

targets:

1. be mains-ready before prelims i.e. before maximum syllabus of mains before prelims
2. make short notes on each and every topic of GS
3. complete the optional at least once before prelims
4. ensure sufficient answer writing practice before prelims

Roadmap:

phase 1: (July to Oct)

1. main priority - optional subject
2. daily answer writing based on the editorials read in the newspaper
3. for those taking coaching classes - revise what is being taught. But give rest of the time to optional.
4. For those self-studying and worried about GS - start reading NCERTs. But devote maximum of your time on optional.

phase 2: (Nov to Feb)

1. Main priority - General Studies (mains perspective)
2. continue reading the newspaper. But you can stop daily answer writing.
3. Start giving full 3 hour Mains format tests on GS Topics.
4. Revise the optional slowly and try to give a few 3 hour tests.
5. Start writing essays - once a week or once in 2 weeks

phase 3: (March to prelims)

1. only priority - Prelims
2. Periodically revise the notes from a prelims perspective.
3. Attempt maximum number of mock tests - sectional and full.
4. work out a paper-solving approach at least 2 weeks from prelims.
5. can stop reading the newspaper 1-2 months from prelims.

phase 4: (after prelims)

1. only priority - Mains
2. start with the optional and first take up topics not covered properly.
3. before the result of prelims, complete the GS topics left out earlier.
4. Keep on revising the complete set of notes.
5. Give full 3 hour tests - Essay, GS and optional. Do not wait now!