

GS MAINS ANSWER WRITING **SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2021**

52 TESTS (5 UPSC PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS CAN BE SOLVED WEEKLY)

(Also Get Current Affairs + Value Addition Material + Supplementary Material)

M.R.P. (Mindful Responsible Price) - RS. 8000/- (incl. all taxes)

"The main Examination is intended to assess the overall intellectual traits and depth of understanding of candidates rather than merely the range of their information and memory". - Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

GS Mains Answer Writing Skills Development Program completely focuses on developing answer writing skills & depth of understanding with weekly topic-wise tests. You **write answers on UPSC previous years questions**. This is followed by **evaluation on 8-important writing parameters** and a **video explaining model answers** to all the questions of the test.

The pattern of UPSC Mains exam is very dynamic and unpredictable. Therefore, we use previous year papers so that the aspirants can **simulate the UPSC exam in real sense**, understand the demand of the exam and develop effective writing skills.

GS Mains Answer Writing Skills Development Program consists of 3 Parts:

1. **52 Tests** of 5 Questions Each (UPSC PYQs)
(52 Tests * 5 Qs Each = 260 Qs)
2. **Video discussion** of Model Answers
3. **Monthly Current Affairs E-Book** and **Value-Added Material**

52 Tests of UPSC Previous Year Questions

- Tests are **Topical(Topicwise)**, that is, you will get the list of all the topics to be prepared during the week. Each test consists of 5 Qs.
- UPSC Previous Year Questions are the best questions to practice and if you have learnt the art of writing PYQs well, you do not need to worry about anything. So, these tests are **made from UPSC PYQs (from the topics as per timetable)** to help you write answers on 250+ previous year UPSC questions.
- Evaluation is the most important part of answer writing. Your answers shall be **evaluated on 8-parameters** discussed in detail below.
- Questions have been so selected that you need to write **adequate content on the current affairs** related to the topic.
- You get **personalised feedback** on every answer to improve your answer writing skills.

Model Answers Video Discussions

- Each test will be followed by video discussion of model answers to all the questions. So, you will be able to **understand and write model answers on 250+ previous years UPSC questions**.
- Each video **discussion will cover** the structure of the answer, introduction, conclusion, value additions, current perspective, and other important parameters of a model answer.
- Discusses how to make a **model structure of the answer** for all questions.
- Gives you **easy techniques** for how to develop answer writing skills.
- Video discussion will remain **available in your account** for future references too.

"There are total 250+ UPSC previous year Qs, their evaluation with Video discussion of model answers"

You will be provided **Monthly Current Affairs E-Book + Value Added Material** related to synopsis of Yojana/ Kurukshetra/ EPW/ World Bank Report/ HDR & other important international reports in PDF Format. Current affairs are well-prepared from 14 different sources like The Hindu, PIB, Indian Express, Live Mint, IDSA, PRS Blog etc.

Experts Support

Personal Interaction/ Telephonic Discussion/ Email Interaction

Program Objective

This is a comprehensive and intensive 'interactive' (online) test series program focusing on sincere IAS Aspirants who will appear in Civil Service Exam 2021. It focuses on making your reading skills better, attune you to exam conditions, and provide you a wide variety of questions of UPSC previous year questions with detailed evaluations. You will be provided step by step guidance for understanding the concepts of the subject and learn answer writing through easy to understand videos.

Evaluation of all Answers on 8 essential parameters and their weightage

1. **Introduction** - whether it is aligned as per the demands of the question, strong, with definition of key terms. 15% (Introduction Competence)
2. **Question is dissected well** - all parts have been aptly covered - no part is under or over discussed - content is relevant. 20%
3. **Language** - lucid, cogent, and grammatically consistent - shows clarity of thought and expression. 10% (Language Competence)
4. **Facts covered** optimally as per needs of question - neither too less nor too many. 10% (Content Competence)
5. **Analysis** is aligned as per the needs of the question. 15% (Contextual Competence)

