



PRELIMS 2020 - TEST SERIES (Batch – 2)




(45 Tests – 20 GS Sectional Tests + 1 Current Affairs Test + 8 CSAT Tests + 4 All India Open GS Mock Tests + 8 GS Simulators™ + 4 CSAT Simulators™)

Starts **29th** September 2019

PLAN DOCUMENT

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	SAUMYA PANDEY, IAS RANK 4, CSE 2016 <p>"I joined the Prelims Test Series which was my primary strategy for Civil Services Prelims in 2016. I cracked the exam in my first attempt itself."</p>
	HIMANSHU JAIN, IAS RANK 44, CSE 2016 <p>"I cleared Prelims in both my attempts. Even then I joined ForumIAS prelims test series because I found it closest to UPSC question paper. My username on the forum is <i>riseoftitan</i>"</p>
	ABHISHEK CHAURASIYA, IFS RANK 5, IAS RANK 77, CSE 2016 <p>"I was a Prelims Test Series Student at ForumIAS and I am thankful to ForumIAS Test Series, because it not only helped me build my confidence but also provided areas where I could improve. Last year I could not clear Prelims. This Test Series, I consider was an important part of my preparation."</p>

Thank you Forum IAS

Inbox x



Ashima Mittal <ashir

to me ▾

May 30 ☆



Dear Forum IAS,

I am not sure if it is the right email id to write this message. However, I would be thankful if you could convey it to the concerned people.

I have been an active member following Forum IAS. I had joined Prelims test series with you and used to follow motivational posts. The Facts in News initiatives also helped me a lot in my preparation.

This year I have secured Rank 12 in CSE 2017. There were many support pillars in this journey and Forum IAS was certainly one of them. Thank you again.

Regards,
Ashima Mittal

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Prelims 2020 Test Series – THE PLAN

“From Basics to Pro”

- **Level 1:** The 13 tests in the level ensures you have read through at least one recommended textbook for the subject and upgraded the knowledge that you have attained through NCERTs.
Level 1 will seek to **cover the basics** along with helping students to **build a knowledge base**. They will provide a **learning curve**.
- **Level 2:** The 9 tests in the level ensures that you have a timely revision of all subjects. It also adds **value to your knowledge** by Suggesting new but specific reading sources.
It will help **develop problem-solving skills** and **aptitude development**. It will **evaluate the knowledge base** that has been built over level 1 and level 2.
- **Level 4 - The SIMULATORS™:** The 8 GS Simulator™ along with 4 CSAT Simulator™ makes sure that you have undergone different quality/difficulty and pattern for Prelims paper by simulating past 5 - 6 years of UPSC papers. The simulators help to make Prelims exam predictable for you. They provide for timely assessment and gauging of the competition.

While Knowledge Base can be developed by reading standard books, the latter - problem solving skills, elimination skills and decision making comes with practising previous years' papers and solving high quality simulator Test papers.

Horizontal Support through different levels:

- Current affairs to be holistically covered from June 2018 to April 2020.
- Each test will have 20 - 30 questions on current affairs.
- Each test has mention of the period of Current Affairs to be covered in the plan.
- Each level will make sure that you are reading one maximum of two books for a subject.
- Each test in the test plan has given specifics sources/chapters to read content from.
- Current Affairs for a month can be read from ForumIAS Factly (monthly magazine) while daily updates from factly.forumias.com.
- ForumIAS Handouts on different subjects to be incrementally provided after the beginning of level 1.
- 12 CSAT Tests have been complimentary provided. CSAT Tests to be provided at each level of test series.

Deliverables

- **Test** - will be released **every Sunday @ 10 AM**. For online students, it will be uploaded on academy.forumias.com at 10 AM. For test, in level 2 and 3 the time of release is mentioned in the test plan.
- **Solution and the Performance Analysis** - online and offline students can avail the solution and the performance analysis immediately after completion of the test. Performance analysis for offline students will be available post 24 hours of writing the test at the centre.

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- ❑ **Discussions** - Offline Discussions for the test will be held **every Monday @ 2:30 PM**. Discussion can also be availed online on the student portal **post 48 working hours of offline discussion**.
- ❑ **All India Ranking**: All India Rank for a particular test will be displayed on coming Friday from the test. The details regarding publishing of All India Ranking for Simulator Tests will be intimated on 15th March 2020.

