

GSSCORE

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GEOGRAPHY TEST SERIES 2019

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Tests

Test
Discussion/
Answer
Writing

Personal
Interaction

Follow up
Tests

Quick
Revision
through
Diagram

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- **Total 10 Tests:** 6 Sectional Tests & 4 Mock Tests
- Elaborate discussion will be followed after each test
- Copy correction strictly by faculty only
- One on One discussion after copy evaluation
- Detailed Model Answer Hints
- Flexible timings for Classroom & Online Students
- Online Support for all Students

Fee: ₹. 10,000 + GST

TEST
STARTS

22 JUNE
2019

Test Timings: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Test Discussion: Same Day (4:30 PM to 7:30 PM)



◉ **Why Test Series is important? (Best time to start with Test Series)**

- ▶ Testing your confidence under pressure in exam atmosphere.
- ▶ Many similar questions will be asked in actual UPSC exam.
- ▶ To assess where you stand.
- ▶ To boost your confidence.
- ▶ Helps you in answer writing practice.
- ▶ It helps you to put diagram at proper place.
- ▶ It helps you to integrate Paper -1 with Paper-2 & vice-versa.
- ▶ To eliminate scope of errors in actual examination hall.
- ▶ Improve time management skills.
- ▶ Assess weaker area.
- ▶ Not only question but also answer & evaluation along with discussion.
- ▶ It will help you to tackle uncertainty.
- ▶ It helps completing syllabus on time.

◉ **Features of our Test Series Programme**

Geography Optional Paper nowadays has been considered very tricky because of the change in the pattern of questions year by year.

◉ **Pattern 1: In-depth Questions**

The type of questions and the topics through which UPSC is asking has also changed significantly over the period of time. For E.g.

- ▶ Describe the landforms which are product of endogenetic forces. (2004)
- ▶ "Structure is a dominant control factor in the evolution of landforms." Discuss with suitable examples. (2005)
- ▶ "Climate, slope gradient and rock structure influence the avulsion of channels" Explain. (2017)
- ▶ Now if we observe the above three questions one can conclude that although the information which is required to solve above questions is same but the level of detail is much deeper in 3rd question which is asked in 2017. Here first of all one has to understand the meaning of 'avulsion of channels' and then only question can be answered.

◉ **Pattern 2: Interdisciplinary Approach**

- ◉ The questions are now designed from the underlined sub-topics not mentioned directly in the syllabus, but they usually revolve around the periphery of the core syllabus with link to other subjects.
- ◉ For example in 2017 questions were asked as:
 - ▶ Discuss the freshwater crisis in India and prepare a blueprint for its sustainable management.
 - ▶ Identify the Naxal-affected areas in India and discuss their socio-economic problems.
 - ▶ "An effective three-tier Panchayat Raj System will strengthen the bottom-up approach to multilevel

planning in India." Explain.

The questions are interdisciplinary in approach. They cover Environment, Geography, governance, Social, etc dimensions.

◉ **Pattern 3: Change in the format of topics**

- ◉ Earlier, the most favourite topics for the examiners were 'Plate Tectonics', 'Vulcanicity', 'Geomorphological Cycles' and so on. But now more focus is given on unventured topics such as 'Channel Morphology', 'Denudation Chronology', 'Applied Geomorphology' and so on.
- ◉ Thus it becomes important to understand that lot of answer writing practice with holistic coverage of the entire syllabus will fetch lot of marks in geography.
- ◉ So need of the hour is to identify the underlined topics, learn, practice and tackle the multi-dimensional questions with ease.

◉ **What is the programme all about?**

- ◉ The main feature of our test series would be to cover all those important topics of geography which generally students feel difficult to face and UPSC has made habit of asking question from that areas.
- ◉ In depth coverage of all the topics which are not covered in traditional geography curriculum.
- ◉ Comprehensive Test Discussion will be held on Sunday after the test.
- ◉ During test discussion focus will be on detailed coverage of the relevant topic.
- ◉ In case students miss the discussion class, the video recording will be provided to the student in his user id portal.
- ◉ Time bound evaluation of the answer booklets of the students.
- ◉ Students will have complete liberty to get in touch with the faculty in order to solve their optional subject related queries.
- ◉ Comparative Performance and Rankings will be uploaded on the portal.

TEST SCHEDULE

PAPER - 1

TEST NO.	TOPICS	DATE
Test-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Principles of Geography ◉ Geomorphology, Biogeography 	22 June, 2019
Test-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Principles of Geography ◉ Climatology, Oceanography, ◉ Environmental Geography 	29 June, 2019

- Human Geography
 - Population and Settlement Geography,
- Test-3**
- Perspective in Human Geography, Regional Planning,
 - Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography,
 - Economic Geography
- 6 July, 2019

PAPER -2

TEST NO.	TOPICS	DATE
Test-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Geography of India○ Physical Setting, Resources, Agriculture	13 July, 2019
Test-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Geography of India○ Agriculture, Industry, Transport,○ Communication & Trade, Cultural Setting, Settlements	20 July, 2019
Test-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Geography of India○ Regional Development and Planning,○ Political Aspect, Contemporary Issues,○ Industry	27 July, 2019

MOCK TESTS

TEST NO.	TOPICS	DATE
Test-7	Full Mock-1 (Paper 1 & Paper 2)	10 August, 2019
Test-8	Full Mock-2 (Paper 1 & Paper 2)	17 August, 2019

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.
- To write the test you have to download the PDF and after writing the test send us scan copy at testseries@iasscore.in for evaluation.
- 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.
