

GS SCORE

An Institute for Civil Services

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GS MAINS ADVANCE

GS Paper 1, 2, 3, 4 + Essay + Mains Test Series

A Solution for 1250 Marks

Online Live Interactive Classes

BATCH-3

STARTS

18 NOVEMBER

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Fee ₹ 42,000 + GST

5 Months Course to cover Key concepts of GS Mains paper 1, 2, 3 & 4

Complete coverage of contemporary issues of last two years

Detailed Answer Writing session on each subject

Mains Test Series including 25 Tests (10 Sectional + 3 Contemporary Issues + 8 Full Mock + 4 Essay Mock)

Essay Classes + Essay Practice Workbook

Study Material of Contemporary Issues

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FAQ's

1 What this programme is about?

This course is designed to cater GS mains syllabus. In the existing scenario, GS mains paper demands effective writing skills which will come only when a candidate has analytical ability and visualise the issues in context.

2 To whom this course would benefit?

Fresh candidates who wish to prepare exclusively for Mains examination and experienced candidates seeking to improve marks.

3 How is it different from any crash course programme?

It will cover key concepts + contemporary issues + test series. It is an advance course but designed comprehensively to cover syllabus.

4 What would be the Teaching Methodology?

Each topic would start from core concepts to applied context followed by answer writing session and sectional tests.

5 How it is different from a Current Affairs Programme?

In typical current affairs programme, generally the events and issues of last one years covered. But in this programme core concepts from syllabus along with contemporary issues will be covered.

6 How much focus would be on Essay?

Essay class and Mock is part of this course. Essay is of 250 marks! its important.

7 What is the difference between Answer Writing and Test series?

Answer writing session will be conducted after every topic, while test series will be conducted in UPSC pattern i.e. 250 marks & 3 Hrs.

8 What is the format of Study Material?

Study Material will cover contemporary issues and applied topics which is short and easy going. Some part of study material will be in pdf format in the student's account and some part of study material will be sent in hard copy through courier.

9 What is the duration of Course?

Duration of Course will be 5 Months.

Topics Covered

GS Mains (Advance) 2020

Note: The following session plan is only indicative of the issues and the topics to be covered in different sessions; actual coverage of issues would be far wider and similarly the sequence of sessions is also indicative and may vary as per schedule's requirement.

GS PAPER – I	
Modern India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 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.
PIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country
World History	<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.
Indian Society	<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
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 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 <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contemporary Issues</p>



GS PAPER – II

Indian Polity

- ▶ Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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

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Contemporary Issues

Governance

- ▶ Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Development processes and the development industry the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders
- ▶ 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 development and management of Social Sector/ Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources, issues relating to poverty and hunger.
- ▶ 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.

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Contemporary Issues

International Relations

- ▶ 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, mandate.

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Contemporary Issues

GS PAPER – III

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.
- ▶ 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

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Contemporary Issues

Environment & Disaster Management

- ▶ Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment
- ▶ Disaster and disaster management

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Contemporary Issues

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

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Contemporary Issues

GS PAPER – IV

Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude

- ▶ This paper will include questions to test the candidates' attitude and approach to issues relating to integrity, probity in public life and his problem solving approach to various issues and conflicts faced by him in dealing with society. Questions may utilise the case study approach to determine these aspects. The following broad areas will be covered.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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 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 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.
- ▶ **Case Studies on above issues.**

Essay Writing

1 Session 1

o Introduction Session

Art of making rough work & How to develop a good structure + Test & Discussion

► Structure of an essay: Introduction, Description and Conclusion

- Main demands of structure of an essay- concise, relevant, focused, analytical and effective write up - what these entire mean?
- Grasping the central idea
- Body parts - introduction, description and conclusion
- Role of organic link between all the body parts

► Introduction: Purpose, Presentation and Example on 'How to write'?

- Types of Introduction- Beginning with quotes; anecdotes; real life experience; background information or history; Reference to related current events- what is the best way?
- How to decide what need to be written in introduction?
- Scope and need for originality in introduction

► Description:

- How to make paragraphs
- How to maintain focus and relevance
- How to sequence the contents and arguments
- How to maintain organic link

► Conclusion: Purpose, presentation and examples how to write

- The art of wrapping up the description of an idea
- Closed conclusions versus open conclusions
- Need for a balanced approach

2 Session 2: Full Mock Test

3 Session 3: Full Mock Test

4 Session 4: Full Mock Test

Test Series

1 Sectional - Test 1

◦ Indian Polity & Constitution & PIC

- Indian Constitution-historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.
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- Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.
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- Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies

◦ Post Independence Consolidation

- Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.

2 Sectional - Test 2

◦ 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.

3 Sectional - Test 3

◦ 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.

◦ Governance

- Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.
- 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.

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

4 Sectional - Test 4

◉ Indian Economy & International Organisation

- 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.

5 Sectional - Test 5

◉ 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.

6 Sectional - Test 6

◉ 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.

◉ 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.

7 Sectional - Test 7

◉ 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.
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8 Sectional - Test 8

◉ 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.

◉ Environment

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

9 Sectional - Test 9

◉ Science & Technology

- 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.

- **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

10 Sectional - Test 10

- **Art Culture & 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

11 Contemporary Issues Test - 1 (After Prelims)

- **Polity & Governance Issue + IR**

12 Contemporary Issues Test - 2 (After Prelims)

- **Indian Economy & Social Issues**

13 Contemporary Issues Test - 3 (After Prelims)

- **Science Tech & Environment**



Full Mock

1 Mock-1 Paper-1 (Entire Syllabus) (After Prelims)

2 Mock-2 Paper-2 (Entire Syllabus) (After Prelims)

3 Mock-3 Paper-3 (Entire Syllabus) (After Prelims)

4 Mock-4 Paper-4 (Entire Syllabus) (After Prelims)

5 Mock-5 Paper-1 (Entire Syllabus) (After Prelims)

6 Mock-6 Paper-2 (Entire Syllabus) (After Prelims)

7 Mock-7 Paper-3 (Entire Syllabus) (After Prelims)

8 Mock-8 Paper-4 (Entire Syllabus) (After Prelims)

