

Vajiram & Ravi – Main Exam Test Series 2019-20

(Integrated Mains –cum-Prelims 2020)

What's Unique about this Test Series?

Building on the decades of experience in the UPSC CSE EXAMINATION Process, Vajiram & Ravi is all set to excel in the **UPSC Main Examination 2020 as well, along with the holistic preparation for the Prelim Test**. The programme is designed in a manner to guide the aspirants to cover the Mains-cum-Prelims syllabus as per the demand of the exam. The first **12 Test (8 Sectional + 4 Full Length)** will be **focused towards the Main Exam 2020** and would help the students with quality answer writing and content enrichment. As, an aspirant is equally worried about the Prelim Test 2020 which would be approaching before the Main Exam, the **focus will shift to Prelims with 6 Full Length Prelim Tests in General Studies Paper-I**, which will be **absolutely free**. Those aspirants who would be clearing the Prelims Test 2020 would be provided with added **4 Full Length General Studies Test, again free of cost** to keep their integrated preparation of Mains and Prelims 2020.

Through the months of October 2019 to May 2020 and again from July to September 2020, Vajiram & Ravi travels this journey along with its students.

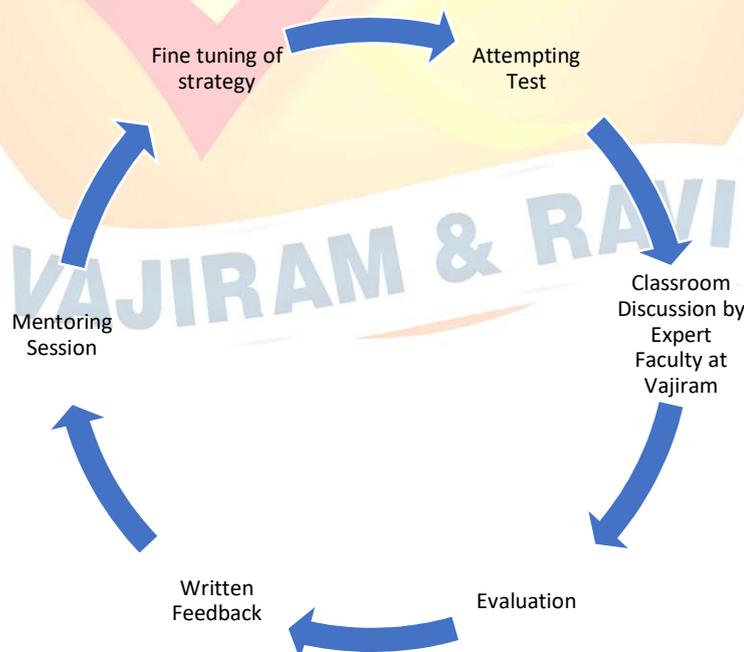
This integrated programme, would help the aspirant to benchmark their present preparation and gradually improve the performance to the level for both the Prelims and the Mains. It will assist the aspirant to identify the strength and specific weaknesses and work upon them in a concerted manner to develop content, refine answer writing, and manage time. **Overall, it's a complete package, one stop solution.**

Test Series offers:

Test Series	Mains Focused batch
Pattern	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 Sectional Tests (10 Questions test)• 4 Full length Test (intermittently placed after 2 sectional tests of each GS paper – 20 Questions Test)• 6 Prelims Paper-I(General Studies) Test• 4 Full Length Test (Post- Prelims, subjected to qualifying Prelim Test 2020)
Date of commencement	15th October 2019
Who will benefit?	This format is specifically designed for those aspirants who are aiming for the Integrated Mains-cum-Prelims Preparation. It will start from scratch for the whole syllabus of UPSC. It will offer an ideal combination of Tests – both Mains and Prelims to grasp to the demand of the C.S Exam. It will provide you a discipline, allow you to cover the entire syllabus thoroughly while checking your level of readiness at each stage. It will also give you ample writing practice in the UPSC simulated environment.
Fee Structure	13,500 + GST 12,500 + GST (For Vajiram & Ravi's Ex- students)
Mentoring	Individual attention with experienced Mentors.
Study Material	Vajiram and Ravi Current Affairs magazine- The Recital (June-2019 to March-2020)

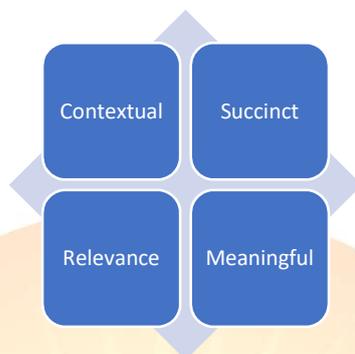
Salient features of the Test Series:

