

MAINS TEST SERIES SCHEDULE

Key offerings (follow the color codes)		Program Links				
Samachar Manthan students will also appear for their weekly CA lectures + Mains Mini Tests (every week)		Foundation Program				
Mains Test (RED)	Mains Tests will be held on either 1st or 3rd Sundays of every month provided the subject is complete.	Mains Essentials Program(22 Tests) = 14(Subject-wise) + 8(FST)				
<p>Note4Students</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> We follow an integrated approach combining prelims and mains for a wholistic preparation. All subjects are arranged in decreasing order of their priority from the exam's point of view. The demarcations have been very thought through. All weekends are reserved specifically for Samachar Manthan & attempting tests(prelims and mains). Samachar Manthan Students will also appear for their weekly CA Mini Tests. This ensures a rock-solid preparation without overstressing. Student can attempt tests anytime after the Start Date. But we discourage this practice. Only under exceptional circumstances should you skip the schedule. Day-wise detailed study plans for most important subjects will be shared along with the Time-table. 						
Test	Syllabus	Base Source to start with for both Prelims and Mains	Advanced Sources	Start Date	Difficulty Level	All India Rank
MEP01 Polity Mains Test	<p>GS Paper II</p> <p>Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions. Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.</p> <p>Parliament and State Legislatures - structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies. Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies</p>	Summmaries - 2nd ARC REPORT, Punchi Commission Report CD Monthly Magazine Samachar Manthan Notes		07-Jul-19	L1	Y
MEP02 History Mains Test	<p>GS Paper I</p> <p>Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present significant events, personalities, issues.</p> <p>The Freedom Struggle - its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.</p>	Same as above	Same as above	04-Aug-19	L1	Y
MEP03 Economics Mains Test	<p>GS Paper III</p> <p>Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.</p>	Same as above	Samachar Manthan Notes Budget and Economic Survey Three Year Action Agenda - NITI Aayog	25-Aug-19	L1	Y

MEP04 Geography Mains Test	GS Paper I Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian subcontinent) Factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India) 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 . Major crops cropping patterns in various parts of the country, different types of irrigation and irrigation systems.	Same as above	Certificate Physical and Human Geography by Goh Cheng Leong Civildaily Geography material	22-Sep-19	L1	Y
1 on 1 Mentor call	Reflect, Reassess and Restrategize Aim: To help the Prime students fine-tune his/her testing acumen by providing 1 on 1 counselling basis his performance in the 8 L1 tests The student must have attempted all the 8 L1 tests. He/ She is to then drop a mail to hello@civildaily.			Full month of October		Y
MEP05 E&B Mains Test	Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment. Disaster and disaster management.	Samachar Manthan Notes		20-Oct-19	L2	Y
MEP06 Science & Technology Mains Test	Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new 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.	Science and Tech will mostly be from contemporary topics. Refer CD's study material as it is more aligned to the recent trend of the exam.	Ravi Agrahari Samachar Manthan Notes	03-Nov-19	L2	Y
MEP07 Ancient + Medieval History Mains Test	Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.			17-Nov-19	L2	Y

<p>MEP08 Governance and Social Issues Mains Test</p>	<p>Role of women and women’s organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies. Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India. Effects of globalization on Indian society 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 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 poverty and hunger. Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources. 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</p>	<p>Samachar Manthan Notes Specific ARC 2 Reports – 1 st , 5 th , 6th , 11th , 12th, 14th & 15th Civildaily Governance & Society Notes Ram Ahuja Social issues IGNOU B.A Sociology</p>		<p>08-Dec-19</p>	<p>L2</p>	<p>Y</p>
<p>MEP09 Economics Advanced Mains Test</p>	<p>GS Paper III Inclusive growth and issues arising from it. Government Budgeting. Land reforms in India. Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth. Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc. Investment models. 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 constarints, e-technology in the aid of farmers 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; economics of animal-rearing. Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management</p>	<p>Same as earlier</p>	<p>Same as earlier</p>	<p>05-Jan-20</p>	<p>L2</p>	<p>Y</p>
<p>MEP10 Geography Advanced Mains Test</p>	<p>Full Syllabus of Geography (Physical + World)</p>	<p>Same as earlier</p>	<p>Same as earlier</p>	<p>19-Jan-20</p>	<p>L2</p>	<p>Y</p>

<p>MEP11 International Relations and Internal Security</p>	<p>International Relations and Internal Security Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate. Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian Diaspora. India & Its Neighborhood - Relations Linkages between development and spread of extremism. Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security. 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 Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.</p>	<p>Civildaily IR Background material Civildaily Daily Current affairs and Monthly Magazine Indian express-Raja Mandala Observer research Foundation articles IDSA Challenges to Internal security of India(Ashok Kumar) or Internal security of India(Hamid Khan) Indian express and Hindu International relations in the 21st Century(Pushpesh Pant) Samachar manthan Notes</p>		<p>14-Jun-20</p>	<p>L2</p>	<p>Y</p>
<p>MEP12 World History and post Independent Indian History Mains Test</p>	<p>Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country. History of the world will include events from 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redrawing of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.- their forms and effect on the society.</p>	<p>India since Independence-Bipin Chandra (skip chapters that are political in nature) Pradhan Mantri TV Series Mastering Modern World History by Normal Lowe NCERT World History - Arjun Dev</p>		<p>28-Jun-20</p>	<p>L2</p>	<p>Y</p>
<p>MEP13 Ethics Test 1</p>	<p>GS Paper IV 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. Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion. 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</p>	<p>2nd ARC Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude - Arihant Publications Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude - D Subbarao (Lexicon)</p>		<p>12-Jul-20</p>	<p>L2</p>	<p>Y</p>

MEP14 Ethics Test 2	GS Paper IV 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. Case Studies on above issues	2nd ARC Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude - Arihant Publications Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude - D Subbarao (Lexicon)	26-Jul-20	L2	Y
FLT 1 (Round 1)	Full Syllabus Test(FST) for GS paper 1		09-Aug-20	L2	Y
FLT 2 (Round 1)	Full Syllabus Test(FST) for GS paper 2		16-Aug-20	L2	Y
FLT 3 (Round 1)	Full Syllabus Test(FST) for GS paper 3		30-Aug-20	L2	Y
FLT 4 (Round 1)	Full Syllabus Test(FST) for GS paper 4		06-Sep-20	L2	Y
FLT 5 (Round 2)	Full Syllabus Test(FST) for GS paper 1		12-Sep-20	L2	Y
FLT 6 (Round 2)	Full Syllabus Test(FST) for GS paper 2		12-Sep-20	L2	Y
FLT 7 (Round 2)	Full Syllabus Test(FST) for GS paper 3		13-Sep-20	L2	Y
FLT 8 (Round 2)	Full Syllabus Test(FST) for GS paper 4		13-Sep-20	L2	Y

* The Time-table might undergo minor changes depending upon the actual dates of the 2020 exam.