

# **Shubhra Ranjan IAS STUDY**

One Stop for Civil Service Examinations

## **GS Mains Test Series**

### **Our Vision and Mission**

Our mission is to empower students to face civil services examination confidently at all the three stages – Prelims, Mains and Interview. Our emphasis, while doing so, is to impart training not only in content and syllabus but also in values and ethics which have their base in Indian constitution. Training inputs which enable students to understand the civil services examination, overall guidance from institute help them to become successful civil servant to contribute towards the nation building process unleashed seen decades ago.

### **Programme Objective:**

The objective is to prepare students for the mains examination through the focussed preparation of the four General Studies Papers. As the General Studies papers account 1000 Marks out of total 1750 Marks of mains, it is very important to appear for enough number of Mock Test.

Through this programme, aim is to make students understand demand of the examination with respect to the four General Studies papers and mould the preparation accordingly.

### **Programme Strategy:**

The strategy is to face more and more questions before you appear in the final examination. The focus is on development of answer writing skill and improving structure and presentation of the content. This will be ensured through a test series programme.

1. Test Series Programme consists of total 24 tests. 9 tests will be held before prelims and 15 tests will be conducted between prelims and mains.
2. The 9 tests held before the prelims examination are topic wise tests. The whole syllabus of GS 1, GS 2 and GS 3 will be covered once through these tests before the prelims examination.
3. All 6 Tests related to Ethics Paper (GS IV) are to be conducted after the prelims examination so that your prelims preparation is not affected.
4. The discussion videos of tests before the prelims examination will be available in your online account.
5. The syllabus of tests before the prelims examination are aligned in such a manner that your prelims preparation is not affected.
6. After prelims there will be fifteen tests. 10 Test will be topic wise test and 5 test will be comprehensive tests. These tests will be discussed in the classroom.
7. All the tests can be written in both online and offline mode. The pattern of these mock tests is as per the latest pattern of UPSC examination.

#### **Special Features of this programme:**

1. Available in both ONLINE AND OFFLINE mode.
2. Test can be rescheduled as per the convenience of the student. You can postpone the test but cannot prepone it.
3. All discussions will be available to all students in online mode also. Discussion videos can be accessed for any number of times before the mains examination.
4. Evaluation of answer copies by subject experts with proper feedback, comments and guidance under the guidance of Mrs. Shubhra Ranjan.
5. Comprehensive model answers for each test.
6. Students will be given Login ID and Password on the website. Students can login to their account, where they will find: Question paper, answer booklet, model answers and video discussion for tests.
7. Online or distant learning students can download the test booklet, write the test and upload the pdf of the answers written into your account (pdf can be done through camscanner app). The papers will be evaluated online and again uploaded into your account from where you can download the checked answer sheet.

8. Offline students can come to the institute to write the test in exam simulated manner.

**Important Points to remember:**

1. Enrolment for any programme at Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study is for the individual only. In case a student is found involved in any violation of copyrights of any material, the admission will be cancelled.
2. The fee payment can be done in cash, bank transfer, cheque, DD or through our website.
3. Fee once paid is non-refundable and non-transferable in all circumstances.
4. Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study reserves all rights related to admission.
5. Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study reserves all rights to make any changes in test series schedule/test writing days and timing etc., if need so arises.
6. The student needs to provide details like email ID, Contact Number, address details along with details like UPSC roll number and other details when asked to do so.

## GS Mains Test Series Schedule

Test Number	Syllabus	Test Date	Basic References
<b>Before Prelims 2018</b>			
<b>Test 1</b>	<p><b>1. GS I- World History:</b>  <b>History of the world</b> 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.</p> <p><b>2. GS I- Society:</b>            Salient features of <b>Indian Society</b>, 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 &amp; secularism.</p>	21-December-2017	Old NCERT World History- By Arjun Dev  NCERT Class XII: Indian Society  NCERT Class XII: Social Change and Development in India  The Hindu/ Indian Express, Yojna, Kurukshetra and PIB
<b>Test 2</b>	<p><b>1. GS II- Indian Constitution and Polity</b>            Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant 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</p> <p>Parliament and State Legislatures – structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers &amp; 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.</p> <p>Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.</p>	3-January-2018	GS II Hand Holding Programme: Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study  M. Lakshmikanth  Current Affairs Strategist Programme: Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study  The Hindu/ Indian Express, Yojna, Kurukshetra and PIB