Fee Structure

Course	Course Fees	Payment Link
Prelims 2020 Test Series – Batch 2 (Online & Offline)	Rs. 8,000 + GST (18%) = Rs. 9,400/-	Visit http://academy.forumias.com Or Visit ForumIAS Offline Guidance Centre

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Enrolment Process & Terms and Conditions:

- ❑ You can make the payment online at <https://academy.forumias.com> (recommended) or by visiting our offline guidance centre.
- ❑ Please create an account on <https://academy.forumias.com> before enrolling either offline or online.
- ❑ If admission taken at the offline centre your account will be activated with the test series within 24 hours.
- ❑ Students are free to attempt tests in either online or offline mode. They can also interchangeably attempt in online and offline mode. One test can be attempted only in one mode. Students will be able to retake tests level 1 and 2 tests from the month of March 2020.
- ❑ In case you miss a Test, you can write it anytime at a later date on or before the expiry date of the program.
- ❑ This program will be valid till June 2020.

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TEST PLAN – PTS 2020 (Batch – 2)

(20 GS Sectional Tests + 1 Current Affairs Test + 8 CSAT Tests + 4 All India Open GS Mock Tests + 8 GS Simulator™ Tests + 4 CSAT™ Simulator Test)

#	Date Day	Subject	Topics	References
LEVEL - I (One/Two Recommended Text Books – 12 GS Tests + 1 All India Open Test + 2 CSAT Tests*)				
1	Sunday, September 22, 2019	CSAT	Comprehension and English	Available only in Online Mode
2	Sunday, September 22, 2019	CSAT	Aptitude	Available only in Online Mode
3	Sunday, September 22, 2019	CSAT	Logical and Verbal Reasoning	Available only in Online Mode
4	Sunday, September 22, 2019	CSAT	Data Interpretation	Available only in Online Mode

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5	Sunday, September 29, 2019	Polity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical Background • Making of the Constitution • Salient Features of the Constitution • Preamble of the Constitution • Citizenship • Fundamental Rights & Directive Principles of State Policy • Fundamental Duties • Amendment of the Constitution & Basic Structure of the Constitution • President, Vice President, Prime Minister & Central Council of Minister • Cabinet Committees • Governor, Chief Minister & State Council of Minister • Constitutional Bodies and Working of the Constitution • Current Affairs – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February 2019 ○ 16 Sep to 22 Sep 2019 	<p>Indian Polity by M Laxmikanth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part I (Constitutional Framework) • Part III (Central Government)- Chapter 17 to 21, • Part IV (State Government)- Chapter 30 to 32 • Part VII (Constitutional Bodies) • Part XI (Working of the Constitution) • ForumIAS Factly February 2019 • factly.forumias.com
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6	Sunday, October 6, 2019	Polity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliamentary System • Federal System • Centre-State Relations • Inter-State Relations • Emergency Provisions • Parliament & Parliamentary Committees • Supreme Court, High Court, Subordinate Court • Judicial Review, Judicial activism & Public Interest Litigation • State Legislature • Special Status of J&K • Special Provisions for Some States • Panchayati Raj & Municipalities • Union Territories & Scheduled and Tribal Areas • Non-Constitutional Bodies • Other Constitutional Dimensions • Current Affairs – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ March 2019 ◦ 23 Sep to 29 Sep 2019 	<p>Indian Polity by M Laxmikanth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part II (System of Government) • Part III (Central Government)- Chapter 22 to 29 • Part IV (State Government)- Chapter 33 to 37 • Part V (Local Government) • Part VI (Union Territories & Special Areas) • Part VIII (Non-Constitutional Bodies) • Part IX (Other constitutional dimensions) • Part X (Political Parties) • ForumIAS Factly March 2019 • factly.forumias.com
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7	Sunday, October 13, 2019	Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Financial Market • Banking in India • Insurance in India • Security market in India • External sector in India • International economic organizations and India • Tax structure in India • Public Finance in India • Sustainability and climate change: India and the world • Human Development in India • Burning economic issues • Economic concepts and terminologies • Current Affairs – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January to March 2019 ○ 30 Sep to 6 Oct 2019 	<p>Indian Economy by Ramesh Singh,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 11 to 22 • ForumIAS Factly • factly.forumias.com
8	Sunday, October 20, 2019	Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth, development and Happiness • Evolution of Indian economy' • Economic planning • Planning in India • Economic Reforms • Inflation and Business Cycle • Agriculture and food management • Industry and Infrastructure • Services Sector • Current Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April 2019 ○ 7 Oct to 13 Oct 2019 	<p>Indian Economy by Ramesh Singh,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 1 to 10 • ForumIAS Factly April 2019 • factly.forumias.com