6. **Presentation/ Value addition** - underlining, highlighting, diagram, graphs, etc. - adequately done. 10% (Structure - Presentations Competence)
7. **Words limit** - words are within limits without compromising content required. 5%
8. **Conclusion** - is powerful, expresses way forward, positive, strong, leaving an impact on examiner. 15% (Conclusion Competence)

What's Special about our Answer Writing Skills Development Program:

- You write answers on **actual UPSC Questions**. Writing 250+ answers on UPSC PYQs will raise your level higher & boost your confidence.
- Your answer is evaluated against 8 parameters. **If you are above average** on each parameter, your answer will be really good. Against each parameter, you get a **rating between Extremely Poor (rated 1) and Extremely Good (rated 5)**. Now your target would be improving only those parameters where you are below average. This way your focus will be directed, and even little improvements will yield great results.
- Evaluation on 8 essential parameters will help you **recognize your real problems** in answer writing. Traditional way of giving a feedback note at the end of an answer by examiner has problems that you are not able to diagnose your real issues. This method is **more scientific & directly hits on your real problems**.
- Based on your rating, you will get *practical suggestions and techniques* to improve against each parameter. You will get **personalised feedback** by examiner.
- You will get **access to the answers of Toppers** against each parameter.
- **Learn answer writing thru videos**: a video on every question helps understand how to break question into parts and write model answer. Various aspects of each question are discussed in video.
- **5 Qs per week**: weekly answer writing puts you in a habit of answer writing.

Answer Writing Program is conducted Online

For online - Student needs to download the question paper, take a print of it, complete the answer writing, scan, and upload in PDF form. Evaluation is done in 7 days.

What you will get:

- Tests are **conducted Online**.
- You will get **Username/ Password** as soon as you subscribe to test series and the process on Email. You will get the tests and their evaluation on this students' panel.
- There will be **Video Test Discussion** & Doubt Clearing Sessions over the mail/ personal interaction/ telephone & during workshops.
- You get **Consolidated Question Paper-cum-Answer booklet** (52 Tests: PDF File) and Evaluated Answer Booklet by experts with proper feedback, comments & guidance.
- **Flexible-Date of Mock Test:** Reschedule on the demand of the aspirants. Postpone, but not Prepone.
- **Value Addition** / Current Affairs / Supplementary material/Reference material/Support material will be provided in SOFT COPY ONLY and will NOT be dispatched.
- Information related evaluation of test papers & videos of model answers will be notified on the home page of student's online platform and thru sms.

Disclaimer

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TEST NO.	TOPIC NAME	SUBJECT
TEST - 1	Indian Constitution - Historical underpinnings & Evolution	Indian Polity & Governance
	Indian Constitution - Features & Significant Provisions related to The Preamble, Union & its Territories and The Citizenship	
	Pressure Groups, Other Formal-Informal Associations and their role in the Polity	
	Role of NGOs, SHGs, Donors & Charities, and Institutional & other Stakeholders in Development Process	
TEST - 2	Indian Constitution - Features & Significant Provisions related to Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles and Fundamental Duties	
	Peoples' Participation-Role of Civil Society in Governance	
	Health & Sanitation and related issues	
TEST - 3	Indian Constitution - Amendments, Schedules, and Important Articles	
	Comparison of Indian Constitutional System with that of other Countries - Parliamentary & Presidential Systems of Governance	
	Separation of powers between various organs	
	Education and related issues	
	Human resources, Youth, Sports and related issues	
	Poverty & Hunger and related issues	
TEST - 4	Executive: Structure, Organization & Functioning ; Ministries and Departments of the Government	
	The President and the Vice-President of India	
	Other Social Welfare Bodies in India	

	Important Aspects of Governance, Transparency & Accountability including Right to Information and Citizen Charter	
	Public Policy Making	
TEST - 5	Parliament - structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these	
	E-governance - applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential incl. Aadhaar & Digital power	
	India's Foreign Policy evolution and changes	International Relations
	India - Pakistan	
	India - China	
TEST - 6	Functions & Responsibilities of the Union, the Prime Minister and Union Council of Ministers	Indian Polity & Governance
	Functions & Responsibilities of the States, the Governor, the Chief Minister and State COM	
	India - Nepal	International Relations
	India - Bhutan	
	India - Afghanistan	
	India - Bangladesh	
	India - Myanmar	
	India - Sri Lanka	
TEST - 7	State Legislatures - structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these	Indian Polity & Governance
	Issues and Challenges Pertaining to the Federal Structure, Dispute Redressal Mechanisms, and the Centre-State Relations	
	Devolution of Powers & Finances up to Local Levels and Challenges therein - Panchayats & Municipalities	
	India - Indian Ocean Island nations	International Relations
	India - USA	
	India - Russia	

