

UPSC (BATCH II) FOR MAINS 2026 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION TEST SCHEDULE

ENRICHED RESOURCE MATERIALS

1. Mind Mapping of Syllabus Topics
2. Value added materials

S.NO.	DATE	TEST	SYLLABUS
	16.06.2025		Orientation - Test 1
1.	23.06.2025	Test 1 (150 marks)	Introduction: Meaning, scope, and significance of Public Administration, Wilson's vision of Public Administration, Evolution of the discipline, and its present status. New Public Administration, Public Choice approach; Challenges of liberalization, Privatisation, Globalisation; Good Governance: concept and application; New Public Management.
	30.06.2025		Test 1 Discussion/Orientation Test 2
2.	07.07.2024	Test 2 (150 marks)	Scientific Management and Scientific Management movement; Classical Theory; Weber's bureaucratic model its critique and post-Weberian Developments; Dynamic Administration (Mary Parker Follett); Human Relations School (Elton Mayo and others);
	14.07.2025		Test 2 Discussion / Orientation Test 3
3.	21.07.2025	Test 3 (150 marks)	Administrative Thought: Functions of the Executive (C.I Barnard); Simon's decision-making theory; Participative Management (R.Likert, C.Argyris, D.McGregor). Administrative Behaviour: Process and techniques of decision-making; Communication; Morale; Motivation Theories content, process and contemporary; Theories of Leadership: Traditional and Modern.



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	28.07.2025		Test 3 Discussion / Orientation Test 4
4.	04.08.2025	Test 4 (150 marks)	<p>1. Organisations: Theories – systems, contingency, Structure and forms: Ministries and Departments, corporations, Companies, Authorities; Public – Private Partnerships.</p> <p>2. Evolution of Indian Administration: Kautilya's Arthashastra; Mughal administration; Legacy of British rule in politics and administration - Indianization of public services, revenue administration, district administration, local self-government.</p>
	11.08.2025		Test 4 Discussion / Orientation Test 5
5.	18.08.2025	Test 5 (150 marks)	<p>1. Accountability and control: Concepts of accountability and control; Legislative, Executive and Judicial control over administration; Citizen and Administration; Role of media, interest groups, voluntary organizations; Civil society; Citizen's Charters; Right to Information; Social audit.</p> <p>2. Philosophical and Constitutional framework of government: Salient features and value premises; Constitutionalism; Political culture; Bureaucracy and democracy; Bureaucracy and development.</p> <p>3. Public Sector Undertakings: Public sector in modern India; Forms of Public Sector Undertakings; Problems of autonomy, accountability and control; Impact of liberalization and privatization.</p>
	25.08.2025		Test 5 Discussion / Orientation Test 6
6.	01.09.2025	Test 6 (150 marks)	<p>1. Administrative Law: Meaning, scope and significance; Dicey on Administrative law; Delegated legislation; Administrative Tribunals.</p> <p>2. Plans and Priorities: Machinery of planning; Role, composition and functions of the Planning Commission and the National Development Council; 'Indicative' planning; Process of plan formulation at Union and State levels; Constitutional Amendments (1992) and decentralized planning for economic development and social justice.</p> <p>3. District Administration since Independence: Changing role of the Collector; Union-state-local relations; Imperatives of development management and law and order administration; District administration and democratic decentralization.</p>



