

ANSWER WRITING MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

ANTHROPOLOGY **Q&A**

COMPLETE SYLLABUS *through*
**CONCEPT CLASSES, ANSWER WRITING
& MENTORSHIP**



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**PROGRAM
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17,000 +GST

✓ Approach & Trend Analysis Sessions for Paper I & II

✓ 65+ Hrs (44 Sessions) of Classes for Concept Building

✓ 3 Level of Tests for Gradual Improvement

- 18 Topical Tests (10 Questions)
 - 02 Sectional Tests (20 questions)
 - 04 Full Mock Tests
- (As per UPSC standard)

✓ 9+ Hrs (18 Sessions) of PYQs Discussion

✓ 36+ Hrs of Topical Test Discussion and Post-Test Mentorship Sessions for Marks Improvement



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PROGRAMME FEATURES

01

APPROACH & TREND ANALYSIS SESSIONS

It will focus on orienting the students with Paper 1 & 2 and the methodology required as per the demands of the UPSC.

02

CONCEPT BUILDING & ANSWER WRITING APPROACH

65+ Hrs Emphasis on Conceptual building, clarity and Answer Writing Approach for Paper 1 & 2.

03

COMPLETE ANTHROPOLOGY SYLLABUS COVERAGE

Through 24+ Tests & 250+ Questions, entire Anthropology Syllabus will be covered.

04

PERSONALISED MENTORSHIP

The Post-Test Mentorship Session will be conducted after each Topical Test for conceptual clarity, marks improvement and personalized feedback.

05

PYQs DISCUSSION

Topic-wise PYQ Discussions to under the trend of a particular topic.

06

ANSWER WRITING PRACTICE SKILLING

Designed to enhance the skill of articulating answer in sync with the conceptual requirement of the question.

07

GRADUAL ASSESSMENT & IMPROVEMENT

For gradual improvement and revision, the programme is divided into Topical Tests, Sectional Tests and Full Mock Tests.

SESSION PLAN

SESSIONS/DATE	TOPICS & SUB-TOPICS
APPROACH CLASS: 01 20 JUNE, 2024	Approach to Anthropology Optional (Paper 1)
APPROACH CLASS: 02 20 JUNE, 2024	Approach to Anthropology Optional (Paper 2)
TOPICAL ANALYSIS 20 JUNE, 2024	Approach to Anthropology Optional (Paper 2)
PAPER 1: SECTION-A (Socio Cultural Anthropology)	
CONCEPT CLASS: 01 21 JUNE, 2024	2.1 The Nature of Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The concept and characteristics of culture and civilization ◦ Ethnocentrism vis-à-vis cultural Relativism
CONCEPT CLASS: 02 21 JUNE, 2024	2.2 The Nature of Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Concept of Society ◦ Society and culture ◦ Social Institution ◦ Social groups ◦ Social stratification
PYQ 22 JUNE, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-1
TOPICAL TEST 23 JUNE, 2024	Topical Test - 1

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CONCEPT CLASS: 03 24 JUNE, 2024	2.3 Marriage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition and universality; Laws of marriage (endogamy, exogamy, hypergamy, hypogamy, incest taboo); Types of marriage (monogamy, polygamy, polyandry, group marriage) Functions of marriage; Marriage regulations (preferential, prescriptive and proscriptive); Marriage payments (bride wealth and dowry)
CONCEPT CLASS: 04 25 JUNE, 2024	2.4 Family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition and universality; Family, household and domestic groups; functions of family; Types of family (from the perspectives of structure, blood relation, marriage, residence and succession) Impact of urbanization, industrialization and feminist movements on family.
PYQ 28 JUNE, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-2
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 29 JUNE, 2024	Mentorship Session: 01
TOPICAL TEST 30 JUNE, 2024	Topical Test - 2
CONCEPT CLASS: 05 01 JULY, 2024	2.5 Kinship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consanguinity and Affinity; Principles and types of descent (Unilineal, Double, Bilateral, Ambilineal); Forms of descent groups (lineage, clan, phratry, moiety and kindred) Kinship terminology (descriptive and classificatory);

