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Date	Торіс	Description		
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020	Introductory class (strategy for CSE 2021)	You will get a great insight on the UPSC Journey, What should be the overall strategy, What would help in becoming toppers, How to make a customised plan for each individual and how to evaluate the plan and stick to it.		
5 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	How to read books for IPM tests?	Considering the vast syllabus and also stack of study materials available, it is very important to choose the right books and also read them the right way. In this class, you will get to know how to study extensively as well as selectively from different sources available.		
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	How to read Current affairs?	UPSC has time and again shown the width & depth of current affairs that it can go into. With the growing importance of Current Affairs, it is equally important to study current affairs with UPSC Exam perspective. This class throws a light on how to link current affairs to the Prelims, to GS answers as well as in Optional Subjects		
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	How to make notes?	Effective notes making strategy is utmost important. An aspirant should learn to make		



	·	customised notes for quick revision. One should not waste most of the time in making notes, at the same time should not ignore making important notes for quick revision
16 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Approach to General Studies answer writing	Writing answer to General Studies papers has been a case of 'So near, yet so far' for many CSE aspirants. The skill of answer writing with adequate weightages to demands & hidden demands, hierarchy of demands, interdisciplinary linkages are the way of conquering these papers.
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Approach to Ethics Answer writing	Ethics paper is one of the high scoring paper of the MAINS exam. It's a paper that personifies the true character of an individual and though scoring is easier with right ingredient, it has been a paradox to many. Unravel the mantra for ensuring the success in this paper in this session.
24 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Approach to Essay Answer writing	The most scoring paper of the MAINS examination gives an ample opportunity to script your viewpoint. Knack of selecting the topic, which is very much in consonance with your preparation, having the right approach in presenting your viewpoint will reap greater dividends in examination.
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Approach to Ethics Case Studies	Case Studies part of Ethics paper can be tricky to approach yet most rewarding in terms of marks if a student adopts a few good practices explained in this class. Various aspects of a student's personality are tested through Case studies. Their rationality & practicality in decision making, social awareness, stakeholder analysis and application of an administrative mind with a personal insight is most appreciated.
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	How to prepare n complete syllabus for each MAINS test?	'Crisis of plenty', w.r.t to the vast amount of resources (study material), is the situation every student faces in their preparation to the test or CSE Exam. Funneling the right resources is what helps you in completing the syllabus of exam & upping the ante of emerging successful in exam.
25 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Strategy Class and Tricks to score well in mocks?	This class will deal with different techniques and tricks through which you can commit less mistakes, increase accuracy and score high in



prelims and set your answers on higher pedestal in MAINS.

**Note:** We may add more classes in case need be. These classes are in addition to the discussion classes for each test. Video of the classes will be made available in the portal.

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Test No	Date	Subject	Syllabus	Sources
		Es	ssential Tests	
MAINS Test-1 (Essential Test)	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2020 Monday	GS-1: Art & Culture + Indian Society	Indian culture: will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times. 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. Current Affairs	Art & Culture  • An Introduction to Indian Art - Class XI NCERT  • Living Craft Traditions of India - Chapters 9 and 10 Class XI NCERT  • Indian Culture Nitin Singhania  • CCRT website Indian Society  • NCERT  • IGNOU Material — Development  • IGNOU Material — Sociology  • Social Problems in India — Ram Ahuja.  • Indian Social System — Ram Ahuja  Current Affairs:  (1/6/2020-16/8/2020) from the below sources.  • I-CAN (Current Affairs & News Analysis)  • INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.  • INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.  • INSIGHTS REVISION THROUGH MCQs



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MAINS Test-2 GENERAL STUDIES (Essential Test)	27 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2020, Thursday	GS-1: Modern India	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.  Current Affairs	<ul> <li>Modern Indian History</li> <li>NCERTS</li> <li>India's struggle for independence – Bipin Chandra</li> <li>Current Affairs:         <ul> <li>(17/8/2020-26/8/2020)</li> <li>from the below sources.</li> </ul> </li> <li>I-CAN (Current Affairs                 <ul> <li>News Analysis</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current                     <ul> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current</li> <li>Affairs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>
MAINS Test-3 GENERAL STUDIES (Essential Test)	7th September 2020, Monday	GS-1: Post- Independence + World History	Post Independent India  Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.  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.  Current Affairs	Post Independent India  NCERT India since independence – Bipin Chandra (or India after Gandhi – Ramachandra Guha)  World History  NCERTS Mastering Modern World History – Norman Lowe.  Current Affairs: (27/8/2020-6/9/2020) from the below sources.  I-CAN (Current Affairs & News Analysis) INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz. INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.



