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# WHY MOKSHA?

## TRACK RECORD

10+ Students in Top 100 consistently

## ACADEMIC RIGOUR

35-40% of our test questions reflected in UPSC Mains every year

## PROGRAM DESIGN

Sequential design of test schedule helps build confidence & momentum in candidates to face the Mains exam

## PROGRAM BREAKUP

### Orientation

**WHAT** to study ?  
**HOW** to study ?  
From **WHERE** to study ?

### Daily Targets

Structurized Completion of syllabus with daily answer writing

### Weekly Tests

Apply & test your preparation level

### Discussions

Understand the question paper & its expectations

### Evaluation

**WHAT** you got right?  
**WHAT** went wrong?  
Evaluation in **7 - 10 days**

### Feedback | Mentorship

(In-person | Online)  
**HOW** to improve ?  
**WHERE** to improve?

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**Subject Matter Experts**

# MAINS TEST SERIES REFLECTIONS CSE 2023

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## CSE - 2023 QUESTION

## SHANKAR IAS QUESTIONS

### GENERAL STUDIES PAPER - I

1.	Explain the role of geographical factors towards the development of Ancient India. (10 Marks)	Account for the role of geography in influencing the architecture of India with suitable examples. (15 Marks)
2.	How did the colonial rule affect the tribals in India and what was the tribal response to the colonial oppression?(15 Marks)	Pre-1857 Resistance against the British were mostly local, isolated and lacked Nationalism". To what extent do you agree with the statement? (15 Marks)
3.	Why is the world today confronted with a crisis of availability of and access to freshwater resources? (10 Marks)	Examine the ground water resources in north western India. Suggest measures to improve the same. (15 marks)
4.	Comment on the resource potentials of the long coastline of India and highlight the status of natural hazard preparedness in these areas.(15 Marks)	"Even the marine resources are finite and over exploitation will certainly lead to exhaustion." In the light of the statement, discuss the reasons & examine the congruence between International & Indian laws to prevent the same. (15 Marks)
5.	Do you think marriage as a sacrament is losing its value in Modern India?(10 Marks)	How is the concept of Marriage in India different from the Western Societies? What are the forces of change that have impacted the institution of marriage in India? (15 marks)
6.	Does urbanization lead to more segregation and/or marginalization of the poor in Indian metropolises?(15 Marks)	"The trends and patterns of urbanization in India impact the poor more than the rich." Justify your answer. (10 marks)
7.	Why is caste identity in India both fluid and static? (15 Marks)	Comment on caste assertion and its social consequences in contemporary Indian society. (15 marks)
8.	Discuss the impact of post-liberal economy on ethnic identity and communalism. (15 Marks)	What factors account for the resurgence of ethnic identity movements in India? (10 Marks)  What are majority and minority consciousness? How does it impact Indian religiosity? (10 Marks)
9.	What were the major technological changes introduced during the Sultanate period? How did those technological changes influence Indian society?(15 Marks)	Discuss the new architectural forms and styles that were introduced during the sultanate period. (10 marks)
10.	Child cuddling is now being replaced by mobile phones. Discuss its impact on the socialization of children. (10 Marks)	"Examine the influence of social media on Indian children with suitable examples". (10 Marks)
11.	Identify and discuss the factors responsible for diversity of natural vegetation in India. Assess the significance of wildlife sanctuaries in rain forest regions of India.(15 Marks)	What are Primary Forests? How are they different from other forests? Bring out the status of Primary Forests conservation in recent years. (15 marks)
12.	Why is the South-West monsoon called 'Purvaiya'(easterly) in Bhojpur region? How has this directional seasonal wind system influenced the cultural ethos of the region? (10 Marks)	"The Indian monsoon is a lot more complex than a large-scale sea breeze." Discuss. (10 Marks)

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## CSE - 2023 QUESTION

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### GENERAL STUDIES PAPER - II

