

# Detailed Test Calendar for MGP / MGP+ 2023

#	Date   Day	Test Code	GS Paper
00.	20 OCT. 2022   Thursday 22 OCT. 2022   Saturday	Online Orientation for the Program  Online Orientation of Answer Writing.	
1.	30 OCT. 2022   Sunday	61131	<b>GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test</b> World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
2.	6 NOV. 2022   Sunday	61231	<b>GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
3.	13 NOV. 2022   Sunday	61331	<b>GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
4.	16 NOV. 2022   Wednesday	62511	<b>Essay Test #1 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT</b>
5.	20 NOV. 2022   Sunday	61431	<b>GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies
6.	27 NOV. 2022   Sunday	61133	<b>GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test</b> World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
7.	04 DEC. 2022   Sunday	61233	<b>GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
8.	7 DEC. 2022   Wednesday	62512	<b>Essay Test #2 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT</b>
9.	11 DEC. 2022   Sunday	61333	<b>GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
10.	18 DEC. 2022   Sunday	61433	<b>GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies
11.	24 DEC. 2022   Saturday	61134	<b>GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test</b> World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
12.	28 DEC. 2022   Sunday	62513	<b>Essay Test #3 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT</b>
13.	1 JAN. 2023   Sunday	61234	<b>GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
14.	8 JAN. 2023   Sunday	61334	<b>GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
15.	15 JAN. 2023   Sunday	61434	<b>GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies

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16.	18 JAN. 2023   Wednesday	62514	<b>Essay Test #4 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT</b>
17.	22 JAN. 2023   Sunday	61132	<b>GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test</b> World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
18.	29 JAN. 2023   Sunday	62515	<b>Essay Test #5 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT</b>
19.	5 FEB. 2023   Sunday	61232	<b>GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
20.	12 FEB. 2023   Sunday	61332	<b>GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
21.	19 FEB. 2023   Sunday	62516	<b>Essay Test #6 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT</b>
22.	26 FEB. 2023   Sunday	61432	<b>GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies

## PRELIMS 2023 BREAK

There are few things to keep in mind at this stage. Once MGP Tests as per schedule are over, it is expected that you (a) realign your preparation for Prelims (b) finish off any tests that you have missed (c) cover and revise optional subjects. You will need to have some self-discipline to finish off remaining Tests. We will be available to rightly orient you at this stage. You can submit all the Tests conducted till date till Prelims. There is complete flexibility.

A detailed Plan for the MGP 2023 Mains Simulator Tests will be released within 1 week of Prelims.

24.	3 weeks after Prelims	<b>MGP 2023 Simulator Test #1</b>	<b>GS Paper 1 / FLT</b>	
25.	4 weeks after Prelims	<b>MGP 2023 Simulator Test #2</b>	<b>GS Paper 2 / FLT</b>	
26.	4 weeks after Prelims	<b>Essay Test #7 (Only for MGP+ Students)</b>	<b>Essay Test #7 / FLT</b>	
27.	5 weeks after Prelims	<b>MGP 2023 Simulator Test #3</b>	<b>GS Paper 3 / FLT</b>	
28.	6 weeks after Prelims	<b>MGP 2023 Simulator Test #4</b>	<b>GS Paper 4 / FLT</b>	
29.	6 weeks after Prelims	<b>Essay Test #8 (Only for MGP+ Students)</b>	<b>Essay Test #8 / FLT</b>	

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30.	7 weeks after Prelims	<b>MGP 2023 Simulator Test #5</b>	<b>GS Paper 1 / FLT</b>	
31.		<b>MGP 2023 Simulator Test #6</b>	<b>GS Paper 2 / FLT</b>	
32.	8 weeks after Prelims	<b>MGP 2023 Simulator Test #7</b>	<b>GS Paper 3 / FLT</b>	
33.		<b>MGP 2023 Simulator Test #8</b>	<b>GS Paper 4 / FLT</b>	

All India Mains Open Simulator Tests				
34.	2 Weeks before Mains examination	Essay Open Test	Essay	Not to be evaluated
35.	2 Weeks before Mains examination	GS Paper 1 – Open Test	GS Paper 1 / FLT	Not to be evaluated
36.		GS Paper 2 – Open Test	GS Paper 2 / FLT	
37.	2 Weeks before Mains examination	GS Paper 3 – Open Test	GS Paper 3 / FLT	Not to be evaluated
38.		GS Paper 4 – Open Test	GS Paper 4 / FLT	

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# SYLLABUS

GS Paper

Topic

References

## GS - I SYLLABUS COMPLETED

GS Paper I

(Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)

Topic 1 : Indian Culture - Salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.

