

PRELIMS TEST SERIES 2020 – TEXTBOOK BASED

Test Number	Test topics and sources
TEST – 1	NCERT (class VI to VII)
June 15, 2019 Saturday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. History – Our Past - Class VI 2. The Earth Our Habitat - Class VI 3. Social and Political Life – I 4. Social and Political Life – II 5. Our Environment - Class VII 6. Science - Class VI and VII <p><i>Current Events (June 1 – June 14)</i> <i>Map based questions - Region : India</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>
TEST – 2	NCERT (Class VII and VIII)
June 25, 2019 Tuesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resource and Development - Class VIII 2. Social and Political Life - Class VIII 3. Our Pasts – II - Class VII 4. Our Pasts - III (Part - I) - Class VIII <p><i>Current Events (June 15 – June 24)</i> <i>Map based questions - Region: South Asia</i> <i>Questions based on UPSC past year papers - CSP and topics from CS(M), CDS, CAPF etc.</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>
TEST - 3	NCERT (Class VIII and IX)
July 5, 2019 Friday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Science - Class VIII 2. Democratic Politics - IX 3. Contemporary India - I - Class IX 4. Our Pasts - III (Part - 2) - Class VIII <p><i>Current Events (June 24 – July 3)</i> <i>Map based questions - Region : West Asia (Middle-east)</i> <i>Questions based on UPSC past year papers - CSP and topics from CS(M), CDS, CAPF etc.</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>
TEST - 4	NCERT (Class IX and Class X)
July 15, 2019 Monday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Science - Class IX 2. Contemporary India - II - Class X 3. Economics - Class IX 4. Understanding Economic Development - Class X <p><i>Current Events (July 4 – July 14)</i> <i>Map based questions – Region : East and South-east Asia</i></p>

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	<p><i>National Parks, Biosphere Reserves, Species, Environmental Laws/Conventions/Treaties/Bodies</i> <i>Questions based on UPSC past year papers - CS(P) and topics from CS(M), CDS, CAPF etc.</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>
CSAT TEST - 1	
July 18, 2019 Thursday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comprehension 2. Basic numeracy & General mental ability <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Numbers (b) HCF & LCM (c) Averages (d) Ratio & Proportion (e) Percentage (f) Profit & Loss (g) Simple interest & Compound interest (h) Problems on ages (i) Problems on clock (j) Partnership (k) Pipes & cistern
TEST - 5	NCERT (Class X and XI)
July 25, 2019 Thursday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An Introduction to Indian Art - Class XI 2. Democratic Politics - X 3. Science - Class X <p><i>Current Events (July 15 – July 24)</i> <i>National Parks, Biosphere Reserves, Species, Environmental Laws/Conventions/Treaties/Bodies</i> <i>Map based questions - Region: Central and Northern Asia</i> <i>Questions based on UPSC past year papers - CS(P) and topics from CS(M), CDS, CAPF etc.</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>
TEST - 6	Revision Test
August 4, 2019 Sunday	<p><i>Test /1- 5 Syllabus</i></p> <p><i>Current Events (July 25 – August 3)</i></p>
TEST - 7	NCERT Class XI
August 14, 2019 Wednesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chemistry - Chapter 14 2. Biology - Chapters 11-22 (under Unit 4 and 5) 3. Fundamentals of Physical Geography <p><i>Current Events (August 4 - August 13)</i></p>

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	<p>Questions based on UPSC past year papers - CS(P) and topics from CS(M), CDS, CAPF etc. <i>Regional and International Bodies, NGOs, Reports, Agreements</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>
CSAT TEST - 2	
<p>August 18, 2019 Sunday</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comprehension 2. Basic numeracy & General mental ability <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Time & work (b) Time & Distance (c) Boats & streams (d) Problems on trains (e) Permutation & combination (f) Probability (g) charts, graphs, tables etc.
TEST - 8	NCERT (Class XI)
<p>August 24, 2019 Saturday</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. India Physical Environment 2. Indian Constitution at Work 3. Living Craft Traditions of India - Chapters 9 and 10 (Class XI) <p><i>Current Events (August 14 - August 23)</i> <i>Regional and International Bodies, NGOs, Reports, Agreements</i> <i>Tribes of India</i> <i>Map based questions - Region : Europe</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>
TEST - 9	NCERT (Class XI and XII)
<p>September 3, 2019 Tuesday</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indian Economic Development - Class XI 2. Themes in Indian History - I 3. Biology - Class XII - Chapters 1-7 (Under Units 5 and 6) <p><i>Current events (August 24 – September 2)</i> <i>Questions based on UPSC past year papers - CS(P) and topics from CS(M), CDS, CAPF etc.</i> <i>Tribes of India</i> <i>Map based questions - Region : Africa</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>
TEST - 10	NCERT (Class XII)