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| 13. "Constitutionally guaranteed judicial independence is a prerequisite of democracy". Comment.(10 Marks)   | <p>Explain the rationale behind the power of punishment for contempt bestowed in the hands of higher Judiciary in India? Do you agree with the view that it leads to the 'tyranny of the unelected'? (15 Marks)</p> <p>Do you think that measures to improve the transparency in the functioning of higher judiciary amounts to compromise of the independence of the institution? (10 marks)</p> |
| 14. Account for the legal and political factors responsible for the reduced frequency of using Article 356 by the Union Governments since mid 1990s. (15 Marks)  | <p>With the help of suitable case laws explain the role played by the Supreme Court in resolving the conflicts between Centre and States that have erupted around the usage of Article 356 of the Constitution of India? (15 Marks)</p> <p>Mock Test Qn No.5. How has the era of coalition politics in the 1990s shaped the functioning of Federalism in India ? (10 Marks)</p>                   |
| 15. "The constitution of India is a living document 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 marks) | <p>Examine the role of the Supreme Court of India in guaranteeing protection for undertrials &amp; convicts from excesses and the negligence of the state. Refer case laws(15 Marks)</p> <p>In light of Navtej Singh Johar judgement discuss about the possibility of same sex marriage in India. (10 Marks)</p>  |
| 16. Skill development programs have succeeded in increasing human resources supply to various sectors. In the context of the statement, analyze the linkages between education, skill and employment. (15 Marks)   | <p>"Value of skill depends upon its performance whereas without an opportunity performance itself would be impossible". Discuss the factors that lead to unemployability and low skilling of youth in India &amp; suggest measures to improve the same. (15 Marks)</p>  |
| 17. "The states in India seem reluctant to empower urban local bodies both functionally as well as financially." Comment.(10 Marks)  | <p>"What ails panchayats do not seem to be the cause of concern in municipalities." - Clarify with examples (10 Marks)</p>  |
| 18. Who are entitled to receive free legal aid? Assess the role of the National Legal Services Authority(NALSA) in rendering free legal aid in India.(10 Marks)  | <p>What is mediation and why does India need to promote it? Bring out the salient features of the recent mediation legislation of the Indian parliament. (10 Marks)</p>   |
| 19. Explain the structure of the Parliamentary Committee system. How far have the financial committees helped in the institutionalization of Indian Parliament? (15 Marks)   | <p>Assess the role of Parliamentary Standing Committees as mechanisms of parliamentary control over the executive. (10 Marks)</p>   |
| 20. "Development and welfare schemes for the vulnerable, by its nature, are discriminatory in approach." Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.(15 Marks)   | <p>'In India's development all stakeholders accept the view there are good policies but bad implementation.'- Explain the reasons for the sufferance of implementation of public policies and highlight measures adopted by the Governments in India to overcome the challenges. (15 Marks)</p>   |



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| <p>21. e-governance, as a critical tool of governance, has ushered in effectiveness, transparency and accountability in governments. What inadequacies hamper the enhancement of these features? (10 Marks)</p> | <p>Discuss the role of Digital India mission in financial inclusion with examples. (10 marks)</p> <p>Highlight the applications of Artificial Intelligence in improving the efficiency of delivery of public services to the citizens. (10 marks)</p> |
| <p>22. 'Virus of Conflict is affecting the functioning of the SCO'. In the light of the above statement, point out the role of India in mitigating problems. (10 Marks)</p>                                     | <p>Examine the relevance of Shanghai Cooperation Organization in addressing security related concerns of India. (10 Marks)</p>  |

