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TEST SCHEDULE & SYLLABUS

TEST NUMBER	DATE	Topics covered /Syllabus	References/ materials
<u>TEST 1</u>	November 5 2017	<u>Post-Independence India,</u> ➤ Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.	* Detailed reference will be provided in user dashboard after login
<u>TEST 2</u>	November 15 2017	<u>Geography of the World</u> ❖ Salient features of world's physical geography. ❖ 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). ❖ 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.	*
<u>TEST 3</u>	December 3 2017	<u>Environment</u> ➔ Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment. ➔ Disaster & disaster management.	*


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<u>TEST 4</u>	December 20 2017	<u>SECURITY</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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. 	*
<u>TEST 5</u>	January 5 2018	<u>International relations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 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. ➔ Important International institutions, agencies and fora-their structure, mandate. 	*
<u>TEST 6</u>	January 22 2018	<u>Governance</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Important aspects of governance, justice and transparency and accountability. ❖ e-governance, applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; ❖ Citizens charters, transparency & accountability & institutional and other measures. ❖ Role of civil services in a democracy. 	*

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<u>TEST 7</u>	February 4 2018	<u>Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behavior; 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. • 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. 	*
<u>TEST 8</u>	February 20 2018	<u>Society</u> <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. 	*
<u>TEST 9</u>	March 2 2018	<u>World History</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	*

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<u>TEST 10</u>	March 20 2018	<p><u>POLITY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functions and responsibilities of the Union Constitution of India 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. • 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. • Salient features of the Representation of People's Act. • Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies. 	*
<u>TEST 11</u>	April 9 2018	<p><u>Indian Heritage and Culture, History including Freedom Struggle</u></p> <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 present- significant events, personalities, issues. • The Freedom Struggle- its various stages and important contributors/ contributions from different parts of the country. 	*

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<u>TEST 12</u>	April 16 2018	<p><u>Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude</u></p> <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; role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values. • 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. • 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 . 	*
<u>TEST 13</u>	April 27 2018	<p><u>Constitution</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and Constitution of basic structure. • Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries • Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies. 	*

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<u>TEST 14</u>	May 9 2018	<u>Economic Development</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Budgeting & Land reforms in India • 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. 	*
<u>TEST 15</u>	June 6 2018	<u>SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY</u> <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. 	*
<u>TEST 16</u>	June 15 2018	<u>Economic Development</u> <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. • Budget analysis • 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. 	*

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<u>TEST 17</u>	June 26 2018	<u>SOCIAL JUSTICE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders . • Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation. • 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 related to poverty & Hunger. 	
<u>TEST 18</u>	July 4 2018	<u>FULL LENGTH TEST 1 -GS-1</u> Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society .	Static + Important questions from MASTER 2018 series
<u>TEST 19</u>	July 15 2018	<u>FULL LENGTH TEST 1 – GS-2</u> Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations	Static + Important questions from MASTER 2018 series
<u>TEST 20</u>	July 24 2018	<u>FULL LENGTH TEST 1 – GS-3</u> Technology, Economic Development ,Bio diversity-Environment, Security and Disaster Management	Static + Important questions from MASTER 2018 series
<u>TEST 21</u>	August 2 2018	<u>FULL LENGTH TEST 1 – GS-4</u> Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude	Static + Important questions from MASTER 2018 series
<u>TEST 22</u>	August 13 2018	<u>FULL LENGTH TEST 1 -GS-1</u> Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society	Static + Important questions from MASTER 2018 series

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<u>TEST 23</u>	August 22 2018	<u>FULL LENGTH TEST 1 – GS-2</u> Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations	Static + Important questions from MASTER 2018 series
<u>TEST 24</u>	September 1 2018	<u>FULL LENGTH TEST 1 – GS-3</u> Technology, Economic Development ,Bio diversity-Environment, Security and Disaster Management	Static + Important questions from MASTER 2018 series
<u>TEST 25</u>	September 15 2018	<u>FULL LENGTH TEST 1 – GS-4</u> Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude	Static + Important questions from MASTER 2018 series

How we evaluate your answer?

Our team uses their experience for review and suggestions. Still we have standard guidelines.

	<u>Evaluation benchmarks</u>
1	Structure – alignment and Presentation
2	Introduction as per question demands.
3	Understanding of question
4	Content and context
5	Conclusion as per question demands.

Users will be provided with explanation of question KEYWORDS and approach to normal questions. We will also provide model answers for reference and comparison.