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September 13, 2019 Friday	1. Chemistry - Chapter 16 - Class XII 2. Biology - Class XII - Chapters 8-16 (Under Units 8, 9 and 10) 3. Physics - Class XI - Chapter 5, 8 (Laws of Motion and Gravitation) 4. Physics - Class XII - Chapter 15 (Communication Satellites) 5. Fundamentals of Human Geography <i>Current Events (September 3 - September 12)</i> <i>Regional and International Bodies, NGOs, Reports, Agreements</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i>
CSAT TEST - 3	
September 18, 2019 Wednesday	Revision test of Test 1 & Test 2 syllabus
TEST - 11	NCERT (Class XII)
September 23, 2019 Monday	1. India - People and Economy 2. Themes in Indian History - II & III <i>Current Events (September 13 - September 22)</i> <i>Map based questions - Region : North and South America</i> <i>Questions based on UPSC past year papers - CS(P) and topics from CS(M), CDS, CAPF etc.</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i>
TEST - 12	Revision Test
October 3, 2019 Thursday	<i>Test 1- 11 Syllabus</i> <i>Current Events (September 23 – October 2)</i>
TEST - 13	STANDARD BOOKS/SOURCES
October 13, 2019 Sunday	1. LAXMIKANTH –5 th edition - Indian Polity- Chapters 1 to 7 2. Introductory Macroeconomics 3. TamilNadu History Textbook - Class XI - Chapters 1-3 4. India’s struggle for independence – Bipin Chandra – Chapters 1 to 6 (Related Chapters in Spectrum’s Modern India) <i>Current Events (October 3 - October 12)</i> <i>National Parks, Biosphere Reserves, Species, Environmental Laws/Conventions/Treaties/Bodies</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i>
TEST - 14	STANDARD BOOKS/SOURCES
October 23, 2019 Wednesday	1. LAXMIKANTH – 5 th edition - Indian Polity - Chapters 8 to 16 2. RAMESH SINGH (Chapters would be specified later) 3. Tamil Nadu History Textbook - Class XI - Chapters 4-8

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	<p>4. Contemporary World Politics 5. India's struggle for independence – Bipin Chandra – Chapters 7 to 10 (Related Chapters in Spectrum's Modern India)</p> <p><i>Current Events (October 13 - October 22)</i> <i>Questions based on UPSC past year papers - CS(P) and topics from CS(M), CDS, CAPF etc.</i> <i>Map based questions - Region : Antarctica and Australia</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>
CSAT TEST - 4	
<p>October 27, 2019 Sunday</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comprehension 2. General mental ability <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Series completion (b) Coding – Decoding (c) Blood Relations (d) Puzzle Test (e) Sequential Output Tracing (f) Direction Sense Test (g) Logical Venn diagrams (h) Alphabet Test (i) Number, Ranking & Time Sequence Test (j) Logical Sequence of Words (k) Arithmetical Reasoning (l) Inserting the Missing Character (m) Data Sufficiency (n) Decision Making (o) Assertion and Reason (p) Situation Reaction Test (q) Verification of Truth of the Statement
TEST - 15	STANDARD BOOKS/SOURCES
<p>November 2, 2019 Saturday</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LAXMIKANTH – 5th edition - Indian Polity - Chapters 17 to 26 2. RAMESH SINGH (Chapters would be specified later) 3. TamilNadu History Textbook - Class XI - Chapters 9-13 4. India's struggle for independence – Bipin Chandra – Chapters 11 to 14 (Related Chapters in Spectrum's Modern India) <p><i>Current Events (October 23 - November 1)</i> <i>Questions based on UPSC past year papers - CS(P) and topics from CS(M), CDS, CAPF etc.</i> <i>National Parks, Biosphere Reserves, Species, Environmental Laws/Conventions/Treaties/Bodies</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>
TEST - 16	STANDARD BOOKS/SOURCES