	India - Japan	
	India - East Asia	
TEST - 8	Emergency Powers of the Union	Indian Polity & Governance
	Judiciary in India: its Structure, Organization & Functioning, Judges of SC & High Courts, Judgments and related Issues	
	UNO and its various Agencies	
TEST - 9	Elections, Election Commission and the Electoral Reforms in India Incl. Political Parties	Indian Polity & Governance
	Provisions related to UPSC, State PSCs and Civil Services in India, and their Role in Democracy	
	Finance Commission	
	Audit & CAG of India	
	World Trade, WTO and issues involved	International Relations
TEST - 10	Regulatory & Quasi-Judicial bodies	Indian Polity & Governance
	Government policies & interventions for development in various Sectors and issues arising out of their design & implementation incl. Housing	
	Rights & Welfare of STs, SCs, and OBCs - Schemes & their Performance, Mechanisms, Laws Institutions and Bodies	
	India - Middle East	
	World Bank and India	International Relations
	IMF and India	
TEST - 11	Rights & Welfare of Women - Schemes & their Performance, Mechanisms, Laws Institutions and Bodies	Indian Polity & Governance
	Rights & Welfare of Children - Schemes & their Performance, Mechanisms, Laws Institutions and Bodies	
	Rights & Welfare of Old-Age People - Schemes & their Performance, Mechanisms, Laws Institutions and Bodies	

	International Treaties & Agreements, and other important organizations	
TEST - 12	Rights & Welfare of Persons with Disability including Mentally Ill People - Schemes & their Performance, Mechanisms, Laws Institutions and Bodies	
	Rights & Welfare of Minorities Incl. Linguistic Minorities - Schemes & their performance; Mechanisms, Laws, Institutions & Bodies	
	Rights & Welfare of People with HIV-AIDS - Schemes & their Performance, Mechanisms, Laws Institutions and Bodies	
	Rights Issues - Human Rights and NHRC	
	Rights Issues - Consumer Rights in India	
	Rights Issues - Other Rights	
	India - UK	International Relations
	India - Australia	
	India - South America	
	India - Canada	
TEST - 13	The Decline of the Mughal Empire	History of India
	Indian States and Societies in 18th Century	
	The Beginnings of European Settlements	
	The British Conquest of India	
	South-East Asia, ASEAN and India	International Relations
	SAARC and India	
	BRICS, IBSA and India	
	BIMSTEC and India	
TEST - 14	IOR-ARC and India	
	The Structure of the Government and Economic Policies of the British Empire in India, 1757-1857	History of India
	Administrative Organization and Social & Cultural Policy	
	Social & Cultural Awakening in the First half of the 19th Century	
	The Revolt of 1857	
	Administrative Changes after 1857	
	India - Central Asia	

	India- West Asia	International Relations
	India - Israel	
	Africa, African Union (AU) and India	
	Europe, European Union (EU) and India	
TEST - 15	Religious and Social Reform Movements	History of India
	The Struggle Begins (1858-1905)	
	National Movement (1905-1918)	
	SCO and India	International Relations
	Mekong- Ganga Cooperation	
	OSEE	
	NATO	
	CIS	
	NAM and its relevance	
	Commonwealth of Nations	
TEST - 16	National Movement (1919-1939) Era of Mass Nationalism	History of India
	UNASUR	International Relations
	NSG and India	
	ADB and India	
	AIIB and India	
	African Development Bank	
	BIS	
	League of Arab States (LAS)	
	OIC	
TEST - 17	National Movement: Towards Freedom and Partition (1939-1947)	History of India
	Economic Impact of British Rule in India	International Relations
	QUAD and India	
	G20	
	G8	
	G77	
	FATF	
	Effect of policies and politics of developed & developing countries on India's interests	
	Indian Diaspora	
TEST - 18	Development of Indian Press	History of India
	Development of Education	
	Brief on some aspects of British Rule	