MAINS Test-4 GENERAL STUDIES (Essential Test)	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020, Wednesda Y	GS-1: World Geography	<ul> <li>Salient features of world's physical geography.</li> <li>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)</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Current Affairs</li> <li>NCERTS</li> <li>Certificate Physical and Human Geography Goh Cheng Leong</li> <li>Current Affairs:</li> <li>(7/9/2020-15/9/2020) from the below sources.</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.</li> </ul>
MAINS Test-5 GENERAL STUDIES (Essential Test)	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2020, Saturday	GS-1: Indian Geography	<ul> <li>Salient features of India's physical geography.</li> <li>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 India.</li> <li>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</li> <li>Current Affairs</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.</li> </ul>



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MAINS Test-6 GENERAL STUDIES (Essential Test)	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2020, Saturday	GS-1 Full Syllabus	GS-1: FULL SYLLABUS & C  Current Affair  (1/6/2020-16/10/2020) from t  • I-CAN (Current Affairs & N  • INSIGHTSIAS Current A	he below sources.  News Analysis)  Affairs Quiz.
MAINS Test-7 ESSAY (Essential Test)	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2020, Tuesday	Essay-1	Section-A  • Ethics and Philos  Section-B  • Indian Art & Cultu • Indian History • Topics from World • Social Issues • Indian Social • Feminism • Gender Just • Unity & Div	ure d History ety tice
MAINS Test-8 GENERAL STUDIES (Essential Test)	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2020, Tuesday	GS-2: Polity & Constitution	<ul> <li>Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.</li> <li>Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.</li> <li>Parliament and State Legislatures - structure, functioning, conduct of</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>NCERT</li> <li>Indian Polity by         <ul> <li>Laxmikant – 5th</li> <li>edition</li> </ul> </li> <li>Public Institutions in         <ul> <li>India-Performance</li> <li>and Design – Pratapa</li> <li>B hanu Mehta</li> </ul> </li> <li>Subhash Kashyap -         <ul> <li>Our Constitution, Our</li> <li>Parliament</li> </ul> </li> <li>Introduction to the         <ul> <li>Constitution of India -</li> <li>D D Basu</li> </ul> </li> <li>2nd ARC         <ul> <li>6th Report – Local</li> <li>Governance</li> <li>13th Report -</li> <li>Organisation</li> <li>Structure of</li> <li>Government of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



			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.  • Current Affairs	<ul> <li>PRS</li> <li>PIB</li> <li>Three Year Action         Agenda, 2017-18 to         2019-20 – NITI Aayog</li> <li>Current Affairs:         (17/10/2020- 26/10/2020) from the         below sources.</li> <li>I-CAN (Current Affairs &amp;         News Analysis)         <ul> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current</li></ul></li></ul>
MAINS Test-9 GENERAL STUDIES (Essential Test)	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2020, Friday	GS-2: Governance & Social Justice	<ul> <li>Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.</li> <li>Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.</li> <li>Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Role of civil services in a democracy.</li> </ul> Social Justice <ul> <li>Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation</li> <li>Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>NCERT</li> <li>Indian Polity by         Laxmikant – 5th         edition</li> <li>Governance in India –         Laxmikant</li> <li>Institutions in India         Public Institutions in         India: Performance         and Design – Pratapa         Bhanu Mehta</li> <li>Subhash Kashyap -         Our Constitution, Our</li> <li>Parliament</li> <li>Introduction to the         Constitution of India -         D D Basu</li> <li>2nd ARC (6th Report –         Local Governance         13th Report -         Organisation         Structure of         Government of India)</li> <li>Yojana</li> <li>Kurukshetra</li> <li>PRS</li> <li>PIB</li> <li>Three Year Action         Agenda, 2017-18 to         2019-20 – NITI Aayog</li> </ul>

