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GS Foundation Course 2022

Prelims Cum Mains Programme

For UPSC Civil Services Exam

Build concepts and analytical ability with our time tested tricks to answer questions of Preliminary as well as Mains Examination



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Programme Highlights

Comprehensive coverage of Prelims and Mains Examination including CSAT



Concept building from Basic to Advance

Holistic Coverage of Current Affairs



One-on-One Free Mentorship and Guidance

Latest Study Material and Personal Study Notes of Faculty



Additional Class Notes and Printed Handouts

Doubts Solving and Discussion



Special Interactive Classes, i.e., Students are free to ask their doubts

Answer Writing Practice for each Topic and Weekly Tests with Feedback



Collaborative Learning with experts and fellow aspirants through Community Forums

Regular Topics Revision & Doubts Sessions



Prelims Revision Classes before Prelims Examination

Mains Updation Classes after Prelims Examination



Both Online and Offline Batches in English Medium

Why Choose T3?



Expect the Unexpected



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The key to clearing the IAS examination has always been selective study. But lately, the selective study does not seem to be enough. The nature of questions and the uncanny ability of UPSC to always bring out the unexpected in the exam requires much more. Here at T3, our primary focus is to make the unexpected expected for our students. Also, the study material and lectures are designed to be interesting & effective for a better grasp of the students.



Free Personal Mentorship and Guidance

Students are provided one-to-one guidance regularly for clearing doubts & keeping them motivated while preparing for this supremely dynamic exam. Our teachers are driven by excellence. The objective is to provide individual mentorship to each and every student. It is the personal responsibility of the mentor to get the prelims and mains exam cleared of the mentee.

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Special Scholarship Options for EWS



We believe in giving back to society and so we have special scholarship options for students belonging to the EWS category. Attend one month's classes and appear for the test based on which the second installment of the fees would be discounted.



Quarterly #GiveBack Programme

Our Director believes in not just imparting knowledge but to teach the soon-to-be administrators the ground realities and problems of the marginalized sections. Through this #GiveBack to society programme, we would organize trips to NGOs and such. We want the aspirants to understand the practicalities of being an administrator and inculcate the principles of working for the upliftment of the society which would help them immensely in Mains answer writing and Interviews as well.

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Regular Answer Writing Practice & Individual Assessment

Students are provided personalized, specific, and concrete feedback & attention through regular tutorials, mini-tests, weekly tests, and post-test comprehensive analysis of individual answer sheets and corrective measures for performance improvement.



No Overpopulated Batches

To make your experience akin to private tutorship, we have decided to keep the maximum strength of each batch not more than 35. This ensures uninterrupted preparation and individual focus on each student.

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Current Affairs & Reference Books Covered

All relevant sources of Current Affairs such as The Hindu, Indian Express, PIB, Yojana, government documents are discussed in detail. Also, we do not JUST recommend reference books for you to study through once the course is over, we cover those books during the course and take mock-tests to assess your learning.



Regular Revisions & Tips to Crack Difficult Sections

We, at T3, understand the importance of regular revisions of the syllabus to brush-up on the learnings. Also, T3's teaching methodology allows the course to be completed in time and leaves students enough time to revise and prepare on their own. Additionally, we hold Special Discussions that address the difficult sections of the exam and show our students how to prepare and answer them.

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Fees and Duration



Fees: INR 90,000/-

Duration: 8 to 10 months (Mentorship till Selection)

Duration of each class: Duration of each class: 3-4 hrs, 5-6 days a week (If the need arises, classes can be held on Sundays also)

- Scholarships Options
- Fees Installment Facility
- Limited Period Discount Offers

Note

1. The students can ask their doubts and subject queries during the class through the LIVE Chat Option in case of Online Batches. They can also note down their doubts and questions and convey them to our classroom mentor at Jaipur center and we will respond to the queries through phone/mail.
2. Different batches, having the same timings can be merged as and when required.
3. During weekends, classes may extend for a longer duration or may get scheduled to different timings.
4. Students can be restricted from the classroom if found to be involved in any irregular or non-disciplinary activities concerning the institute.
5. We do not provide any parking facility. Also, classrooms need to be vacated immediately after the class to make arrangements for the next batch.
6. Classes will be held both Online and Offline. Offline Classes will be available subject to government regulations and the safety of the students.
7. Also, Classes can be of longer duration for timely completion of the course (sometimes two classes can be planned on the same day).

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UPSC IAS Preliminary Exam Pattern & Syllabus

The first stage of the exam i.e., the Civil Services Preliminary Exam is only a screening test and is conducted to shortlist candidates for the Main Examination. Marks secured in Preliminary Exam are not taken into account while preparing the final merit. A candidate must appear in both the Papers of the IAS Prelim Exam for evaluation.

The Preliminary Exam consists of two papers of objective type carrying a maximum of 400 marks.

No. of Papers	2 compulsory papers
Type of Questions	Objective (MCQ) type
Total Maximum Marks	400 (200 each paper)
Duration of Exam	2 hrs. each (20 minutes per hour extra time for blind candidates & candidate with Locomotor Disability & Cerebral Palsy [minimum 40% impairment])
Negative Marking	1/3rd of the marks assigned to a question
Medium of Exam	Bilingual (Hindi & English)

1. General Studies Paper-I Syllabus

It has 100 questions broadly covering the following topics carrying a maximum of 200 marks to be solved in 2 hours. Current events of National & International importance.

