

Vajiram & Ravi - Mains Test Series 2019

What's Unique about this Test Series?

Building on the decades of experience in the UPSC CSE EXAMINATION process, Vajiram & Ravi's Main Exam Program 2019 has been designed on lines of the Civil Services Main Examination. It will help the aspirant to benchmark their present preparation and gradually improve their performance to the level where an aspirant can confidently compete with the best. It will assist the aspirant to identify the strength and weaknesses and work upon them in a concerted manner to develop content, refine answer writing, and manage time.

Test Series offered:

Test Series	Format A (20 Questions)	Format B (10 Questions)
Pattern	8 Sectional Tests + 4 Full length Test	8 Sectional Tests + 4 Full length Tests
Date of commencement	16 th June 2019	15 th June 2019
Who will benefit?	This format is specifically designed for those aspirants who aim to write the Main Examination -2019. You are fairly familiar with the core/static part of the Mains syllabus and prepare to write the Main Exam. It will provide you with 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 a UPSC simulated environment. This scheme makes you work hard and for those who want to remain ahead of the competition, this is surely the format you are looking for.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Aspirants who have just begun the answer writing practice and seek help to cover the G.S syllabus, Optional Subject, current affairs and revising everything along with managing Answer Writing Practice. The programme will also help you to overcome hurdles like fear, lack of practice, starting trouble and need of guidance. For you, Format B is the most suitable. Aspirants who are targeting UPSC CSE 2020. If you have just completed the G.S coaching then it is the right time to put your knowledge to test. You are the one with long term plan, want to get started early and feel the exam mode or wish to utilise these three months fully before turning to Prelims preparation. For you, this is an ideal Format.
Fee Structure	Rs.15000 ; Ex- Vajiram & Ravi's Students Spl fee:Rs. 13000.	Rs. 11,000, Ex- Vajiram & Ravi's Students Spl fee: Rs.9000.
Discussion	Well renowned and expert Vajiram faculty will conduct the discussions after each test to explain the approach, provide the content, and clear doubts. Learn from the best to be the best.	Well renowned and expert Vajiram faculty will conduct the discussions after each test to explain the approach, provide the content, and clear doubts. Learn from the best to be the best.

Note- The Test series is also available Online. Fees for online mode are Rs.16,000 for Format A and Rs.11000 for Format B.

Built-in Flexibility: Aspirants enrolled in the “B Test series” can later opt to join “A Test series” with payment of appropriate fees between June to September 2019 or have the option of rolling over the remaining to the October 2019 session.

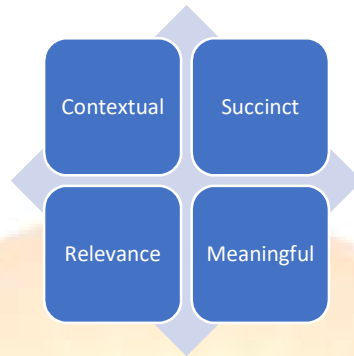
Salient features of the Test Series?

- ✓ Comprises of total **12 tests: 8 sectional tests and 4 full tests** for the General studies papers.
- ✓ 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 **multiple time slots over the scheduled week** to attempt the Tests.
- ✓ Aspirants will be provided with **scanned copy of their evaluated answer sheets** to their Email along with the **Model Answers.**
- ✓ Access to **Best copies and Best answers**
- ✓ **Thorough Classroom Discussions** for each test by **Expert Faculty**
- ✓ 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



How will your Answer sheet be evaluated?

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



- ✓ Evaluation process focusses 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 along with cross checking (review) to provide depth to the evaluation quality.



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

What is Mentoring?

- ✓ The exam 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 of competition. 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 for this exam**. 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 their presence.

- ✓ 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 experienced this process of examination would be your best guide to pass their experience and help you. It keeps the aspirant in right tempo and mental frame to be more competitive.

How would this Programme benefit you?

- ✓ Help you **master "The Art of Writing Answers"** which is a honed skill, but with constant practice and effort is an achievable task.
- ✓ 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 **effective mentoring sessions** to take 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	Subject	Format A – Dates	Format B - Dates
1	Geography	16 June 2019	15 June 2019
2	History	30 June 2019	29 June 2019
3	Social Issue and Social Justice	07 July 2019	06 July 2019
4	Polity and Governance	21 July 2019	20 July 2019
5	Ethics , integrity and aptitude I	28 July 2019	27 July 2019
6	Ethics , integrity and aptitude -II	04 Aug 2019	03 Aug 2019
7	S&T, Environment and Disaster Management and IR	11 Aug 2019	10 Aug 2019
8	Economy and Internal Security	25 Aug 2019	24 Aug 2019
9	General Studies 1	4 Sept 2019	4 Sept 2019
10	General Studies 2	4 Sept 2019	4 Sept 2019
11	General Studies 3	5 Sept 2019	5 Sept 2019
12	General Studies 4	5 Sept 2019	5 Sept 2019

Note – Students are provided with flexibility to appear for the test over the week following the first date of the test. The days allowed are as follows –

- Format A – Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Format B – Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Syllabus of the Test series

Test number	Subject	Syllabus
1	Geography	<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.
2	History	<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 various stages and important contributors /contributions from different parts of the country. • 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.
3	Social Issue and Social Justice	<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 • Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism • Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities,

		<p>institutional and other stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
4	Polity and Governance	<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, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures. • Role of civil services in a democracy.
5	Ethics , integrity and aptitude I	<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 behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion. • 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.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
6	Ethics , integrity and aptitude -II	<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.
7	S&T, Environment and Disaster Management and IR	<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. • 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 fora- their structure, mandate.
8	Economy and Internal Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment. • 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.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism. • Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.
9	General Studies 1	Full Length GS 1
10	General Studies 2	Full Length GS 2
11	General Studies 3	Full Length GS 3
12	General Studies 4	Full Length GS 4