

UPSC GS PRELIMS TEST SERIES 2021 SYLLABUS

TEST NO.	DATE	SYLLABUS		
		SUBJECT 1	SUBJECT 2	CURRENT EVENTS
1	10 Jan 2021	Polity	Modern India History	June Month
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evolution of the constitution, ● Salient Features of the Constitution ● Preamble ● Citizenship ● Fundamental Rights ● DPSP ● Fundamental Duties ● Union and State Govts ● Emergency Provisions ● Parliament and State Legislatures ● Parliamentary committees ● Budget Process ● Amendment of the Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● India in the late Eighteenth Century ● The Advent of the European powers in India ● The Period of East India Company Rule in India (1757-1857) ● The Revolt of 1857 ● The Beginning of British Rule in India (1858-1885) ● The Rise of Indian Nationalism ● Establishment of Indian National Congress (1885) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Phase of Moderates Leadership (1885 – 1905) ➤ Phase of Extremists Leadership (1905 – 1919) ● Gandhian Era (1920-1947) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rowlatt Act (1919) ➤ Jalianwala Bagh Massacre (1919) ➤ Khilafat Movement (1919) ➤ Non-Cooperation Movement (1920-1922) ➤ Civil Disobedience Movement (1930-1933) ➤ Round Table Conferences ➤ Quit India Movement (1942) ➤ Political Deadlock, Partition and Independence 	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phases of Revolutionaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Phase-I (1895-1918) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ India House ➤ Ghadr Movement ➤ Other revolutionary activities ➤ World War-I and Temporary Respite in Revolutionary Activities ➤ Phase-II (1924-1935) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hindustan Republican Association (HRA), 1924 ➤ Other revolutionary activities ➤ Phase-III (1939-1945) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ INA and Subhash Chandra Bose ● Socio-Religious Reform Movements in 19th and 20th centuries ● Acts passed during colonial times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Acts passed during the Period of East India Company ➤ Acts passed during the Period British Government 	
2	17 Jan 2021	Polity and Governance	Ancient Indian History	July Month
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Center-State Relation (Leg Administrative, Financial) ● Judiciary ● All constitutional and statutory bodies, Commissions ● Local Self Govt ● Special Provisions of some States ● Schedules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stone Age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Palaeolithic Period (c. 5,00,000 BCE to 10,000 BCE) ➤ Mesolithic Period (c. 9000 BCE to 4000 BCE) ➤ Neolithic Period (c. 6000 BCE to 1000 BCE) ➤ Chalcolithic Period (c. 3500 BCE to 700 BCE) ● Harappan or Indus Valley Civilization (c. 3250 BCE to 1300 BCE) ● Post-Vedic Period (c. 600 BCE to 400 BCE) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public service ● Tribunals ● Electoral reforms ● Anti Defection law ● Different important Enactments ● Important amendments ● NITI Aayog ● Some important Ministries and Departments ● Governance issues and tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maurya Period (c. 400 BCE to 180 BCE) ● Post-Maurya/ Pre-Gupta Period (c. 180 BCE to 300 ACE) ● History of South India (c. 600 BCE to 300 ACE) ● Gupta Period (c. 300 AD to 500 AD) ● Post-Gupta Period (c. 500 AD to 650 AD) ● The above topics are associated with its Political, Economic, Social, Cultural and Religious aspects Medieval Indian History ● Early Medieval Period (650 AD 1206 AD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ North India ➤ South India ● Delhi Sultanate (1206 AD to 1526 AD) ● South India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vijayanagar Empire (1336 AD to 1646 AD) ➤ Bahamani Kingdom (1347 AD to 1518 AD) ● Mughal Empire (1526 AD-1857 AD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Imperial Mughals (1526 AD to 1707 AD) ➤ Later Mughals (1707 ACE to 1857 ACE) ● Religious Developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bhakti Movement ➤ Sufism ● The above topics are associated with its Political, Economic, Social, Cultural and Religious aspects ● Current Affairs associated with Indian History ● Art & Culture ● Art forms and Architecture ● Religion and Philosophy ● Indian paintings 	
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indian Music Forms ● Indian Dance Forms ● Indian Languages & Literature ● Current Affairs associated with Indian Art & Culture 	
3	24 Jan 2021	Geography Test 1	Environment Test 1	August Month
		<p>India And World Physical Geography</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Structure of the interior of the earth 2. Continental drift theory and plate tectonics theory 3. Geomorphic processes:- Endogenetic and Exogenetic processes 4. Rocks 5. Vulcanicity and volcanoes 6. Earthquakes 7. Mountains, plateaus, planes and lakes 8. Weathering and mass movement 9. Erosional processes and land-forms associated with them 10. Drainage system and drainage patterns 11. Formation and distribution of soils 12. Reliefs of the ocean basins 	<p>Basic Concepts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ecology 1. Functions of an ecosystem 2. Terrestrial ecosystem 3. Aquatic ecosystem 4. Biodiversity 5. Environmental pollution and associated issues 6. Climate change 7. Ocean acidification 8. Ozone depletion 	