### GENERAL STUDIES PAPER - III

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| <p>23. Faster economic growth requires increased share of the manufacturing sector in GDP, particularly of MSMEs. Comment on the present policies of the Government in this regard. (10 Marks)</p>   | <p>Examine the major policy changes/initiatives taken by the Indian government in recent times to boost its industrial sector. How have these policies impacted the competitiveness and economic growth of the country? (10 Marks)</p>   |
| <p>24. What is the status of digitisation in the Indian economy? Examine the problems faced in this regard and suggest improvements. (10 Marks)</p>  | <p>What are the benefits and challenges associated with the transition from a cash economy to a cashless economy in India? Suggest steps that could be taken to ensure a smooth transition. How can a cashless economy help in achieving financial inclusion? (15 Marks)</p>   |
| <p>25. What are the direct and indirect subsidies provided to farm sector in India? Discuss the issues raised by the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in relation to agricultural subsidies. (15 marks)</p>  | <p>Minimum support price is not globally compliant and does not lead to sustainable development of agriculture in India. Why? Discuss. (10 Marks)</p>  |
| <p>26. Comment on the National Wetland Conservation Programme initiated by the Government of India and name a few India's wetlands of international importance included in the Ramsar Sites. (15 Marks)</p>  | <p>Highlight role played by Wetlands in providing various services to the ecosystem. Discuss various recent initiatives of India to protect and conserve wetlands. (10 Marks)</p>  |
| <p>27. The adoption of electric vehicles is rapidly growing worldwide. How do electric vehicles contribute to reducing carbon emissions and what are the key benefits they offer compared to traditional combustion engine vehicles? (15 Marks)</p>                    | <p>Discuss the need of National E-vehicle policy in India? How electric mobility can transform into India's net zero carbon emission strategy and mention some alternatives. (15 Marks)</p>  |
| <p>28. Winning of 'Hearts and Minds' in terrorism affected areas is an essential step in restoring the trust of the population. Discuss the measures adopted by the Government in this respect as part of the conflict resolution in Jammu and Kashmir. (10 Marks)</p> | <p>"India being a victim of terrorism and extremism in Jammu Kashmir, north east region and elsewhere for a long period has been compounded by nasty linkage of extremism with organized crime acts." Examine the relationship between the two in the context of India and suggest some effective measures to neutralize the menace. (15 Marks.)</p> |
| <p>29. How does e-Technology help farmers in production and marketing of agricultural produce? Explain it. (10 Marks)</p>  | <p>What are the major government policies and interventions aimed at improving the transport and marketing of agricultural produce in India, and how effective have they been? (15 Marks)</p>  |

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### GENERAL STUDIES PAPER - III

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30. Explain the changes in cropping pattern in India in the context of changes in consumption pattern and marketing conditions.(15 Marks)

How does crop diversification prevent mono-cropping and promote agricultural biodiversity and what measures have the government initiated in recent years to improve crop diversification? (10 marks)

31. Introduce the concept of Artificial Intelligence (AI). How does AI help clinical diagnosis? Do you perceive any threat to privacy of the individual in the use of AI in healthcare? (10 Marks)

What is Generative AI? Discuss the various benefits and concerns associated with Generative AI. (15 marks)

32. 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 subsystems 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 Marks)

What are Deep Space Missions? Discuss the broader implications and benefits of such endeavors for human society and technological progress. (10Marks)

32. What are the internal security challenges being faced by India? Give out the role of Central Intelligence and Investigative Agencies tasked to counter such threats. (15 Marks)

"Despite the government security agencies, a civil defence force is a necessary requirement in maintaining public order." In this regard, discuss the role played by Home Guards in the country. (10 Marks)

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# TEST SCHEDULE (FRESHERS)

The Freshers Test Schedule suits candidates who have no prior writing or Mains experience

