

1. Starting without preparation
2. Not committing to a single strategy
3. Not being Mains-ready before Prelims (Never prepare in a way such that you don't have confidence to attempt a full mains paper before prelims. It is a very bad situation. So If you are not mains ready before prelims, Do not attempt prelims. Otherwise you will get into cycle of failures 'cause of lack of time you will keep failing in Mains)
4. Not preparing your own Notes.
5. Not writing answers and tests periodically.
6. Not referring to the syllabus (It tells us what to read) and previous year question papers (it tells us how to read).
7. Reading excessive number of resources.
8. Wasting unnecessary time on reading newspapers (starting from 3 hours, eventually it should be reduced to 1.5 hours).
9. Destructive use of social media.
10. Over-thinking about the results.