INTERACTIVE DISTANCE LEARNING: MAIN TEST SERIES PROGRAMME 2011
Expert Guidance, Feedback & Telephonic Discussion

ANSWER WRITING EVALUATION PROGRAMME

GENERAL STUDIES IAS MAINS TEST SERIES 2011: MODULE I (10 MOCK TESTS)

FOCUS: Answer writing skill development, Structure & presentation of answer, How to present facts, information & knowledge in the answer, Understanding actual requirement (key words, Context & Content) of the UPSC in the different marks types questions (60 Marks, 30 Marks, 20 marks) and which questions should be attempted for good score (strategy & approach), Understanding your current state preparedness & required action plans and Framing your mind towards actual pattern, toughness and timing of the actual UPSC Examination.

Criteria for assessment of candidate performance in the written IAS exam as per UPSC instruction:
“The main Examination is intended to assess the overall intellectual traits and depth of understanding of candidates rather than merely the range of their information and memory”.
- Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)

Methodology for evaluation of Answer sheet: Our expert will evaluate answer sheet on following indicators and experience in the field UPSC.

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MARKS

Score: Scale: 1-5
- 5 – Outstanding
- 4 – Excellent
- 3 – Good
- 2 – Average
- 1 - Poor

NOTE: 1. Total Marks in the question has been given on proper consideration of weightage of every evaluation indicators based on types of the questions and UPSC experience of the expert.
2. The score of every indicator for any question will highlight candidate’s competence performance (for understanding of the level of quality of the question and required action plans).
3. Effective feedback and comments has been marked by expert.
Basic understanding of following Designed Competences

♦ **Alignment Competence:**
  - Writing the answer according to the actual requirement of the questions
  - Focus on Key words & Tail words effectively (*Elucidate – Explain, Comment, Examine, Critically examine, Discuss, Analyze, Illustrate, Review, Argue, Justify etc.*)

♦ **Context Competence:**
  - Contextual understanding of the Questions
  - Present relevant information, choice of words and proper statement

♦ **Content Competence:**
  - Content of the answer in the contextual framework

♦ **Language Competence:**
  - Optional Subject Specific Language not used general words in the optional paper (but in General Studies language should be simple and clear)
  - Appropriate words at proper place
  - Word limits

♦ **Structure – Presentation Competence:**
  - Proper systematization in the structure of the answer
  - Proper consideration of priority and focus of given ideas.
  - Logical structure of sentence and their connectivity
  - Proper visibility of idea through facts, data, diagram, figure, illustration according to the requirement of the question

♦ **Introduction – Conclusion Competence:**
  - Impressive beginning and Ending of the answer
  - Give your opinion only when asked for it.
  - Incorporate your opinion from different perspective in a balance manner

### GENERAL STUDIES IAS MAINS TEST SERIES 2011: MODULE I (10 MOCK TESTS)

**Number of Mock Tests:** 10

**Fee:** Rs 6000

**Nature:** Flexible - *Date of dispatch / Mock Test can be rescheduled on the demand of the aspirants.*

- *You can stretch Main Test Series Programme 2011 till 25 Sept 2011 (Last Mock Test).*

**What you will get:**
- Mock Test Papers & answer sheet (10 Tests)
- Evaluated Answer sheet by experts with proper feedback, comments & guidance.
- Answer format (Solution) of Mock Test paper
- Comprehensive Current Affairs Notes