Test No	Date	Day	Time	Paper	Subject
1	30 Jun, 2024	Sun	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	GS I (a)	History (I), Geography (I), Society (I)
2	7 Jul, 2024	Sun	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	GS II (a)	Polity(I), Governance (I), Bilateral (I)
3	13 Jul, 2024	Sat	2:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Essay HT 1	Essay half test
4	14 Jul, 2024	Sun	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	GS III (a)	Economics, Environment & Disaster Management
5	21 Jul, 2024	Sun	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	GS IV (a)	Ethics & Case Studies (I)
6	27 Jul, 2024	Sat	2:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Essay HT 2	Essay half test
7	28 Jul, 2024	Sun	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	GS I (b)	History (II), Geography (II), Society (II)
8	4 Aug, 2024	Sun	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	GS II (b)	Polity (II), Governance (II), Bilateral (II)
9	10 Aug, 2024	Sat	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Essay FT 1	Essay Full Test 1
10	11 Aug, 2024	Sun	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	GS III (b)	Agriculture, Internal Security, Science & Technology
11	18 Aug, 2024	Sun	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	GS IV (b)	Ethics & Case Studies (II)
12	24 Aug, 2024	Sat	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Essay FT 2	Essay Full Test 2
13	25 Aug, 2024	Sun	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	GS I	GS I – Full Portions
14	25 Aug, 2024	Sun	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	GS II	GS II – Full Portions
15	01 Sep, 2024	Sun	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	GS III	GS III – Full Portions
16	01 Sep, 2024	Sun	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	GS IV	GS IV – Full Portions
17	06 Sep, 2024	Fri	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Essay Mock	Essay
18	08 Sep, 2024	Sun	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	GS I Mock	GS I – Full Portions
19	08 Sep, 2024	Sun	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	GS II Mock	GS II – Full Portions
20	09 Sep, 2024	Mon	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	GS III Mock	GS III – Full Portions
21	09 Sep, 2024	Mon	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	GS IV Mock	GS IV – Full Portions
22	11 Sep, 2024	Wed	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Compulsory English Mock	Self Evaluation
23	11 Sep, 2024	Wed	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Compulsory Regional Language Mock	For Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi, Kannada Only (Self Evaluation)
24	12 Sep, 2024	Thu	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Optional Subject – Paper 1 Mock	Full Portions (Agriculture, Anthropology, Economics, English Literature, Geography, History, Kannada Literature, Law, Malayalam Literature, Mathematics, Medical Science, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Sociology, Tamil Literature) [Key and Evaluation varies according to the subjects. Refer Optional Detailed schedule]
25	12 Sep, 2024	Thu	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Optional Subject – Paper 2 Mock	Full Portions (Agriculture, Anthropology, Economics, English Literature, Geography, History, Kannada Literature, Law, Malayalam Literature, Mathematics, Medical Science, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Sociology, Tamil Literature) [Key and Evaluation varies according to the subjects. Refer Optional Detailed schedule]

## Note : For Full Fresher Course Registered students

- ▶ GS 1,2,3,4, and Essay Mocks will be evaluated and key will be provided. However, Test Discussions and detailed feedback will not be provided for these tests alone.
- ▶ Only recorded discussion videos will be provided for test 13 to 16
- ▶ Compulsory English, Regional Language Mocks are on self evaluation mode.
- ▶ For daily answer writing only questions and answers will be provided (self evaluation)
- ▶ For GS 4 only Indicative keys will be provided.

## For All India Open Mock students

- ▶ All Open Mock tests will be on self evaluation mode



# SUBJECT SPLIT UP (FRESHERS)

The Freshers Test schedule suits candidates who have no prior writing/Mains experience

Subject	Composition	Details
GS I	History I	<b>Modern Indian History</b> from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present – significant events, personalities, issues    The Freedom Struggle – its various stages and important contributors /contributions from different parts of the country    <b>Post-Independence Consolidation</b> and Reorganization within the country
	History II	<b>History of the world</b> will include events from 18th century such as the Industrial revolution, world wars, redrawal of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.- their forms and effect on the society    <b>Indian culture</b> will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
	Geography 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.
	Geography II	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).
	Society in India I	Salient features of Indian Society, Cultural Diversity of India    Role of women and women's organization   communalism & secularism, regionalism
	Society in India II	Poverty and developmental issues   urbanization, their problems and their remedies    Effects of globalization on Indian society    Social empowerment   population and associated issues

GS II	Polity I	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.
	Polity II	Parliament and State Legislatures – structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & 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.
	Governance I	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   Disaster management   Right to Information.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
	Governance II	Ethical governance    Corporate governance    Challenges of corruption  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
	Bilateral Relations I	India and its neighbourhood– 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.
	Bilateral Relations II	India and developed nations and others

## SUBJECT SPLIT UP (FRESHERS)

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GS III	<b>Economics</b>	Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, growth, development and employment    Inclusive growth and issues arising from it    Government Budgeting    National Income, Public Finance    Money, Inflation, Banking. Mobilization of resources    External Sector, Capital Market    Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth    Investment models    Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Airports, Railways, Sectors of Economy.
	<b>Agriculture</b>	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    Land reforms in India. Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing    Food processing and related industries in India - scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management    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.
	<b>Internal Security</b>	Linkages between development and spread of extremism    Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security    Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism    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    Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.
	<b>Environment</b>	Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment, Disaster and disaster management.
	<b>Science &amp; Technology</b>	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.