		<p>13. Temperature, salinity and density of ocean water</p> <p>14. Ocean tides</p> <p>15. Ocean currents</p> <p>16. Composition and structure of the atmosphere</p> <p>17. Insolation and heat budget</p> <p>18. Temperature distribution in atmosphere</p> <p>19. Air pressure and atmospheric circulation</p> <p>20. Humidity and precipitation</p> <p>21. Air masses</p> <p>22. Frontogenesis, cyclones and anticyclones</p> <p>23. Climatic types and their global distribution</p> <p>More questions will be asked on the Indian Geography.</p>		
4	31 Jan 2021	Geography Test 2	Environment Test 2	September Month
		<p>India And World Human Geography</p> <p>24. Population in general characteristics</p> <p>1. Migration patterns</p> <p>2. Settlement patterns</p> <p>3. Water resources and irrigation</p>	<p>Acts, Organisations, Treaties, Initiatives, Policies</p> <p>9. Environmental impact assessment</p> <p>10. Wildlife protection act</p> <p>11. Protected area network</p> <p>12. Conservation efforts</p> <p>13. India and climate change and mitigation strategies</p> <p>14. Climate change organisations</p>	

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Livestock resources 5. Marine resources 6. Land utilisation 7. Agriculture and revolutions associated with it 8. Mineral resources 9. Energy resources 10. Manufacturing industries 11. Transport and communication 12. Tourism <p>More questions will be asked on the Indian Human Geography.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Acts and policies formulated in India towards environmental protection 16. Institutional measures for environmental protection 17. Global environmental organisations 18. International environmental conventions 	
5	7 Feb 2021	Economics Test 1	Social Development : Test 1	October Month
		<p>Concepts of Microeconomics: Elasticity, Economies of Scale, Markets on the basis of nature of competition. Concept of Macroeconomics: Macroeconomic Aggregates, National Income and its distribution Money and Banking Inflation Public Finance: Components of Budget, Public Debt, FRBM, Disinvestment Money and capital market Foreign Exchange market and Balance of Payment Unemployment and Poverty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social Inclusion ● Inclusive Growth ● Indices- HDI, MPI etc. ● Poverty and Social Development ● Education ● Health ● Hunger 	

6	14 Feb 2021	Economics Test : 2	Science and Technology Test : 1	November Month
		<p>Indian Agriculture and its issues: Minimum Support Price, Agricultural Marketing, Loan waiver etc. Plan and its types, Five Year Plans Contemporary/Current issues Current Union Budget and Economic Survey Social Development Test : 2 Government Social sector schemes and programmes.</p>	<p>Physics (Focus on Applied part) 1. Newton’s laws of motion (applied part) 2. Gravity 3. Gravitational waves 4. All Topics (till 10th standard NCERT or state board books)</p> <p>Applied physics 1. Solar System – Planets, Inner Planets, Outer Planets 2. Sun – Internal Structure, Atmosphere 2. Sun – Internal Structure, Atmosphere 3. Universe – Big Bang, Redgiant ,neutron star, black hole, Dark matter, gravitational Lensing, neutrinos etc 4. Current news associated with above topics like scientific missions launched to study these phenomena</p> <p>Current trend related with above topics Chemistry (till 10th standard) 1. Basics like PH , carbon cycle ,nitrogen cycle, elements and their characteristics 2. Nuclear science (till 10 th standard) 3. Fusion, fission 4. Radio isotopes 5. Applied chemistry Recent Trend related with above topics</p>	

