Shankar IAS Academy's

Mainstorming 2020

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That is precisely 13 weeks and 5 days, the time between prelims and mains this year.

The first week after the completion preliminary examination every year goes in calculating the score, speculating the cutoff, thinking about all the things you could have done differently. And for many of you this will be two or three weeks, and for some of the unfortunate ones among you-it could extend till the prelims results are out.

"Failing to Plan is Planning to Fail"

Over the years, one common practice we have noticed among students who secure a coveted rank in the civil service examination is that they don't fail to plan and hence succeed. When most of you spend endless hours and days calculating scores and contemplating cutoffs, they start their preparation. They start revising their well crafted notes, they decide on a schedule for a test plan, they make a timetable and judiciously stick to it.

They do not have a day more than 96 or a week over the available 13 than what you have, but they make the best use of what they have. They practice, they revise and they consolidate their preparation. They make sure that they write the tests that they enroll for, they review their answers for improvement, they speak to people who know more than them and ensure that they have given their best.
WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN A TEST SERIES?

1. Among the various arguments in favour of joining a test series, the most compelling one is the need to experiment your answer writing approach.

2. Before you go for the actual exam, you need to see whether you will be able to write 20 answers in 3 hours.

3. You need to develop an approach to express what you know in the best possible way within the given time.

4. Find out how you will react, when you run short of time, so that you know what to do when this happens in the examination hall.

5. Develop strategies to frame answers when the questions get tough or what to do when you don't know the question itself.

A UPSC topper once said that "the top 5000 candidates in this exam has the similar levels of knowledge and understanding of the syllabus, and it's the ones who can package their answers in the most suitable and appropriate way end up in the top 1000" If we had to use a quote to express this, it would be

He who sweats more in training bleeds less in war.
SO WHY SHOULD YOU CHOOSE US?

1. When the time is short, the margin to make a mistake is minimal and your dreams are at stake. You choose a name that you can trust, a name that has a track record of helping students succeed year after year.

2. SHANKAR IAS by far has the best team to run a mains test series, one that has worked with countless toppers, guided and mentored rank holders to improve their ranks, helped in service candidates to secure a service of their choice, first timers to achieve a double digit rank etc.

3. Over the years we have seen all possible challenges a student may face in answer writing, Our solutions to these challenges are time tested and exam proven. We will be able to tell you what to write where, how to write when and why to follow our instructions. We substantiate our approach through visual case studies of previous successful and unsuccessful candidates.

"Experience is knowledge all the rest is information"
Few of our successful candidates from Mainstorming over the years

**CSE 2019**
- Bhosle Neha Prakash (Rank 15)
- Ishwarya R (Rank 47)
- Saranya R (Rank 36)
- Arun S Nair (Rank 55)
- Priyanka S (Rank 68)
- Yashaswini B (Rank 71)
- Srutanjay Narayanan (Rank 75)

**CSE 2018**
- Rishab C A (Rank 23)
- Lakshmi N (Rank 45)
- Renjina Mary Varghese (Rank 49)
- Abishek V (Rank 79)
- Deepana Visweswari (Rank 117)
- Jishnu J Raju (Rank 132)
- P Promoth (Rank 139)

**CSE 2017**
- Madhu Balan L (Rank 71)
- Pratibha Rani (Rank 78)
- Priyanka Bothra A (Rank 106)
- Balachander S (Rank 129)
- Sivakrishna Murthy V (Rank 207)

**CSE 2016**
- Naveen Bhat Y (Rank 37)
- Anu S (Rank 42)
- Akshay Sridhar (Rank 45)
- K Nandhini Devi (Rank 54)
- Vlshwanath K S (Rank 71)

*Mainstorming includes General Studies, Essay and Optional test series*
Our test plan includes 12 Tests between 18th of October and 13th of December. You have the option to choose between 12 Full papers i.e 3 sets of full paper for each GS paper, 8 Sectional tests dividing each GS paper into two tests along with 4 full papers or 8 strategically mixed syllabus tests with 4 full papers. By giving these variations in test plans, we have tried to accommodate different approaches to preparation and a choice for you to choose the most appropriate one for you. The plan that’s preferred by a student who is about to write the first mains is not the one that would be preferred by a veteran of few mains or the one that would be preferred by a student who is looking to improve his rank or service.