- ✓ Comprises of total **16 tests: 8 sectional tests and 4 full tests + 4 full tests** (subjected to qualifying Prelims, which will be **free of cost**) for the General studies papers.
- ✓ **6 Prelims Test** for General Studies paper-I (**Free of charge**)
- ✓ Students will have to access portal Daily Current Affairs on the Students Portal to prepare better for the Prelims & Main Exams.
- ✓ The full length test for each General Studies paper is **scheduled just after its sectional test** to help the aspirant grasp the complete paper in a holistic manner.
- ✓ Focus on **sustainable and holistic enhancement of answer writing skill** of candidate through answer sheet specific workable comments followed with our expertise i.e. 'Mentoring' – a programme involving interactions with our experts
- ✓ The schedule would help students to **align their Prelims preparation to that of Mains** so that no subject is compromised.
- ✓ Tests will be conducted in **the UPSC simulated environment** to give Aspirants feel of actual examination.
- ✓ **Question papers** will be on par with **the UPSC standards** with highly experienced team engaged in **designing the papers**.
- ✓ Aspirants will be provided with **5 P.M (Test Time: 5 to 8 P.M) time slot over the week** to attempt the Tests.
- ✓ Aspirants will be provided with **scanned copy of their evaluated answer sheets** in their Email along with Hard Copy and **Model Answers**.
- ✓ Access to **Best copies and Best answers**
- ✓ Access to monthly current affair material- **The Recitals , from June-2019 to March-2020.**

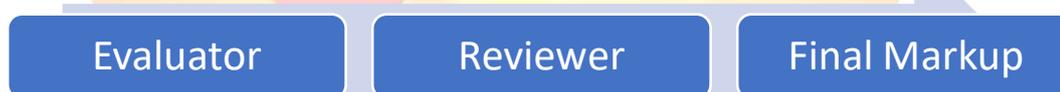


How the Evaluation of Answersheet is Done?

We have a team of **experienced evaluators and reviewers**, who ensure that the answer sheets are evaluated through the "**Competency Prism**" i.e. **the parameters to be followed for evaluation** of any answersheet.



- ✓ Evaluation process focuses on **assessing** the answers on **three dimensions** –
 - **Concepts**
 - **Structure**
 - **Language**
- ✓ Focus on providing **Answer sheet specific workable comments** to aspirants so that they know specifically what fetched those marks and what didn't work for them.
- ✓ We have a **3 three Tiered structure** for evaluation of answer Sheets which provide multiple level of assessment and cross checking to provide depth to the evaluation quality.



We are committed to provide evaluated answer sheets **within 7-10 working Days** from the date of examination.

What is Mentoring?

- ✓ To crack Mains one does not need only good content, presentation and depth of knowledge of the subject matter, but it goes beyond the basics. The ball game is getting more competitive with increasing dynamism every year in the form of changing question pattern, type of questions asked, uncovering the hidden aspects of the syllabus from the UPSC side. From the aspirants' side, every year, new tricks and trends come in and you have to stay ahead of the curve to get into that hallowed list of top rankers. To cope with this, only knowledge of subject matter will not help and there is a need to **calibrate and strategize your planning to be relevant in this race for survival**. And this is where the role of '**Mentoring**' becomes imperative.

- ✓ A team of experienced Mentors will provide aspirants with **personal interaction sessions** which would be **premised on the performance of their tests**. This will **provide the aspirant with immediate feedback** regarding what can be done to improve their performance, preparing them on finer issues and adding value through holistic guidance. The basis of this interaction is the written answer sheet of the aspirant, which is thoroughly analysed in front of her.
- ✓ Mentoring is more than mere guidance and coaching. It's a personal psycho-social support that helps with both **content as well as process**. We provide the **opportunity to aspirants to engage with our Team of Mentors** so that they can uplift their level of motivation and improve their productivity. Mentoring will assist the aspirants to locate their specific weaknesses, not only in the required subject but also in the **psycho-social aspects of the preparation**.
- ✓ An intellectual nudge from the Team of Mentors who have seen the entire UPSC Process from close quarter is never a bad option. It keeps the aspirant in right tempo and mental frame to be more competitive.

How this Programme will benefit you?

- ✓ Help you **master "The Art of Writing Answers"** which is a highly perishable skill, but with constant guidance and effort is an achievable summit.
- ✓ Focus will be to help aspirants learn to write answers with **contextual, structural and language competency** to take the preparedness of aspirants a notch higher and thereby improving their ability to score high.
- ✓ Focus on **Value addition and Content Enrichment**.
- ✓ Major Focus on **Time management** of the aspirants with hassle free evaluated answer sheet retrieval and **seamless mentoring sessions** to take a stock of their performance and fine tune strategies.
- ✓ **Evaluation of answer sheets** of candidates will be thorough with **multiple level of cross checking and reviewing** by our team of experienced evaluators and reviewers to provide Aspirants with prudent assessment of their performance.
- ✓ The Mentoring sessions provide the aspirant a window to see for themselves their improvement and help them devise the right strategy with the experienced team.
- ✓ Focus is on **all round and holistic preparation** for the examination.

