

***Officers' IAS
Academy's –
Mains 2023 Test Series***

Mains Test Schema:

| Paper | No. of Tests |
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| Sectional Tests | 8 |
| Full GS 1 | 3 |
| Full GS 2 | 3 |
| Full GS 3 | 3 |
| Full GS 4 | 3 |
| Essay | 5 |
| Optional | 10 |
| Language | 2 |
| Total | 37 |

NOTE:

- Students will take all the Mains tests (GS, Optionals, Essay) in the following format:
 - Total time allotted: 3 Hours
 - Type of Exam: Detailed Answer writing
 - Maximum Marks: 250 Marks

Full-Length GS Mains Test

| Test No | Date | Paper | Subject | Syllabus |
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| 1 | 09.06.2023 | GS - 1 | HISTORY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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, and issues. ▪ The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country. ▪ Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country. ▪ History of the world will include events from the 18th century such as the industrial revolution, world wars, re-drawal of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism, etc.— their forms and effect on the society |
| 2 | 16.06.2023 | GS - 2 | POLITY, GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 disputes 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 ▪ 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. ▪ Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions, and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies. ▪ Statutory, regulatory, and various quasi-judicial bodies. ▪ 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. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Role of Civil Services in a Democracy |
| 3 | 23.06.2023 | GS - 1 / GS - 3 | GEOGRAPHY & DISASTER MANAGEMENT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Salient features of the 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, cyclones 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 and disaster management. |
| 4 | 30.06.2023 | GS - 3 | ECONOMY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization, of resources, growth, development and employment. Inclusive growth and issues arising from it. Government Budgeting. ▪ 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. ▪ 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. |
| 5 | 07.07.2023 | GS - 1 / GS - 2 | SOCIETY & SOCIAL JUSTICE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. ▪ 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 the development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources. ▪ Issues relating to poverty and hunger. |

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| 6 | 14.07.2023 | GS - 3 | ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. ▪ Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment. |
| 7 | 21.07.2023 | GS - 2 / GS - 3 | INTERNATIONAL RRFELATIONS & INTERNAL SECURITY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ India and its neighbourhood- 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. ▪ Important International institutions, agencies, and fora- their structure, and mandate. ▪ 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, the 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. |
| 8 | 28.07.2023 | GS - 4 | ETHICS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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; the role of family society and educational institutions in inculcating values. ▪ Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion. ▪ 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. ▪ Emotional intelligence concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance. ▪ Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world. ▪ 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 |

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| | | | <p>governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance; ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. ▪ Case Studies on the above issues. |
| 9 | 04.08.2023 | GS - 1 | COMPLETE SYLLABUS - UPSC PATTERN |
| 10 | 11.08.2023 | GS - 2 | COMPLETE SYLLABUS - UPSC PATTERN |
| 11 | 18.08.2023 | GS - 3 | COMPLETE SYLLABUS - UPSC PATTERN |
| 12 | 25.08.2023 | GS - 4 | COMPLETE SYLLABUS - UPSC PATTERN |
| 13 | 01.09.2023 | GS - 1 | COMPLETE SYLLABUS - UPSC PATTERN |
| 14 | | GS - 2 | COMPLETE SYLLABUS - UPSC PATTERN |
| 15 | 02.09.2023 | GS - 3 | COMPLETE SYLLABUS - UPSC PATTERN |
| 16 | | GS - 4 | COMPLETE SYLLABUS - UPSC PATTERN |
| 17 | 08.09.2023 | GS - 1 | COMPLETE SYLLABUS - UPSC PATTERN |
| 18 | | GS - 2 | COMPLETE SYLLABUS - UPSC PATTERN |
| 19 | 09.09.2023 | GS - 3 | COMPLETE SYLLABUS - UPSC PATTERN |
| 20 | | GS - 4 | COMPLETE SYLLABUS - UPSC PATTERN |

Full-Length Optional Test Schedule

| Test No | Date | Optional Paper | Syllabus |
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| 1 | 13.06.2023 | Paper 1 | Paper 1 - Part 1 |
| 2 | 27.06.2023 | Paper 1 | Paper 1 - Part 2 |
| 3 | 11.07.2023 | Paper 1 | Paper 1 - Part 3 |
| 4 | 25.07.2023 | Paper 2 | Paper 2 - Part 1 |
| 5 | 08.08.2023 | Paper 2 | Paper 2 - Part 2 |
| 6 | 22.08.2023 | Paper 2 | Paper 2 - Part 3 |
| 7 | 29.08.2023 | Paper 1 | COMPLETE SYLLABUS - UPSC PATTERN |
| 8 | | Paper 2 | COMPLETE SYLLABUS - UPSC PATTERN |
| 9 | 05.09.2023 | Paper 1 | COMPLETE SYLLABUS - UPSC PATTERN |
| 10 | | Paper 2 | COMPLETE SYLLABUS - UPSC PATTERN |

Full-Length Essay Test Schedule

| S. No. | Date | Essay Paper |
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| 1 | 20.06.2023 | Test 1 |
| 2 | 04.07.2023 | Test 2 |
| 3 | 18.07.2023 | Test 3 |
| 4 | 01.08.2023 | Test 4 |
| 5 | 15.08.2023 | Test 5 |

Compulsory Language Paper Test

| S. No. | Date | Essay Paper |
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| 1 | 19.08.2023 | Test 1 |
| 2 | 26.08.2023 | Test 2 |