

# VAJIRAM & RAVI

(A Unit of Vajiram & Ravi IAS Study Centre LLP)

**General Studies (Prelim) & CSAT**

**Schedule for Test Series-2019**

Test Schedule			Topics
<b>Online Tests on Students Portal</b>			
Test 1	G.S. Test-1	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2018	NCERT, Geography & Polity
Test 2	G.S. Test-2	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2018	NCERT, History & Economy
<b>Classroom Tests</b>			
Test 3	G.S. Test-3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec, 2018	Indian Polity, Geography & Current Affairs May 2018
Test 4	G.S. Test-4	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 2018	History, Economy & Current Affairs June 2018
Test 5	G.S. Test-5	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec, 2018	History 1 & Current Affairs July 2018
Test 6	G.S. Test-6	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2019	History 2 & Current Affairs August 2018
Test 7	G.S. Test-7	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2019	Polity 1 & Current Affairs September 2018
Test 8	G.S. Test-8	20 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2019	Polity 2 & Current Affairs October 2018
Test 9	G.S. Test-9	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb, 2019	Economy 1 & General Science
Test 10	G.S. Test-10	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2019	Economy 2 & Current Affairs Nov & Dec 2018
Test 11	G.S. Test-11	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2019	Geog 1 & Current Affairs May, June, July & Aug 2018
Test 12	G.S. Test-12	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2019	Geog 2 & Current Affairs Sept, Oct, Nov & Dec 2018
Test 13	G.S. Test-13	10 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 2019	Science & Technology, Environment & Current Affairs January 2019
Test 14	G.S. Test-14	17 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 2019	General Studies (Paper-I) Full Test-1
Test 15	G.S. Test-15	31 <sup>st</sup> Mar, 2019	Economic Survey, Budget, Indian Year Book & Social Schemes of the Government
Test 16	G.S. Test-16	7 <sup>th</sup> Apr, 2019	General Studies (Paper-I) Full Test-2 & Current Affairs February 2019
Test-17	G.S. Test-17	21 <sup>st</sup> Apr, 2019	General Studies (Paper-I) Full Test-3
Test-18	G.S. Test-18	28 <sup>th</sup> Apr, 2019	General Studies (Paper-I) Full Test-4 & Current Affairs March 2019
Test-19 & 20	Comp. Test-1	12 <sup>th</sup> May, 2019	<b>Comprehensive Test</b>
			G.S.(FULL)                      CSAT (FULL)
Test-21 & 22	Comp. Test-2	19 <sup>th</sup> May, 2019	<b>Comprehensive Test</b>
			G.S.(FULL)                      CSAT (FULL)
<b>CSAT</b>			
Test 1	CSAT Test-1	27 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2019	CSAT
Test 2	CSAT Test-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar, 2019	CSAT
Test 3	CSAT Test-3	14 <sup>th</sup> Apr, 2019	CSAT

**P.S. :** Changes in the Test schedule may be made with prior announcement to the students.

**Preliminary Test Schedule and Syllabus (2018-19)**

**Add Preliminary Test Schedule**

Test 1	18 Nov 2018	NCERT: Geography + Polity	<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class XI NCERT</li> <li>• Class XII NCERT</li> <li>• Class Notes</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Polity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class XI NCERT – Indian Constitution At Work</li> <li>• Class Notes</li> </ul>
Test 2	25 Nov 2018	NCERT: History + Economy	<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modern India – Class XI NCERT by Bipan Chandra</li> <li>• Ancient – Class XII NCERT by RS Sharma</li> <li>• Art and Culture – Class XI NCERT – Fine Arts</li> <li>• Class Notes</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class IX, X, XII NCERT</li> <li>• Class Notes</li> </ul>
Test 3	2 Dec 2018	Geography + Polity + Current Affair (May 2018)	<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yellow Book – Concepts of Geography and Natural Resources--Part 1 (Except chapter 16)</li> <li>• Class Notes</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Additional Readings</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GC Leong – Part 1</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Polity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yellow Book – Indian Polity Part 1(Chapters 1 to 10 and 13)</li> <li>• Class Notes</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Additional Reading</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laxmikanth – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Part 1 (Constitutional Framework)</li> <li>○ Part 2 (System of Government)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Current Affairs – May 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspapers</li> <li>• Vajiram – Monthly Magazine</li> </ul>
Test 4	9 Dec 2018	History + Economy + Current Affair (June 2018)	<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yellow book- Modern Indian History</li> <li>• Class Notes</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Additional Reading</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spectrum – Modern India</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Economy – Yellow Book</li> <li>• Class Notes</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Current Affairs – June 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspapers</li> <li>• Vajiram – Monthly Magazine</li> </ul>