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7	08.09.2025	Test 7 (250 marks)	Paper I - Test 1 to 6 Paper II - Test 1 to 6
	15.09.2025		Test 6 & 7 Discussion / Orientation Test 8
8.	22.09.2025	Test 8 (150 marks)	<p>1. Comparative Public Administration: Historical and sociological factors affecting administrative systems; Administration and politics in different countries; Current status of Comparative Public Administration; Ecology and administration; Riggsian models and their critique.</p> <p>2. Union Government and Administration: Executive, Parliament, Judiciary - structure, functions, work processes; Recent trends; Intragovernmental relations; Cabinet Secretariat; Prime Minister's Office; Central Secretariat; Ministries and Departments; Boards; Commissions; Attached offices; Field organizations.</p>
	29.09.2025		Test 8 Discussion / Orientation Test 9
9.	06.10.2025	Test 9 (150 marks)	<p>1. Development Dynamics: Concept of development; Changing profile of development administration; 'Anti-development thesis'; Bureaucracy and development; Strong state versus the market debate; Impact of liberalisation on administration in developing countries; Women and development - the self-help group movement.</p> <p>2. State Government and Administration: Union-State administrative, legislative and financial relations; Role of the Finance Commission; Governor; Chief Minister; Council of Ministers; Chief Secretary; State Secretariat; Directorates.</p>
	13.10.2025		Test 9 Discussion / Orientation Test 10
10.	20.10.2025	Test 10 (150 marks)	1. Personnel Administration: Importance of human resource development; Recruitment, training, career advancement, position classification, discipline, performance appraisal, promotion, pay and service conditions; employer-employee relations, grievance redressal mechanism; Code of conduct; Administrative ethics.



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			2. Civil Services: Constitutional position; Structure, recruitment, training and capacity-building; Good governance initiatives; Code of conduct and discipline; Staff associations; Political rights; Grievance redressal mechanism; Civil service neutrality; Civil service activism.
	27.10.2025		Test 10 Discussion / Orientation Test 11
11.	03.11.2025	Test 11 (150 marks)	1. Public Policy: Models of policy-making and their critique; Processes of conceptualisation, planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and review and their limitations; State theories and public policy formulation. 2. Significant issues in Indian Administration: Values in public service; Regulatory Commissions; National Human Rights Commission; Problems of administration in coalition regimes; Citizen-administration interface; Corruption and administration; Disaster management.
	10.11.2025		Test 11 Discussion / Orientation Test 12
12.	17.11.2025	Test 12 (150 marks)	1. Techniques of Administrative Improvement: Organisation and methods, Work study and work management; e-governance and information technology; Management aid tools like network analysis, MIS, PERT, CPM. 2. Administrative Reforms since Independence: Major concerns; Important Committees and Commissions; Reforms in financial management and human resource development; Problems of implementation. 3. Law and Order Administration: British legacy; National Police Commission; Investigative agencies; Role of central and state agencies including paramilitary forces in maintenance of law and order and countering insurgency and terrorism; Criminalisation of politics and administration; Police-public relations; Reforms in Police.
	24.11.2025		Test 12 Discussion / Orientation Test 13
13.	01.12.2025	Test 13 (150 marks)	1. Financial Administration: Monetary and fiscal policies; Public borrowings and public debt Budgets - types and forms; Budgetary process; Financial accountability; Accounts and audit.



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			2. Financial Management: Budget as a political instrument; Parliamentary control of public expenditure; Role of finance ministry in monetary and fiscal area; Accounting techniques; Audit; Role of Controller General of Accounts and Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
	08.12.2025		Test 13 Discussion / Orientation Test 14
14.	15.12.2025	Test 14 (150 marks)	1. Rural Development: Institutions and agencies since independence; Rural development programmes: foci and strategies; Decentralization and Panchayati Raj; 73rd Constitutional amendment. 2. Urban Local Government: Municipal governance: main features, structures, finance and problem areas; 74th Constitutional Amendment; Global-local debate; New localism; Development dynamics, politics and administration with special reference to city management.
	22.12.2025		Discussion Test 14
15.	29.12.2025	Test 15 (250 marks)	Paper I – Full Syllabus
16.	05.01.2026	Test 16 (250 marks)	Paper II – Full Syllabus

FORMAT	ONLINE / OFFLINE
TEST	ONLINE / OFFLINE Test : 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
ORIENTATION / DISCUSSION	2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
FEE STRUCTURE	Rs.9,000/-

Note :

- *Point format key will be provided*
- *Toppers answers will be provided*