	The Indian States	
	Civil Rebellions and Tribal Uprisings	
	Peasant Movements (1857-1947)	
	The Movement of Working Class	
	NAFTA	International Relations
	Mercosur	
	GCC	
	OPEC	
	OECD	
	ASEM	
	ACD and India	
TEST - 19	The Evolution of Indian Nationalist Foreign Policy	History of India
	Communalism and Trends	
	Role of women in freedom struggle	
	Contributions of British & Foreigners	
	Important Persons during freedom struggle & their Approaches to achievement of freedom goals	
	RCEP and India	International Relations
	APEC	
	CARICOM	
	Rio Group	
	TPP	
TEST - 20	Transport & Marketing of agricultural produce	Indian Economy
	Agricultural Finance & Insurance	
	E-technology in the aid of farmers	
	Issues related to direct & indirect Farm Subsidies and MSP	
TEST - 21	Public Distribution System: Objectives, Functioning, Limitations & Revamping	Indian Economy
	Issues of Buffer stocks and Food Security	
	Technology missions	
	Economics of Animal-Rearing incl. White, Blue & Pink Revolutions	
	Few Facts About Ancient India	

TEST - 22	Food processing and related industries in India: scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements and supply chain management	Indian Economy
	Land reforms in India	
	Effects of Liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth incl. Economic Reforms	
TEST - 23	Indian Culture - An Introduction	
	Indian Architecture incl. Art & Craft & Paintings	
	Indian Music and Dances	
	Performing Arts, Drama, Theatre and Indian Cinema	
	Indian Languages and Literature	
	Infrastructure: Energy incl. Renewable & Non-renewable	Indian Economy
	Infrastructure: Ports & Waterways	
	Infrastructure: Roads	
	Infrastructure: Airports	
TEST - 24	Fairs & festivals and Martial Arts of India	History of India
	Media and Culture	
	Promotion and Preservation of Culture Incl. UNESCO	
	Famous personalities & institutions attached to Indian culture	
	Religions, religious thoughts and Philosophy incl. Saints of India	
	Infrastructure: Railways	Indian Economy
	Infrastructure: Economic Corridors	
	Infrastructure: Urbanisation and related Issues	
	Investment Models: PPP, SEZ, EPZ and others	
	Issues relating to Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)	
	Issues relating to Planning & Economic Reforms	

TEST - 25	Issues relating to Growth & Development - Public Finance, Taxation & Black Money incl. Government Budgeting	
	Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in human actions	Ethics
	Dimensions of ethics	
	Ethics in Private and Public relationships	
TEST - 26	Issues relating to Mobilization of resources incl. Savings, Borrowings & External Resources	Indian Economy
	Issues relating to Growth & Development - Inflation & Monetary Policy	
	Issues relating to Growth & Development - Banking, NPAs and RBI	
	Human Values - Lessons from the lives and teachings of great Leaders, Reformers and Administrators	Ethics
	Role of Family, Society and Educational institutions in inculcating values	
	Attitude: Content, structure and functions, its influence & relation with thought & behaviour	
TEST - 27	Issues relating to Growth & Development - Capital Market & SEBI	Indian Economy
	Issues relating to Growth & Development - Industry & Services Sector incl. MSMEs and PSUs	
	Issues relating to Growth & Development - Foreign Capital, Foreign Trade & BOP	
	Moral and political attitudes	Ethics
	Social influence and Persuasion	
	Aptitude	
TEST - 28	Issues relating to Growth & Development - Demographic Economics & Various Indexes	Indian Economy
	Issues Related to Poverty, Inclusion, Employment & Sustainable Development	
	Agriculture Issues and related constraints	