Test 5	23 Dec 2018	History1 + Current Affair (July 2018)	<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art and Culture – Yellow Book, Old NCERTs, New NCERTs - Themes</li> <li>• Ancient – Yellow Book , Old NCERTs, New NCERTs - Themes</li> <li>• Medieval India - Yellow Book , Old NCERTs, New NCERTs - Themes</li> <li>• Modern India - Yellow Book , Old NCERTs, New NCERTs - Themes, India's Struggle for Independence - Bipan Chandra, Spectrum - Modern India</li> <li>• Class Notes</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Current Affairs – July 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspapers</li> <li>• Vajiram – Monthly Magazine</li> </ul>
Test 6	6 Jan 2019	History2 + Current Affair (August 2018)	<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <p>Revision -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art and Culture – Yellow Book, Old NCERTs, New NCERTs - Themes ;</li> <li>• Ancient – Yellow Book , Old NCERTs, New NCERTs - Themes ;</li> <li>• Medieval India - Yellow Book , Old NCERTs, New NCERTs - Themes;</li> <li>• Modern India - Yellow Book , Old NCERTs, New NCERTs - Themes, India's Struggle for Independence - Bipan Chandra, Spectrum - Modern India</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Current Affairs – August 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspapers</li> <li>• Vajiram – Monthly Magazine</li> </ul>
Test 7	13 Jan 2019	Polity1 + Current Affair (Sept 2018)	<p style="text-align: center;">Polity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yellow Book Indian Polity Part 1 (chapter 11,12, 14 to 18)</li> <li>• Yellow Book Indian Polity Part 2 (chapter 1 to 4)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Additional Reading</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Laxmikanth –</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Part 3 (Central Government)</i></li> <li>○ <i>Part 4 (State Government)</i></li> <li>○ <i>Part 5 (Local Government)</i></li> <li>○ <i>Part 6 (Union Territories)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Current Affairs – September 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspapers</li> <li>• Vajiram – Monthly Magazine</li> </ul>

Test 8	20 Jan 2019	Polity2 + Current Affair (Oct 2018)	<p style="text-align: center;">Polity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yellow Book Indian Polity Part 2 (chapter 5 to 11)</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Additional Reading</i></li> <li>• <i>Laxmikanth –</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Part 7 (Constitutional Bodies)</i></li> <li>○ <i>Part 8 (Non-Constitutional Bodies)</i></li> <li>○ <i>Part 9 (Other Constitutional Dimensions)</i></li> <li>○ <i>Part 10 (Political Dimensions)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Syllabus of previous two polity tests ( Test 3 and Test 7)</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Current Affairs – October 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspapers</li> <li>• Vajiram – Monthly Magazine</li> </ul>
Test 9	27 Jan 2019	CSAT 1	
Test 10	03 Feb 2019	Economy1 + General Science	<p style="text-align: center;">Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yellow Book – Indian Economy Part A (Concepts and theories)</li> <li>• NCERT Class XII- Macro Economics.</li> <li>• Class notes</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">General Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Immunity</li> <li>○ Vaccine</li> <li>○ Nutrition</li> <li>○ HIV-AIDS</li> <li>○ Tuberculosis</li> <li>○ Nipah Virus Disease</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Space</li> <li>• Biotechnology</li> <li>• Environmental Issues</li> <li>• Artificial Intelligence</li> <li>• Source : NCERT Book Class VIII to X</li> </ul>
Test 11	10 Feb 2019	Economy2 + Current Affairs (Nov-Dec 2018)	<p style="text-align: center;">Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yellow Book – Indian Economy Part B ( Indian Economic Scenario)</li> <li>• Class Notes</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Current Affairs – November and December 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspapers</li> <li>• Vajiram – Monthly Magazine</li> </ul>

