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• CSE 2016

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*Full list of toppers and their copies can be viewed on www.iasparliament.com



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 OFFLINE
MODE, DELIVERED BY FACULTY,
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

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

MAINSTORMING REFLECTIONS CSE 2021-2020

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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 2 PM on Exam Date
ORIENTATION SESSION (BY SENIOR FACULTY)	Session 1 – 13.06.2022, Session 2 –20.06.2022
SOLUTION	1 day from exam date 5 PM (Student Portal)
TEST DISCUSSION	05.30 PM On Exam Date
EVALUATION	Under 10 Days
MENTORSHIP	Within 2-4 Days from raising ticket
PROGRAM MODE	Offline
GOOD ANSWERS	After 25 % Enrolled Students write the test
COURSE FULFILMENT	Offline Mode

PROGRAM FEES DETAILS

PROGRAM	TESTS	FEES <small>(inclusive of GST)</small>
MAINSTORMING (12 + 4 ALL INDIA OPEN*)	16 TESTS	13,500(New Student) 12,500(Old Student)
5 ESSAYS (4 EVALUATED + 1 ALL INDIA OPEN*)	05 TESTS	4,000(New Student) 3,500 (Old Student)

MAINSTORMING 2022 ESSAY SCHEDULE

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

MAINSTORMING 2022 SCHEDULE

DATES

SYLLABUS

01	26/06/2022	SOCIETY + MODERN HISTORY + ART AND CULTURE
02	03/07/2022	GEOGRAPHY + WORLD HISTORY + POST INDEPENDENCE
03	10/07/2022	INDIAN POLITY
04	17/07/2022	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS + SOCIAL JUSTICE + GOVERNANCE
05	24/07/2022	ECONOMY + AGRICULTURE + ENVIRONMENT
06	31/07/2022	DISASTER MANAGEMENT + SECURITY MANAGEMENT + SCIENCE AND TECH
07	07/08/2022	ETHICS PART A + CASE STUDIES
08	14/08/2022	ETHICS PART A + CASE STUDIES

1 WEEK CONSOLIDATION BREAK

UPSC STIMULATOR MODE TESTS

09	27/08/2022	GS 1 FULL
10	27/08/2022	GS 2 FULL
11	28/08/2022	GS 3 FULL
12	28/08/2022	GS4 FULL

ALL INDIA OPEN TEST (UN EVALUATED)

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