INTERACTIVE PHILOSOPHY MAINS TEST SERIES 2013: MODULE VI (17 MOCK TESTS)

ANSWER WRITING EVALUATION PROGRAMME (Experts Support: Telephonic Discussion / Email Interaction)

Program Objective:
This is a comprehensive and intensive ‘interactive’ distance learning program focusing on sincere IAS Aspirants who will appear in Civil Service Exam 2013. Our experts provide step by step guidance to aspirants for understanding the concepts of the subject and preparing them for effective answer writing.

Approach & Strategy:
Our simple, practical and focused approach will help aspirants understand the demand of UPSC exam effectively. Our strategy is to constantly innovate to keep the preparation process dynamic and give personalized attention to individual aspirants based on factors like core competence, availability of time and resource and the requirement of Civil Service Exam. Our Interactive Learning approach (Email / Telephonic Discussion: Experts with Aspirants) will continuously improve aspirant’s performance and move their preparation in the right direction.

Number of Mock Tests: 17
Fee: Rs 11000
Nature: Flexible

Date of dispatch: Reschedule on the demand of the aspirants [Schedule A (15 Days) and Schedule B (Personalized scheduling)]
Mode of dispatch: Printed material via airmail / PDF material via email / download material from Vision IAS Mains Test Series Platform (Login/ password)

What you will get:
- Login id & Password for performance analysis of aspirants (Innovative Assessment System)
- Mock Test Papers & answer sheet (17 Tests)
- Evaluated Answer Booklet by experts with proper feedback, comments & guidance.
- Answer format (Synopsis) of Mock Test paper
- Analysis of Mock Test papers based on difficulty level & nature of questions
- Comprehensive analysis of previous year questions
- Value Addition material

INNOVATIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM:
- Static & dynamic Potential of Mock test papers (Scoring Potential), Macro & Micro performance Analysis of aspirants, Section wise analysis, Comparison of your Marks vs Potential of each Question, Difficulty Analysis, All India Rank, comparison with toppers, Geographical Analysis, Integrated Score Card, Analysis of Mock Test papers based on difficulty level & nature of questions etc.
- Potential - Potential of the Question will be determined by Difficulty level (E, M, D, VD) & nature of Questions (F, CA, FCA), Expert Experience Value and Previous Year Data base Value

SCHEDULE, CONTENT & REFERENCE

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Yoga: Citta; Cittavrtti; Klesas; Samadhi; Kaivalya.
Nyāya- Vaiśesika: Theory of Categories; Theory of Appearance; Theory of Pramāṇa; Self, Liberation; God; Proofs for the Existence of God; Theory of Causation; Atomistic Theory of Creation.
Cārvāka : Theory of Knowledge; Rejection of Transcendent Entities. | Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy – C D Sharma
Introduction of Indian Philosophy: Dutta & Chaterjee |
| 3     | November 18, 2012| Mimāmsā: Theory of Knowledge
Schools of Vedānta: Brahma; Īśvara; Ātman; Jiva; Jagat; Maya; Avidyā; Adhyāsa; Moksā; Aprthaksiddhi; Pancavidhabheda
Aurobindo: Evolution, Involution; Integral Yoga. | Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy – C D Sharma
Contemporary Indian Philosophy – B K Lal |
| 4     | December 2, 2012 | Rationalism (Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz): Cartesian Method and Certain Knowledge; Substance; God; Mind-Body Dualism; Determinism and Freedom.
Empiricism (Locke, Berkeley, Hume): Theory of Knowledge; Substance and Qualities; Self and God; Scepticism. | Critical History Of Western Philosophy by Y. Masih
Western Philosophy: A history of Philosophy: Frank Thilly |
### Test 5  
**December 16, 2012**

**Kant:** Possibility of Synthetic a priori Judgments; Space and Time; Categories; Ideas of Reason; Antinomies; Critique of Proofs for the Existence of God

**Hegel:** Dialectical Method; Absolute Idealism

**Plato and Aristotle:** Ideas; Substance; Form and Matter; Causation; Actuality and Potentiality.

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**Critical History Of Western Philosophy by Y. Masih**

Western Philosophy: A history of Philosophy: Frank Thilly

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### Test 6  
**December 30, 2012**

**Logical Positivism:** Verification Theory of Meaning; Rejection of Metaphysics; Linguistic Theory of Necessary Propositions.

**Moore, Russell and Early Wittgenstein:** Defence of Commonsense; Refutation of Idealism; Logical Atomism; Logical Constructions; Incomplete Symbols; Picture Theory of Meaning; Saying and Showing.

**Later Wittgenstein:** Meaning and Use; Language-games; Critique of Private Language.

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A Hundred Years of Philosophy - John Passmore

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### Test 7  
**January 13, 2013**

**Phenomenology (Husserl):** Method; Theory of Essences; Avoidance of Psychologism.

**Existentialism (Kierkegaard, Sartre, Heidegger):** Existence and Essence; Choice, Responsibility and Authentic Existence; Being-in-the–world and Temporality.

**Quine and Strawson:** Critique of Empiricism; Theory of Basic Particulars and Persons.

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• Reason, Revelation and Faith.  
• Religious Experience: Nature and Object (Indian and Western).  
Philosophy of Religion: Religion Philosophy: Y Masih  
Philosophy of Religion: John H. Hick  
Philosophy: The Power of Ideas  
Brooke Noel Moore, Kenneth Bruder |
| Test 10 | February 24, 2013 | • Soul: Immortality; Rebirth and Liberation.  
• Religion without God.  
• Religion and Morality.  
• Religious Pluralism and the Problem of Absolute Truth.  
• Nature of Religious Language: Analogical and Symbolic; Cognitivist and Non-cognitive  
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Sovereignty: Austin, Bodin, Laski, Kautilya.  
Individual and State: Rights; Duties and Accountability  
Forms of Government: Monarchy; Theocracy and Democracy.  
An Introduction To Political Theory - O P Gauba  
Social Political Philosophy: Political Theory: O P Gauba |

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**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 (30 Marks, 20 marks, 15 marks, 12 marks, 10 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.

**PHILOSOPHY:**
The pattern of UPSC Mains exam is very dynamic and unpredictable. Therefore Mock Test papers should be designed based on latest pattern of UPSC. Our team frame the questions (F, CA, FCA, U) with different difficulty level (E, M, D, V) in the Mock test papers. So that the aspirants can simulate the UPSC exam in real sense, understand the demand of the exam and develop effective writing skills.

**Difficulty Level (DL):**
Easy (E), Medium (M), Difficult (D), Very Difficult (V)

**Nature of Question (Nature):**
Fundamental /Conceptual /Conventional (F), Current Affairs (CA), Fundamental + Current Affairs (FCA) and Unconventional (U)

**UPSC CRITERIA:**
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)


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**METHODOLOGY**

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

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**MARKS**

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

- Total Marks in the question has been given on proper consideration of weightage of every evaluation indicators based on nature of the questions and UPSC experience of the expert.
- 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).

**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.