

Topper's Talk by Khushboo Oberai Rank - 139

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THE TALK STARTED AT (1:49 PM)

- **Newspaper;**
- The Indian Express- daily self-notes.
- Prepare short notes of class notes and current affairs.
- As all this can be revised during prelims in the shortest time possible.
- Current Affairs monthly magazine.
- All India test series of VISION IAS.
- Make improvements based on feedback received in the test series.
- Three months dedicated to prelims exam.
- At least 30 prelims Mock tests.
- Do attempt the Previous year's questions. Planning and strategy based on PYQ trend.
- DO read static and current affairs.
- Time and stress management.
- In 2022 Prelims attempted 85 questions.
- Stress management on the day of prelims is very important.
- **CSAT;**
- Started preparation 3 months before the prelims.
- Best source is PYQs papers.
- Attempt these papers by giving proper 2 hrs.
- **Mains test series;**
- VISION IAS.
- Use a lot of diagrams and figures. Example citizen charter sample, India map, and world map.
- This representation helps in creating a distinction from other students.
- Mention the recommendations given by the committee such as 2nd ARC etc
- Taking insights from toppers talk for answer writing skills.
- Quoting the examples such as bureaucrats etc
- Attempted all the questions in the Mains exam as every mark matters.
- Conclusion should be balanced and logical.
- For ethics used quotes, examples, definitions, and case studies.
- Conclude with the school of thoughts, ideas etc seven social sins by Gandhi etc
- Case Studies strategy;
- Summarised introduction in case studies.
- Proper heading to every part and put in a box.
- Also used tabular presentation of stakeholders, ethical issues involved, and options.
- Also use recommendations in the answer.

ESSAY (2:10 PM)

- Read First pages of YOJANA and Kurukshetra.
- Various dimensions can be written such as social, political, economic, cultural, international, environmental, legal, etc (SPECIAL).
- Anecdotes in the intro and conclusion such as APJ Abdul Kalam, and Gautam Buddha.
- Conclude with big quotes such as Sanskrit shloka (also write English translation).
- Do not summarize Essay content in the conclusion.
- Prepare a generic conclusion and introduction such as health, education, environment, women, etc
- Write 2 -3 paragraphs/page. Use all 12 pages.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (2:15 PM)

- Mention the school of thought.
- Use paragraphs and pointers format.
- Use the example in pointer format
- Resources -> class notes and PRASAD and PRASAD for thinkers.

QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION (2:17 PM)

- MIH- spectrum and Class notes.
- World History- Class notes.
- Medieval history-> One should be covering medieval history.
- Managing optional with GS;-> Daily schedule and different timings for both. If prelims is far away priority should be given to Optional.
- 8th class NCERT Modern history etc be covered and very important.
- Books for GS2-> Laxmikanth and class notes.
- Offline or online classes- Both the modes are good.
- Attempts test series offline mode as well as Online mode.
- At least write one mains question daily.
- **For optional;**
- Use PYQs, syllabus and accordingly choose optional.
- **Art and culture->** NCERT are the main source for Art and culture.
- DIGITAL notes on good notes platform.
- Major sourcesà Class notes, PT 365, Mains 365.
- At least one Essay be written every week.

Ends.