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Descent, Filiation and Complimentary Filiation; ◦ Descent and Alliance.
CONCEPT CLASS: 06 02 JULY, 2024	3. Economic Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Meaning, scope and relevance of economic anthropology; ◦ Formalist and Substantivist debate; Principles governing production, distribution and exchange (reciprocity, redistribution and market), in communities, subsisting on hunting and gathering, fishing, swiddening, pastoralism, horticulture, and agriculture; ◦ globalization and indigenous economic systems.
PYQ 05 JULY, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-3
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 06 JULY, 2024	Mentorship Session: 02
TOPICAL TEST 07 JULY, 2024	Topical Test - 3
CONCEPT CLASS: 07 08 JULY, 2024	4. Political organization and Social Control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Band, tribe, chiefdom, kingdom and state; ◦ concepts of power, authority and legitimacy; social control, law and justice in simple societies.
CONCEPT CLASS: 08 09 JULY, 2024	5. Religion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Anthropological approaches to the study of religion (evolutionary, psychological and functional); ◦ monotheism and polytheism; sacred and profane; myths and rituals; Forms of religion in tribal and peasant societies (animism, animatism, fetishism, naturism and totemism);

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Religion, magic and science distinguished; Magico-religious functionaries (priest, shaman, medicine man, sorcerer and witch)
PYQ 12 JULY, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-4
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 13 JULY, 2024	Mentorship Session: 03
TOPICAL TEST 14 JULY, 2024	Topical Test - 4
CONCEPT CLASS: 09 15 JULY, 2024	6. Anthropological Theories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classical evolutionism (Tylor, Morgan and Frazer) Historical particularism (Boas); Diffusionism (British, German and American) Neo - evolutionism (Childe, White, Steward, Sahlins and Service)
CONCEPT CLASS: 10 16 JULY, 2024	6. Anthropological Theories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functionalism (Malinowski); Structural-functionism (Radcliffe-Brown) Structuralism (L'evi - Strauss and E. Leach) Culture and personality (Benedict, Mead, Linton, Kardiner and Cora - du Bois)
CONCEPT CLASS: 11 17 JULY, 2024	6. Anthropological Theories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural materialism (Harris) Symbolic and interpretive theories (Turner, Schneider and Geertz) Cognitive theories (Tyler, Conklin) Post- modernism in anthropology
PYQ 19 JULY, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-5

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POST TEST MENTORSHIP 20 JULY, 2024	Mentorship Session: 04
TOPICAL TEST 21 JULY, 2024	Topical Test - 5
CONCEPT CLASS: 12 22 JULY, 2024	7. Culture, language and communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Nature, origin and characteristics of language; ◦ verbal and nonverbal communication; ◦ social context of language use.
CONCEPT CLASS: 13 23 JULY, 2024	8. Research Methods in Anthropology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Fieldwork tradition in Anthropology ◦ Distinction between technique, method and methodology ◦ Tools of data collection: observation, interview, schedules, questionnaire, Case study, genealogy, lifehistory, oral history, secondary sources of information, participatory methods. ◦ Analysis, interpretation and presentation of data.
PYQ 26 JULY, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-6
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 27 JULY, 2024	Mentorship Session: 05
TOPICAL TEST 28 JULY, 2024	Topical Test - 6
PAPER 1: SECTION-B (PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY)	
CONCEPT CLASS: 14 29 JULY, 2024	1.4 Human Evolution and emergence of Man (a) Biological and Cultural factors in human evolution.