Topic 2: Modern Indian History from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present- significant events, personalities, issues. The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.

Topic 3: Post-independence Consolidation and Reorganization within the country.

Topic 4: 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.

Topic 5: Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India. Role of Women and Women's Organization, Population and Associated Issues, Poverty and Developmental issues, Urbanization, their problems and their remedies. Effects of Globalization on Indian society. Social Empowerment, Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism.

Topic 6: Salient features of World's Physical Geography.

Topic 7: Distribution of Key Natural Resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).

Topic 8: 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.

- ForumIAS Red Book – World History
- ForumIAS – A Summary of History of Modern India
- ForumIAS Red Book – Indian Society & Social Issues
- ForumIAS Red Book – Post - Independence History
- NCERT Arjun Dev
- Norman Lowe
- Bipin Chandra –Old NCERT
- “A Brief History of Modern India” –Spectrum Pub.
- NCERT -12th–Indian Society
- NCERT -12th-Social Change and Development in India
- IGNOU –ESO -12 Society in India
- NCERT Class 12th- Contemporary World Politics.
- 11th History book of Tamil Nadu board
- Textbook on Fine Arts Class XI NCERT
- CCRT Website or compilation
- Indian Culture and Heritage - NIOS: [www.nios.ac.in](http://www.nios.ac.in)
- 12 th NCERT – Politics in India since Independence
- Selective reading of India since independence by Bipin Chandra or India After Gandhi by Ramchandra Guha
- 11th NCERT: Physical Geography
- ForumIAS Notes & Handouts
- Certificate Physical and Human Geography by Goh Cheng Leong
- 12th NCERT: Human geography.
- Internet for industries and resource distribution.
- Atlas: Orient Blackswan
- Epic magazine for current affairs.

## GS - 2 SYLLABUS COMPLETED

GS Paper 2

(Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations)

Topic 1: Indian Constitution—Historical Underpinnings, Evolution, Features, Amendments, Significant Provisions and Basic Structure.

- ForumIAS – A Summary of Indian Polity
- ForumIAS Red Book – Indian Society and Social Issues
- 11th NCERT: Indian Constitution at Work

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Topic 2: 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.

Topic 3: Separation of Powers between various organs Dispute Redressal Mechanisms and Institutions.

Topic 4: Comparison of the Indian Constitutional Scheme with that of Other Countries.

Topic 5: Parliament and State Legislatures—Structure, Functioning, Conduct of Business, Powers & Privileges and Issues Arising out of these.

Topic 6: 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.

Topic 7: Salient Features of the Representation of People's Act.

Topic 8: Appointment to various Constitutional Posts, Powers, Functions and Responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.

Topic 9: Statutory, Regulatory and various Quasi-judicial Bodies.

Topic 10: Government Policies and Interventions for Development in various sectors and Issues arising out of their Design and Implementation.

Topic 11: Development Processes and the Development Industry — the Role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.

Topic 12: 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.

Topic 13: Issues Relating to Development and Management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.

Topic 14: Issues relating to Poverty and Hunger.

Topic 15: Important Aspects of Governance, Transparency and Accountability, E-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; Citizens Charters, Transparency & Accountability and institutional and other measures.

Topic 16: Role of Civil Services in a Democracy.

Topic 17: India and its Neighborhood- Relations.

Topic 18: Bilateral, Regional and Global Groupings and Agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.

Topic 19: Effect of Policies and Politics of Developed and Developing Countries on India's interests, Indian Diaspora.

Topic 20: Important International Institutions, agencies and fora - their Structure, Mandate.

