



# G.S. MAINS TEST SERIES – 2017

**Time : 7.30 AM – 10.30 AM****DISCUSSION : 11.00 AM – 01.00 Noon**

Test No.	Date	Subject	Syllabus
1.	09.07.2017 (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ World History - I</li><li>➤ Concepts in Geography</li><li>➤ Society</li></ul>	<p><u>World History</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ History of the world will include events from 18th century to World War – I</li></ul> <p><u>Concepts in Geography</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Salient features of world's physical geography.</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></ul> <p><u>Society</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.</li><li>❖ Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.</li><li>❖ Effects of globalization on Indian society .</li><li>❖ Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism &amp; secularism.</li></ul>
2.	16.07.2017 (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Indian Polity – I</li><li>➤ International Relations-I</li><li>➤ Social Justice</li></ul>	<p><u>Indian Polity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.</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>❖ Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries</li></ul> <p><u>International Relations</u></p> <p>India and its neighborhood- relations.</p> <p><u>Social Justice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and</li></ul>



			<p>implementation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders</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 poverty and hunger.</li> </ul>
3.	23.07.2017 (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Indian Economy-I</li> <li>➤ Science and Technology</li> <li>➤ Disaster Management</li> </ul>	<p><u>Agriculture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 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.</li> <li>❖ Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.</li> </ul> <p><u>Science and Technology</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life (from December 2016 to June 2017)</li> <li>❖ Achievements of Indians in science &amp; technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.</li> <li>❖ Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.</li> </ul> <p><u>Disaster Management</u> Disaster and disaster management.</p>
4.	30.07.2017 (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ethics, integrity and aptitude-I</li> <li>➤ Case Study</li> </ul>	<p><u>Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 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</li> </ul>



			<p>and administrators; role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.</li> <li>❖ 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.</li> <li>❖ 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</li> <li>❖ Case study on above issue</li> </ul>
5.	06.08.2017 (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ World History - II</li> <li>➤ Indian Geography</li> <li>➤ Modern Indian History</li> <li>➤ Indian Heritage and Culture</li> </ul>	<p><u>World History</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ History of the world will include events from World War – I</li> </ul> <p><u>Indian Geography</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul> <p><u>Indian Heritage and Culture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.</li> </ul> <p><u>Modern Indian History</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present- significant events, personalities, issues.</li> <li>❖ The Freedom Struggle - its various stages and important contributors /contributions from different parts of the country.</li> <li>❖ Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.</li> </ul>
6.	13.08.2017 (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ International Relations – II</li> <li>➤ Indian Polity - II</li> <li>➤ Governance</li> </ul>	<p><u>International Relations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul>



			<p><u>Indian Polity - II</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Parliament and State Legislatures structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers &amp; privileges and issues arising out of these.</li><li>❖ 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.</li><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></ul> <p><u>Governance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential;</li><li>❖ Citizens charters, transparency &amp; accountability and institutional and other measures.</li><li>❖ Role of civil services in a democracy.</li></ul>
7.	20.08.2017 (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Internal Security</li><li>➤ Indian Economy-II</li><li>➤ Environment and Biodiversity</li></ul>	<p><u>Internal Security</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Linkages between development and spread of extremism.</li><li>❖ Role of external state and non-state 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></ul> <p><u>Indian Economy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><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>❖ Land reforms in India</li><li>❖ Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.</li><li>❖ Investment models.</li></ul> <p><u>Environment and Biodiversity</u></p> <p>Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment</p>



8.	27.08.2017 (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude</li><li>➤ Case Studies</li></ul>	<p><u>Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.</li><li>❖ Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world.</li><li>❖ 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.</li><li>❖ Case Studies on above issues.</li></ul>
9.	03.09.2017 (Sunday)	Paper – 1 (Forenoon)	Full Syllabus
10.	10.09.2017 (Sunday)	Paper-2 (Afternoon)	Full Syllabus
11.	16.09.2017 (Saturday)	ESSAY-1	
12.	17.09.2017 (Sunday)	Paper -3 (Forenoon)	Full Syllabus
13.	24.09.2017 (Sunday)	Paper- 4 (Afternoon)	Full Syllabus
14.	10.10.2017 (Tuesday)	ESSAY-2	
15.	12.10.2017 (Thursday)	Paper-1 (Forenoon)	Full Syllabus
16.	12.10.2017 (Thursday)	Paper – 2 (Afternoon)	Full Syllabus
17.	13.10.2017 (Friday)	Paper -3 (Forenoon)	Full Syllabus
18.	13.10.2017 (Friday)	Paper- 4 (Afternoon)	Full Syllabus



19.	14/10/2017 (Saturday)	Tamil Language	Full Syllabus
20.	14/10/2017 (Saturday)	English Language	Full Syllabus
21.	15/10/2017 (Sunday)	<b><u>OPTIONAL</u></b> Sociology History Public Admin Geography Tamil Literature	Paper – I (Full Syllabus)
22.	15/10/2017 (Sunday)	<b><u>OPTIONAL</u></b> Sociology History Public Admin Geography Tamil Literature	Paper – II (Full Syllabus)

**Note:**

- ❖ UPSC model Answer Sheet should be given.
- ❖ All the test will be for 3 Hours duration.
- ❖ It will be on the lines of new UPSC pattern carrying 250 marks total.
- ❖ Tests will be on Sunday.
- ❖ Discussion will be held After Every Test
- ❖ Individual paper evaluation with Discussion.