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Test No.	Data	C. U.s. k	Test No.	Data	C-Ushara
Test No. Test 1	Date December 3, 2023	Syllabus	Test No.	Date June 9, 2024	Syllabus
GSM (M)-2401	(Sunday)	Indian Polity (GS-II)	GSM (M)-2413	(Sunday)	Full Syllabus of GS Paper-I
Test 2 GSM (M)-2402	December 17, 2023 (Sunday)	Freedom Struggle + Modern Indian History + Post Independence History (GS-I)	Test 14	June 16, 2024	Full Syllabus of GS Paper-II
Test 3	December 31, 2023	Physical Geography (GS-I)	GSM (M)-2414	(Sunday)	
GSM (M)-2403 Test 4	(Sunday) January 14, 2024		Test 15 GSM (M)-2415	June 23, 2024 (Sunday)	Full Syllabus of GS Paper-III
GSM (M)-2404	(Sunday)	Indian Economy I (GS-III)	Test 16	June 30, 2024	Full Syllabus of GS Paper-IV
Test 5 GSM (M)-2405	January 28, 2024 (Sunday)	Science & Technology + Security (GS-III)	GSM (M)-2416	(Sunday)	
Test 6	February 11, 2024	Ethics I (GS-IV)	Test 17 GSM (M)-2417	July 14, 2024 (Sunday)	Full Syllabus of GS Paper-I
GSM (M)-2406 Test 7	(Sunday) February 18, 2024		Test 18	July 21, 2024	
GSM (M)-2407	(Sunday)	Governance + Social Justice (GS-II)	GSM (M)-2418	(Sunday)	Full Syllabus of GS Paper-II
Test 8 GSM (M)-2408	February 25, 2024 (Sunday)	Indian Heritage and Culture + History of the World (GS-I)	Test 19 GSM (M)-2419	July 28, 2024 (Sunday)	Full Syllabus of GS Paper-III
Test 9 GSM (M)-2409	March 3, 2024 (Sunday)	Indian Geography + Disaster Management + Environment + Biodiversity (GS-I + III)	Test 20 GSM (M)-2420	August 4, 2024 (Sunday)	Full Syllabus of GS Paper-IV
Test 10 GSM (M)-2410	March 10, 2024 (Sunday)	Indian Economy II (GS-III)	Test 21/22	August 17, 2024	
Test 11 GSM (M)-2411	March 17, 2024 (Sunday)	Ethics II (GS-IV)	GSM (M)-2421/22	(Saturday)	GS-I + GS-II
Test 12 GSM (M)-2412	March 24, 2024 (Sunday)	Society+ International Relations (GS-I + II)	Test 23/24 GSM (M)-2423/24	August 18, 2024 (Sunday)	GS-III + GS-IV

*For detailed breakup of syllabus, kindly refer to the subsequent pages.



		Test Schedule
Test No. (Code)	Test Date	Topics Covered
Test 1 GSM (M)-2401	December 3, 2023 (Sunday)	 Indian Polity (GS-II) Indian Constitution-historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure. 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. 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 a privileges and issues arising out of these. 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. Salient features of the Representation of People's Act. Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies. Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies. Current affair question based on the above topics
Test 2 GSM (M)-2402	December 17, 2023 (Sunday)	 3reedom Struggle + Modern Indian History + Post Independence History (GS-I) The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country. Modern Indian History from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present- significant events, personalities, issues. Post-independence Consolidation and Reorganization within the country. Current affair question based on the above topics
Test 3 GSM (M)-2403	December 31, 2023 (Sunday)	 Physical Geography (GS-I) Salient features of World's Physical Geography. 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. Current affair question based on the above topics