- Indian Polity by M Laxmikant
- Introduction to Constitution of India – DD Basu
- 2nd ARC Reports
- Annual Reports of Ministries such as Women and Child Development / HRD Ministry/ Health Ministry etc.
- Book - Challenge and Strategy: Rethinking India's Foreign Policy by Rajiv Sikri
- Class 12 NCERT – Political Science: Contemporary World Politics
- Websites such as – Ministry of External Affairs, IDSA, ORF, Gateway House
- ForumIAS Academy handouts/ Booklets
- Newspapers – The Hindu/ Indian Express
- Epic magazine for current affairs

## GS - 3 SYLLABUS COMPLETED

### GS Paper 3

**(Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)**

Topic 1: Indian Economy and issues relating to Planning, Mobilization of Resources, Growth, Development and Employment.

Topic 2: Inclusive Growth and issues arising from it.

Topic 3: Government Budgeting.

Topic 4: 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 Constraints; E-technology in the aid of farmers.

Topic 5: 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; Technology Missions; Economics of Animal-Rearing.

Topic 6: Food Processing and Related Industries in India- Scope' and Significance, Location, Upstream and Downstream Requirements, Supply Chain Management.

Topic 7: Land Reforms in India.

Topic 8: Effects of Liberalization on the Economy, Changes in Industrial Policy and their Effects on Industrial Growth.

- ForumIAS Red Book – Indian Economy
- ForumIAS Red Book – Agriculture
- ForumIAS Red Book – Science & Technology
- ForumIAS Red Book – Environment
- ForumIAS Red Book – Internal Security
- 11th NCERT: Economics: Indian Economic Development
- 12th NCERT: Macroeconomics
- Economic Survey of India
- Selective reading of Indian Economy Since Independence - Uma Kapila
- 2nd ARC Report (Strengthening Financial Management Systems)
- Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog

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Topic 9: Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.  
 Topic 10: Investment Models.  
 Topic 11: Science and Technology- Developments and their Applications and Effects in Everyday Life.  
 Topic 12: Achievements of Indians in Science & Technology; Indigenization of Technology and Developing New Technology.  
 Topic 13: Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, Robotics, Nano-technology, Bio-technology and issues relating to Intellectual Property Rights.  
 Topic 14: Conservation, Environmental Pollution and Degradation, Environmental Impact Assessment.  
 Topic 15: Disaster and Disaster Management.  
 Topic 16: Linkages between Development and Spread of Extremism.  
 Topic 17: Role of External State and Non-state Actors in creating challenges to Internal Security.  
 Topic 18: 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.  
 Topic 19: Security Challenges and their Management in Border Areas - Linkages of Organized Crime with Terrorism.  
 Topic 20: Various Security Forces and Agencies and their Mandate.

- The Science Reporter magazine
- NCERT: Class 12 Biology (Chapter 10: Ecology)
- 2nd ARC Report [3rd Report – Crisis management]
- IGNOU – MPA – 018 Disaster management
- 2nd ARC (7th Report Capacity Building for Conflict Resolution)
- 2nd ARC (8th Report Combating Terrorism - Protecting by Righteousness)
- IDSA reports
- The Oxford's Handbook of India's National Security
- NCERT Class 12 – Contemporary World politics.
- Newspapers – The Hindu / Indian Express
- Epic magazine for current affairs.

## GS - 4 SYLLABUS COMPLETED

### GS Paper 4

#### Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude

**This paper will include questions to test the candidates' attitude and approach to issues relating to integrity, probity in public life and his problem solving approach to various issues and conflicts faced by him in dealing with society. Questions may utilise the case study approach to determine these aspects. The following broad areas will be covered:**

Topic 1: 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.

Topic 2: Attitude: Content, Structure, Function; its Influence and Relation with Thought and Behaviour; Moral and Political Attitudes; Social Influence and Persuasion.

Topic 3: Aptitude and Foundational Values for Civil Service, Integrity, Impartiality and Non-partisanship, Objectivity, Dedication to Public Service, Empathy, Tolerance and Compassion towards the weaker-sections.

Topic 4: Emotional Intelligence-Concepts, and their Utilities and Application in Administration and Governance.

Topic 5: Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from India and World.

Topic 6: 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.

Topic 7: 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.

Topic 8: Case Studies on above issues.

- **ForumIAS Red Book – Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude**
- Selective Study from G. Subbarao
- 2nd ARC Reports (Ethics in Governance, Citizen Centric Administration, Refurbishing Personnel Administration, RTI: Master Key to Good Governance)
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