GS IV	<b>Ethics &amp; Case Studies I</b>	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.    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.
	<b>Ethics &amp; Case Studies II</b>	Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.    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.

# 2024 GS MOKSHA FRESHERS TEST ORIENTATION / DISCUSSION SCHEDULE

SESSION No #	DATE	DAY	TIME	TEST No	TYPE OF DISCUSSION	SESSION DETAILS
1	23-Jun	Sun	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	#	Overall Orientation	
2			4:00 pm to 6:30 pm	Ori 1	GS I (a) Test Orientation	History ,Geography, Society (Part I) Orientation
3	29-Jun	Sat	10.00 am to 1.00 pm	Ori 2	Essay Workshop	General introduction to Essay writing
4			2.00 pm to 5.00 pm	Ori 3	Essay Workshop	Essay Workshop
5	30-Jun	Sun	5:30 pm to 8:00 pm	GS Test 1	GS I (a) Test Discussion	GS I(a) - Test Discussion
6	02-Jul	Tue	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Ori 4	GS II (a) Test Orientation	Polity,Governance, Bilateral (Part I) Test Orientation
7	06-Jul	Sat	2:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Ori 5	GS IV Workshop	Ethics & Case Studies
8	07-Jul	Sun	5:30 pm to 8:00 pm	GS Test 2	GS II (a) Test Discussion	Polity,Governance, Bilateral (Part I) Test Discussion
9	08-Jul	Mon	2.00 pm to 5.00 pm	Ori 6	GS III (a) Test Orientation	Economics,Environment & Disaster Management (Part I) Test Orientation
10	14-Jul	Sun	5:30 pm to 8:00 pm	GS Test 3	GS III (a) Test Discussion	Economics,Environment & Disaster Management (Part I) Discussion
11	21-Jul	Sun	5:30 pm to 8:00 pm	GS Test 4	GS IV (a) Test Discussion	Ethics & Case Studies (Part I) - Discussion (Online / Offline)
12	22-Jul	Mon	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Ori 7	GS I (b) Test Orientation	History ,Geography, Society (Part II) - Orientation
13	27-Jul	Sat	4.00 pm to 6.30 pm	Essay	Essay Theme Discussion	Essay Themes of HT 1& 2 Discussion
14	28-Jul	Sun	5:30 pm to 8:00 pm	GS Test 5	GS I (b) Test Discussion	History ,Geography, Society (Part II)- Discussion
15	29-Jul	Mon	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Ori 8	GS II (b) Test Orientation	Polity,Governance, Bilateral (Part II) - Orientation
16	04-Aug	Sun	5:30 pm to 8:00 pm	GS Test 6	GS II (b) Test Discussion	Polity,Governance, Bilateral (Part II) - Discussion
17	06-Aug	Tue	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Ori 9	GS III (b) Test Orientation	Agriculture, Internal Security, Science & Technology (Part II) - Orientation
18	11-Aug	Sun	5:30 pm to 8:00 pm	GS Test 7	GS III (b) Test Discussion	Agriculture,Internal Security, Science & Technology Discussion
19	18-Aug	Sun	5:30 pm to 8:00 pm	GS Test 8	GS IV (b) Test Discussion	Ethics & Case Studies(Part II) -Discussion (Online / Offline)
20	24-Aug	Sat	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Essay	Essay Theme Discussion	Essay Themes of FT1 & FT 2 Discussion
21	25-Aug	Sun		GS Test 9	GS I Full Test Discussion	Recorded videos will be provided
22	25-Aug	Sun		GS Test 10	GS II Full Test Discussion	Recorded videos will be provided
23	01-Sep	Sun		GS Test 11	GS III Full Test Discussion	Recorded videos will be provided
24	01-Sep	Sun		GS Test 12	GS IV Full Test Discussion	Recorded videos will be provided

