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MAINS BOOSTER 2023

40 MAINS ORIENTED TESTS IN 90 DAYS

Starts on
31st OCT
2022

TAMIL NADU | BENGALURU | DELHI | TRIVANDRUM

WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE **MAINS BOOSTER?**

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OUR TRACK RECORD ON RESULTS

WITH 15 OUT OF TOP 100 RANKS
AND 100 + SELECTIONS IN CSE
2020 AND CSE 2021 SHANKAR IAS
IS THE PRIMARY CHOICE OF
TOPPERS

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OUR COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTIONS

CONCISE AND ELABORATE,
VALUE ADDITION DRIVEN,
MOST APPROPRIATE POINT
OF REFERENCE ON
CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

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OUR UPSC STANDARD QUESTIONS

IT'S IMPORTANT TO PRACTICE WITH QUESTIONS THAT ARE LIKELY TO REPEAT FOR
MAINS, OUR REFLECTIONS VALIDATES US AS THE RIGHT CHOICE IN THIS

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QUICK PLAN TO BOOST MAINS SCORES

| STAGE | TIMELINE | PAPER | TESTS | TEST TYPE |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---|
| STAGE 1 3 WEEKS | 31st OCT- 20th NOV 2022 | GS PAPER 4 | 10 TESTS 70 QUESTIONS | 6 SECTIONAL + 3 HALF + 1 CSE 2022 EMULATOR |
| STAGE 2 3 WEEKS | 21th NOV- 11th DEC 2022 | GS PAPER 3 | 10 TESTS 75 QUESTIONS | 6 SECTIONAL + 3 HALF + 1 CSE 2022 EMULATOR |
| STAGE 3 3 WEEKS | 12th DEC- 1st JAN 2023 | GS PAPER 2 | 10 TESTS 75 QUESTIONS | 6 SECTIONAL + 3 HALF + 1 CSE 2022 EMULATOR |
| STAGE 4 3 WEEKS | 2nd JAN- 22nd JAN 2023 | GS PAPER 1 | 10 TESTS 75 QUESTIONS | 6 SECTIONAL + 3 HALF + 1 CSE 2022 EMULATOR |

**SECTIONAL TEST includes 7 questions totalling 80 marks, HALF PAPERS includes 10 questions totalling 125 marks and CSE 2022 EMULATOR includes 20 questions totalling 250 marks*

**CSE 2022 EMULATORS will use CSE 2022 mains question papers for the respective GS papers*

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REPETITION IS THE MOTHER OF SKILL











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WHO SHOULD JOIN MAINS BOOSTER?

- ▶ **APPEARED FOR CSE 2022** Mains but understands there is significant scope to improve
- ▶ **MULTIPLE MAINS APPEARED CANDIDATES** who understands the importance of extensive answer writing practice.
- ▶ **RANK IMPROVEMENT CANDIDATES** who are in training or yet to join, but have been unable to prepare intensely for the examination in the recent past
- ▶ **IN SERVICE CANDIDATES** who have been busy with work, and have targeted to appear in CSE 2023.
- ▶ **FOUNDATION COURSE COMPLETED** students who are yet to write mains but looking at applying their conceptual understanding into answer writing.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW IS MAINS BOOSTER DIFFERENT FROM MAINSTORMING ?

| BASIS | MAINSTORMING | MAINS BOOSTER |
|-----------------|---|---|
| QUESTIONS | UPSC STANDARD | UPSC STANDARD |
| EVALUATION | DETAILED COMMENTS | GRADING ONLY |
| PROGRAM MODE | ONLINE/OFFLINE | ONLINE/OFFLINE |
| TEST WRITING | FULL FLEXIBILITY | LIMITED FLEXIBILITY |
| COURSE FEES | COMPETITIVE | NOMINAL |
| SOLUTION |  |  |
| TEST DISCUSSION |  |  |
| MENTORSHIP |  |  |
| GOOD COPIES |  |  |
| MAINS EMULATOR |  |  |

HOW IS GRADING DIFFERENT FROM EVALUATION ?

In Detailed evaluation the evaluator writes both micro and macro comments in an elaborate manner. However in a graded paper the evaluator will grade each of your answers in A/B/C for Content/ structure and presentation of the answer. Graded evaluation helps us bring down the cost of evaluation in the mains booster program making it relatively easier on the pocket.

WHAT ARE CSE 2022 MAINS EMULATORS ?

CSE Mains Emulator tests are repetition of UPSC CSE 2022 papers in an exam format. This gives an opportunity to students who were unable to write this year's mains to write these papers and assess their performance through our grading process.

HOW WILL THIS HELP ME IN MY PRELIMS PREPARATION?

We have consciously designed the schedule of the Mains Booster Plan to ensure that you cover subjects like Ethics(GS 4) in the beginning followed by GS 3, GS 2 and then GS 1. This was done taking into account the weightage in prelims oriented topics in each of these papers. This will ensure that the closer you are to the preliminary examination, you will be concentrating on topics that will help you score better in the preliminary. This will help you easily transition from Mains to prelims oriented preparation seamlessly.