Test 12	17 Feb 2019	Geography1 + Current Affair (Revision- May , June, July, August)	<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yellow Book Geography – Concepts of Geography and Natural Resources ( Complete)</li> <li>• G. C. Leong – Part 2</li> <li>• Mapping – World Map</li> <li>• Class Notes</li> <li>• NCERTs</li> </ul> <p>Current Affairs – May, June, July, August 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspapers</li> <li>• Vajiram – Monthly Magazine</li> </ul>
Test 13	24 Feb 2019	Geography 2+ Current Affair (Revision)	<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yellow Book – Indian Geography (Complete)</li> <li>• Mapping – India Map</li> <li>• Class Notes</li> <li>• NCERTs</li> </ul> <p>Current Affairs – September, October, November, December 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspapers</li> <li>• Vajiram – Monthly Magazine</li> </ul>
Test 14	03Mar 2019	CSAT 2	
Test 15	10 Mar 2019	Science and Technology + Environment + Current Affair (Jan 2019)	<p style="text-align: center;">Science and Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class Notes &amp; Current Affairs Monthly Magazine</li> <li>• Current Development related to science and technology</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yellow Book- Environment</li> <li>• NCERT Class XII (Chapter 13 to 16)</li> <li>• Class Notes</li> </ul> <p>Current Affairs – January 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspapers</li> <li>• Vajiram – Monthly Magazine</li> </ul>
Test 16	17 Mar 2019	GS Comprehensive Test 1	General Studies – Full Revision
Test 17	31 Mar 2019	Economic Survey, Budget, India Yearbook , Social Schemes of the Government	<p style="text-align: center;">Economic Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yellow Book on Economic Survey 2018-19</li> <li>• Selective chapters from the earlier surveys</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Budget – 2019-20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">India Yearbook – Selective Chapters</p>
Test 18	07 April 2019	Comprehensive GS Test 2 + Current Affair (Feb 2019)	<p style="text-align: center;">General Studies – Full Revision</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Current Affairs – February 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspapers</li> <li>• Vajiram – Monthly Magazine</li> </ul>
Test 19	14 April 2019	CSAT	
Test 20	21 Apr 2019	Comprehensive GS Test 3	General Studies – Full Revision

Test 21	28 Apr 2019	Comprehensive GS Test 4 + Current Affair March	General Studies – Full Revision Current Affairs – March 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newspapers</li><li>• Vajiram – Monthly Magazine</li></ul>
Test 22	12 May 2019	Comprehensive GS Test	General Studies – Full Revision Current Affairs – Full Revision
Test 23	12 May 2019	CSAT	
Test 24	19 May 2019	Comprehensive GS Test	General Studies – Full Revision Current Affairs – Full Revision
Test 25	19 May 2019	CSAT	





## Polity

- Historical Underpinning of the constitution of India
- The Preamble
- Salient Features of the Constitution
- Federal and Unitary Features of the Indian State
- Parliamentary and Presidential System of Government.
- The Union and its Territory
- Indian Federalism and Centre-State Relations
- Citizenship
- Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles & Fundamental Duties
- Amendment to Constitution
- Doctrine of Basic Structure of the Constitution
- Emergency Provisions
- Parliament and State Legislature and their functioning.
- Central Government: President, Vice President, Prime minister, Central Council of Ministers
- State Government: Governor, Chief Minister, State Council of Ministers
- Judiciary: Supreme Court, High Courts, Subordinate Courts
- Local Government: Panchayati Raj, Local Urban Government
- Union Territories
- Constitutional Bodies CAG, EC, UPSC, FC and suchlike
- Non Constitutional Bodies and various Commissions
- Elections and Electoral Reforms including ADL

## Geography

- Geomorphology – Internal Structure of Earth, Seismicity, Types of Rocks, Plate Tectonics
- Oceanography – Ocean Bottom Relief, Temperature, Salinity and Density, Ocean currents, Tides and waves, coral reefs, acidification, marine pollution
- Climatology – Earth's Atmosphere, Wind and its types, Air Mass and its role, Weather and Climate, Types of Rainfall, Global Climate Classification

Geographical features and forces – Endo-genetic and Exo-genetic Forces, Weathering agents and types of Landforms, Mountains and Orogeny, Plateaus and Plains

- Important Geophysical phenomena – Earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic Activity, Cyclones, Thunderstorm, Tornadoes
- Distribution of key natural resources – Distribution of soil, rivers, crops, minerals
- Factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India) – Primary sector – Agriculture, Mining etc., Secondary sector – Food Processing Industry, Iron and Steel industry, Paper Industry etc, Tertiary sector – IT industry, Tourism etc., Challenges faced by industries

### Physical Geography of India

- Physiographic Divisions – The Northern Mountain region, The Great Plains of north India, The Peninsular Uplands, Coastal Plains, Islands
- Rock Systems of India – Vindhyan, Dravidian, Cuddapah, etc
- Drainage System and Watersheds – Drainage System and Patterns,

Himalayan Drainage System, Peninsular Drainage System, National Waterways, Interlinking of Rivers

- Mechanism of Indian monsoons and rainfall patterns
- Tropical cyclones and western disturbances
- Floods and droughts
- Climatic regions in India
- Natural vegetation
- Soil types and their distributions