7	21 Feb 2021	Miscellaneous + G K	Science and Technology Test : 2	December and Jan Month
			<p>Biology Basic biology (Till 10th standard NCERT or state board books)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cell Organelles – Plant Cell vs. Animal Cell, DNA and RNA. 2. Origin and Evolution of Life on Earth 3. Biological Classification 4. Five Kingdom Classifications of Plants and Animals 5. Plant Parts and Their Functions 6. Plant Kingdom – Thallophytes (Algae), Bryophytes, teridophytes 7. Plants with Seeds – Gymnosperms and Angiosperms 8. Plant Tissue – Meristematic – Simple, Complex Permanent Tissue. 9. Plant Nutrition – Photosynthesis, Nitrogen Cycle, Fixation 10. Sexual and Asexual Reproduction in Plants 11. Classification of Animal Kingdom (Animalia) 12. Classification of Vertebra (Phylum Chordata) 13. Functions of cell organelles 14. Gene (school level basics of genetics) 15. Transcription and translation 16. Cell division ,mitosis and meiosis 17. Current breakthroughs of above mentioned topics 	

			<p>Human anatomy and physiology (10th class level)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human Digestive System – Digestive Glands 2. Respiratory System – NCERT General Science 3. Endocrine Glands and Hormones 4. Human Neural System – Human Brain 5. Muscular and Skeletal System 6. Excretory system 7. Blood Circulation 8. Blood groups 9. Reproductive system 10. Biotechnology (applied biology)- Recent trend <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. r-DNA technology ,genetic engineering, applications 2. Cloning 3. In vitriol fertilisation (IVF) 4. Crisper cas 9 5. DNA fingerprinting, PCR 6. Stem cells 7. Application of biotechnology in agriculture and food. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Current news related with S&T ● Recent Trend of S &T 	
8	28 Feb 2021	Comprehensive Test 1		
9	7 March 2021	Comprehensive Test 2		

10	14 March 2021	Polity	Modern India History	Feb Month
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evolution of the constitution Salient Features of the Constitution ● Preamble ● Citizenship ● Fundamental Rights ● DPSP ● Fundamental Duties ● Union and State Govts ● Emergency Provisions ● Parliament and State Legislatures ● Parliamentary committees ● Budget Process ● Amendment of the Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● India in the late Eighteenth Century ● The Advent of the European powers in India ● The Period of East India Company Rule in India (1757-1857) ● The Revolt of 1857 ● The Beginning of British Rule in India (1858-1885) ● The Rise of Indian Nationalism ● Establishment of Indian National Congress (1885) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Phase of Moderates Leadership (1885 – 1905) ➤ Phase of Extremists Leadership (1905 – 1919) ● Gandhian Era (1920-1947) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rowlatt Act (1919) ➤ Jalianwala Bagh Massacre (1919) ➤ Khilafat Movement (1919) ➤ Non-Cooperation Movement (1920-1922) ➤ Civil Disobedience Movement (1930-1933) ➤ Round Table Conferences ➤ Quit India Movement (1942) ➤ Political Deadlock, Partition and Independence ● Phases of Revolutionaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Phase-I (1895-1918) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ India House ➤ Ghadr Movement ➤ Other revolutionary activities ➤ World War-I and Temporary Respite in Revolutionary Activities 	

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13	4 April 2021	Geography Test 2	Environment Test 2	Current Events Revision
		<p>India And World Human Geography</p> <p>24. Population in general characteristics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Migration patterns 2. Settlement patterns 3. Water resources and irrigation 4. Livestock resources 5. Marine resources 6. Land utilisation 	<p>Acts, Organisations, Treaties, Initiatives, Policies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Environmental impact assessment 10. Wildlife protection act 11. Protected area network 12. Conservation efforts 13. India and climate change and mitigation strategies 14. Climate change organisations 15. Acts and policies formulated in India towards environmental protection 16. Institutional measures for environmental protection 	

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15	18 April 2021	Economics Test : 2	Science and Technology Test : 1	Current Events Revision
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17	9 May 2021	Comprehensive Test 3		
18	16 May 2021	Comprehensive Test 4		
19	23 May 2021	Comprehensive Test 5		
20	30 May 2021	Comprehensive Test 6		

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