

MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 35 TESTS



MAINS TEST 08

GS II

TOTAL MARKS: 250

TIME: 3 hr.

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Candidates should attempt all questions strictly in the space prescribed under each question in the booklet.
- Do not write anything other than the actual answer inside your question cum answer booklet.
- Write legibly and neatly. Do not write in bad/illegible hand writing.
- If you wish to cancel any work, draw your pen through it or write "cancelled" across it.
- Word limit, as specified, should be adhered to.
- Any page or portion of page left blank in the question-cum-answer booklet must be clearly struck off.

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Test 08

12] Public service commissions act as watchdogs for the civil servants. But now a days, recruitment to these commissions have become dependent on political loyalties. What should be the selection process of members to these commissions? What is the opinion of courts on this issue? Critically analyse. (250 words 15 Marks)

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UPSC 2025 MAINS TEST SERIES COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

There will be total 35 test, 7 each of Essay, GS-1, GS-2, GS-3, GS-4. (Detailed schedule is given below). All the Test will be of full length like UPSC Mains papers, covering all the syllabus.

A total of Seven rounds of revision of entire Mains GS syllabus is possible by adhering to our timetable. More emphasis on Full Length Tests to provide intensive practice where a candidate can improve both speed and quality of his/her answers

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Our Evaluators will focus on your answers introduction, presentation of fact, actual demand of question, keywords, conclusion, content and context.

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TEST NO	TEST CODE	DATE	SUBJECT & SYLLABUS
Mains Test 01	1051	12/DEC/202 4 Thursday	Essay-Current events related multiple topics
Mains Test 02	1052	26/DEC/2024 Thursday	GS 1- Indian heritage and culture, History and geography of world, society. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-I)

TEST NO	TEST CODE	DATE	SUBJECT & SYLLABUS
Mains Test 03	1053	18/ JAN/ 2025 Saturday	GS 2- Governance, constitution, polity, social Justice and international relations. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-II)
Mains Test 04	1054	20/ JAN/ 2025 Monday	GS 3-Technology, economic development, biodiversity, environment, security and disaster management. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-III)
Mains Test 05	1055	29/ JAN/ 2025 Wednesday	GS 4- Ethics, integrity and aptitude. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-IV)
Mains Test 06	1056	31/ JAN/ 2025 Friday	Essay-Current events related multiple topics
Mains Test 07	1057	09/ FEB/ 2025 Sunday	GS 1- Indian heritage and culture, History and geography of world, society. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-I)
Mains Test 08	1058	1 <i>B/</i> FEB/ 2025 Tuesday	GS 2- Governance, constitution, polity, social Justice and international relations. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-II)
Mains Test 09	1059	20/ FEB/ 2025 Thursday	GS 3- Technology, economic development, blodiversity, environment, security and disaster management. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-III)
Mains Test 10	1060	22/ FEB/ 2025 Saturday	GS 4- Ethics, integrity and aptitude. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-IV)
Mains Test 11	1061	24/FEB/2025 Monday	Essay- Current events related multiple topics
Mains Test 12	1062	05/ MARCH/ 2025 Wednesday	GS 1- Indian heritage and culture, History and geography of world, society. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-I)
Mains Test 13	1063	14/ MARCH/ 2025 Friday	GS 2- Governance, constitution, polity, social Justice and international relations. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-II)
Mains Test 14	1064	23/ MARCH/ 2025 Sunday	GS 3- Technology, economic development, biodiversity, environment, security and disaster management. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-III)
Mains Test 15	1065	25/ MARCH/ 2025 Tuesday	GS 4- Ethics, integrity and aptitude. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-IV)
Mains Test 16	1066	27/ MARCH/ 2025 Thursday	Essay-Current events related multiple topics
Mains Test 17	1067	29/ MARCH/ 2025 Saturday	GS 1- Indian heritage and culture, History and geography of world, society. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-I)
Mains Test 18	1068	31/MARCH/2025 Monday	GS 2- Governance, constitution, polity, social Justice and international relations. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-II)

