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DON'T WORRY, ADOPT SMART STRATEGY

- The syllabus is illustrative, and not exhaustive. Hence, by reading syllabus, one can hardly make anything meaningful, unless one comes to know the questions asked by the UPSC in the last few years, say, since 2013.
- **NOTE:** For prelims also , we should study the written syllabus time and again as it further breaks up the syllabus for prelims in detailed manner.

NEED TO KNOW THE DEMAND OF THE EXAM AND THE SYLLABUS

- What and how exactly the UPSC asks/frames questions
- What exactly the UPSC wants to know from you
- What to study and what not to study
- What should be the range and depth of study
- What are important topics
- The benefit of doing this is that, one may be able to optimize on time and keep oneself focused and confined to the exact pattern of the exam (**TO-THE-POINT-FOCUS**).

THE SUBJECT-WISE STRATEGY

- **History (average 15-20 questions)**
 - Ncert books class 6th to 12th
 - This will cover both art and culture and also Modern History
 - Further, for modern history Bipan Chandra 12th,old is a good book. Also, Spectrum for modern history is sufficient, covering Bipan Chandra also.

- For art and culture the ncert books are good source and authentic also.
- For ancient India RS Sharma and for medieval India Satish Chandra is a good book.
- **LUKMAAN PRINTED NOTES, GS FOUNDATION CLASS NOTES.**
- **NOTE:** For history, we need to develop our understanding based on the chronology of events and forward and backward linkages in the events. This will help in keeping things in mind.
- **Geography (average 15-20 question)**
 - **Books** – NCERT books, largely class 9th to 12th to be read and understood religiously
 - Questions directly asked, if not directly even then concepts will help
 - Further, focus on ATLAS and mapping is needed. For eg, those cities, countries etc which are in news then we are expected to know its location and the surrounding location. Here also the role of current affairs become important.
 - **Note:** Map knowledge requires investment of time and should not be a one time process. Rather we should regularly see and locate things on world map
 - **LUKMAAN PRINTED GEOGRAPHY NOTES, GS FOUNDATION CLASS NOTES**
 - **LUKMAAN CURRENT AFFAIRS HELP PREPARE MAP RELATED QUESTIONS**
- **INDIAN POLITY: (Average- 10-15 questions)**
 - Reading PM Bakshi is needed as it will help us know what is given in the Constitution and then we would also know what is not given in the constitution.

- Laxmikant is needed as it is comprehensive and details the various concepts as well.
- NCERT books are needed for polity as well because many times upsc focuses on some basic understanding given in those books. Such as the concept of Liberty asked in 2019 prelims.
- **S. ANSARI SIR'S NOTES**
- **LUKMAAN CURRENT AFFAIRS MATERIAL AND ED**
- **GOVERNANCE: (Average 5-7 questions)**
 - Studying the notes of S Ansari sir for gs paper 2 will help understand the basics of what is governance, good governance, e-governance, accountability, transparency etc. These concepts are needed to understand what is governance. Supplementing this with current events such as government policies will help solve nearly 5-7 questions.
 - **LUKMAAN CURRENT AFFAIRS MATERIAL AND ED**
 - **LUKMAAN BOOKLET ON GOVERNMENT SCHEMES, VARIOUS COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**
 - **LUKMAAN CLASS NOTES**
- **Environment (average 15-20 questions)**
 - Strengthening basic science is needed for environment, for this class 6th to 10thncert science books are very important
 - Icse board, class 9th and 10th books
 - Current events relating to environment and International agreements, conventions etc
 - **NOTE:** for environment we must have a good understanding of basic science i.e. basic biology, basic physics and basic chemistry.

- For eg; Lichens was asked in exam (one can find this in 7th class science, NCERT). we are expected to know what is algae, fungi and what is symbiotic relation.
- Similarly, questions from space science are asked then we are expected to know what is orbits, what are different types of satellites. Similarly, we need to know about electromagnetic radiation to understand how a satellite can use this to analyse the health of crops etc
- All this can be understood by cultivating depths into basic science of 6th to 10th NCERT
- **LUKMAAN CURRENT AFFAIRS NOTES AND ED**
- **GS FOUNDATION CLASS NOTES**
- **Economics(average 15-20 questions)**
 - Macroeconomics 12th, economic development 11th
 - Newspaper articles relating to economic issues and use of internet to understand any terminology
 - **NOTE:** economics is largely covered by upsc in two fashion, one is core understanding such as money multiplier concept we saw in above discussion. Then it also focuses on current events related economics such as position of india in terms of GDP in PPP terms (2019)
 - What is needed is a thorough understanding of basic macroeconomic concepts with internalization and then applying those concepts to read the newspaper articles relating to economic development. For example, C Rangarajan often writes in The Hindu on current economic issues using fundamental concepts.
 - **LUKMAAN CURRENT AFFAIRS MATERIAL, ED**
 - **GS FOUNDATION CLASS NOTES**