Test 4 GSM (M)-2404	January 14, 2024 (Sunday)	 Indian Economy I (65-III) Indian Economy and issues relating to Planning, Mobilization of Resources, Growth, Development and Employment. Inclusive Growth and issues arising from it. Government Budgeting. Effects of Liberalization on the Economy, Changes in Industrial Policy and their Effects on Industrial Growth. Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc. Investment Models. Current affair question based on the above topics
Test 5 GSM (M)-2405	January 28, 2024 (Sunday)	 Science & Technology + Security ([5-III]) Science and Technology- Developments and their Applications and Effects in Everyday Life. Achievements of Indians in Science & Technology; Indigenization of Technology and Developing New Technology. Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, Robotics, Nano-technology, Bio-technology and issues relating to Intellectual Property Rights. Linkages between Development and Spread of Extremism. Role of External State and Non-state Actors in creating challenges to Internal Security. Challenges to Internal Security through Communication Networks, Role of Media and Social Networking Sites in Internal Security Challenges, Basics of Cyber Security; Money-Laundering and its prevention. Security Challenges and their Management in Border Areas - Linkages of Organized Crime with Terrorism. Various Security Forces and Agencies and their Mandate. Current affair question based on the above topics
Test 6 GSM (M)-2406	February 11, 2024 (Sunday)	 Ethics I (65-11/) 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. Attitude: Content, Structure, Function; its Influence and Relation with Thought and Behaviour; Moral and Political Attitudes; Social Influence and Persuasion. Emotional Intelligence-Concepts, and their Utilities and Application in Administration and Governance. Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from India and World. Case Studies on above issues.
Test 7 GSM (M)-2407	February 18, 2024 (Sunday)	 Governance + Social Justice (GS-II) Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation. Development processes and the development industry —the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.



		 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. 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, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures. Role of civil services in a democracy. Current affair question based on the above topics
Test 8 GSM (M)-2408	February 25, 2024 (Sunday)	 Indian Heritage and Culture + History of the World (65-1) Indian Culture - Salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times. History of the World - Events from 18th century such as Industrial Revolution, world wars, Redrawal of National Boundaries, Colonization, Decolonization, political philosophies like Communism, Capitalism, Socialism etc.— their forms and effect on the society. Current affair question based on the above topics
Test 9 GSM (M)-2409	March 3, 2024 (Sunday)	 Indian Geography + Disaster Management + Environment + Biodiversity (GS-I + III) 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). Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment. Disaster and disaster management. Current affair question based on the above topics
Test 10 GSM (M)-2410	March 10, 2024 (Sunday)	 Indian Economy II (65-III) 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. 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. Food Processing and Related Industries in India- Scope' and Significance, Location, Upstream and Downstream Requirements, Supply Chain Management. Land Reforms in India. Current affair question based on the above topics



Test 11 GSM (M)-2411	March 17, 2024 (Sunday)	 Ethics II (65-IV) 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. 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.
Test 12 GSM (M)-2412	March 24, 2024 (Sunday)	 Society + International Relations (f§-I + II) Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India. Role of Women and Women's Organization, Population and Associated Issues, Poverty and Developmental issues, Urbanization, their problems and their remedies. Effects of Globalization on Indian society. Social Empowerment, Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism. 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, Indian Diaspora. Important International Institutions, agencies and fora - their Structure, Mandate. Current affair question based on the above topics
Test 13 GSM (M)-2413	June 9, 2024 (Sunday)	• GS Paper I : Full Syllabus
Test 14 GSM (M)-2414	June 16, 2024 (Sunday)	• GS Paper II : Full Syllabus



Test 15 GSM (M)-2415	June 23, 2024 (Sunday)	• GS Paper III : Full Syllabus
Test 16 GSM (M)-2416	June 30, 2024 (Sunday)	• GS Paper IV : Full Syllabus
Test 17 GSM (M)-2417	July 14, 2024 (Sunday)	• GS Paper I : Full Syllabus
Test 18 GSM (M)-2418	July 21, 2024 (Sunday)	• GS Paper II : Full Syllabus
Test 19 GSM (M)-2419	July 28, 2024 (Sunday)	• GS Paper III : Full Syllabus
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	UP	SC (2023) & Drishti UPSC GS Mains	s Test Series	Comparative Analysis
		Paper	1	
5	Question Code	Drishti IAS Test Series Question	UPSC Question Number	UPSC Question
21	3	• Discuss the cultural contributions of Rabindranath		

GSM (M-I) 2321	3	• Discuss the cultural contributions of Rabindranath Tagore in the consolidation of national identity during the Indian freedom struggle		• What was the difference between Mahatma Gandhi	
GSM (M-I) 2320	6(b)	• In line with Gandhiji's belief that education which does not mould character is wholly worthless, discuss the importance of educational institutions and society in instilling values in children?	2	and Rabindranath Tagore in their approach towards education and nationalism?	10
GSM (M-I) 2319	16	• Climate change has a serious impact on food security in India. In this regard what are the steps has been taken by the government to ensure food security in India? Analyze.	4	• Discuss the consequences of climate change on the food security in tropical countries.	10
GSM (M-I) 2317	13	• "Climate warming and unsustainable groundwater extraction are likely to amplify the challenges related to groundwater sustainability." In light of the above statement discuss various reasons for groundwater depletion and highlight government initiatives to address the challenges.	5	 Why is the world today confronted with a crisis of availability of and access to freshwater resources? 	10
GSM (M-I) 2323	5	• Increased climate vulnerability has made rainfall patterns erratic which warrants water resources development, conservation, and multiple-use management for the agriculture sector. Discuss.			
GSM (M-I) 2317	11	• Describe the factors that contribute to the continuity and change in Indian society	11	• What are the main features of Vedic society and religion? Do you think some of the features are still prevailing in Indian Society?	15