- History of India & Indian National Movement.
- Indian & World Geography – Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India & the World.
- Indian Polity & Governance – Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.
- Economic & Social Development – Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc.
- General issues on Environmental ecology, Biodiversity & climate change – that do not require subject specialization.
- General Science.

2. CSAT Paper-II Syllabus

It comprises 80 questions from the following topics carrying a maximum of 200 marks to be solved in 2 hours. CSAT Paper-II of the IAS Exam is a qualifying paper with minimum qualifying marks fixed at 33%.

- Comprehension.
- Interpersonal skills including communication skills.
- Logical reasoning & analytical ability.
- Decision-making & problem-solving.
- General mental ability.
- Basic numeracy (numbers & their relations, orders of magnitude, etc.) (Class X level), Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency, etc. – Class X level)

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UPSC IAS Main Exam Pattern & Syllabus

Civil Services Main Examination consists of written examination and interview (personality test).

Civil Services Main Examination consists of the following papers divided into 2 categories – qualifying & papers to be counted for merit.

Qualifying Papers		Marks
Paper-A	One of the Indian Language to be selected by the candidate from the Languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution	300
Paper-B	English	300
Papers to be Counted for Merit		
Paper-I	Essay	
Paper-II	General Studies-I (Indian Heritage and Culture, History, and Geography of the World and Society)	
Paper-III	General Studies-II (Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations)	250
Paper-IV	General Studies-III (Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)	250
Paper-V	General Studies-IV (Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude)	250
Paper-VI	Optional Subject – Paper 1	250
Paper-VII	Optional Subject – Paper 2	250
Sub Total (Written Test)		
Personality Test		275
Grand Total		2025

Paper-I: Essay

Candidates may be required to write essays on multiple topics.

They will be expected to keep close to the subject of the essay to arrange their ideas in an orderly fashion and to write concisely.

Credit will be given for effective and exact expression.

Paper-II: General Studies-I

Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society.

1. Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature, and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
2. Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present- significant events, personalities, issues.
3. The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.
4. Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.

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5. History of the world will include events from the 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redrawing of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism, etc.—their forms and effect on society.
6. Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.
7. Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems, and their remedies.
8. Effects of globalization on Indian society.
9. Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.
10. Salient features of the world's physical geography.
11. 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).
12. Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclones, 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.

Paper-III: General Studies-II

Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.

1. Indian Constitution—historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions, and basic structure.
2. 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.
3. Separation of powers between various organs disputes redressal mechanisms and institutions.
4. Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.
5. Parliament and State legislatures—structure, functioning, the conduct of business, powers & privileges, and issues arising out of these.
6. 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.
7. Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.
8. Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions, and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.
9. Statutory, regulatory, and various quasi-judicial bodies.
10. Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
11. Development processes and the development industry —the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.
12. 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.
13. Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.
14. Issues relating to poverty and hunger.
15. Important aspects of governance, transparency, and accountability, e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.
16. Role of civil services in a democracy.
17. India and its neighborhood- relations.
18. Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.
19. Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.
20. Important International institutions, agencies, and fora - their structure, mandate.

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Paper-IV: General Studies-III

Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management

1. Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization, resources, growth, development, and employment.
2. Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.
3. Government Budgeting.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Food processing and related industries in India- scope' and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.
7. Land reforms in India.
8. Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy, and their effects on industrial growth.
9. Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways, etc.
10. Investment models.
11. Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life.
12. Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.
13. Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, Nano-technology, bio-technology, and issues relating to intellectual property rights.
14. Conservation, environmental pollution, and degradation, environmental impact assessment.
15. Disaster and disaster management.
16. Linkages between development and spread of extremism.
17. Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.
18. Challenges to internal security through communication networks, the role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cybersecurity; money-laundering and its prevention.
19. Security challenges and their management in border areas - linkages of organized crime with terrorism.
20. Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.

Paper-V: General Studies-IV

This paper will include questions to test the candidates' attitude and approach to issues relating to integrity, probity in public life, and his problem-solving approach to various issues and conflicts faced by him in dealing with society. Questions may utilize the case study approach to determine these aspects.

The following broad areas will be covered:

1. 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, and administrators; the role of family society and educational institutions in inculcating values.
2. Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behavior; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.
3. 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.
4. Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.
5. Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world.
6. 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.

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7. 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.
8. Case Studies on the above issues.

Paper – VI & VII

Optional Subject Papers I & II.

A candidate may opt for any one Optional Subject from the following:

1. Agriculture
2. Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science
3. Anthropology
4. Botany
5. Chemistry
6. Civil Engineering
7. Commerce and Accountancy
8. Economics
9. Electrical Engineering
10. Geography
11. Geology
12. History
13. Law
14. Management
15. Mathematics
16. Mechanical Engineering
17. Medical Science
18. Philosophy
19. Physics
20. Political Science and International Relations
21. Psychology
22. Public Administration
23. Sociology
24. Statistics
25. Zoology
26. The literature of any one of the following languages: Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Maithili, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Santhali, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu and English.

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