- **Current affairs (average 20-25 questions)**
 - Read at least one newspaper religiously like the hindu
 - **Follow LUKMAAN current affairs related supplement**
 - **EDITORIAL DISCUSSION (ED)**
- **Revise time and again**
 - **Note:** For preparing current affairs we need to learn how to read newspaper.
 - Knowing the syllabus, this helps eliminating unnecessary news and optimization of time and energy
 - Knowing what may be important in the news, facts or concepts
 - Facts should also be filtered to be kept in mind
 - Finally, the best strategy of prelims preparation is to have width and depth of knowledge
- **ROLE OF LUKMAAN PT TEST SERIES : This is a sort of practice which helps –**
 - Understand which subjects we are not good at,
 - What type of mistakes we are doing; due to lack of knowledge or due to lack of application of knowledge
- **ROLE OF GUIDANCE BY LUKMAAN TEAM:**
 - A person may be able to study history on own , but not science or economy
 - Different subjects require core understanding given the cut throat competition when many candidates not qualifying barely be 1-2 marks
 - Knowing a subject is different from knowing it to qualify the exam, as civil services exam has its own demand
 - Institute's guidance helps keep a momentum in study and peer pressure to study like we do during our school days

- Having experts of a given subject and year of experience in civil services exam with us gives both confidence and motivation

STRATEGY FOR PAPER 2

- **This paper has 80 questions (each question carrying 2.5 marks) and is qualifying with 33%.**
 - **Note:** 1/3rd marks deducted for each wrong
 - **Strategy:** Generally, candidates do not focus on this paper as it is qualifying. Therefore, many students go to the exam hall without preparation as almost all the time is given to the Paper 1. Further, many candidates think that they will solve only English comprehension and many think they will solve only mathematics and reasoning, based on their comfort in either of the two.
 - However, this is a flawed strategy. In fact, many candidates score much above cut off in Paper 1 but fail to qualify in Paper 2. Hence we need to focus on the following:
 - This paper 2 should be given due respect in overall preparation
 - Practice must be done sufficiently before going to exam
 - One should practice for both Comprehension and Quantitative Aptitude. This is because, no body knows which section will be set tough.
 - Atleast 30 days before the prelims exam date, we should start practicing for paper 2 with rationalized time.
 - Giving time to practice paper 2 sufficiently should not be seen as wastage of time.
 - For this we can practice past year question paper, join our test series. Our institute also provides expert guidance on English comprehension, quantitative aptitude etc.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS CSE - 2020-21

FOUNDATION/REGULAR COURSE	DATE
GS FOUNDATION (PRE-CUM-MAINS)	18 TH MAY
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	15 TH JULY
POLITICAL SCIENCE & IR	13 TH JULY
GEOGRAPHY	13 TH JULY
ETHICS (GS PAPER-IV)	20 TH JULY
ETHICS CASE STUDY BATCH-I	03 RD AUGUST
CURRENT AFFAIRS	DATE
EDITORIAL DISCUSSION CLASSES	14 TH JUNE
TEST SERIES	DATE
GENERAL STUDIES (MAINS)	26 TH JULY
ESSAY	24 TH JULY
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	25 TH JULY
POLITICAL SCIENCE & IR	25 TH JULY
GEOGRAPHY	25 TH JULY
SOCIOLOGY	23 RD JULY
ETHICS	24 TH JULY
POLITY	23 RD JULY
PRELIMS	04 TH JULY
ENRICHMENT/VALUE ADDITION	DATE
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	28 TH JULY
ETHICS (GS PAPER-IV)	AFTER PRELIMS
POLITY (GS PAPER-II)	AFTER PRELIMS