WHAT DO WE COMMIT TO PROVIDE?

| SERVICE | TIMELINE | SERVICE | TIMELINE |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| QUESTION PAPER | 9 AM ON EXAM DATE | TEST GRADING | 4 TO 5 DAYS |
| ORIENTATION | UPLOADED ON PORTAL | MENTORSHIP | NOT INCLUDED |
| SOLUTION | 1 DAY AFTER TEST 5 PM | DISCUSSION | NOT PROVIDED |
| PROGRAM MODE | ONLINE AND OFFLINE | DETAILED SCHEDULE | PROVIDED |

PROGRAM FEES DETAILS

| PROGRAM | TEST DETAILS | TESTS | FEES(Incl GST) |
|--------------------|--|-------|----------------|
| MAINS BOOSTER 2023 | 24 SECTIONAL + 12 HALF + 4 CSE 2022 EMULATOR TESTS | 40 | ₹ 4,500/- |

*Special Concession for In service Candidates (UPSC Civil Services) and previous years CSE rank holders

*Sectional test includes 7 questions totalling 80 marks, half papers includes 10 questions totalling 125 marks and CSE 2022 emulator includes 20 questions totalling 250 marks

*CSE 2022 Emulators will use CSE 2022 mains question papers for the respective GS papers

MAINS BOOSTER PLAN 2023 SCHEDULE

| | DATES | SYLLABUS | TEST | SYLLABUS |
|----------------------------|--------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| PHASE 1 GS 4 FULL SYLLABUS | | | | |
| 01 | 31-Oct | ETHICS SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | CORE ETHICS + QUOTE + CASE STUDIES |
| 02 | 02-Nov | ETHICS SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | CORE ETHICS + QUOTE + CASE STUDIES |
| 03 | 04-Nov | ETHICS HALF | HALF PAPER 1.5 HOURS 125 MARKS | CORE ETHICS + QUOTE + CASE STUDIES |
| 04 | 07-Nov | ETHICS SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | CORE ETHICS + QUOTE + CASE STUDIES |
| 05 | 09-Nov | ETHICS SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | QUOTE + CASE STUDIES |
| 06 | 11-Nov | ETHICS HALF | HALF PAPER 1.5 HOURS 125 MARKS | CORE ETHICS + QUOTE + CASE STUDIES |
| 07 | 14-Nov | ETHICS SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | GOVERNANCE + CASE STUDIES |
| 08 | 16-Nov | ETHICS SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | GOVERNANCE + CASE STUDIES |
| 09 | 18-Nov | ETHICS HALF | HALF PAPER 1.5 HOURS 125 MARKS | GOVERNANCE + QUOTE + CASE STUDIES |
| 10 | 20-Nov | ETHICS FULL | FULL PAPER 3 HOURS 250 MARKS | ETHICS EMULATOR |
| PHASE 2 GS 3 FULL SYLLABUS | | | | |
| 11 | 21-Nov | GS 3 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | ECONOMY + AGRI |
| 12 | 23-Nov | GS 3 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | ECONOMY + AGRI |
| 13 | 25-Nov | GS 3 HALF | HALF PAPER 1.5 HOURS 125 MARKS | ECONOMY + AGRI |
| 14 | 28-Nov | GS 3 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | DM + SECURITY |
| 15 | 30-Nov | GS 3 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | DM + SECURITY |
| 16 | 02-Dec | GS 3 HALF | HALF PAPER 1.5 HOURS 125 MARKS | DM + SECURITY |
| 17 | 05-Dec | GS 3 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | ENV + S & T |
| 18 | 07-Dec | GS 3 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | ENV + S & T |
| 19 | 09-Dec | GS 3 HALF | HALF PAPER 1.5 HOURS 125 MARKS | ENV + S & T |
| 20 | 11-Dec | GS 3 FULL | FULL PAPER 3 HOURS 250 MARKS | GS 3 EMULATOR |

MAINS BOOSTER PLAN 2023 SCHEDULE

| | DATES | SYLLABUS | TEST | SYLLABUS |
|----------------------------|--------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| PHASE 3 GS 2 FULL SYLLABUS | | | | |
| 21 | 12-Dec | GS 2 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | POLITY |
| 22 | 14-Dec | GS 2 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARK | POLITY |
| 23 | 16-Dec | GS 2 HALF | HALF PAPER 1.5 HOURS 125 MARKS | POLITY |
| 24 | 19-Dec | GS 2 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | POLITY + GOVERNANCE |
| 25 | 21-Dec | GS 2 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | GOVERNANCE + SOCIAL JUSTICE |
| 26 | 23-Dec | GS 2 HALF | HALF PAPER 1.5 HOURS 125 MARKS | GOVERNANCE + SOCIAL JUSTICE |
| 27 | 26-Dec | GS 2 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | SOCIAL JUSTICE+ INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS |
| 28 | 28-Dec | GS 2 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS |
| 29 | 30-Dec | GS 2 HALF | HALF PAPER 1.5 HOURS 125 MARKS | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS |
| 30 | 01-Jan | GS 2 FULL | FULL PAPER 3 HOURS 250 MARKS | GS 2 EMULATOR |
| PHASE 4 GS 1 FULL SYLLABUS | | | | |
| 31 | 02-Jan | GS 1 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | INDIAN SOCIETY |
| 32 | 04-Jan | GS 1 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | INDIAN SOCIETY |
| 33 | 06-Jan | GS 1 HALF | HALF PAPER 1.5 HOURS 125 MARKS | INDIAN SOCIETY |
| 34 | 09-Jan | GS 1 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | AC+MH+WH |
| 35 | 11-Jan | GS 1 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | AC+MH+PI |
| 36 | 13-Jan | GS 1 HALF | HALF PAPER 1.5 HOURS 125 MARKS | MH + A & C + WH + PI |
| 37 | 16-Jan | GS 1 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | GEOGRAPHY (PHY + ENV) |
| 38 | 18-Jan | GS 1 SECTIONAL | SECTIONAL 1 HOUR 80 MARKS | GEOGRAPHY (ECO + HUMAN) |
| 39 | 20-Jan | GS 1 HALF | HALF PAPER 1.5 HOURS 125 MARKS | GEOGRAPHY |
| 40 | 22-Jan | GS 1 FULL | FULL PAPER 3 HOURS 250 MARKS | GS 1 EMULATOR |

THE PERFECTIONIST —————→

THE ITERATOR



THE PROCRASTINATOR



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