

### Mains Test Series Schedule - 2026 (8 Sectional Tests + 8 FLTs)

S. No.	Date	General Studies Paper	Subjects	Syllabus
1	07/09/2025 (Sunday)	Test - 1 (GS 1)	History + Indian Society and Social Issues(I)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.</li> <li>2. Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present-significant events, personalities, issues.</li> <li>3. The Freedom Struggle – its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.</li> <li>4. Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.</li> <li>5. History of the world will include events from 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 the society.</li> <li>6. Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.</li> <li>7. Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.</li> </ol>
2	21/09/2025 (Sunday)	Test - 2 (GS 1)	Geography + Indian Society and Social Issues (II)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Effects of globalization on Indian society.</li> <li>2. Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism &amp; secularism.</li> <li>3. Salient features of world's physical geography.</li> <li>4. Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian subcontinent);</li> <li>5. Factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).</li> <li>6. Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc.,</li> <li>7. 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> </ol>
3	05/10/2025 (Sunday)	Test - 3 (GS 2)	Polity and Governance (I)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indian Constitution—historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.</li> <li>2. Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and</li> </ol>

				<p>finances up to local levels and challenges therein.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.</li> <li>4. Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.</li> <li>5. Parliament and State legislatures – structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers &amp; privileges and issues arising out of these.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>7. Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.</li> <li>8. Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.</li> <li>9. Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.</li> <li>10. Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.</li> <li>11. Development processes and the development industry – the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.</li> <li>12. 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>13. Role of civil services in a democracy.</li> </ol>
4	19/10/2025 (Sunday)	Test - 4 (GS 2)	Governance (II) and Social Justice + IR	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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>2. Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.</li> <li>3. Issues relating to poverty and hunger.</li> <li>4. India and its neighborhood- relations.</li> <li>5. Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.</li> <li>6. Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.</li> <li>7. Important International institutions, agencies and</li> </ol>

				fora- their structure, mandate.
5	02/11/2025 (Sunday)	Test – 5 (GS 3)	Indian Economy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization, of resources, growth, development and employment.</li> <li>2. Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.</li> <li>3. Government Budgeting.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>6. Food processing and related industries in India- scope' and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.</li> <li>7. Land reforms in India.</li> <li>8. Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.</li> <li>9. Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.</li> <li>10. Investment models.</li> </ol>
6	16/11/2025 (Sunday)	Test – 6 (GS 3)	Environment and DM+ S&T + Internal Security	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life.</li> <li>2. Achievements of Indians in science &amp; technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.</li> <li>3. Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.</li> <li>4. Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.</li> <li>5. Disaster and disaster management.</li> <li>6. Linkages between development and spread of extremism.</li> <li>7. Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.</li> <li>8. 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.</li> <li>9. Security challenges and their management in border areas - linkages of organized crime with</li> </ol>

				terrorism. 10. Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.
7	14/12/2025 (Sunday)	Test - 7 (GS 4)	Ethics Theory +Case Studies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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; role of family society and educational institutions in inculcating values.</li> <li>2. Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>4. Case Studies on Above Issues</li> </ol>
8	28/12/2025 (Sunday)	Test - 8 (GS 4)	Ethics Theory +Case Studies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.</li> <li>2. Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world.</li> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. 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.</li> <li>5. Case Studies on above issues.</li> </ol>
9	11/01/2026 (Sunday)	Test - 9 (GS 1 FLT)	History + Geography + Indian Society and Social issues	Full Syllabus



10	18-01-2026 (Sunday)	Test - 10 (GS 2 FLT)	Polity and Governance +Social Justice + IR	Full Syllabus
11	25-01-2026 (Sunday)	Test - 11 (GS 3 FLT)	Indian Economy + Environment and DM +S&T +Internal Security	Full Syllabus
12	02/01/2026 (Sunday)	Test - 12 (GS 4 FLT)	Ethics Theory +Ethics Case Study	Full Syllabus
13	Post prelims 2026	Test - 13 (GS 1 FLT)	History + Geography + Indian Society and Social issues	Full Syllabus
14	Post Prelims 2026	Test - 14 (GS 2 FLT)	Polity and Governance +Social Justice + IR	Full Syllabus
15	Post Prelims 2026	Test - 15 (GS 3 FLT)	Indian Economy + Environment and DM +S&T +Internal Security	Full Syllabus
16	Post Prelims 2026	Test - 16 (GS 4 FLT)	Ethics Theory +Ethics Case Study	Full Syllabus