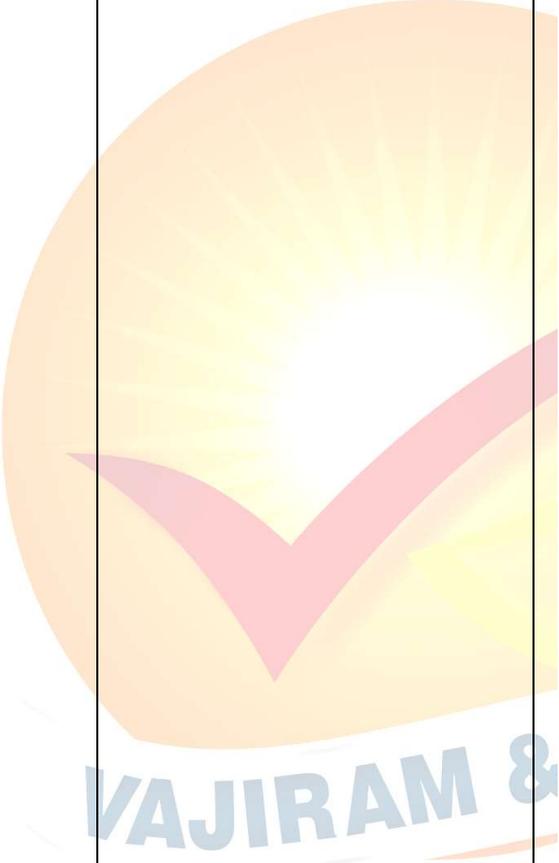
Schedule of the Test Series:

Test number	Date	Subject	Syllabus
1	15 Oct 2019	History (10 Questions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times. • Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present- significant events, personalities, issues. • The Freedom Struggle – its

			<p>various stages and important contributors /contributions from different parts of the country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country. • 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.
2	29 Oct June 2019	Geography + Indian Society (10 Questions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salient features of world's physical geography. • Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian subcontinent); • factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India) • 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism
3	05 Nov 2019	Revision Test : (20 Questions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Studies -1
4	19 Nov 2019	Polity + Governance (10 Questions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure. • 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. • Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions. • Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries • Parliament and State Legislatures – structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these. • 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. • Salient features of the Representation of People’s Act. • Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies. • Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies. • Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations,

			<p>and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of civil services in a democracy.
5	03 Dec 2019	International relation + Social Justice (10 Questions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India and its neighbourhood-relations. • Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests. • Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian Diaspora. • Important International institutions, agencies and for-a-their structure, mandate. • Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders. • 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. • Issues relating to the development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources. • Issues relating to poverty and hunger.
6	10 Dec 2019	Revision Test 2 (20 Questions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Studies Paper II
7	24 Dec 2019	Economy + Internal Security(10 Questions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization

			<p>of resources, growth, development and employment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive growth and issues arising from it. • Government Budgeting. • 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. • 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. • Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management. • Land reforms in India. • Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth. • Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc. • Investment models. • Linkages between development and spread of extremism. • Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security. • Challenges to internal security through communication networks, the role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention.
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8	07 Jan 2020	Science Technology + Disaster Management + Environment (10 Questions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life. • Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology. • Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nanotechnology, biotechnology and issues relating to intellectual property rights. • Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment. • Disaster and disaster management.
9	14 Jan 2020	Revision Test 3 (20 Questions)	General Studies paper III
10	28 Jan 2020	Ethics (I) (10 Questions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behavior; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance. • Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world. • Case Studies on the above issues
11	11 Feb 2020	Ethics (II) (10 Questions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • Case Studies on the above issues.
12	18 Feb 2020	Revision Test 4 (20 Questions)	General studies paper IV

Schedule of the Prelims Tests 2020:

Test 01	23 Feb 2020	G.S Full Test-1	General Studies – Paper-I
Test 02	01 Mar 2020	G.S Full Test-2	General Studies – Paper-I
Test 03	15 Mar.2020	G.S Full Test-3	General Studies – Paper-I
Test 04	05 Apr 2020	G.S Full test-4	General Studies – Paper-I
Test 05	12 Apr 2020	G.S Full Test-5	General Studies – Paper-I
Test 06	26 Apr 2020	G.S Full Test-6	General Studies – Paper-I

Schedule of the Mains Test Series(Post- Prelims):

Those students, who qualifying the Prelim Test 2020 and had been part of this programme, would have the opportunity to write 4 full Length Tests of General Studies Paper I-IV after the declaration of the results. The schedule will be notified after the declaration of the results of Prelim Test 2020.

