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# MAINSTORMING 2022

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STARTS ON  
**26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

# 100 + Ranks in 2 consecutive years from Mainstorming (CSE 2020–2021)

## GS Pan India Scores

Our Students have secured some of the highest marks in GS and Essay in CSE 2021 and CSE 2020

## 10 Ranks in Top 50

**Mainstorming** is the primary choice of toppers, preferred by in service candidates to improve ranks and experienced students to secure ranks

## HIGH QUESTION REFLECTION

Refer Mainstorming reflections, see our questions matching themes and context with UPSC in CSE 2020–2021

## Few of our successful candidates from Mainstorming over the years

### • CSE 2021

Yaksh Chaudhary (Rank 6)  
Abhinav Jain (Rank 14)  
Avinash V (Rank 31)  
V Sanjana Simha (Rank 37)  
Kushal Jain (Rank 40)  
Swathi Sree T (Rank 42)  
Shubham Shukla (Rank 43)  
Divyansh Singh (Rank 49)  
Arpit Sangal (Rank 53)

### • CSE 2020

Nitish Kumar Jain (Rank 22)  
Kishan Kumar Singh (Rank 28)  
Divya Mishra (Rank 28)  
Narayan Sharma (Rank 33)  
Jubin Mohabatra (Rank 46)  
Ahinsa Jain (Rank 53)  
Utkarsh Kumar (Rank 55)  
Jayant Nahata (Rank 56)

### • 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)

### • 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)  
Vishwanath K S (Rank 71)

\*Full list of toppers and their copies can be viewed on [www.iasparliament.com](http://www.iasparliament.com)

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## REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE **MAINSTORMING?**

### 01

#### OUR TRACK RECORD ON RESULTS

WITH 15 OUT OF TOP 100 RANKS AND 100 + SELECTIONS IN CSE 2020, MAINSTORMING IS THE PRIMARY CHOICE OF TOPPERS

### 02

#### OUR MENTORSHIP SUPPORT

GUIDED BY REAL EXPERTS, BACKED BY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, ACQUIRE THE EDGE IN BOTH ONLINE AND OFFLINE MODE

### 03

#### OUR EVALUATION

BASED ON CLEARLY DEFINED PARAMETERS, WE PROVIDE OBJECTIVE EVALUATION OF SUBJECTIVE ANSWERS WITH CORRECTIVE, SUGGESTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE INPUTS.

### 04

#### OUR SOLUTIONS

CONCISE AND ELABORATE, VALUE ADDITION DRIVEN, MOST APPROPRIATE POINT OF REFERENCE ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

### 05

#### OUR QUESTIONS

IT'S IMPORTANT TO PRACTICE WITH QUESTIONS THAT ARE LIKELY TO REPEAT FOR MAINS, OUR REFLECTIONS VALIDATES US AS THE RIGHT CHOICE IN THIS

### 06

#### OUR TEST DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION ARE IN ONLINE MODE, DELIVERED BY EXPERTS, EXPLAINING BOTH CONTENT AND APPROACH

### 07

#### OUR TEST ANALYTICS

WE PROVIDE ANALYSIS OF MARKS OBTAINED QUESTION WISE, GS PAPER WISE, SUBJECT WISE QUESTION DIFFICULTY WISE, QUESTION TYPE WISE AND BASED ON QUESTIONS ATTEMPTED

## WHAT'S THE RIGHT PROGRAM FOR ME ?

	Voyagers	Legends
TESTS	12 EVALUATED + 4 AIO	12 EVALUATED + 4 AIO
SYLLABUS	8 Half Syllabus + 4 Full	12 Full
PAPERS	26 <sup>th</sup> June - 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	26 <sup>th</sup> June - 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep
DATES	ALL FULL PAPERS (3HRS/250 MARKS)	ALL FULL PAPERS (3HRS/250 MARKS)
APT FOR	First Timers	Experienced
WHY	Syllabus Divided Into Smaller Segments Helps In Revision	Helps Mains Experience Emulate UPSC Format