## WHAT IS THE PLAN?

### TEST PLAN SUMMARY

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<td>LEGENDS</td>
<td><strong>12 FULL TESTS</strong></td>
<td>This plan is suitable for veteran students who have appeared for one mains or more, who have secured a rank, joined a service through CSE in a previous year etc. They have a reasonable understanding of the exam and have completed the entire syllabus more than once.</td>
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<td>VOYAGERS</td>
<td><strong>8 SECTIONAL + 4 FULL TESTS</strong></td>
<td>This plan is designed to address the challenges faced by students who are appearing for a mains the first time. You are short of time, have not completed the syllabus earlier, concerned about writing a full test immediately. So the first 8 tests are full papers planned to cover half the syllabus of each GS paper. This will help you cover the syllabus but half a paper at a time.</td>
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<td>MAVERICKS</td>
<td><strong>8 MIXED SYLLABUS + 4 FULL TESTS</strong></td>
<td>This plan is suitable for students who don't follow the pack, they believe in integrating topics that are syncretic in nature. They aim to complete topics that are overlapping in one go. So the first 8 tests are designed to cover topics which are strategically mixed.</td>
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Answer writing practise and mains mock tests are entirely two different things. Writing a couple of answers might give you clarity with respect to the topics of those questions. But a mock test simulated to match the original mains exam is what will equip you to handle the anxiety, attain a composure required to run through 20 questions, develop the speed to do it in 3 Hours.

Writing a mains paper has different parts to it- understanding the demand of each question, prioritising what needs to be written, recalling relevant content from your large pool of content base, presenting it in an apt manner to maximise the score for each question and doing all of this within the prescribed 3 hours. This is the reason why candidates often fail to deliver in mains examination despite practising answer writing for 3 or 5 questions each day.

Apart from preparing the content for the common portions listed above, the mains exam poses certain inherent challenges too. All candidates who appear for the mains exams never face the same set of challenges. If one of you finds it difficult to understand the demand of the question, another might have an issue in prioritising what content to write for each question, and yet another candidate might have an issue with the lack of speed for finishing the whole paper in the given 3 hours. Hence the solution to each of your problems is related to your existing writing style and approach. This is where our detailed evaluation and mentorship will help you to identify your problem and develop a strategy to solve the problem in a time-bound manner.
WHAT IF I UNFORTUNATELY DON'T CLEAR PRELIMS?

If you do not clear prelims, you can choose one among the 2 options listed below.

a. Continue with the plan and compete with students who are appearing for mains this year. You can ease on the timeline followed and do the tests in a more prolonged manner, this will ensure that you can finish the syllabus in a detailed manner and thereby **complete the mains centric syllabus by December or January at the max.** And from January you can start preparing on prelims mains overlapping topics, giving a head start to next year's prelims. When some of the students you compete with will secure a rank this year, you can use the answers of those toppers to compare your approach for the same questions. This will be quite valuable to understand how to improve or what to improve upon.

b. Migrate to a full-year plan. If you decide that this plan doesn't make sense to you or you want a more elaborate plan, you can request to migrate to an alternative plan. The fees you have paid will be adjusted to the test plan of your choice after deducting certain charges for the tests that you have already completed. Click here for the full year brochure

OUR QUESTIONS SIMILAR TO UPSC QUESTIONS

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<td>Highlight the Central Asian and Greco-Bactrian elements in the Gandhara art. (10) UPSC GS I – 2019</td>
<td>Describe how the Iranian and Greek invasions helped in the development of trade, commerce, art and culture in ancient India. (10 Marks) G.S PAPER I - MOCK TEST Q 1</td>
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<td>How do ocean currents and water masses differ in their impacts on marine life and coastal environment? Give suitable examples. (15) UPSC GS I – 2019</td>
<td>Describe the impacts of ocean currents on world climate. (15 marks) GS –1(b) TEST- 3 Q.19</td>
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MAINSTORMING FEATURES

MAINSTORMING SOLUTION

1. Each solution includes a content box describing how to approach the introduction body and conclusion of a question.

2. The solution will include value addition material wherever relevant, that can help you fetch additional marks. i.e. what data to cite, what judgement to mention, what diagram/map to include etc.

3. It is a singular point of reference for topics from contemporary issues relevant for the years examination. (which may not be included in standard books/ material).

*Link for sample Solution: Click Here

MAINSTORMING EVALUATION

1. The evaluation is done on the basis of clearly defined parameters, which ensures objectivity and similarity between approaches followed by different evaluators.

2. Following a common set of guidelines will help you compare your performance vis a vis others and vis a vis between different papers written by you.

3. Our Evaluators are trained to provide corrective, suggestive and constructive inputs on content, structure, presentation of your answers.

*Link for sample Evaluation: Click Here

MAINSTORMING DISCUSSION

1. Discussions will be provided in online mode within a stipulated timeline from the test date.

2. Each discussion video will be divided into individual smaller videos for each question, this will help you choose and watch question discussions based on your need.

3. Provisions will be provided to ensure that students can raise doubts and follow up feedback will be provided for same.

*Link for sample Discussion: Click Here
MAINSTORMING MENTORSHIP

1. Our mentors will provide you with one to one feedback session with practical suggestions to improve scores

2. The feedback provided will cover aspects related to content/ approach/ interpretation of question/ time management etc.

3. It will help you understand and see how your performance compares with toppers/ peers and your previous performance

WHAT DO WE COMMIT TO PROVIDE?

