REST stands for Representational State Transfer. It is a set of standard that describe how system on a network can communicated with each other. REST do this communication over HTTP protocol and user CRUD operation for its requests

Now CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete ) operation is carried out with its methods which are

Create - POST

Read - GET

Update - PUT/PATCH

Delete - DELETE

There are positive and negative test cases for every API and these will be different for every API according to its functionality.

Below are some of the good test cases for REST services  
   
1. API REST Testing involve testing of response message as well as response body.  
2. Verification of status code. For Example:  
 Code Status  
 200 OK  
 201 Created  
 202 Accepted  
 203 Non-Authoritative information  
 204 No Content  
 302 Found  
 400 Bad Request  
 401 Unauthorized  
 404 Not Found  
 500 Internal Server Error  
 502 Bad Gateway  
 503 Service Unavailable  
   
3. Response needs to test based on various inputs  
4. Response needs to verify for leaving mandatory fields  
5. Tests with unauthorized users.  
6. Verify response time of api calls varies considerably.