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Test Series

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GSM (M-I) 2301	1	• Bring out the comparison between the Indian constitutional scheme with that of the British constitution.	4	• Compare and contrast the British and Indian approaches to Parliamentary sovereignty.	10
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		Paper	2		
GSM (M-I) 2312	16	• What manifestations of caste-based prejudice exist today? Why has casteism persisted in India in spite of concerted efforts to eradicate it? Explain.	19	• Why is caste identity in India both fluid and static?	15
GSM (M-I) 2307	18	• Cities are India's economic powerhouses yet persistent poverty remains an inescapable reality for them. State the reasons behind Urban Poverty. How can the condition of the Urban Poor be improved?	18	• Does urbanization lead to more segregation and/or marginalisation of the poor in Indian metropolises?	15
GSM (M-I) 2307	18	• Cities are India's economic powerhouses yet persistent poverty remains an inescapable reality for them. State the reasons behind Urban Poverty. How can the condition of the Urban Poor be improved?	16	economic development in India?	15
GSM (M-I) 2315	15	• While India has made significant strides in economic growth, its performance in terms of human development indicators falls short. Examine.		 Why did human development fail to keep pace with 	
GSM (M-I) 2317	5	• Marine resources have emerged as a vital cornerstone of the economy, providing a rich source of livelihoods and prosperity. Elucidate	14	• Comment on the resource potential of the long coastline of India and highlight the status of natural hazard preparedness in these areas.	15
GSM (M-I) 2321	19	• What were the reasons for tribal movement in India? Discuss some of the important tribal movements of pre- independent India.	13	• How did the colonial rule affect the tribals in India and what was the tribal response to the colonial oppression?	15



GSM (M-I) 2301	9	• Indian Constitution wonderfully adopt the midway between American system of Judicial supremacy and British principle of Parliamentary sovereignty by endowing the judiciary with power of judicial review. Discuss.	4		
GSM (M-I) 2314	15	• "The Indian Parliament is not a sovereign legislature; it has vast but not unlimited powers." Comment on the statement.			
GSM (M-I) 2315	15	• While India has made significant strides in economic growth, its performance in terms of human development indicators falls short. Examine.	6	• The crucial aspect of development process has been the inadequate attention paid to Human Resource Development in India. Suggest measures that can address this inadequacy.	10
GSM (M-I) 2307	19	• "Competition is welcome, but only under a framework that ensures a level-playing field for the big, the small, the old and the new." Analyze the role of the Competition Commission of India in promoting just and fair market practices.	7	• Discuss the role of the Competition Comission of India in containing the abuse of dominant position by the Multi-National corporations in India. Refer to the recent decisions.	10
GSM (M-I) 2318	8	• What are the challenges in the implementation of e-Governance in India? What measures need to be taken to overcome it?		• e-governance as a critical tool of governance, has	
GSM (M-I) 2307	6	• E-Governance is not about Technology but Governance. Analyze.	8	ushered in effectiveness, transparency and accountability in governments. What inadequacies	10
GSM (M-I) 2323	16	• "Digital public infrastructure is a critical enabler of digital transformation and is helping to improve public service delivery." Discuss.		hamper the enhancement of these features?	
GSM (M-I) 2312	5	• Explain the importance of the Indian diaspora on the global stage and provide suggestions on how India can utilize its full potential.	10	 Indian Diaspora has scaled new heights in the West. Describe its economic and political benefits for India. 	10
GSM (M-I) 2314	3	• Discuss the significance of India's diaspora and its role in enhancing India's economic and strategic interests.		besence its economic and pointear ochemis for mula.	