# MAINSTORMING REFLECTIONS CSE 2021-2020

## OUR QUESTIONS VIS À VIS CSE 2020 AND CSE 2021 MAINS QUESTIONS

UPSC QUESTION CSE 2020	SHANKAR IAS MAINSTORMING QUESTION
1. The rock-cut architecture represents one of the most important sources of our knowledge of early Indian art and history. Discuss (10 Marks 150 Words)	Prehistoric rock paintings and other art forms are significant in the reconstruction of various facets of ancient history. Explain 10 ( INTERIM BATCH FT 1 Q5)
2. How will the melting of Himalayan glaciers have a far reaching impact on the water resources of India? (10 Marks 150 Words)	Discuss the causes of depletion of glaciers and explain their impact on ecology and economy. (Batch V T2, Q7)
3. Has caste lost its relevance in understanding the multicultural Indian society? Elaborate your answers with illustrations (10 Marks 150 Words)	The major paradox of caste today is the rising caste groups/identities, declining caste system. Clarify your argument on this paradox. (Batch L T1, Q14)
4. Is diversity and pluralism in India under threat due to globalisation. Justify your answer. (15 Marks 250 Words)	How different is cultural diversity from cultural pluralism? Which of these do you think can bolster national unity? (250 words, 15 marks) BATCH L TEST 5 Q19 To what extent is Indian culture resilient to westernisation and globalisation? (250 words, 15 marks) BATCH L TEST 1 Q18
5. How have digital initiatives in India contributed the functioning of the education system of India. Elaborate your answer (15 Marks 250 Words)	Recent pandemic has disrupted the traditional education system and has resulted in the emergence of e-learning as a viable option. Discuss. (150 Words, 10 marks) BATCH L TEST 2 Q4
6. Once a Speaker, Always a Speaker! Do you think this practice should be adopted to impart objectivity to the office of the Speaker of Lok Sabha? What could be its implications for the robust functioning of parliamentary business in India? (10 Marks 150 Words)	The Speaker of Lok Sabha is placed very high in the order of precedence. Do you think the office of the speaker 'can' act impartially? Explain the controversy regarding the powers of the speaker with respect to deciding money bills and disqualification of members. BATCH L TEST2 Q 17
7. "Institutional quality is a crucial driver of economic performance". In this context suggest reforms in civil services for strengthening democracy (10 Marks 150 Words)	Discuss the recent measures to make civil service more dynamic and updated to meet the challenges of 'new India'. (250 Words, 15 marks) Batch L T2 Q3
8. Indian diaspora has a decisive role to play in the politics and economy of America and European countries. Comment with examples. (10 Marks 150 Words)	Indian diaspora policy has evolved from Nehruvian non-interference to active engagement in recent times. However, this engagement comes with its own challenges. Critically examine. (250 words, 15 marks) Batch L T10 Q19
9. National educational policy 2020 is in conformity with sustainable development goal for (2030). It intends to restructure and reorient education system in India. Critically examine the statement. (15 Marks 250 Words)	Explain the salient features of the National Education Policy, 2020. Do you think it is efficacious enough to resolve the long pending issues in the education sector? (15 marks, 250 words) OT T2 Q 16

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10. What do you understand by Nanotechnology and how is it helping health sector? (10 Marks 150 Words)	Why is nano-technology considered as the most promising technology in the world? Critically evaluate their potential applications in the strategic sectors of India. (250 words, 15 marks). Batch L FT 3 Q 15 What are Carbon nanotubes? Ennumerate potential application of Carbon nanotubes in the field of science and technology. Batch OT FT 3 Q 9
11. How does draft environment impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2020 differ from the existing EIA Notification, 2006? (10 Marks 150 Words)	Environment Impact Assessments would remain ineffective unless the public hearing component is strengthened. Critically examine its importance in promoting sustainable development. (150 words, 10 marks) Batch L T 3 Q 7
12. Explain the rationale behind the goods and services tax (compensation to states) act of 2017. How has COVID-19 impacted the GST compensation fund and created new federal tensions? (15 Marks 250 Words)	Enumerate the concerns of the states with respect to GST taxation regime. How far can GST compensation cess address these concerns? Batch OT T3 Q1
13. What are the major factors responsible for making rice-wheat system a success? In spite of this success how has this system become bane in India? (15 Marks 250 Words)	Minimum support price (MSP) has suppressed crop diversification among Indian farmers. Discuss. In light of the above statement discuss the various alternatives to MSP that can promote crop diversification among Indian farmers. (15 Marks, 250 Words) Batch L T7 Q13
14. What are the determinants of left-wing extremism in Eastern part of India? What strategy should Government of India, Civil administration and Security forces adopt to conter the threat in the affected areas? (15 Marks 250 Words)	Security as well as the development has to run hand in hand to counter the left-wing extremism in India. Analyse. (10 Marks, 150 Words) Batch L T7 Q 9
15. Anyase internal security threats and transborder crimes along myanmar, bangladesh and pakistan borders including Line of control (LoC). Also discuss the role played by various security forces in this regard. (15 Marks 250 Words)	Indias border management is subject to different challenges in different areas, some more gruelling than others. What are the challenges which makes border management challenging in the Western and Eastern Sector (15) Batch OT T3 Q19
16. Distinguish between laws and rules. Discuss the role of ethics in formulating them. (10 Marks 150 Words)	Explain the distinguishing features of morality and how it differs from etiquette & law? (150 words, 10 marks). L-8, Q 3(A)
16. A positive attitude is considered to be an essential characteristic of a civil servant who is often required to function under extreme stress. What contributes to a positive attitude in person.? (10 Marks 150 Words)	"Working in government could create mental and emotional stress on government servants like in any other job." (ARC Report) Keeping the stressful nature of the public service in mind, one needs to be an efficient stress manager. What are your personal stress management strategies? Elaborate with examples. Open Test

\*This is just reflection on CSE 2020 and we have been hitting upsc themes year after year.