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	<p>(b) Theories of Organic Evolution (Pre Darwinian, Darwinian and Post-Darwinian).</p> <p>(c) Synthetic theory of evolution; Brief outline of terms and concepts of evolutionary biology (Doll's rule, Cope's rule, Gause's rule, parallelism, convergence, adaptive radiation, and mosaic evolution).</p>
CONCEPT CLASS: 15 30 JULY, 2024	1.5 Primates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Characteristics of Primates; Evolutionary Trend and Primate Taxonomy; Primate ◦ Adaptations; (Arboreal & Terrestrial) Primate Taxonomy; Primate Behaviour; Tertiary & Quaternary fossil primates; ◦ Living Major Primates; ◦ Comparative Anatomy of Man and Apes; ◦ Skeletal changes due to erect posture and its implications.
CONCEPT CLASS: 16 31 JULY, 2024	1.6 Phylogenetic status, characteristics and geographical distribution of the following: <p>(d) Plio-pleistocene hominids in South and East Africa - Australopithecines.</p> <p>(e) Homo erectus: Africa (Paranthropus), Europe (Homo erectus heidelbergensis), Asia (Homo erectus javanicus, Homo erectus pekinensis).</p> <p>(f) Neanderthal Man- La-Chapelle-auxsaints (Classical type), Mt. Carmel (Progressive type).</p> <p>(g) Rhodesian man.</p> <p>(h) Homo sapiens – Cromagnon, Grimaldi and Chancelade.</p>
PYQ 02 AUGUST, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-7

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POST TEST MENTORSHIP 03 AUGUST, 2024	Mentorship Session: 06
TOPICAL TEST 04 AUGUST, 2024	Topical Test - 7
CONCEPT CLASS: 17 05 AUGUST, 2024	9.1 Human Genetics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methods and Application: Methods for study of genetic principles in man-family study (pedigree analysis, twin study, foster child, co-twin method, cytogenetic method, chromosomal and karyo-type analysis), biochemical methods, immunological methods, D.N.A. technology and recombinant technologies.
CONCEPT CLASS: 18 06 AUGUST, 2024	9.2 Mendelian Genetics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mendelian genetics in man-family study, single factor, multifactor, lethal, sublethal and polygenic inheritance in man.
CONCEPT CLASS: 19 07 AUGUST, 2024	9.3 Genetic Polymorphism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concept of genetic polymorphism and selection, Mendelian population, Hardy Weinberg law; causes and changes which bring down frequency – mutation, isolation, migration, selection, inbreeding and genetic drift. Consanguineous and non-consanguineous mating, genetic load, genetic effect of consanguineous and cousin marriages.
PYQ 09 AUGUST, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-8
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 10 AUGUST, 2024	Mentorship Session: 07

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TOPICAL TEST 11 AUGUST, 2024	Topical Test - 8
CONCEPT CLASS: 20 12 AUGUST, 2024	9.4 Chromosomes and Chromosomal Aberrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Numerical and structural aberrations (disorders). (j) Sex chromosomal aberrations – Klinefelter (XXY), Turner (XO), Super female (XXX), intersex and other syndromic disorders. (k) Autosomal aberrations – Down syndrome, Patau, Edward and Cri-du-chat syndromes. (l) Genetic imprints in human disease, genetic screening, genetic counseling, human DNA profiling, gene mapping and genome study.
CONCEPT CLASS: 21 13 AUGUST, 2024	9.5 Race and Racism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Race and racism, biological basis of morphological variation of non-metric and metric ◦ characters. Racial criteria, racial traits in relation to heredity and environment; biological ◦ basis of racial classification, racial differentiation and race crossing in man.
CONCEPT CLASS: 22 14 AUGUST, 2024	9.6 Genetic Markers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Age, sex and population variation as genetic marker- ABO, Rh blood groups, HLA Hp, transferrin, Gm, blood enzymes. Physiological characteristics-Hb level, body fat, pulse rate, respiratory functions and sensory perceptions in different cultural and socioeconomic groups.
PYQ 16 AUGUST, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-9
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 17 AUGUST, 2024	Mentorship Session: 08

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TOPICAL TEST 18 AUGUST, 2024	Topical Test - 9
CONCEPT CLASS: 23 19 AUGUST, 2024	9.7 Ecological Anthropology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concepts and methods of Ecological Anthropology. Bio-cultural Adaptations – desert, cold, high altitude climate. Genetic and Non- genetic factors. Man's physiological responses to environmental stresses: hot
CONCEPT CLASS: 24 20 AUGUST, 2024	9.8 Epidemiological Anthropology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and disease. Infectious and non-infectious diseases. Nutritional deficiency related diseases.
CONCEPT CLASS: 25 21 AUGUST, 2024	12. Applications of Anthropology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anthropology of sports, Nutritional anthropology, Anthropology in designing of defence and other equipments, Forensic Anthropology, Methods and principles of personal identification and reconstruction, Applied human genetics – Paternity diagnosis, genetic counseling and eugenics, DNA technology in diseases and medicine, serogenetics and cytogenetics in reproductive biology.
PYQ 23 AUGUST, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-10
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 24 AUGUST, 2024	Mentorship Session: 09
TOPICAL TEST 25 AUGUST, 2024	Topical Test - 10