GSM (M-I) 2301	5	• The Constitution of India is a living document rather than a closed and static rulebook. Discuss.	11	• "The Constitution of India is a living instrument with capabilities of enormous dynamism. It is a constitution made for a progressive society." Illustrate with special reference to the expanding horizons of the right to life and personal liberty.	15
GSM (M-I) 2322	6	• In the realm of women empowerment, the role of civil society and NGOs has been only marginal. Critically examine this statement.	14	• Discuss the contribution of civil society groups for women's effective and meaningful participation and representation in state legislature in India.	15
GSM (M-I) 2318	15	• Throw light on the role of Parliamentary committees and give a contemporary evaluation of their functioning so far	16	• Explain the structure of Parliamentary Committee system. How far have the financial committees	15
GSM (M-I) 2322	13	• Despite limitations, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has become an invaluable asset to our parliamentary democracy. Discuss.		helped in the institutionalisation of Indian Parliament?	
		Paper	3		
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GSM (M-I) 2310	18	• Digital Agriculture can play a transformational role in modernizing and organizing how rural India performs its agricultural activities. Elucidate.	3	• How does e-technology help farmers in production and marketing of agricultural produce? Explain it.	10
GSM (M-I) 2310 GSM (M-I) 2302	18	modernizing and organizing how rural India performs	3		10



GSM (M-I) 2319	8	• What is the significance of Chandrayaan-3 in India's mission to explore the moon's South Pole? What are the main obstacles for India, both in terms of technology and logistics?	16	• What is the main task of India's third moon mission which could not be achieved in its earlier mission? List the countries that have achieved this task. Introduce the subsytems in the spacecraft launched and explain the role of the 'Virtual Launch Control Centre' at the Vikram Sarabhai space Centre which contributed to the successful launch from Sriharikota.	15
GSM (M-I) 2305	2	• The issues and challenges for India's internal security are multifold and complex. Examine.		• What are the internal security challenges being faced by India? Give out the role of Central Intelligence	
GSM (M-I) 2319	18	• Transnational organized crime poses a significant and growing threat to national security. Discuss the linkages between terrorism and organized crime in India.	19	and Investigative Agencies tasked to counter such threats.	15
		Paper	: 4	<u>`</u>	
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GSM (M-I) 2311	2(b)	• "Corruption is like a ball of snow, once it's set rolling it must increase." Discuss how corruption permeates the legislature, executive and judiciary in India and how it endangers the moral rectitude of the entire country.			
GSM (M-I) 2311 GSM (M-I) 2306	2(b) 2(a)	must increase." Discuss how corruption permeates the legislature, executive and judiciary in India and how it	2(a)	 " Corruption is manifestation of the failure of core values in the society." In your opinion, what measures can be adopted to uplift the core values in the society? 	10



GSM (M-I) 2320	Q4 (a)	• How do the main components of emotional intelligence (EI) contribute to personal development? Can they be cultivated through learning and practice? Discuss.	4(a)	 "What really matters for success, character, happiness and lifelong achievements is a definite set of emotional skills - your EQ - not just purely cognitive abilities that are measured by conventional IQ tests." Do you agree with this view? Give reasons in support of your answer. 	10
GSM (M-I) 2316	Q4 (a)	• How does emotional intelligence influence interpersonal relationships in the workplace? Discuss the impact of emotional intelligence on team dynamics, collaboration, and conflict resolution			
GSM (M-I) 2316	Q6 (b)	• What is the significance of Emotional Intelligence in Civil Servants? Share your viewpoint and provide supporting arguments.			
GSM (M-I) 2306	Q4 (b)	• Discuss the ways to develop emotional intelligence among civil servants and highlight the ways in which it can be applied in administrative functioning.			
GSM (M-I) 2324	Q1 (b)	• How does emotional intelligence contribute to effective leadership? Discuss the key aspects of emotional intelligence and provide examples from the Indian context where it was displayed.			
GSM (M-I) 2311	Q1 (a)	• Is conscience a more reliable guide to ethical decision making as compared to laws, rules and regulations? Justify your arguments with suitable examples.	5(a)	• Is conscience a more reliable guide when compared to laws, rules and regulations in the context of ethical decision making? Discuss.	10
GSM (M-I) 2311	Q4 (a)	• What do you understand by the term 'probity'? Reflect on the expected role of probity in governance.	5(b)	• Probity is essential for an effective system of governance and socio-economic development.' Discuss.	
GSM (M-I) 2316	Q6 (a)	• What is probity in governance? What is the purpose and importance of probity in governance? Are there any measures to ensure probity in governance?			1 1
GSM (M-I) 2320	Q5 (a)	• What is the significance of probity in governance, and how does leadership play a crucial role in fostering probity and ethical governance in public service? Provide suitable illustrations to support your explanation.			