	Major Crops, Cropping Patterns and various Agricultural Revolutions	
	Different types of Irrigation & Irrigation systems storage	
	Foundational values for Civil Service - Integrity, Objectivity, Impartiality & non-partisanship	Ethics
	Foundational values for Civil Service - Empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker-sections, and dedication to public service	
	Emotional intelligence - Concepts, and their utilities & application in Administration and Governance	
TEST - 29	Environmental Pollution - Air, Water, Soil & E-waste	Environment
	Environmental Degradation - GHGs, Ozone Depletion and Climate Change	
	Contributions of Moral thinkers and philosophers from India	Ethics
	Contributions of Moral thinkers and Philosophers from World	
TEST - 30	Biodiversity, Ecology, and Wildlife Related Issues	Environment
	Environmental Conservation, Sustainable Development, and EIA	
	Disaster and disaster management	
	Public-Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems	Ethics
	Ethical Concerns & Dilemmas in Government & Private institutions incl. issue of Conflict of Interest""	
	Laws, Rules, Regulations and Conscience as sources of Ethical Guidance	
TEST - 31	The Earth, its Evolution and Origin of Life on Earth	Geography
	The Earth and the Solar System	

	Interior of the Earth and Materials of the Earth's Crust	
	Climate and Weather & Changes in Climate	
	Accountability and Ethical Governance	Ethics
	Strengthening of Ethical and Moral Values in Governance	
	Ethical issues in International Relations and Funding	
TEST - 32	Important Geophysical phenomena - Earthquakes, Tsunamis & Volcanoes	Geography
	Important Geophysical Phenomenon - Tropical Cyclones	
	Important Geophysical Phenomenon - Temperate Cyclones	
	Corporate governance	Ethics
	Probity in Governance: Concept of Public Service	
	Philosophical basis of Governance and Probity	
	Information sharing and Transparency in government including RTI	
TEST - 33	Important Geophysical Phenomenon - Atmosphere, its Composition and Circulation	Geography
	Important Geophysical Phenomenon - Tides, Oceanic Circulation and Ocean Bottom Relief	
	Important Geophysical phenomena - Weathering, Mass Movement & Groundwater	
	Codes of Ethics and Codes of Conduct	Ethics
	Citizen's Charters and Work culture	
	Quality of service delivery	
	Utilization of public funds	
	Various Landforms, Changes Therein and the Effects of Such Changes	Geography

TEST - 34	Islands & Coral Reefs, changes therein and in Flora & Fauna and the Effects of such changes	Ethics
	Mountains, changes therein and in Flora & Fauna and the Effects of such changes	
	Lakes, changes therein and in Flora & Fauna and the Effects of such changes	
	Rivers, changes therein and in Flora & Fauna and the Effects of such changes	
	Changes in Flora & Fauna in general and the effects of such changes	
	Challenges of corruption	
	Case Studies	
TEST - 35	Agriculture and Major Crops of the World	Geography
	Biotic Resources of the World including Livestock & Fisheries	
	Physiography of India including Geology	
	Indian River System Including Lakes, and HEPs	
TEST - 36	Physical Geography of Asia incl. important Geopolitical regions	
	Factors responsible for Location & Distribution of Primary Industries in World	
	Factors responsible for the Location & Distribution of Secondary Industries of the World	
	Factors responsible for location of Tertiary sector Industries incl. Tourism in world & India and related issues	
	Indian Soils & Natural Vegetation	
	Indian Climate including Monsoons	
	Indian Demography including Tribes	
TEST - 37	Physical Geography of Africa incl. important Geopolitical regions	
	Physical Geography of Europe incl. important Geopolitical regions	
	Physical Geography of North America incl. important Geopolitical regions	

	Transportation and Communication of the World	
	International Trade	
	Demography of the World - Population Trends	
TEST - 38	Physical Geography of South America incl. important Geopolitical regions	
	Physical Geography of Australia incl. important Geopolitical regions	
	Physical Geography of Antarctica incl. important Geopolitical regions	
	Disputed Territories of the World	
	Distribution of Key Natural Resources - Minerals & Oil Resources of the World	
	Distribution of key Natural Resources - Mineral & Oil Resources of India	
	Demography of the World - Growth of Population	
	Demography of the World - Demographic Attributes	
TEST - 39	Demography of the World - Major Tribes and their Habitats	
	Distribution of Key Natural Resources - Energy Resources of the World	
	Distribution of Key Natural Resources - Forest Resources of the World	
	Distribution of key natural resources - Land Resources incl. Land conservation in world & India	
	Distribution of key natural resources - Ocean Resources in world & India	
	Distribution of key natural resources - Water Resources incl. Rivers & related issues in world & India	
	Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life	Science & Technology
	Achievements of Indians in science & technology	