### SCHEDULE & CONTENT

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| Test 2 | 31 October 2010 | Indian Polity & Constitution  
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Current Affairs | Indian Polity & Constitution  
This part will include questions on the Constitution of India as well as all constitutional, legal, administrative and other issues emerging from the politico-administrative system prevalent in the country. |
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| Test 3 | 21 November 2010 | History of Modern India and Indian Culture  
+  
Current Affairs | History of Modern India and Indian Culture  
The History of Modern India will cover history of the Country from about the middle of nineteenth century and would also include questions on important personalities who shaped the freedom movement and social reforms.  
The part relating to Indian culture will cover all aspects of Indian culture from the ancient to modern times as well as principal features of literature, arts and architecture. |
| Test 4 | 12 December 2010 | Development in the field of Science and Technology, IT and Space  
+  
Statistical Analysis  
+  
Current Affairs | Development in the field of Science and Technology, IT and Space  
In this part, questions will test the candidate's awareness of the developments in the field of science and technology, information technology, space and basic ideas about computers, robotics, nanotechnology, biotechnology and related issues regarding intellectual property rights.  
Statistical Analysis  
This part will test the candidate's ability to draw conclusions from information presented in statistical, graphical or diagrammatical form and to interpret them. |
| Test 5 | 2 January 2011 | India’s Economic Interaction with the World  
+  
Current Affairs | India’s Economic Interaction with the World  
In this part, questions will be on economic and trade issues such as foreign trade, foreign investment; economic and diplomacy issues relating to oil, gas and energy flows; the role and functions of I.M.F., World Bank, W.T.O., WIPO etc. which influence India’s economic interaction with other countries and international institutions. |
### Topic of Economics in the General Studies paper I (from section of Current National Issues and Topics of Social Relevance)

(i) The Indian economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.

(ii) Issues arising from the social and economic exclusion of large sections from the benefits of development.

(iii) Other issues relating to the development and management of human resource.

### India and World

This part will include questions to test candidate's awareness of India’s relationship with the world in various spheres such as the following:

- Foreign Affairs with special emphasis on India’s relations with neighboring countries and in the region.
- Security and defense related matters.
- Nuclear policy, issues, and conflicts.
- The Indian Diaspora and its contribution to India and the world.

### International Affairs and Institutions

This part will include questions on important events in world affairs and on international institutions.

### Current National Issues and Topics of Social Relevance

This part is intended to test the candidate's awareness of current national issues and topics of social relevance in present-day India, such as the following:

(iv) Health issues including the management of Public Health, Health education and ethical concerns regarding health-care, medical research and pharmaceuticals.

(v) Law enforcement, internal security and related issues such as the preservation of communal harmony.

(vi) Issues relating to good governance and accountability to the citizens including the maintenance of human rights, and of probity in public life.

(vii) Environmental issues, ecological preservation, conservation of natural resources and national heritage.
| Test 7 | 26 June 2011 | FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST- 1 | **Complete Syllabus of Paper I**
History of Modern India and Indian Culture, Indian Polity & Constitution, Geography of India, Current National Issue and Topics of Social Relevance |
| Test 8 | 17 July 2011 | FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST- 2 | **Complete Syllabus of Paper II**
India and World, India’s Economic Interaction with the World, Development in the field of Science and Technology, IT and Space, International Affairs and Institutions, Statistical Analysis |
| Test 9 | 28 August 2011 | FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST- 3 | **Complete Syllabus of Paper I**
History of Modern India and Indian Culture, Indian Polity & Constitution, Geography of India, Current National Issue and Topics of Social Relevance |
| Test 10 | 18 September 2011 | FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST-4 | **Complete Syllabus of Paper II**
India and World, India’s Economic Interaction with the World, Development in the field of Science and Technology, IT and Space, International Affairs and Institutions, Statistical Analysis |

**NOTE:**
1. *Question Papers of the Mock Test & answer sheet will be dispatched through air mail before the date of Mock Test (4 days); it will take 2-3 days to reach its destination.*
2. *Evaluated answer sheet with proper Comments, Feedback & Guidelines & next Question paper of the Mock Test will be sent on scheduled dates of dispatch respectively.*
3. *You are advised to return the answer booklet at the earliest, so that our expert can evaluate in time. The evaluated answer booklet will be returned with the successive test.*
4. *Date of dispatch can be rescheduled on the demand of the candidate.*

**# COMPREHENSIVE CURRENT AFFAIRS NOTES**