# 2024 MOKSHA ANSWER PRACTICE (MAP) SCHEDULE

2 questions per day on self evaluation mode

TEST NO	DATE	DAY	SUBJECT	SYLLABUS
1	24-Jun-24	Mon	Modern India	Mid of 18th cen to present: Events, personalities
2	25-Jun-24	Tue	Modern India	Freedom struggle, Post Independence Consolation
3	26-Jun-24	Wed	Geography	Physical Geography salient features, location and changes in features
4	27-Jun-24	Thu	Geography	Geophysical phenomena
5	28-Jun-24	Fri	Society	Salient features, Cultural diversity, Role of women and women organisation
6	29-Jun-24	Sat	Society	Communalism, Secularism and Regionalism
7	1-Jul-24	Mon	Polity	Indian constitution, Federal structure, Devolution
8	2-Jul-24	Tue	Polity	Seperation of power, Comparision of constitution
9	3-Jul-24	Wed	Governance	Aspects of governance, Role of civil services
10	4-Jul-24	Thu	Governance	Policies and interventions, NGO, SHG, groupsamd associations, institutions
11	5-Jul-24	Fri	International Relations	India neighbourhood, groupings,
12	6-Jul-24	Sat	International Relations	Diaspora and institutions
13	8-Jul-24	Mon	Economy	Indian economy: Planning, growth, development, unemployment, inclusive growth, Govt budgeting, National income, Public finance
14	9-Jul-24	Tue	Economy	Money and Capital market, LPG, industrial policy, investment models, infrastructure
15	10-Jul-24	Wed	Economy	Environmental conservation, Biodiversity
16	11-Jul-24	Thu	Environment	Pollution and degradation, EIA
17	12-Jul-24	Fri	Environment	Disaster and disaster management
18	15-Jul-24	Mon	Ethics	Ethics and Human interface
19	16-Jul-24	Tue	Ethics	Human values
20	17-Jul-24	Wed	Ethics	Aptitude and foundational values for civil services
21	18-Jul-24	Thu	Ethics	Emotional intelligence
22	19-Jul-24	Fri	Ethics	Contribution of moral thinkers and philosophers
23	20-Jul-24	Sat	Ethics	Case study on above topics
24	22-Jul-24	Mon	World History	World History

# 2024 MOKSHA ANSWER PRACTICE (MAP) SCHEDULE

2 questions per day on self evaluation mode

TEST NO	DATE	DAY	SUBJECT	SYLLABUS
25	23-Jul-24	Tue	Art and Culture	Art and Culture
26	24-Jul-24	Wed	Geography	Resources
27	25-Jul-24	Thu	Geography	Primary, Secondary and Tertiary industries
28	26-Jul-24	Fri	Society	Poverty, urbanization, globalisation, social empowerment, population issues
29	29-Jul-24	Mon	Polity	Parliament and state legislature
30	30-Jul-24	Tue	Polity	Executives, Judiciary, ministries, departments
31	31-Jul-24	Wed	Polity	Pressure groups, RPA, Appointments, bodies
32	1-Aug-24	Thu	Governance	Ethical gov, corporate gov, corruption, welfare schemes, laws, institutions/bodies
33	2-Aug-24	Fri	Governance	Health, education, human resources, poverty and hunger
34	3-Aug-24	Sat	International Relations	India and developed nations, others
35	5-Aug-24	Mon	Agriculture	Cropping pattern, irrigation, transport and marketing, e-technology, technological mission
36	6-Aug-24	Tue	Agriculture	land reforms, food processing, subsidies, MSP, PDS, food security
37	7-Aug-24	Wed	Internal Security	Extremism, state and non-state actors, border areas
38	8-Aug-24	Thu	Internal Security	Organised crime, cyber security, media, money laundering, security forces and mandate
39	9-Aug-24	Fri	S&T	S&T: Achievements, new developments, nano, bio-tech, IPR, IT, Space, Robotics
40	12-Aug-24	Mon	Ethics	Attitude
41	13-Aug-24	Tue	Ethics	Public/Civil service values
42	14-Aug-24	Wed	Ethics	Probity in governance
43	15-Aug-24	Thu	Ethics	Code of ethics, code of conduct, citizen charter, work culture
44	16-Aug-24	Fri	Ethics	Case study on above topics
45	17-Aug-24	Sat	Ethics	Case study on above topics

## Note :

- Daily 2 questions will be posted in Telegram channel at 10 am and the respective answer key will be posted at 6 pm
- Moksha Answer Practice is on self evaluation mode only.