1. Question paper and Answer booklet – Will be accessible from the date of examination.

2. Comprehensive Solution – Will be available from the release date of test, it will be available online in pdf format

3. Test Paper Discussion – Will be recorded and uploaded for students to view within 1 week of test date

4. Evaluated Answer Booklet– Your copies will be evaluated within 10 days of Submission and approval.* Intimation of Approval/Rejection of Submitted copies will be done within 24-48 Hours.

5. Access to Mentors – You can register/ request for online/ offline mentorship through our portal. Access to Mentorship will be provided either as in person meeting/ via voice call/ skype meetings within 48-72 Hours. Availability of mentors at physical centres will be dependent upon State and Central Government Covid lockdown guidelines and restrictions

* Our Endeavour is to provide evaluated copies within 5-7 days, ensuring that a student who writes a test on time gets a checked copy before the next test. All timelines are calculated from the date of approval of the submitted copy. The restriction on the number of copies that can be submitted for evaluation in a month is 4 and we do not accept more than 2 copies in a week.
COURSE FEATURES

1. **UPSC STANDARD QUESTIONS:** All questions provided in these tests will match UPSC standards and are framed keeping in mind the need to cover relevant themes of the year. It’s our endeavour to frame questions from themes that are likely to be asked by UPSC as well.

**MAINSTORMING OPTIONALS**

Mainstorming program will also include an Optional test series for a selected set of subjects.

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2. **COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE OF SYLLABUS:** The entire syllabus of the subject will be comprehensively covered more than once while attempting these papers. The sectional tests will cover syllabus in a systematic way ensuring cohesiveness and complementary nature of topics.

3. **REFERENCE MATERIAL/SOLUTION:** Each test will be accompanied with detailed solutions, providing a holistic understanding of the theme covered. This can act as a reference point to prepare further on the topic.

4. **EVALUATION BY FACULTY:** Evaluation of the tests will be done by the faculty or under the strict guidelines of evaluation and review established by them.

5. **MENTORSHIP SUPPORT:** Students can request for mentorship calls to discuss their evaluated copies further. This will help them understand the shortcomings in their answers and work towards improving them.

6. **DISCUSSION SESSIONS:** Each test will be followed by a discussion session where the faculty will discuss the demand of the question and what would entail a good answer for the given question. These sessions will help you build content for the themes covered in the exam.

* All the above listed set of features are not available for all subjects, Please visit the portal for each subject to get further details and what features are applicable for which subjects.

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**DETAILED TEST SCHEDULE: LEGENDS**

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**SHANKAR IAS ALL INDIA OPEN TEST**

*Open tests will not be evaluated*

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Thank you Shankar Family

Dr. Arun S Nair
AIR 55

Civil service exam is a long journey and the road is rough. A good guide who knows the path will be the best key for the successful journey. For me it was Shankar IAS Academy. As a student for the prelims and mains mock test series and Mock Interview sessions, Shankar helped me for refining myself and enabled me to convert my knowledge into good answers. The perfectly created time tables for the prelims and mains test series were enough to cover entire syllabus and for adequate revision. Feedback sessions of mains test series would enable even an average student to improve the writing skills and contents. Faculties in Shankar were available 24*7 for any help like a family member. Thank you Shankar Family

Yashaswini B
AIR 71

I took Shankar IAS mains test series at Bangalore center. The academy had a very systematic method of conducting tests. After the papers were corrected, individual assessment was done by the mentors. This part helped to clear my doubts regarding answer writing and new inputs from them enhanced my answer quality. The mentors would tell me where and how I can improvise, this helped me focus on those particular areas. The academy helped us to interact with previous year rank holders. My experience was very good at Shankar and it has definitely contributed to my rank improvement from previous year to this year. I am very grateful for their support and guidance in my endeavour.

Venkatkrishna
AIR 336

I have cleared the Civil Services Exam, 2019 with an all India rank of 336 and I thank Shankar sir and the faculty of SIA for their guidance in my general studies preparation since I had enrolled for mains test series in 2017-18. SIA also helped in interview guidance by providing mock panel interviews which was very insightful. Thanks you Shankar Ias academy.

Venkatraman Kavadikeri
AIR 363

I have extensively utilized ShankarIAS materials posted in IASParliament for prelims and mains. Also, I have appeared for prelims and mains tests conducted by ShankarIAS for Civil Services Examination, 2019. I had taken two mock interviews from ShankarIAS. ShankarIAS preliminary and main exam test papers are uniquely designed to imitate UPSC pattern. Faculty and staff at Shankar are very sensitive to concerns of each candidate. They are always in a mode of thinking of what extra mile they can go to ensure their students are selected. As a candidate I have immensely benefited and I wish ShankarIAS team continues to do this service to the nation by moulding more and more quality civil servants.