

THE DRISHTI MONTHLY

UPSC NEWSLETTER FROM DRISHTI IAS - ENGLISH



A Letter From Our Editor

Hello friends! Hope the new year had been welcoming to you and that you are all in your true spirits. At Drishti IAS, as usual, we are working hard at the upcoming program – 60 Steps To Prelims that we began since last year.

Like last year we are going to bring to you daily MCQs and their solutions so that you can attempt, revise and prepare for your Prelims.

This year we have decided on two things for this program. First, we are going to emulate the UPSC questioning pattern as closely possible. This will allow you to familiarize yourself with how UPSC frames questions. And second, we are going to try and cover as much of the syllabus as possible, keeping in mind the central themes, the current affairs weightage and the pattern of topics of questions as asked in recent years.

We are sure that if you follow this program closely and do these 3 things with every topic, you will be able to cover a significant chunk of the Prelims syllabus as required for 2020.

1. Google all the topics, terms and issues found in the MCQs and their solutions.
2. Read extensively on the topics related to and surrounding the topics asked in the MCQs.
3. Make notes and revise it weekly while adding new material whenever found.

Drishti Current Affairs Today:

DCAT - THE ONLY MAGAZINE THAT CATERS TO ALL THREE STAGES OF CSE. [CLICK HERE TO SUBSCRIBE.](#)

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BRINGS TO YOU CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR A MONTH IN TWO PARTS - [CLICK ON THIS LINK TO DOWNLOAD THESE PDFS.](#)

HOW TO PREPARE

FOR PRELIMS 2020

Prelims is the most important exam of the CSE because if you do not cross this hurdle, the rest of the exam process remains inaccessible to you. We believe that you should, starting mid-February, focus primarily, if not solely on how to crack the Prelims. Everything else comes afterwards!



Official Cut-Off @2018

General : 98.00
OBC : 96.66
SC : 84.00
ST : 83.34

Target for Prelims 2020 :

110+ marks should keep you on the safe side and this should be your target score.



Date of Notification :

12 - February - 2020

Last Date for Application :

03 - March - 2020

Date of Exam :

31 - May -2020 (Sunday)

3 FORMULAS FOR PRELIMS

COVER



Cover as widely as possible - revise regularly what has been covered. For Prelims, the trick is to read exhaustively. Cover, one-by-one, all the related topics/terms etc. of an issue. Revise as frequently as possible, never be late than 7 days for a revision.

Maintain a proper balance between memorisation and understanding - both are needed. Some things, like Articles of the Constitution, have to be memorised. But there are issues that require a deeper understanding. Your ability to identify correctly which topic requires what, will be your own personal secret to success.

BALANCE



QUALITY



Quality of coverage is more important than the quantity of material covered. Even though you have to read a lot, do not over stretch yourself and go after topics that are not very relevant. To find out where you have to stop, consult the previous year's questions. We will also suggest that you read from only that material that is well vouched for by toppers and other aspirants.

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TO THE POINT

Leave no stone unturned, prepare from these TTPs core areas of the Prelims & Mains syllabus.

2

LOK SABHA & RAJYA SABHA DISCUSSIONS

Current affairs from a very trustworthy source that should help you get the big picture!

3

MIND MAPS

For very quick revision; full content will be found in the related TTP.

4

SOLVED PAPERS BY SUBJECT

Those who are in advanced stages of preparation, go through Mains solved questions subject-wise.

5

Current Affairs Daily Quiz

Test your Prelims preparation daily – take these 5 questions!

6

YOUTUBE PDFS

All the PDFs from our YouTube programs in one place. Free download!

7

CSAT Practice

We are working on this, new questions and solutions will be updated very very soon. Practice well.

“EDUCATION ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN FINISH.”

Isaac Asimov

Very true for UPSC, won't you agree? The syllabus seems endless, the questions seem to strike out of the blue, and the options seem so confusing! This is why it is important to accept the fact that the entire syllabus cannot be covered in its entirety.

So, what do we do then? Do we do an in depth but selective coverage of the syllabus? Or, do we cover the full syllabus but without a good depth? Or perhaps a combination of both?

On the first question, a selective coverage of the syllabus is a good idea – you will prepare some topics while some topics you will ignore – at your intelligent discretion. This will work better with aspirants who have already done their foundation work – NCERTs, cleared Prelims, attempted Mains etc. But it will be difficult for those who do not have such experience.

On the second question, a shallow but wide coverage of topics may work wonders for Prelims, especially with aspirants who are appearing for the first time. But this strategy will cause some trouble in the Mains exam because depth of understanding is required here and in the Interview.

So, ideally aspirants follow a mix of both – prepare in depth some topics like Fundamental Rights, while scan through topics like Robotics, Space Technologies etc. Here, what you have to understand that the CSE is not only a test of knowledge and expression but also of the ability to intelligently 'crack' what is important for UPSC or not.

Happy hunting!

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