	Indigenization of technology and developing new technology	
	IT, Internet and Communications	
	Defence related developments	
TEST - 40	Natural regions and the world climates	
	Space Technology & related matters	
	Computer Technology incl. 3-D Printing	
	Nuclear science	
	Robotics & Artificial Intelligence	
	Nanotechnology	
	Biotechnology, Genetics & Health related developments	
TEST - 41	Industrial revolution	World History
	The World From the 1890s to the First World War	
	The World Between the two World Wars	
	The Second World War	
	Colonization, Decolonization, and Redrawing of National Boundaries	
TEST - 42	Political Philosophies- Communism, Capitalism, and Socialism	Indian Society
	The World Since 1945	
	Structure of Indian Society incl. Caste system	
	Social Institutions: Continuity and Change	
	Social Inequality and Exclusion	
TEST - 43	The Challenges of Unity in Diversity	
	Structural and Cultural Change	
	The Story of Indian Democracy	
	Change and Development in Rural and Industrial Society	
	Mass Media and Communications	
	Social Movements	
TEST - 44	Role of Women and Women's Organization	
	Poverty and developmental issues	
	Urbanization, their problems and their remedies incl. Migration & Smart Cities	

TEST - 45	Globalization and Social Change - Effects of globalization on Indian society	
TEST - 46	Social empowerment	
	Regionalism, Communalism & Secularism	
TEST - 47	Challenges of National Building	Post-Independence Indian History
	Era of One-party Dominance	
TEST - 48	Politics of Planned Development	
	Economics of planned development	
TEST - 49	India's External Relations	
	Challenges to and Restoration of the Congress System	
TEST - 50	The Crisis of Democratic Order	
	Rise of Popular Movements	Security Related Issues
	Challenges to internal security through Communication Networks	
	Role of Media and Social Networking Sites in internal security challenges	
TEST - 51	Regional Aspirations	Post-Independence Indian History
	Recent Developments in Indian Politics	Security Related Issues
	Basics of Cyber Security and related matters	
	Security challenges and their management in Border Areas	
TEST - 52	Linkages between development and spread of extremism incl. Naxalism	Security Related Issues
	Role of External State & Non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security incl. Terrorism & illegal Migration	
	Linkages of organized crime with terrorism	
	Various Security Forces & Agencies and their mandate	

LIST OF POPULAR AUTHORS, BOOKS AND INSTITUTES NOTES

Apart from Ncerts, following are popular authors, textbooks and various institutes Notes. You do not have to refer to all of them. The decision on which source is good for you can be made based on following –

1. You must check them ***which source or sources are fulfilling your needs*** of preparing a topic.
2. You must also see ***how much time and effort you are putting in and what is the output.***

The sequence of these books below does not represent their relative importance.

History, Art & Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bipan Chandra • Satish Chandra • RS Sharma • Spectrum - Rajiv Ahir • Lucent • Nitin Singhania • Norman Lowe • crackIAS Notes & Videos 	Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanjeev Verma • Uma Kapila • Ramesh Singh • Jain & Ohri • Sriram IAS eco notes • crackIAS Notes & Videos • Eco Survey Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majid Husain • Khullar • Savindra Singh • Vajiram Notes • crackIAS Notes & Videos 	Current Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hindu • Yojana • Vision IAS • Insight IAS • Vajiram • crackIAS Notes & Videos Science & Tech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hindu 	Polity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M Laxmikant • DD Basu • Kashyap • Rajiv Sikri • Bare Act • crackIAS Notes & Videos Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rajagopalan • Shankar IAS • crackIAS Notes & Videos
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