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			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.  Current Affairs	(27/10/2020-5/11/2020) from the below sources.  • I-CAN (Current Affairs & News Analysis)  • INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.  • INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.
MAINS Test-10 GENERAL STUDIES (Essential Test)	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2020, Monday	GS-2: International Relations + Government Schemes	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.  Current Affairs	<ul> <li>Class 12 Political         Science-         Contemporary World         Politics</li> <li>India's Foreign Policy         – Muchkund Dubey</li> <li>Challenge And         Strategy: Rethinking         India's Foreign Policy         – Rajiv Sikri</li> <li>Ministry of External         Affairs website</li> <li>Current Affairs:         (6/11/2020-15/11/2020)         from the below sources.</li> <li>I-CAN (Current Affairs &amp; News Analysis)         <ul> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current</li></ul></li></ul>
MAINS Test-11 GENERAL STUDIES (Essential Test)	23rd November 2020, Monday	GS-2 Full Syllabus	GS-2: FULL SYLLABUS & C  Current Affair  (17/10/2020-22/11/2020) from  • I-CAN (Current Affairs & N	rs: the below sources.
			• INSIGHTSIAS Current A	Affairs Quiz.



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MAINS Test-12 ESSAY (Essential Test)	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2020, Wednesda y	ESSAY-2	Section-A:  • Ethics & Philosophy  Section-B  • Polity & Governance  • Federalism  • Institutions of India  • Local self- government  • Criminal Justice System  • Judiciary  • Democracy  • Rights  • Freedom of Speech  • Administrative Reforms  • Social Justice  • Health  • Education  • Poverty & Hunger  • Vulnerable Sections like women, old person and children.  • IR  • Foreign policy of India  • South –South Cooperation  • Regional Groupings
MAINS Test-13 GENERAL STUDIES (Essential Test)	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020, Thursday	GS-3: Economics	<ul> <li>Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.</li> <li>Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.</li> <li>Government Budgeting.</li> <li>Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.</li> <li>NCERTS</li> <li>Indian Economy by Ramesh Sing/Sanjiv verma/ Kapila/ Dutt &amp; Sundaram</li> <li>Economic Survey</li> <li>2nd ARC (14th Report-Strengthening Financial Management Systems)</li> <li>Yojana &amp; Kurukshetra</li> </ul>



			• Current Affairs	<ul> <li>Three Year Action         Agenda, 2017-18 to         2019-20 – NITI Aayog</li> <li>Current Affairs:         (23/11/2020-2/12/2020)         from the below sources.</li> <li>I-CAN (Current Affairs &amp; News Analysis)</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current         Affairs Quiz.         INSIGHTSIAS Current         Affairs.</li> </ul>
MAINS Test-14 GENERAL STUDIES (Essential Test)	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2020, Monday	GS-3: Economy + Agriculture	Economy:  • Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc • Investment models  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; etechnology 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. • Current Affairs	<ul> <li>NCERTS</li> <li>Indian Economy by Ramesh Sing/Sanjiv verma/ Kapila/ Dutt &amp; Sundaram</li> <li>Economic Survey</li> <li>2nd ARC         <ul> <li>14th Report - Strengthening Financial Management Systems</li> <li>Yojana &amp; Kurukshetra</li> <li>Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog</li> </ul> </li> <li>Current Affairs:         <ul> <li>(3/12/2020-13/12/2020) from the below sources.</li> <li>I-CAN (Current Affairs &amp; News Analysis)</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