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CONCEPT CLASS: 26 26 AUGUST, 2024	10. Human Growth and development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Concept of human growth and development: stages of growth - pre-natal, natal, infant, childhood, adolescence, maturity, senescence. ◦ Factors affecting growth and development genetic, environmental, biochemical, nutritional, cultural and socio-economic. ◦ Ageing and senescence. Theories and observations - biological and chronological longevity. Human physique and somato-types. Methodologies for growth studies.
CONCEPT CLASS: 27 27 AUGUST, 2024	11 Bioevents to fertility, Demographic Theories 11.1 Relevance of menarche, menopause and other bioevents to fertility. Fertility patterns and differentials. 11.2 Demographic theories- biological, social and cultural. 11.3 Biological and socio-ecological factors influencing fecundity, fertility, natality and mortality.
PYQ 30 AUGUST, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-11
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 31 AUGUST, 2024	Mentorship Session: 10
TOPICAL TEST 01 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Topical Test - 11
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 07 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Mentorship Session: 11
SECTIONAL TEST 08 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Sectional Test: 01 – Paper. 01

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PAPER 2: SECTION-A (INDIAN ANTHROPOLOGY)	
CONCEPT CLASS: 28 09 SEPTEMBER, 2024	1.1 Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prehistoric (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Neolithic Chalcolithic). Protohistoric (Indus Civilization): PreHarappan, Harappan and postHarappan cultures. Contributions of tribal cultures to Indian civilization. 1.2 Palaeo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anthropological evidences from India with special reference to Siwaliks and Narmada basin (Ramapithecus, Sivapithecus & Narmada Man).
CONCEPT CLASS: 29 10 SEPTEMBER, 2024	1.3 Ethno-archaeology in India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The concept of ethno-archaeology; Survivals and Parallels among the hunting, foraging, fishing, pastoral & peasant communities Including arts and crafts producing communities.
PYQ 13 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-12
TOPICAL TEST 15 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Topical Test - 12
CONCEPT CLASS: 30 16 SEPTEMBER, 2024	2. Demographic profile of India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethnic and linguistic elements in the Indian population and their distribution. Indian population – factors influencing its structure & growth.
CONCEPT CLASS: 31 17 SEPTEMBER, 2024	3.1 The structure and nature of traditional Indian Social System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varnashram, Purushartha, Karma, Rina & Rebirth.

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CONCEPT CLASS: 32 18 SEPTEMBER, 2024	3.2 Caste system in India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ structure and characteristics, Varna and caste, Theories of origin of caste system, Dominant caste, Caste mobility, Future of caste system, Jajmani system, Tribe- caste continuum.
PYQ 20 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-13
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 21 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Mentorship Session: 12
TOPICAL TEST 22 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Topical Test - 13
CONCEPT CLASS: 33 23 SEPTEMBER, 2024	3.3 Sacred Complex & Nature- Man- Spirit Complex 3.4 Impact of - Buddhism, Jainism, Islam and Christianity on Indian society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sacred Complex & Nature- Man- Spirit Complex ◦ Impact of - Buddhism, Jainism, Islam and Christianity on Indian society
CONCEPT CLASS: 34 24 SEPTEMBER, 2024	4. Emergence and growth of anthropology in India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Contributions of the 18th, 19th and early 20th Century scholar-administrators. ◦ Contributions of Indian anthropologists to tribal and caste studies.
PYQ 27 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-14
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 28 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Mentorship Session: 13
TOPICAL TEST 29 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Topical Test - 14