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November 12, 2019 Tuesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LAXMIKANTH – 5th edition - Indian Polity - Chapters 27 to 35 2. RAMESH SINGH (Chapters would be specified later) 3. TamilNadu History Textbook - Class XI - Chapters 13-17 4. India's struggle for independence – Bipin Chandra – Chapters 15 to 18 (Related Chapters in Spectrum's Modern India) <p><i>Current Events (November 2 - November 11)</i> <i>Tribes of India</i> <i>Questions based on UPSC past year papers - CS(P) and topics from CS(M), CDS, CAPF etc.</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>
TEST - 17	STANDARD BOOKS/SOURCES
November 22, 2019 Friday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LAXMIKANTH – 5th edition - Indian Polity - Chapters 35 to 42 2. RAMESH SINGH (Chapters would be specified later) 3. TamilNadu History Textbook - Class XI - Chapters 19-23 4. India's struggle for independence – Bipin Chandra – Chapters 19 to 23 (Related Chapters in Spectrum's Modern India) <p><i>Current Events (November 12 - November 21)</i> <i>Map based questions - Region : Arctic</i> <i>National Parks, Biosphere Reserves, Species, Environmental</i> <i>Laws/Conventions/Treaties/Bodies</i> <i>Questions based on UPSC past year papers - CS(P) and topics from CS(M), CDS, CAPF etc.</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>
CSAT TEST - 5	
November 26, 2019 Tuesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comprehension 2. Logical reasoning & Analytical ability <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Logic (b) Statement - Arguments (c) Statement - Assumptions (d) Statement - Courses of Action (e) Statement – Conclusions (f) Syllogism
TEST - 18	Revision Test
December 2, 2019 Monday	<p><i>Test 13-17 Syllabus</i></p> <p><i>Current Events (November 22 – December 1)</i></p>
TEST - 19	STANDARD BOOKS/SOURCES
December 12, 2019 Thursday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. India - 2020 (Publication Division) Chapters will be specified later 2. LAXMIKANTH – 5th edition - Indian Polity - Chapters 43 to 51 3. Goh Cheng Leong - Certificate Physical and Human Geography - Chapters 1 to 4

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. India’s struggle for independence – Bipin Chandra – Chapters 24 to 29 (Related Chapters in Spectrum’s Modern India) 5. ECONOMIC SURVEY - 2019-30 (Chapters will be specified later) 6. CCRT - Art and Culture (Visual Arts - http://www.ccrindia.gov.in/visualarts.php) <p><i>Current Events (December 2– December 11)</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>
TEST - 20	STANDARD BOOKS/SOURCES
<p style="text-align: center;">December 22, 2019 Sunday</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. India - 2020 (Publication Division) Chapters will be specified later 2. LAXMIKANTH – 5th edition - Indian Polity - Chapters 52 to 61 3. India’s struggle for independence – Bipin Chandra – Chapters 30 to 34 (Related Chapters in Spectrum’s Modern India) 4. ECONOMIC SURVEY - 2019-20 (Chapters will be specified later) 5. Goh Cheng Leong - Certificate Physical and Human Geography - Chapters 5 to 10 6. CCRT - Art and Culture (Literary Arts - http://www.ccrindia.gov.in/literaryarts.php) <p><i>Current Events (December 12– December 21)</i> <i>Map based questions – World</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>
TEST - 21	STANDARD BOOKS/SOURCES
<p style="text-align: center;">January 2, 2020 Thursday</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. India - 2020 (Publication Division) Chapters will be specified later 2. LAXMIKANTH – 5th edition - Indian Polity - Chapters 62 to 71 3. India’s struggle for independence – Bipin Chandra – Chapters 35 to 39 4. Goh Cheng Leong - Certificate Physical and Human Geography - Chapters 11 to 15 5. ECONOMIC SURVEY - 2019-20 (Chapters will be specified later) 6. ICSE Environmental Studies - Class IX (2018 edition – S.Chand Publications) <p><i>Current Events (December 22– January 1)</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>
TEST - 22	STANDARD BOOKS/SOURCES
<p style="text-align: center;">January 12, 2020 Sunday</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. India - 2020 (Publication Division) Chapters will be specified later 2. LAXMIKANTH – 5th edition - Indian Polity - All Appendices 3. Goh Cheng Leong - Certificate Physical and Human Geography - Chapters 16 to 20 4. ECONOMIC SURVEY – 2019-20 (Chapters will be specified later) 5. ICSE Environmental Studies - Class X (2018 edition – S.Chand Publications) <p><i>Current Events (January 2– January 11)</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>

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CSAT TEST - 6	
January 16, 2020 Thursday	Revision test of Test 4 & Test 5 syllabus
TEST - 23	STANDARD BOOKS/SOURCES
January 22, 2020 Wednesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Goh Cheng Leong - Certificate Physical and Human Geography - Chapters 21 to 25 2. ICSE Environmental Studies - Class X (2018 edition – S.Chand Publications) 3. CCRT - Art and Culture (Performing Arts - http://www.ccrindia.gov.in/performingart.php) <p><i>Current Events (January 12– January 21)</i> <i>National Parks, Biosphere Reserves, Species, Environmental Laws/Conventions/Treaties/Bodies</i> <i>Questions based on UPSC past year papers - CS(P) and topics from CS(M), CDS, CAPF etc.</i> <i>Regional and International Bodies, NGOs, Reports, Agreements</i> <i>10% Qs based on topics covered in any of the previous tests</i> <i>Mains Self Study Test (10 Questions) - Based on Above Topics</i></p>
15 days revision gap	
TEST - 24	Revision Test
February 7, 2020 Friday	<p><i>Test 1-23 Syllabus</i></p> <p><i>Current Events (January 22– February 1)</i></p>
Full Length syllabus test	
TEST - 25	
February 17, 2020 Monday	<p>Full Syllabus + Ministry Websites + Other Official National and International Websites (Break-up will be specified later) More Emphasis on Current Events</p>
TEST - 26	
February 27, 2020 Thursday	<p>Full Syllabus + Ministry Websites + Other Official National and International Websites (Break-up will be specified later) More Emphasis on Current Events</p>
TEST - 27	
March 8, 2020 Sunday	<p>Full Syllabus + Ministry Websites + Other Official National and International Websites (Break-up will be specified later) More Emphasis on Current Events</p>