MAINS Test-15 GENERAL STUDIES (Essential Test)	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2020, GS-3: Wednesda y Environment & Ecology	Environment & ecology  Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.  (Detailed Micro Syllabus of this test is given under Prelims Test-16)  Current Affairs	<ul> <li>Environment &amp; ecology</li> <li>Our Environment - Class VII</li> <li>Biology - Class XII - Chapters 14-16 (Under Units 10)</li> <li>ICSE Environmental Studies - Class IX - S. Chand Publication - 2018 Edition</li> <li>ICSE Environmental Studies - Class X S. Chand Publication - 2008 Edition</li> <li>Environment - Shankar IAS</li> <li>Down to Earth Magazine</li> <li>Current Affairs: (14/12/2020- 22/12/2020) from the below sources.</li> <li>I-CAN (Current Affairs &amp; News Analysis)</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.</li> </ul>
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MAINS Test-16 (Essential Test)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2021, Saturday	GS-3: Environment & Ecology	Environment & ecology  Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment  (Detailed Micro Syllabus of this test is given under Prelims Test-17)  Current Affairs	<ul> <li>Our Environment - Class VII</li> <li>Biology - Class XII - Chapters 14-16 (Under Units 10)</li> <li>ICSE Environmental Studies - Class IX - S. Chand Publication - 2018 Edition</li> <li>ICSE Environmental Studies - Class X S. Chand Publication - 2008 Edition</li> <li>Environment - Shankar IAS</li> <li>Down to Earth</li> <li>Current Affairs: (23/12/2020-1/1/2021) from the below sources.</li> <li>I-CAN (Current Affairs &amp; News Analysis)</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.</li> </ul>
MAINS Test-17 (Essential Test)	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021, Tuesday	GS – 3: Science & Technology  + Disaster management  + Internal security	<ul> <li>Science and Technology</li> <li>Developments and their applications and effects in everyday life Achievements of Indians in science &amp; technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.</li> <li>Indigenization of technology and developing new technology and developing new technology.</li> <li>Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, biotechnology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.</li> <li>Disaster and disaster management.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>NCERT Class VI to Class X</li> <li>Class XI – Chemistry: Unit 14</li> <li>Class XI – Biology: Units 4 &amp; 5</li> <li>Class XII – Chemistry: Unit 16</li> <li>Class XII – Biology: Units 8, 9 &amp; 10</li> <li>Current Affairs         <ul> <li>Science reporter</li> <li>News paper</li> </ul> </li> <li>Current Affairs:</li> </ul>



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			<ul> <li>Linkages between development and spread of extremism.</li> <li>Role of external state and nonstate actors in creating challenges to internal security.</li> <li>Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; moneylaundering and its prevention</li> <li>Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism</li> <li>Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate</li> <li>Current Affairs</li> </ul>	(2/1/2021-11/1/2021) from the below sources.  • I-CAN (Current Affairs & News Analysis)  • INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.  • INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.
MAINS Test-18 (Essential Test)	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 Tuesday	GS-3: Full Syllabus	GS-3: Full Syllabus & Cur Current Affair (23/11/2020-18/1/2021) from t • I-CAN (Current Affairs & N • INSIGHTSIAS Current A • INSIGHTSIAS Current	:s: the below sources. News Analysis) offairs Quiz.
MAINS Test-19 (Essential Test)	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2021, Thursday	Essay-3	Section-A:  • Ethics & Philosophy  Section-B:  • Economy  > Indian Economy  > Industrial Policy  > Human Resource and E  > Liberalization  > Economic Planning  > Fiscal Policy  > External Sector  > Sectors of Economy  Infrastructure  > Tourism  > MSME  > Economic Justice	imployment



			<ul> <li>Agriculture         <ul> <li>Food Processing</li> <li>Agriculture</li> <li>Subsidies</li> <li>PDS</li> </ul> </li> <li>Alternative future         <ul> <li>Climate change &amp; globate</li> <li>Renewable energy techte</li> <li>Sustainable habitats</li> <li>Conservation &amp; develoate</li> </ul> </li> <li>Disaster Management         <ul> <li>Internal security Issues</li> <li>Internal Security</li> <li>Cyber security</li> <li>Maritime SecurityIdeol Naxalism, Extremism)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	nnologies pment
MAINS Test-20 (Essential Test)	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 Thursday	GS – 4 Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude	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.	<ul> <li>Lexicon for Ethics, Integrity &amp; Aptitude book.</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> ARC         <ul> <li>4<sup>th</sup> Report- ethics in Governance</li> <li>10<sup>th</sup> Report- Refurbishing of Personnel Administration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Political Theory – Class 11 NCERT</li> </ul>
MAINS Test-21 (Essential Test)	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021, Thursday	GS – 4: Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude	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.  Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world.	<ul> <li>Lexicon for Ethics, Integrity &amp; Aptitude book.</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> ARC         <ul> <li>4<sup>th</sup> Report- ethics in Governance</li> <li>10<sup>th</sup> Report- Refurbishing of Personnel Administration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Political Theory – Class 11 NCERT</li> </ul>



