mineral Policy, marine mineral resources, Law of Sea. Mining Geology: Prospecting methods (geological, geophysical, geochemical, geobotanical), sampling, reserve estimation, mining methods, mineral beneficiation & ore dressing. Geochemistry & Environmental Geology: Cosmic abundance, earth composition, trace elements, crystal chemistry, polymorphism, elementary thermodynamics, natural hazards (floods, landslides, coastal erosion, volcanism), environmental impact of mining/waste, water pollution, protection legislation.	• Economic Geology by Umeshwar Prasad / Bateman • Courses in Mining Geology by R.N.P. Arogyaswamy • Principles of Geochemistry by Brian Mason • Environmental Geology by Edward A. Keller

	Comprehensive Full Length Test 1	FLT I — Paper I Complete Syllabus Section A: General Geology, Geomorphology & Remote Sensing, Structural Geology Section B: Paleontology, Stratigraphy & Geology of India, Hydrogeology & Engineering Geology	• Standard Textbooks for Paper I (Holmes, Billings, Woods, Krishnan, Todd, Parbin Singh)
	Comprehensive Full Length Test 2	FLT 2 — Paper II Complete Syllabus Section A: Mineralogy, Igneous & Metamorphic Petrology, Sedimentology Section B: Economic Geology, Mining Geology, Geochemistry & Environmental Geology	• Standard Textbooks for Paper II (Nesse, Winter, Boggs, Umeshwar Prasad, Mason, Keller)
Agriculture	Sectional Test I Optional I - PART A	Ecology, Environment & Soil Science: Physical/social environment, agro-climatic zones, cropping patterns, high-yielding/short-duration varieties, forestry/agroforestry systems. Weeds & their management. Soil physical/chemical properties, organic constituents, essential plant nutrients, soil fertility, nutrient management (N, P, K fixation/loss), problem soils & reclamation.	• Principles of Agronomy – Y. Reddi • Introductory Soil Science – D.K. Das / D.K. Biswas • TNAU Agronomy Portal Notes
	Sectional Test 2 Optional I - PART B	Water Management, Farm Management & Extension: Watershed management, erosion/run-off management, dryland agriculture, water-use efficiency, irrigation scheduling/methods (drip/sprinkler), drainage. Farm management, budgeting, systems of farming. Marketing, agricultural pricing, co-operatives. Agricultural extension, evaluation methods, extension programs (lab-to-land).	• Principles of Agronomy – Y. Reddi • Agricultural Extension – G.L. Ray • Agricultural Economics – Subba Reddy
	Sectional Test 3 Optional I - PART A	Genetics, Plant Breeding & Seed Technology: Cell theory, organelles, cell division, nucleic acids. Laws of heredity, chromosome structure, aberrations, linkage/crossing over. Mutations, polyploidy, heritability, sterility/incompatibility. Plant breeding methods (pureline, pedigree, mass, recurrent, hybrid vigor), disease/pest resistance breeding, biotechnology in crop improvement. Seed technology, processing, and public/private roles.	• Genetics – B.D. Singh • Plant Breeding – B.D. Singh • Seed Technology – R.L. Agarwal

	Sectional Test 4 Optional I - PART B	Plant Physiology, Horticulture, Plant Protection & Nutrition: Imbibition, osmosis, transpiration, photosynthesis (C3, C4, CAM), respiration, enzymes. Growth regulators, seed germination, dormancy. Cultivation of major fruits, vegetables, flowers. Post-harvest management, preservation techniques. Pests and diseases of crops, IPM, pesticides. Food production/consumption trends, food security, national policies.	• Plant Physiology – V. Verma / Pandey & Sinha • Essentials of Horticulture – D. Singh • Entomology & Pathology Notes / ICAR Handbook
	Comprehensive Full Length Test I	Complete Syllabus: Paper-I	Standard reference books for Paper-I + Current Economic Survey (Agri chapter) & Government Schemes
	Comprehensive Full Length Test 2	Complete Syllabus: Paper-II	Standard reference books for Paper-II + Latest crop production data & National Food Security policies