TEST NO	TEST CODE	DATE	SUBJECT & SYLLABUS
Mains Test 19	1069	29/ MAY/ 2025 Wednesday	GS 3- Technology, economic development, blodiversity, environment, security and disaster management. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-III)
Mains Test 20	1070	05/ JUNE/ 2025	GS 4- Ethics, integrity and aptitude.
		Wednesday	(Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-IV)
Mains Test 21	1071	07/ JUNE/ 2025 Friday	Essay-Current events related multiple topics
Mains Test 22	1072	16/ JUNE/ 2025 Sunday	GS 1- Indian heritage and culture, History and geography of world, society. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-I)
Mains Test 23	1073	18/ JUNE/ 2025 Tuesday	GS 2- Governance, constitution, polity, social Justice and international relations. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-II)
Mains Test 24	1074	22/ JUNE/ 2025 Saturday	GS 3- Technology, economic development, blodiversity, environment, security and disaster management. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-III)
Mains Test 25	1 <i>0</i> 75	29/ JUNE/ 2025 Saturday	GS 4- Ethics, integrity and aptitude. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-IV)
Mains Test 26	1076	03/ JULY/ 2025 Wednesday	Essay- Current events related multiple topics
Mains Test 27	1077	09/ JULY/ 2025 Tuesday	GS 1- Indian heritage and culture, History and geography of world, society. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-I)
Mains Test 28	1078	14/ JULY/ 2025 Sunday	GS 2-Governance, constitution, polity, social Justice and international relations. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-II)

TEST NO	TEST CODE	DATE	SUBJECT & SYLLABUS
Mains Test 29	1079	19/ JULY/2025 Saturday	GS 3- Technology, economic development, blodiversity, environment, security and disaster management. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-III
Mains Test 30	1080	21/ JULY/2025 Monday	GS 4- Ethics, integrity and aptitude. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-IV)
Mains Test 31	1081	23/ JULY/2025 Wednesday	Essay- Current events related multiple topics
Mains Test 32	1082	25/ JULY/2025 Friday	GS 1- Indian heritage and culture, History and geography of world, society. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-I)
Mains Test 33	1083	27/ JULY/2025 Sunday	GS 2- Governance, constitution, polity, social Justice and international relations. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-II)
Mains Test 34	1084	29/ JULY/2025 Tuesday	GS 3- Technology, economic development, blodiversity, environment, security and disaster management. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-III)
Mains Test 35	1085	31/ JULY/2025 Thursday	GS 4- Ethics, integrity and aptitude. (Full Length Test as per UPSC Syllabus of GS-IV)

UPSC MAINS SYLLABUS

General Studies- I

(Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)

- Indian Culture 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.
- History of the World will include events from 18th century such as Industrial Revolution, world wars,
 Redrawal of National Boundaries, Colonization, Decolonization, political philosophies like Commnism,
 Capitalism, Socialism etc: their forms and effect on the society.
- Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.
- Role of Women and Women's Organization, Population and Associated Issues, Poverty and Develop mental issues, Urbanization, their problems and their remedies.
- Effects of Globalization on Indian society.

ABOUT MAINS TEST SERIES:



In the Civil Services Mains Examination, answer writing plays a crucial part and remains the most important component of this three stage exam. To stand out within the IAS mains, candidates would like, with the exception of data and analytical talents, the ability to write down answers within the prescribed time and space limits. A high score in Mains, more often than not, guarantees a better final rank. Answer writing is an art and no matter how learned or how intelligent a candidate is, unless he/she expresses what's expected in the answer booklet, clearing the mains exam will be a rather a difficult task. This is why it is vital to not only study all the right material for the IAS exam, but also practice answer writing in an exam-simulated setting.

'UPSC with Nikhil' brings you the most comprehensive Mains Test Series Program to fine tune your answer writing skills and ensure that you make the maximum utilisation of 3 hours in the examination. The 'UPSC with Nikhil' Mains Test Series Program is available in both Classroom and Online mode which will provide flexibility and easy accessibility to those who are living far off places and the ones who are working professionals.

We have developed considerable expertise in evaluating the answers that you write and in providing valuable feedback. You can use this feedback to improve your answer writing within a short period of time. Writing answers in an exam-like setting will facilitate the candidates to understand the nuances of answer writing such as how to write what specifically is asked, the way to limit the words to the prescribed number range, the way to highlight important points and keywords, how to augment answers with illustrations wherever necessary, and so on.