MAINS Test-22 (Essential Test)	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 Thursday	GS – 4: Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude	Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance  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,	<ul> <li>Lexicon for Ethics, Integrity &amp; Aptitude book.</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> ARC         <ul> <li>4<sup>th</sup> Report- ethics in Governance</li> <li>10<sup>th</sup> Report- Refurbishing of Personnel Administration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Political Theory – Class 11 NCERT</li> </ul>
			transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics,	
MAINS Test-23 (Essential Test)	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021, Thursday	GS-4: Full Syllabus	Full Syllabus	
MAINS Test-24 (Essential Test)	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021, Saturday	Essay-4	Ethics & Philoso	phy



#### **Break through Tests** <u>Indian culture</u> will cover the salient **Art & Culture** aspects of Art Forms, Literature and An Introduction to Architecture from ancient to Indian Art - Class XI modern times **NCERT** • Living Craft Traditions **Indian Society** of India - Chapters 9 Salient features of Indian and 10 -- Class XI Society, Diversity of India. **NCERT** Role of women and women's • Indian Culture -- Nitin organization, population and Singhania associated issues, poverty and • CCRT website developmental issues, urbanization, their problems **Indian Society** and their remedies. Effects of globalization on NCERT GS - 1: Indian society • IGNOU Material -25th Feb **MAINS Test-25** Social empowerment, Art & Culture Development 2021, (Breakthrough communalism, regionalism & • IGNOU Material – Test) secularism. **Thursday** Sociology **Current Affairs Indian Society** • Social Problems in India – Ram Ahuja. • Indian Social System -Ram Ahuja **Current Affairs:** (19/1/2021-24/2/2021) from the below sources. • I-CAN (Current Affairs & **News Analysis**) • **INSIGHTSIAS Current** Affairs Quiz. • INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs. GS - 1: Modern Indian history from about 4th March **Modern Indian History MAINS Test**the middle of the eighteenth **Modern Indian** 2021 26 century until the present- significant **NCERTs** History (Breakthrough events, personalities, issues India's struggle for Test) **Thursday** independence -The Freedom Struggle - its various

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		+ World History	Post Independent India  Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.  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.  Current Affairs	<ul> <li>NCERT</li> <li>India since independence – Bipin Chandra</li> <li>(or India after Gandhi – Ramachandra Guha)</li> <li>World History</li> <li>NCERTS</li> <li>Mastering Modern World History – Norman Lowe.</li> <li>Current Affairs:</li> <li>(25/02/2021-3/3/2021) from the below sources.</li> <li>I-CAN (Current Affairs &amp; News Analysis)</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.</li> </ul>
MAINS Test-27 (Breakthrough Test)	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 Friday	GS – 1 Geography	<ul> <li>Salient features of world's physical geography.</li> <li>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)</li> <li>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</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>NCERTS</li> <li>Certificate Physical and Human Geography Goh Cheng Leong</li> <li>Geography of India-Majid Hussain</li> <li>Current Affairs:         <ul> <li>(4/3/2021-11/3/2021) from the below sources.</li> </ul> </li> <li>I-CAN (Current Affairs &amp; News Analysis)</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.</li> </ul>



			flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.  • Current Affairs	
MAINS Test-28 (Breakthrough Test)	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2021, Friday	GS-1: Full Syllabus	GS-1: Full Syllabus & Cur Current Affair (19/1/2021-18/3/2021) from the • I-CAN (Current Affairs & N • INSIGHTSIAS Current A • INSIGHTSIAS Current	he below sources.  News Analysis)  Offairs Quiz.
MAINS Test-29 (Breakthrough Test)	22nd March 2021, Monday	Essay-5	Section-A  • Ethics and Philosophy  Section-B  • Indian Art & Culture • Indian History • Topics from World History • Social Issues • Indian Society • Feminism • Gender Justice • Unity & Diversity	
MAINS Test-30 (Breakthrough Test)	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021, Friday	GS – 2: Polity	Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.  Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries	<ul> <li>NCERT</li> <li>Indian Polity by         <ul> <li>Laxmikant – 5th</li> <li>edition</li> </ul> </li> <li>Public Institutions in         <ul> <li>India-Performance</li> <li>and Design – Pratapa</li> <li>B hanu Mehta</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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.

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.

**Current Affairs** 

- Subhash Kashyap -Our Constitution, Our Parliament
- Introduction to the Constitution of India -D D Basu
- 2nd ARC (6th Report Local Governance, 13th Report -Organisation Structure of Government of India)
- PRS
- PIB
- Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog

#### **Current Affairs:**

(19/3/2021-25/3/2021) from the below sources.

