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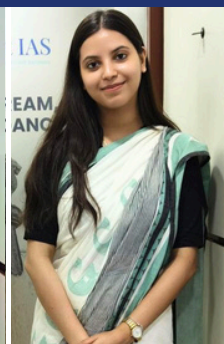
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Day & Date	10 AM - 1 PM	2 PM - 5 PM
14th September	<p>Essay (2 essays 125 marks each): Candidates may be required to write essays on multiple topics. They will be expected to keep closely to the subject of the essay to arrange their ideas in orderly fashion, and to write concisely. Credit will be given for effective and exact expression.</p>	<p>Complete History (Ancient to The Freedom Struggle) & World History</p> <p>Indian Art & Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature, and Architecture (Ancient to Modern)- Classical dances, music, painting, theatre- Temple, Buddhist, Indo-Islamic, Colonial architecture- Vedic, Sangam, Bhakti-Sufi, Persian literature- Modern Indian History- 1757–1857: British expansion, economic and political policies- Reform movements: Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Dayananda, Aligarh- 1857 Revolt: Causes, nature, consequences- Rise of nationalism: INC, Extremists, Revolutionaries <p>The Freedom Struggle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mass movements: NCM, CDM, Quit India- Role of Gandhi, Nehru, Bose, Ambedkar- Tribal, peasant and worker movements- INA, Press, Women, Regional contributions <p>World History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- French, American, Russian Revolutions- Industrial Revolution and its global consequences- World Wars I & II: causes and effects- Cold War, Non-alignment- Decolonization of Asia, Africa- Rise of ideologies: Communism, Fascism, Nazism



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28th September	<p>Post-Independence and Indian Society</p> <p>Post-Independence India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Integration of princely states (Sardar Patel)- State reorganization (1956), Linguistic politics- Land reforms, Green Revolution, Emergency, Liberalization- Internal insurgencies and national consolidation <p>Indian Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Features of Indian society: caste, family, regional diversity- Role of women and women's organizations- Social empowerment: SC/ST/OBC/Minorities, transgender rights- Urbanization: slums, housing, transport, social conflict- Population issues: Demographics, ageing, migration <p>Social Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Communalism, regionalism, secularism- Globalization and its impact on Indian society- Poverty, inequality, developmental challenges	<p>Complete Geography (Indian + World)</p> <p>Physical Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Geophysical phenomena: Earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis, cyclones- Plate tectonics, Continental drift, Ocean currents- Climate zones, major landforms, rivers, deserts <p>Economic Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Natural resource distribution (coal, minerals, oil, forests, water)- Agricultural regions, cropping patterns- Irrigation, soil types, monsoon systems <p>Human & Industrial Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Population and settlements- Migration trends- Factors influencing location of industries- Urban planning and development <p>Environmental Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Environmental degradation, pollution- Impact of climate change on flora, fauna, glaciers, rivers- Water stress, desertification, deforestation



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12th October	<p>Constitution, Polity & Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Indian Constitution: Historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions, and basic structure- Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States- Federal structure and challenges; devolution of powers and finances to local levels- Separation of powers between various organs; dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions- Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries- Parliament and State Legislatures: Structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges, and related issues- Executive and Judiciary: Structure, organization, and functioning- Ministries and Departments of the Government- Pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the polity- Salient features of the Representation of People's Act (RPA)- Appointment to various Constitutional posts; powers, functions, responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies- Statutory, regulatory, and quasi-judicial bodies- Role of civil services in a democracy	<p>Social Justice & International Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and related challenges- Development processes and the role of NGOs, SHGs, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders- Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections and mechanisms for their protection and betterment- Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources- Issues relating to poverty and hunger- Important aspects of governance, transparency, and accountability- E-governance: applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential- Citizens' charters and institutional measures <p>International Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- India and its neighborhood relations- Bilateral, regional, and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests- Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests- Role of the Indian diaspora- Important international institutions, agencies, and fora: their structure and mandate



