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Test No.	Date	Syllabus
Test 1 GSM (P-V)-2301	August 26, 2023 (Saturday)	Mock Test-1 : GS-I
Test 2 GSM (P-V)-2302		Mock Test-2 : GS-II

Test No.	Date	Syllabus
Test 3 GSM (P-V)-2303	August 27, 2023 (Sunday)	Mock Test-3 : GS-III
Test 4 GSM (P-V)-2304		Mock Test-4 : GS-IV

### Test Schedule

Test No. (Code)	Test Date	Topics Covered
Test 1 GSM (P-V)-2301	August 26, 2023 (Sunday)	<p><b>GS Paper-I : Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society</b></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> <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> <li>● History of the world will include events from 18<sup>th</sup> 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 the society.</li> <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> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism &amp; secularism.</li> <li>● Salient features of world's physical geography.</li> <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> <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>Test 2 GSM (P-V)-2302</p>	<p>August 26, 2023 (Sunday)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GS Paper-II : Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations</b></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> <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>● Government strives to have a workforce which reflects gender balance and women candidates are encouraged to apply.</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> <li>● Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.</li> <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> <li>● Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency &amp; accountability and institutional and other measures.</li> <li>● Role of civil services in a democracy.</li> <li>● India and its neighborhood- relations.</li> <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>Test 3 GSM (P-V)-2303</p>	<p>August 27, 2023 (Sunday)</p>	<p><b>GS Paper-III : Technology, Economic Development, Bio diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management</b></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>● 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.</li> <li>● 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; Government strives to have a workforce which reflects gender balance and women candidates are encouraged to apply. 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> <li>● Land reforms in India.</li> <li>● Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.</li> <li>● Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.</li> <li>● Investment models.</li> <li>● Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life.</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, biotechnology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.</li> <li>● Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.</li> <li>● Disaster and disaster management.</li> <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; moneylaundering 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>Test 4 GSM (P-V)-2304</p>	<p>August 27, 2023 (Sunday)</p>	<p><b>GS Paper-IV : Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude</b></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 and administrators; role of family society and educational institutions in inculcating values.</li> <li>● Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.</li> </ul>

- Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service, integrity, impartiality and nonpartisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker-sections.
- Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.
- Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world.
- 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.
- 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.
- Case Studies on above issues.