- I-CAN (Current Affairs & News Analysis)
- <u>INSIGHTSIAS Current</u> Affairs Quiz.
- INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.



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MAINS Test-31 (Breakthrough Test)	2021	GS – 2: Governance + Social justice + International relations	<ul> <li>Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.</li> <li>Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.</li> <li>Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Role of civil services in a democracy.</li> <li>Social Justice</li> <li>Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation</li> <li>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</li> <li>Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.</li> <li>Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources, issues relating to poverty and hunger.</li> <li>India and its neighbourhood-relations.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>NCERT</li> <li>Indian Polity by Laxmikant – 5th edition</li> <li>Governance in India – Laxmikant</li> <li>Institutions in India Public Institutions in India: Performance and Design – Pratapa Bhanu Mehta</li> <li>Subhash Kashyap - Our Constitution, Our</li> <li>Parliament</li> <li>Introduction to the Constitution of India - D D Basu</li> <li>2nd ARC (6th Report - Local Governance 13th Report - Organisation Structure of Government of India)</li> <li>Yojana</li> <li>Kurukshetra</li> <li>PRS</li> <li>PIB</li> <li>Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog</li> <li>Class 12 Political Science- Contemporary World Politics</li> <li>India's Foreign Policy – Muchkund Dubey</li> <li>Challenge And Strategy: Rethinking India's Foreign Policy – Rajiv Sikri</li> <li>Ministry of External Affairs website</li> </ul> Current Affairs: <ul> <li>(26/3/2021-31/3/2021)</li> <li>from the below sources.</li> </ul>



			<ul> <li>Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests</li> <li>Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.</li> <li>Important International institutions, agencies and fora, their structure, mandate.</li> <li>Current Affairs</li> </ul>
MAINS Test-32 (Breakthrough Test)	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2021, Thursday	GS-2: Full Syllabus	GS-2: Full Syllabus & Current Affairs  Current Affairs:  (19/3/2021-7/4/2021) from the below sources.  • I-CAN (Current Affairs & News Analysis)  • INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.  • INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.
MAINS Test-33 (Breakthrough Test)	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2021, Saturday	ESSAY-6	Section-A  • Ethics & Philosophy  Section-B  • Polity & Governance   • Federalism  • Institutions of India  • Local self- government  • Criminal Justice System  • Judiciary  • Democracy  • Rights  • Freedom of Speech  • Administrative Reforms



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		•	<u>IR</u>	Foreign policy of India South –South Cooperation Regional Groupings



MAINS Test-34 (Breakthrough Test)	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 Thursday	GS – 3: Economy + Agriculture	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  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.  Current Affairs	NCERTs Indian Economy by Ramesh Sing/Sanjiv verma/ Kapila/ Dutt & Sundaram Economic Survey 2nd ARC (14th Report-Strengthening Financial Management Systems) Yojana & Kurukshetra Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog  Current Affairs: (8/4/2021-14/4/2021) from the below sources. I-CAN (Current Affairs & News Analysis) INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz. INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.
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MAINS Test-35 (Breakthrough Test)	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021, Thursday	GS-3: Environment & Ecology	Environment & ecology  Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment  (Detailed Micro Syllabus of this test is given under Prelims Test-33)  Current Affairs	<ul> <li>Environment &amp; ecology</li> <li>Our Environment - Class VII</li> <li>Biology - Class XII - Chapters 14-16 (Under Units 10)</li> <li>ICSE Environmental Studies - Class IX - S. Chand Publication - 2018 Edition</li> <li>ICSE Environmental Studies - Class X S. Chand Publication - 2008 Edition</li> <li>Environment - Shankar IAS</li> <li>Current Affairs:         <ul> <li>(15/4/2021-21/4/2021) from the below sources.</li> <li>I-CAN (Current Affairs &amp; News Analysis)</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz.</li> <li>INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
MAINS Test-36 (Breakthrough Test)	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2021, Thursday	GS - 3 Science & Technology + Disaster management + Internal security	<ul> <li>Science and Technology</li> <li>Developments and their applications and effects in everyday life Achievements of Indians in science &amp; technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.</li> <li>Indigenization of technology and developing new technology.</li> <li>Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nanotechnology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.</li> <li>Disaster and disaster management Internal security</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>NCERT Class VI to Class X</li> <li>Class XI – Chemistry: Unit 14</li> <li>Class XI – Biology: Units 4 &amp; 5</li> <li>Class XII – Chemistry: Unit 16</li> <li>Class XII – Biology: Units 8, 9 &amp; 10</li> <li>Current Affairs         <ul> <li>Science reporter</li> <li>News paper</li> </ul> </li> <li>Current Affairs:</li> <li>(22/4/2021-28/4/2021) from the below sources.</li> <li>I-CAN (Current Affairs &amp; News Analysis)</li> </ul>