# OUR TOPPERS' TESTIMONIALS



**VISHNU SASIKUMAR**  
AIR 31 - CSE 2023

I have enrolled in the GS and optional test series at Shankar IAS Academy. Timely evaluation and thorough reviews have significantly strengthened my mains preparation and boosted my confidence. Therefore, I would like to extend a big thank you to Shankar IAS Academy for assisting me in reaching this stage.



**VINOTHINI C**  
AIR 64 - CSE 2023

For mains, I have opted for the test series from Shankar IAS Academy, and it was really helpful.



**VENKATESHWARAN R**  
AIR 152 - CSE 2023

I have enrolled in Shankar IAS Academy mains test series. Feedback from experienced mentors and teachers has not only helped me improve my scores but has also played a significant role in shaping my personality.



**ANIRUDDH YADAV**  
AIR 8 - CSE 2022

I enrolled in the Shankar Mainstorming test series for CSE 2022. The tests were comprehensive, covering the syllabus well and questions were also repeated in the actual UPSC papers. I'm grateful to Shankar IAS Academy for their support and guidance.



**RAMAKRISHNASAMY R**  
AIR 117 - CSE 2022

This year (2022), I scored 824 marks in the Mains and 168 in the interview. This is one of the highest marks in Tamil Nadu. Consistent support from Shankar IAS Academy by providing inputs to improve marks in both the optional subjects and General Studies helped me to arrive at this marks.



**MEERA P R**  
AIR 160 - CSE 2022

Throughout my preparation, Shankar IAS Academy has been of great help. Starting from mains subject experts, faculty as well as individuals in service provided targeted nuanced feedback on answers who offered comprehensive and constructive feedback.



**MALAVIKA G NAIR**  
AIR 172 - CSE 2022

I have been a student of Mainstorming test series of Shankar IAS. I found the program very useful in covering the syllabus in a systematic manner. I use the answer keys because they were very comprehensive in nature. There was a constant way in which you could track the level of your paper and the staff was also very responsive and you could comfortably complete the papers as well as your preparation within the schedule mentioned.

# OUR TOPPERS' TESTIMONIALS



**YAKSH CHAUDHARY**  
AIR 6 - CSE 2021

I have secured AIR 6 in CSE 2021. I was part of the Mains test series and interview programme of Shankar IAS, which was very useful for my preparation.



**V SANJANA SIMHA**  
AIR 37 - CSE 2021

I secured AIR 37 in CSE 2021. I was a part of Shankar IAS Academy's Mains test series programme, which helped me to improve my rank from AIR 207 to AIR 37.



**KUSHAL JAIN**  
AIR 40 - CSE 2021

Before my Civil Services preparation started, I worked with Microsoft for a year and half. I secured AIR 40 in my 4<sup>th</sup> attempt for which I was associated with Shankar IAS. The test series helped me improve my Mains scores which eventually helped me secure a 2-digit rank.



**SWATHI SREE T**  
AIR 42 - CSE 2021

The Mains test series in Shankar IAS provided me with guidance and inputs which helped me improve my score. I was also a part of the interview programme at Shankar IAS. I really thank the academy for the valuable support in my journey.



**KRISHAN KUMAR SINGH**  
AIR 24 - CSE 2020

I want to thank Shankar IAS for my success. I joined the Mains test series programme in 2020. I was very impressed with the diversity of questions as also the quality of evaluation, post which I was given detailed review of my performance.



**DIVYA MISHRA**  
AIR 28 - CSE 2020

I have been part of Shankar IAS Mains Test Series Program. What I found unique about the test series was that the questions were very close to the levels of questions in UPSC mains examination. The feedback provided was very extensive. We discussed our approach, All this helped me in answering the question in a very analytical nature with good statistics.



**NARAYANA SARMA**  
AIR 33 - CSE 2020

I began preparing in 2014 during my graduation. When I finally appeared for the exam in 2018, I could not clear the Mains in my first attempt. Subsequently I enrolled in Shankar IAS Academy's Mains test series. The input and support from the academy helped me greatly in securing AIR 33 in CSE 2020.

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