## WHAT DO WE COMMIT TO PROVIDE?

SERVICE	TIMELINE
QUESTION PAPER	By 9 AM on Exam Date
ORIENTATION SESSION	25th June 5 PM (1 Day Before 1st Test)
SOLUTION	1 day from exam date 5 PM
TEST DISCUSSION	4 days from exam date 5 PM
EVALUATION	Under 10 Days
MENTORSHIP	Within 2-4 Days from raising ticket
PROGRAM MODE	Online and Offline
GOOD ANSWERS	After 25 % Enrolled Students write the test
COURSE FULFILMENT	Through Shankar ias Online Dashboard

## PROGRAM FEES DETAILS

PROGRAM	TESTS	FEES (inclusive of GST)
MAINSTORMING VOYAGERS (12 + 4 ALL INDIA OPEN*)	16 TESTS	12,000
MAINSTORMING LEGENDS (12 + 4 ALL INDIA OPEN*)	16 TESTS	12,000
5 ESSAYS (4 EVALUATED + 1 ALL INDIA OPEN*)	05 TESTS	6,000
MAINSTORMING VOYAGERS / LEGENDS + 5 ESSAYS	21 TESTS	16,000

\*Special Concession for In service Candidates (UPSC Civil Services) and previous years CSE rank holders

\*ALL INDIA OPEN TEST WILL NOT BE EVALUATED AND WILL NOT BE PROVIDED WITH SOLUTION, DISCUSSION AND MENTORSHIP.

## MAINSTORMING 2022 ESSAY SCHEDULE

01	16/07/2022	ESSAY 1	ESSAY FULL	E1	ESSAY FULL SYLLABUS
02	30/07/2022	ESSAY 2	ESSAY FULL	E2	ESSAY FULL SYLLABUS
03	13/08/2022	ESSAY 3	ESSAY FULL	E3	ESSAY FULL SYLLABUS
04	26/08/2022	ESSAY 4	ESSAY FULL	E4	ESSAY FULL SYLLABUS
05	02/09/2022	ESSAY OPEN	ESSAY FULL	ESSAY OPEN	ESSAY FULL (unevaluated)

# MAINSTORMING 2022 SCHEDULE

	<b>DATES</b>	<b>LEGENDS</b>	<b>SYLLABUS</b>	<b>VOYAGERS</b>	<b>SYLLABUS</b>
01	26/06/2022	L 1	GS 1 FULL	V1	SOCIETY + MODERN HISTORY + ART AND CULTURE
02	03/07/2022	L 2	GS 2 FULL	V2	GEOGRAPHY + WORLD HISTORY + POST INDEPENDENCE
03	10/07/2022	L 3	GS 3 FULL	V3	INDIAN POLITY
04	17/07/2022	L 4	GS 4 FULL	V4	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS + SOCIAL JUSTICE + GOVERNANCE
05	24/07/2022	L 5	GS 1 FULL	V5	ECONOMY + AGRICULTURE + ENVIRONMENT
06	31/07/2022	L 6	GS 2 FULL	V6	DISASTER MANAGEMENT + SECURITY MANAGEMENT + SCIENCE AND TECH
07	07/08/2022	L 7	GS 3 FULL	V7	ETHICS PART A + CASE STUDIES
08	14/08/2022	L 8	GS 4 FULL	V8	ETHICS PART A + CASE STUDIES

## 1 WEEK CONSOLIDATION BREAK

### UPSC STIMULATOR MODE TESTS

09	27/08/2022	L 9	GS 1 FULL	V9	GS 1 FULL
10	27/08/2022	L 10	GS 2 FULL	V10	GS 2 FULL
11	28/08/2022	L 11	GS 3 FULL	V11	GS 3 FULL
12	28/08/2022	L 12	GS 4 FULL	V12	GS4 FULL

### ALL INDIA OPEN TEST (UN EVALUATED)

13	02/09/2022	ESSAY OPEN	ESSAY FUL	ESSAY OPEN	ESSAY FUL
14	03/09/2022	AIO GS 1	GS 1 FULL	AIO GS 1	GS 1 FULL
15	03/09/2022	AIO GS 2	GS 2 FULL	AIO GS 2	GS 2 FULL
16	04/09/2022	AIO GS 3	GS 3 FULL	AIO GS 3	GS 3 FULL
17	04/09/2022	AIO GS 4	GS 4 FULL	AIO GS 4	GS 4 FULL

The Key to progress is having the courage to start **before you're ready** and trusting yourself to figure it out along the way. Perfectionism slows progress, procrastination kills it.

THE PERFECTIONIST →

THE ITERATOR



THE PROCRASTINATOR



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