			<ul> <li>Linkages between development and spread of extremism.</li> <li>Role of external state and nonstate actors in creating challenges to internal security.</li> <li>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</li> <li>Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism</li> <li>Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate</li> <li>Current Affairs</li> </ul>	• INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs Quiz. • INSIGHTSIAS Current Affairs.
MAINS Test-37 (Breakthrough Test)	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2021, Thursday	GS-3: Full Syllabus	GS-3: Full Syllabus & Cur Current Affair: (8/4/2021-5/5/2021) from the • I-CAN (Current Affairs & N • INSIGHTSIAS Current A • INSIGHTSIAS Current	s: e below sources. lews Analysis) ffairs Quiz.
MAINS Test- 38 (Breakthrough Test)	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2021, Sunday	Essay-7	Section-A  • Ethics & Philosophy  Section-B  • Economy  > Indian Economy  > Industrial Policy  > Human Resource and Employment  > Liberalization  > Economic Planning  > Fiscal Policy  > External Sector  > Sectors of Economy  > Infrastructure  > Tourism  > MSME  > Economic Justice  • Agriculture  > Food Processing	



	<ul> <li>Agriculture</li> <li>Subsidies</li> <li>PDS</li> <li>Alternative future</li> <li>Climate change &amp; global warming</li> <li>Renewable energy technologies</li> <li>Sustainable habitats</li> <li>Conservation &amp; development</li> <li>Disaster Management</li> <li>Internal security Issues</li> <li>Internal Security</li> <li>Cyber security</li> <li>Maritime SecurityIdeologies (Terrorism, Naxalism, Extremism)</li> </ul>



MAINS Test- 39 (Breakthrough Test)	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2021, Saturday	GS – 4 Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude	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.  Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world.	<ul> <li>Lexicon for Ethics, Integrity &amp; Aptitude book.</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> ARC         <ul> <li>4<sup>th</sup> Report- ethics in Governance</li> <li>10<sup>th</sup> Report- Refurbishing of Personnel Administration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Political Theory – Class 11 NCERT</li> </ul>
MAINS Test- 40 (Breakthrough Test)	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2021, Saturday	GS – 4 Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude	Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance  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	<ul> <li>Lexicon for Ethics, Integrity &amp; Aptitude book.</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> ARC         <ul> <li>4<sup>th</sup> Report- ethics in Governance</li> <li>10<sup>th</sup> Report- Refurbishing of Personnel Administration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Political Theory – Class 11 NCERT</li> </ul>



			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.	
MAINS Test-41 (Breakthrough Test)	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2021, Saturday	GS-4: Full Syllabus	Full Syllabus	
MAINS Test-42 (Breakthrough Test)	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021, Monday	Essay-8	Ethics & Philosophy	
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MAINS Test- 46 (Simulation Test)	After Prelims 2021	GS-3 Full Syllabus	Full Syllabus			
MAINS Test- 47 (Simulation Test)	After Prelims 2021	GS-4 Full Syllabus	Full Syllabus			
MAINS Simulation Tests, Set-2						
MAINS Test- 48 (Simulation Test)	After Prelims 2021	Essay	All Topics			
MAINS Test- 49 (Simulation Test)	After Prelims 2021	GS-1 Full Syllabus	Full Syllabus			
MAINS Test- 50 (Simulation Test)	After Prelims 2021	GS-2 Full Syllabus	Full Syllabus			
MAINS Test- 51 (Simulation Test)	After Prelims 2021	GS-3 Full Syllabus	Full Syllabus			
MAINS Test- 52 (Simulation Test)	After Prelims 2021	GS-4 Full Syllabus	Full Syllabus			