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Day & Date	10 AM - 1 PM	2 PM - 5 PM
26th October	<p>Essay (2 essays 125 marks each): Candidates may be required to write essays on multiple topics. They will be expected to keep closely to the subject of the essay to arrange their ideas in orderly fashion, and to write concisely. Credit will be given for effective and exact expression.</p>	<p>Economy, Agriculture & Food Security</p> <p>Economic growth, development, and employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Resource mobilization- Planning in India and NITI Aayog's role <p>Inclusive Growth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Equitable development- Financial inclusion and rural-urban divide <p>Government Budgeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Budget process, types, deficits- Revenue and expenditure priorities <p>Industrial Policy & Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Effects of Liberalization on the economy- Changes in Industrial Policy and growth trends- Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways- Investment models: PPP, BOT, Viability Gap <p>Agriculture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Major crops and cropping patterns across India- Irrigation systems and agricultural technologies- Transport, storage, and marketing of agri-produce- e-Technology in the aid of farmers <p>Agricultural Economics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Farm subsidies (direct & indirect)- Minimum Support Prices (MSP)- Public Distribution System (PDS): objectives, functioning, reforms- Buffer stocks, food security, technology missions- Animal rearing economics <p>Food Processing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Scope and significance- Location factors, supply chains (upstream/downstream) <p>Land Reforms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Evolution and impact of land reform policies- Tenancy reforms and ceiling legislations



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Day & Date	10 AM - 1 PM	2 PM - 5 PM
9th November	<p>Science & Technology and Environment</p> <p>Science & Technology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recent developments and applications in daily life- Indian achievements in S&T- Indigenization of technology, R&D and Make in India- Awareness areas: IT, Space, Computers, Robotics, Nanotechnology, Biotechnology- Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issues <p>Environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Conservation of forests, wildlife, water bodies- Environmental pollution: air, water, soil, noise- Environmental degradation and climate issues- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)- Sustainable development	<p>Disaster Management and Internal Security & Related Issues</p> <p>Disaster Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Natural disasters: earthquakes, floods, cyclones, landslides- Man-made disasters- Institutional mechanisms (NDMA, SDRF, etc.)- Disaster preparedness, response and mitigation <p>Internal Security:</p> <p>Extremism and Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Linkages between underdevelopment and extremism- Left-Wing Extremism (LWE), tribal areas <p>Role of External and Non-State Actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cross-border terrorism- Radicalization and recruitment networks- Influence of foreign state actors <p>Cyber & Media Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cyber security threats- Fake news and social media- Data privacy and misinformation warfare <p>Border Security & Crime:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Border management and fencing- Organized crime and terrorism nexus- Coastal and aerial surveillance <p>Security Forces and Agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mandate and role of: Armed Forces, CAPFs (BSF, CRPF, ITBP, CISF)- Intelligence agencies (IB, RAW, NIA, etc.)



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23rd November	<p>Ethics, Attitude, Values & Governance Ethics</p> <p>Ethics and Human Interface:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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, and administrators- Role of family, society, and educational institutions in inculcating values <p>Attitude:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Content, structure, function- Influence and relation with thought and behavior- Moral and political attitudes- Social influence and persuasion <p>Aptitude and Foundational Values for Civil Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship- Objectivity, dedication to public service- Empathy, tolerance and compassion toward the weaker sections <p>Emotional Intelligence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Concepts, utilities and application in administration and governance <p>Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world</p>	<p>Public Service Values, Probity & Case Studies</p> <p>Public/Civil Service Values and Ethics in Public Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 <p>Probity in Governance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Concept of public service- Philosophical basis of governance and probity- Information sharing and transparency in government- Right to Information (RTI)- Codes of Ethics and Codes of Conduct- Citizen's Charters- Work culture and quality of service delivery- Utilization of public funds- Challenges of corruption <p>Case Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Situational case studies on administrative dilemmas- Conflict resolution, accountability, and integrity



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