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# MAINS BOOSTER 2023

40 MAINS ORIENTED TESTS IN 90 DAYS

Starts on  
**31<sup>st</sup> 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
<b>STAGE 1 3 WEEKS</b>	31st OCT- 20th NOV 2022	GS PAPER 4	10 TESTS 70 QUESTIONS	6 SECTIONAL + 3 HALF + 1 CSE 2022 EMULATOR
<b>STAGE 2 3 WEEKS</b>	21th NOV- 11th DEC 2022	GS PAPER 3	10 TESTS 75 QUESTIONS	6 SECTIONAL + 3 HALF + 1 CSE 2022 EMULATOR
<b>STAGE 3 3 WEEKS</b>	12th DEC- 1st JAN 2023	GS PAPER 2	10 TESTS 75 QUESTIONS	6 SECTIONAL + 3 HALF + 1 CSE 2022 EMULATOR
<b>STAGE 4 3 WEEKS</b>	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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