## History

### Ancient History

- Various pre-historic ages
- Harappan – Social, Economic and Political condition
- Vedic Era - Social, Economic and Political condition
- . Rise of New Philosophies
- Invasions – Greek, Sakas, Kushans, Hunas
- Mauryan Era - Social, Economic and Political condition
- Kushana Era – Silk Route Trade
- Gupta Era - Social, Economic and Political condition
- Harshavardhan era

### Art and Culture

- Architecture
- Sculpture
- Painting
- Dance
- Music
- Theatre
- Literature
- Science and Tech
- Crafts and Textiles
- Coinage
- Religions- Buddhism and Jainism
- Bhakti and Sufi movements

### Modern India

- India in the late Eighteenth Century
- The Advent of the Europeans and British Conquest of India
- The British Administrative Structure, Reform, Impact and Organization of Government of India
- Economic Consequences of Colonial Rule – De-industrialisation , Ruin of agriculture, Various Settlement policies, Commercialisation of agriculture , Ruralisation , Famine policies , Finance Capitalism , Railways and Irrigation etc.
- Social – Religious Movements in 19th – 20th centuries Freedom Struggle
- Education policies, Impact of Press
- The Revolt of 1857 & change after 1857
- Moderate Phase (1885 – 1905), Extremist Phase (1905 – 17)
- The Partition of Bengal and effects
- Morley-Minto Reforms 1909
- Swadeshi Movement, Home Rule Movement etc.
- World War I and its Consequences
- Gandhi – Advent and Achievement
- Rowlatt Act, Jallianawala Bagh Massacre and Khilafat Movement
- Swaraj Party and Nehru Report
- Non- Cooperation, Civil Disobedience and Quit India Movement
- British Response and Negotiations
- INA and Subhash Chandra Bose , RIN Mutiny
- Reforms / Acts / Committee, Congress Sessions, Governor –General Viceroy etc
- Various Sections of Society – Women, Peasants, Labours, dalits, Youth, Tribals, Minorities- Their Participation
- Various Ideologies and their impacts- Socialism, Communism, Communalism etc



## Economy

### Part A- Concepts and Theories

- Fundamentals of Economy
- National Income Accounting
- Financial Sectors and Capital Market
- Money and Banking
- Inflation
- Public Finance
- Foreign Trade and Investment
- Balance of Payment and Foreign Reserves
- International Institutions

### Part B- Indian Economic Scenario

- Planning in India and NITI Aayog
- Agriculture
- Industries
- Infrastructure
- Service Sector
- Human resource Development

Demography and Population Growth

Poverty , Hunger and malnutrition

Inequality

Unemployment and Skill Development

- Sustainable Development

## Environment and Disaster Management

- Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact Assessment.
- Ecosystem and its components, Functions, Types, Ecotone and Ecological niche, Effects of Environmental Deterioration
- Biodiversity
- Levels and Measurement of biodiversity, Biodiversity in India, Biodiversity
- Hotspots, Causes of biodiversity loss, Modes of Conservation, Conservation efforts, Eco Tourism, Protected Area Network (National Park, Wildlife Sanctuaries and biosphere reserves), National and Global Initiatives
- Forest and Wild Life Resources, Ecologically Sensitive areas: Western Ghats, Himalayas etc.,
- Environmental Impact Assessment.
- Climate Change
- Environmental Pollution and Degradation of Land and water resource degradation
- Pollution and related issues - Acid rain, Photochemical smog, Green House Gases (GHG's), Ozone hole, Algal bloom
- Environmental issues due to urbanisation – e-waste Management and Handling, Disposal of untreated sewage, Real estate boom and environment degradation, Haphazard construction in hilly areas and impact, Polythene bags and pollution, Impact of tower radiation etc
- Agriculture and environment – GM food and its impact, Contamination of land and water
- Sustainable Development
- Environmental Laws, Regulatory Bodies and Policies
- Environment Protection Act, Forest Right Act, National Biodiversity Authority, Important Protocols and Summits, Intergovernmental Organizations, Treaties and Conventions related to climate change, biodiversity, Ramsar Convention, Montreux Record, the Rio Conventions etc, Organisations like UNEP, FAO, UNESCO etc.

## **Disaster Management**

- Hazard, Disaster and Emergency
- Types of Hazards – Atmospheric, Geological, Hydrological, and Biological (eg. Ebola), Technological (eg: Bhopal Gas Tragedy)
- Vulnerability – Institutional factors, Economic factors, Socio-cultural factors
- Total Disaster Risk Management, Stages of Disaster Management, Disaster