Like in the previous years, this year too, candidates can enrol in the much-awaited series and assess their own preparation. With 'UPSC with Nikhil' Mains test series, candidates can judge their own exam-preparedness and also get ample answer writing practice. This programme offers you an excellent opportunity to create a self-imposed, time-bound schedule for your General Studies. It also helps you test and improve your writing skills under simulated exam conditions.

HOW WE EVALUATE THE ANSWER SHEET:



Over the years, we have evolved standardisation in awarding marks to our students (including Essay paper). This is done by thoroughly training evaluators before every test in several aspects such as; training them in properly understanding the demand of every question and essay topic; training them arduous by making them write entire test before evaluation and then by discussing each and every question themselves to rule out any subjectivity while awarding marks.

Your answer copies will be evaluated with proper feedback and guidance. Our Evaluators will focus on your answers introduction, presentation of fact, actual demand of question, keywords, conclusion, content and context. (Last year our Mains test series was appreciated both for its quality and on time feedback by subscribers, many of whom went on to score excellent marks in Mains).

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- Questions strictly in accordance with UPSC pattern and syllabus inculcating dimensional trends of Main exam pattern. All of our question papers are prepared after intensive analysis from standard books, government websites, relevant newspapers etc. Evaluation of answers are done by a dedicated team of specialist.
- We are also providing clear and crisp data in the form of detailed answers with each test to assist you enrich your overall knowledge.
- Focus of Test series will not be only on question and answer but a detailed analysis of strength and weakness of an aspirant. (Please note that Test Discussions will be held in classrooms as well as you will get the discussion videos online also).
- We tend to conjointly lived up to the promise of uploading back evaluated copies within 15 day's window. This once more helped our subscribers to write down all tests without wasting their time in uncertainty.
- (B) All tests will have 20 Questions each. All the Test will be of full length like UPSC Mains papers, covering all the syllabus. This will facilitate any candidate to enhance their writing speed by mid-way so as to answer 20 questions in given 3 hours.
- Meticulously drafted detailed and structured MODEL ANSWERS. Comprehensive outline for each test – these will be provided within 2 days of the test.

BEST FEATURE

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WHY TO JOIN TEST SERIES?

"Tomorrow's victory is today's practice." — Chris Bradford

It is often seen that aspirants devote most of their time during preparation in reading. However, what this preparation requires is a blend of reading and practice. Taking mock tests before the exam will give an edge to the preparation and prepare the candidate for the actual exam well in advance.

BENEFITS OF JOINING MOCK TESTS (PRELIMS AND MAINS) AT 'UPSC WITH NIKHIL')

It will help the candidate overcome fear of exam. Fear and anxiety sometimes lead to inaction impacting one's performance. However, it can be overcome by extensive practice which we offer at UPSC with Nikhil.

- (II) It will make a candidate accustomed to exam like conditions.
- It will help in identification of one's mistakes before the actual exam so that has enough time to work on them and improve.
- © Comprehensive evaluation and regular feedback helps a candidate in realizing his strengths and weakness and accordingly strategizing his preparation.
- At 'UPSC with Nikhil', we have a dedicated team of mentors to look into the issues faced by students and provide them round the clock assistance regarding the same.
- Test series help you develop the skill required to tackle the uncertain nature of the paper. Few questions asked in the exam will be such about which one may have no idea at all. However, a candidate with good practice of facing similar questions in test series will have an upper hand in tackling such situations in both prelims and mains paper.
- (b) An All India rank which we assign to every candidate who takes our test series will help him/her in analyzing the true nature of the competition and evaluating his/her preparation level.



Test series is one of the best methods to improve one's mains answer writing improve the level of confidence and rectifying the mistakes in one's preparation. So, dump the worries, start early and give an edge to your preparation! Enroll now with 'UPSC with Nikhil' Test Preparation.

- Social Empowerment, Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism.
- 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.

General Studies-II ——

(Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations)

- Indian Constitution—Historical Underpinnings, Evolution, Features, Amendments, Significan
 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 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.
- 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.
- 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 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.
- 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.

General Studies-III —

(Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)

- 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.
- 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.
- Disaster and Disaster Management.
- · 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.

General Studies-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

The UPSC mains syllabus does not have any prescribed syllabus for the essay paper as such. As per the UPSC, "Candidates are expected to keep closely to the subject of the essay to arrange their ideas in an orderly fashion, and to write concisely. Credit will be given for effective and exact expression."

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