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CSAT TEST - 7

March 8, 2020
Sunday

Full Syllabus

TEST - 28

March 15, 2020
Sunday

Full Syllabus + Ministry Websites + Other Official National and International Websites (Break-up will be specified later)
More Emphasis on Current Events

TEST - 29

March 22, 2020
Sunday

Full Syllabus + Ministry Websites + Other Official National and International Websites (Break-up will be specified later)
More Emphasis on Current Events

TEST - 30

March 29, 2020
Sunday

Full Syllabus + Ministry Websites + Other Official National and International Websites (Break-up will be specified later)
More Emphasis on Current Events

CSAT TEST - 8

March 29, 2020
Sunday

Full Syllabus

TEST - 31

April 5, 2020
Sunday

Full Syllabus + Ministry Websites + Other Official National and International Websites (Break-up will be specified later)
More Emphasis on Current Events

TEST - 32

April 12, 2020
Sunday

Full Syllabus + Ministry Websites + Other Official National and International Websites (Break-up will be specified later)
More Emphasis on Current Events

TEST - 33

April 19, 2020
Sunday

Full Syllabus

CSAT TEST - 9

April 19, 2020
Sunday

Full Syllabus

TEST - 34

April 26, 2020

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Sunday	<i>Full Syllabus</i>
<i>TEST - 35</i>	
May 3, 2020 Sunday	<i>Full Syllabus</i>
<i>CSAT TEST - 10</i>	
May 3, 2020 Sunday	<i>Full Syllabus</i>
<i>TEST - 36</i>	
May 10, 2020 Sunday	<i>Full Syllabus</i>
<i>TEST - 37</i>	
May 17, 2020 Sunday	<i>Full Syllabus</i>
<i>CSAT TEST - 11</i>	
May 17, 2020 Sunday	<i>Full Syllabus</i>
<i>TEST - 38</i>	
May 24, 2020 Sunday	<i>Full Syllabus</i>
<i>CSAT TEST - 12</i>	
May 24, 2020 Sunday	<i>Full Syllabus</i>

- 10 test – based on NCERTs
- 10 test – based on standard textbooks & references
- 4 revision test
- 14 full length test covering comprehensive syllabus

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NOTE

1. All tests will have 100 questions.
2. Chapter-wise Break-up of India Yearbook and Economic Survey will be specified later when they are published.
4. There are many official websites which are used by UPSC to frame questions. For each full length test, we will be covering few such websites. Its breakup will be notified few weeks before full-length tests begin next year in 2017.
5. This timetable is for both Prelims Test Series 2019-20.
6. Apart from the sources mentioned above, we will also be setting questions from the REFERENCE Books listed below.
7. They are not compulsory to read, but if you have time and interest, you can go through them. These sources are used by UPSC to frame some difficult questions each year.
8. You can also use Old NCERT Modern History-Bipin Chandra OR Spectrum-Modern India, in place of India's Struggle for Independence.
9. In place of ICSE Environmental Studies, you can also use standard coaching material like Shankar IAS Environment.

SOURCES

1) History

1. Sumit Sarkar - Modern India
2. Bipin Chandra - India's Struggle for Independence
3. Tamilnadu Board - 12th Standard History Textbook
4. RS Sharma - Ancient India - Old NCERT
5. Satish Chandra - Modern India - Old NCERT
6. Spectrum – Modern India

2) Art & Culture

1. Indian Culture – Nitin Singhanian
2. Indian Culture – Spectrum
3. Indian culture – NIOS material

3) Geography

1. ICSE 8th-10th Geography
2. Atlas - Oxford Student Atlas (NOT School Atlas)

4) Polity

1. Parliament Website - Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Speaker
2. Cabinet Secretariat and other official websites
3. PRS

5) Biology, Ecology and Environment

1. Shankar IAS Environment Material
2. Old NCERT - Biology - 12th Std

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6) Dynamic Sources

1. Yojana
2. Ministry Websites
3. Space.com
4. agritech.tnau.ac.in
5. Websites of ISRO & NASA
6. <http://www.downtoearth.org.in/>