

# GS Mains

## Test Series 2017



### TEST HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ 12 tests, including 8 sectional and 4 mock tests.
- ▶ There are 8 sectional tests. Idea is to cover the entire subject in its length and breadth.
- ▶ Questions would be designed to judge the candidates' conceptual and interdisciplinary approach more than the factual knowledge. Through 8 sectional tests we can touch each and every aspect of the subjects.
- ▶ 4 Mock tests on each Paper will be conducted on the pattern of UPSC
- ▶ **Answer Hints are designed in three parts.**
  - Key Concepts
  - Model Answer
  - Supplementary reading related to key concepts.
- ▶ **Detailed Discussion for sectional test will be conducted following the test.**
- ▶ One to One discussion with respective faculties after copy evaluation.
- ▶ Discussion classes are designed in such a way that they can provide value addition on the inter-related topics of the respective test. It also includes answer writing approach for every paper.
- ▶ Copy evaluation and feedback system is designed to provide relevant insights and feedback to each candidate as per his/her performance.
- ▶ Evaluation will be done in two week's time.
- ▶ Note: Classroom discussion will be conducted only for sectional test.

### PROGRAMME

12 Tests

Rs. 12,500/- + GST

Test Starts: 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

Test Timings: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Discussion: Same day after the test

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**TEST SCHEDULE - Programme - 1****TEST - 1****11 August, 2017****Indian Polity & Governance****Indian Polity**

- ▶ Indian Constitution-historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.
- ▶ Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries
- ▶ Parliament and State Legislatures - structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.
- ▶ Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies
- ▶ Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.

**Governance**

- ▶ Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
- ▶ Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.
- ▶ Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance-applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.
- ▶ Role of civil services in a democracy.

**TEST - 2****18 August, 2017****Ethics - 1**

- ▶ Ethics: 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.
- ▶ 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.

**TEST - 3****25 August, 2017****Indian Economy Agriculture****Indian Economy**

- ▶ Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.
- ▶ Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.
- ▶ Government Budgeting.
- ▶ Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.
- ▶ Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.
- ▶ Investment models.
- ▶ Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.

**Agriculture**

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.
- ▶ Land reforms in India.

**TEST - 4****1 September, 2017**

## **International Relations + Internal Security**

### **International Relations**

- ▶ India and its neighborhood relations.
- ▶ Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests
- ▶ Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian Diaspora.

### **Internal Security**

- ▶ Linkages between development and spread of extremism.
- ▶ Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.
- ▶ 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
- ▶ Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism
- ▶ Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate

**TEST - 5****8 September, 2017**

## **Ethics - 2**

- ▶ *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.
- ▶ *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.
- ▶ *Attitude:* content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.
- ▶ *Emotional intelligence-*concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.
- ▶ Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world.

**TEST - 6****15 September, 2017****Indian Society + Social Justice****Indian Society**

- ▶ 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.

**Social Justice**

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.
- ▶ Issues relating to poverty and hunger.

**TEST - 7****22 September, 2017****Geography & Disaster Management + Science and Environment****Geography**

- ▶ Salient features of world's physical geography.
- ▶ Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian subcontinent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India)
- ▶ 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.

**Disaster Management**

- ▶ Disaster and Disaster Management.

**Science - Tech.**

- ▶ Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life
- ▶ Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.
- ▶ Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.

**Environment**

- ▶ Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.

**TEST - 8****29 September, 2017****History****Culture and Modern India**

- ▶ Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
- ▶ 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.

**Post-Independence**

- ▶ Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.

**World History**

- ▶ History of the world will include events from 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redrawing of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.- their forms and effect on the society.

**Full Mock****6 October, 2017****Paper 1 & Paper 2****Full Mock****7 October, 2017****Paper 3 & Paper 4**

## Procedure for Online Test

- You will get a login id and a password to access your account on the website. Test will be available on the scheduled date in your account in pdf format.
- Evaluated answer sheets with proper feedback, comment, and guidance along with the paper analysis based on difficulty level & nature of questions will be sent back to students by email within 15 days after receiving the answer sheet.
- Detailed model answers' hint along with supplementary information on the topics asked in tests will be provided.
- Evaluation will be based on micro-performance analysis of students.
- Video session of the post-test discussion would also be provided along with the model answers' hint.

## Online-Classroom Flexi Format

- Flexible module for aspirants joining classroom test or online test.
- Tests can be taken after the schedule date too.
- Classroom students can write the test on every any day between 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. at our centre after the scheduled date.
- Discussion video access will be provided to them on the website.
- Online students, if in Delhi, can write the test at our centre and attend the discussion session.
- Integrated ranking can only be provided for the top 100 students among those, who take test on the schedule date.
- Evaluated test paper will be given back within 15 days of receiving the test.
- Toppers' softcopy will be provided in your account on our website.