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CONCEPT CLASS: 35 30 SEPTEMBER, 2024	5.1 Indian Village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Significance of village study in India; ◦ Indian village as a social system; ◦ Traditional and changing patterns of settlement and inter-caste relations; ◦ Agrarian relations in Indian villages; ◦ Impact of globalization on Indian villages.
CONCEPT CLASS: 36 01 OCTOBER, 2024	5.2 Linguistic and Religious minorities and their Social, Political & Economic status 5.3 Indigenous and exogenous processes of socio-cultural change in Indian society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Linguistic and Religious minorities and their Social, Political & Economic status ◦ Sanskritization, Westernization, Modernization; ◦ Inter-play of little and great traditions; ◦ Panchayati raj and social change; ◦ Media and social change.
PYQ 04 OCTOBER, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-15
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 05 OCTOBER, 2024	Mentorship Session: 14
TOPICAL TEST 06 OCTOBER, 2024	Topical Test - 15
PAPER 2: SECTION-B (TRIBAL INDIA)	
CONCEPT CLASS: 37 07 OCTOBER, 2024	6.1 Tribal situation in India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Bio-genetic variability, ◦ Linguistic & Socio-economic characteristics of tribal populations & their distribution.

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CONCEPT CLASS: 38 08 OCTOBER, 2024	6.2 Problems of the tribal Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land alienation, Poverty, Indebtedness, Low literacy, Poor educational facilities, Unemployment, Underemployment, Health and nutrition
CONCEPT CLASS: 39 09 OCTOBER, 2024	6.3 Developmental projects and their impact on tribal Displacement and problems of Rehabilitation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of forest policy and Tribals. Impact of Urbanization and Industrialization on tribal populations.
PYQ 11 OCTOBER, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-16
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 12 OCTOBER, 2024	Mentorship Session: 15
TOPICAL TEST 13 OCTOBER, 2024	Topical Test - 16
CONCEPT CLASS: 40 14 OCTOBER, 2024	7.1 Problems of Exploitation and Deprivation of S.C's, S.T's and O.B.C's: Constitutional safeguards for S.C's and S.T's. 7.2 Social Change and Contemporary Tribal societies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constitutional safeguards for S.C's and S.T's. Impact of modern democratic institutions; Development programmes and welfare measures on Tribals and weaker sections.
CONCEPT CLASS: 41 15 OCTOBER, 2024	7.3 The Concept of Ethnicity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethnic conflicts and political developments; Unrest among tribal communities;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Regionalism and demand for autonomy; ◦ Pseudo-tribalism; ◦ Social change among the tribes during colonial and post-Independent India.
CONCEPT CLASS: 42 16 OCTOBER, 2024	8.1 Impact of Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and other religions on tribal societies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Impact of Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and other religions on tribal societies
PYQ 18 OCTOBER, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-17
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 19 OCTOBER, 2024	Mentorship Session: 16
TOPICAL TEST 20 OCTOBER, 2024	Topical Test - 17
CONCEPT CLASS: 43 21 OCTOBER, 2024	8.2 Tribe & Nation state 9.1 History of administration of tribal areas 9.2 Role of Anthropology in Tribal and Rural Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Tribe & Nation state-comparative study of tribal communities in India & other countries ◦ Tribal policies, plans, Programmes of tribal development and their implementation. ◦ The concept of Primitive Tribal Groups, their distribution, special programmes for their development. ◦ Role of N.G.O.s in tribal development.
CONCEPT CLASS: 44 22 OCTOBER, 2024	9.3 Contributions of Anthropology to the Understanding of Regionalism, Communalism, & Ethnic and Political Movements.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributions of Anthropology to the Understanding of Regionalism, Communalism, & Ethnic and Political Movements.
PYQ 25 OCTOBER, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs)-18
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 26 OCTOBER, 2024	Mentorship Session: 17
TOPICAL TEST 27 OCTOBER, 2024	Topical Test - 18
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 02 NOVEMBER, 2024	Mentorship Session: 18
SECTIONAL TEST 03 NOVEMBER, 2024	Sectional Test: 02 – Paper: 02
AFTER PRELIMS	
Mock - 1	PAPER - 1 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)
Mock - 2	PAPER - 2 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)
Mock - 3	PAPER - 1 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)
Mock - 4	PAPER - 2 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)



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