	<p>Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.</p> <p>Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies</p> <p><b><u>2. Current Affairs</u></b></p>		
<b>Test 3</b>	<p><b><u>1. GS III- Indian Economy: -</u></b>  Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.</p> <p>Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.</p> <p>Government Budgeting.</p> <p><b><u>2. GS III- Indian Agriculture</u></b></p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.</p> <p>Land reforms in India.</p> <p><b><u>3. Current Affairs</u></b></p>	16- January- 2018	<p>GS III Hand Holding Programme: Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study</p> <p>Current Affairs Strategist Programme: Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study</p> <p>The Hindu/ Indian Express, Yojna, Kurukshetra and PIB</p>
<b>Test 4</b>	<p><b><u>1. GS I- Geography:</u></b></p> <p>Salient features of <b>world's physical geography</b>; Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian subcontinent);</p> <p>factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India);</p>	29- January- 2018	<p>GS III Hand Holding Programme: Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study</p> <p>Fundamentals of Physical Geography NCERT Class XI</p> <p>G. C. Leong</p> <p>India Physical Environment:</p>

	<p>Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc.;</p> <p>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> <p><b><u>2. GS III- Environment</u></b></p> <p>Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment</p> <p><b><u>3. GS III- Disaster management.</u></b></p> <p>Disaster and disaster management.</p> <p><b><u>4. Current Affairs</u></b></p>		<p>NCERT Class XI</p> <p>Fundamentals of Human Geography NCERT Class XII</p> <p>India People and Economy NCERT Class XII</p> <p>The Hindu/ Indian Express, Yojna, Kurukshetra and PIB</p>
<p><b>Test 5</b></p>	<p><b><u>1. GS II- Governance and Social Justice</u></b></p> <p>Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.</p> <p>Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.</p> <p>Issues relating to poverty and hunger.</p> <p>Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency &amp; accountability and institutional and other measures.</p> <p><b><u>2. Current Affairs</u></b></p>	<p>11-February-2018</p>	<p>GS II Hand Holding Programme: Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study</p> <p>The Hindu/ Indian Express, Yojna, Kurukshetra and PIB</p>

<p><b>Test 6</b></p>	<p><b><u>1. GS III- Indian Economy</u></b></p> <p>Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.</p> <p><b><u>2. GS III- Infrastructure</u></b></p> <p>Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.</p> <p>Investment models.</p> <p><b><u>3. Current Affairs</u></b></p>	<p>24-February-2018</p>	<p>GS III Hand Holding Programme: Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study</p> <p>The Hindu/ Indian Express, Yojna, Kurukshetra and PIB</p>
<p><b>Test 7</b></p>	<p><b><u>1. GS I- Indian culture</u></b></p> <p>Salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.</p> <p><b><u>2. GS I- Modern Indian history</u></b></p> <p><b>Modern Indian history</b> from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present-significant events, personalities, issues.</p> <p>The Freedom Struggle – its various stages and important contributors /contributions from different parts of the country.</p> <p><b><u>3. GS I- Post-Independence India:</u></b></p> <p>Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.</p>	<p>8-March-2018</p>	<p>Ancient Indian History By R. S. Sharma (Old NCERT) (Selective Reading)</p> <p>Medieval Indian History By Satish Chandra (Old NCERT) (Selective Reading)</p> <p>Modern Indian History By Bipin Chandra (Old NCERT)</p> <p>A Brief History of Modern India- Spectrum</p>
<p><b>Test 8</b></p>	<p><b><u>1. GS II- Civil services and their role</u></b></p> <p>Role of civil services in a democracy.</p> <p><b><u>2. GS II- International Relations</u></b></p> <p>India and its neighbourhood- relations. Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests</p> <p>Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian Diaspora.</p>	<p>20-March-2018</p>	<p>GS II Hand Holding Programme: Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study</p> <p>GS III Hand Holding Programme: Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study</p> <p>The Hindu/ Indian Express, Yojna, Kurukshetra and PIB</p>

	<p>Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.</p> <p><b><u>3. GS III- Internal Security</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.</p> <p><b><u>4. Current Affairs</u></b></p>		
<b>Test 9</b>	<p><b><u>1. GS III- Science and Technology</u></b></p> <p>Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life</p> <p>Achievements of Indians in science &amp; technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.</p> <p>Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.</p> <p><b><u>2. GS II and III- Current Affairs Related to GS II and GS III</u></b></p>	31-March-2018	<p>GS III Hand Holding Programme: Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study Current Affairs Strategist Programme: Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study</p> <p>The Hindu/ Indian Express, Yojna, Kurukshetra and PIB</p>
After Prelims 2018			
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