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9	Sunday, October 27, 2019	Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Earth and the Universe • The Earth's Crust • Volcanism and Earthquakes • Weathering, Mass Movement and Groundwater • Landforms made by Running Water • Landforms or Glaciation • Arid or Desert Landforms • Limestone and Chalk Landforms • Lakes • Coastal Landforms • Islands and Coral Reefs • The Oceans • India's Physiography • India Drainage System • Current Affairs • May 2019 • 14 Oct to 20 Oct 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate Physical and Human Geography – G C Leong – Part 1 – Chapter 1 – 12 • Geography of India – Majid Hussain – Chapter 2 and 3 • ForumIAS Factly May 2019 • factly.forumias.com
10	Sunday, November 3, 2019	Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather • Climate • Climatic Zones of the world • Climatic Zones of India • Forests and Soils of India • Natural, Mineral Resources of India • Industries in India • Current Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ June 2019 ○ 21 Oct to 27 Oct 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate Physical and Human Geography – G C Leong – Part 1 – Chapter 13 – 25 • Geography of India – Majid Hussain – Chapter 4 – 8, 11 • ForumIAS Factly June 2019 • factly.forumias.com

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11	Sunday, November 10, 2019	Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Ecology • Biodiversity • Climate change • Agriculture • Acts and Policies • International Organizations / Conventions and Protocols related to Environment Causes • Current Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ April – June 2019 ◦ 28 Oct to 3 Nov 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ForumIAS Handout on Environment • Geography of India – Majid Hussain – Chapter 4, 9, 10 • ForumIAS Factly • factly.forumias.com
12	Sunday, November 10, 2019	CSAT	English Comprehension + Aptitude	Available only in online mode
13	Sunday, November 17, 2019	History + Art and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India's Ancient Past – Chapter 1 to 27 • History of Medieval India – Chapter 1 to 19 • Indian Art and Culture – Section A to D • Current Affairs – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ July 2019 ◦ 4 Nov to 10 Nov 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India's Ancient Past by R S Sharma • History of Medieval India by Satish Chandra • Nitin Singhania Indian art and Culture • ForumIAS Factly July 2019 • factly.forumias.com

14	Sunday, November 24, 2019	History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent of Europeans and Consolidation of British Power in India • India on the Eve of British Conquest • Expansion and Consolidation of British Power in India • Rising resentment against company rule • The Revolt of 1857 • Socio Religious Reform Movements • Beginning of Modern Nationalism in India • INC: Foundation and the Moderate Phase • Era of Militant Nationalism • First Phase of Revolutionary Activities • First World War and Nationalist Response • Emergence of Gandhi • Peasant Movements • Movements of the Working Class • The Indian States • Current Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ August 2019 ◦ 11 Nov to 17 Nov 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Brief History of Modern India by Rajiv Ahir – Unit II – VI, Chapter 15, 31, 32, 34 • Appendices – 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 • Modern India NCERT [OLD] – Bipan Chandra – Chapter 3, 4, 7, 8, 13, 14 • ForumIAS Factly August 2019 • factly.forumias.com
15	Sunday, December 1, 2019	All India Open Mock Test		Have to be registered Hall Tickets with details to be available a day before the test

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16	Sunday, December 8, 2019	History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Cooperation, Khilafat Movement • Swarajist, Socialist and Revolutionary Activities • Simon Commission and Nehru Report • Civil Disobedience Movement and Round Table • Debates on the Future Strategy after Civil Disobedience Movement • Congress Rule in Provinces • Nationalist Response in the Wake of World War II • Quit India Movement, Demand for Pakistan and the INA • Post-War National Scenario • Independence with Partition • Constitutional, Administrative and Judicial Developments • Survey of British Policies in India • Economic Impact of British Rule in India • Development of India Press • Development of Education • Current Affairs – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ September 2019 ◦ 18 Nov to 1 Dec 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Brief History of Modern India by Rajiv Ahir – Chapter 16 – 21, Unit VIII, Chapter 26 – 30, • Appendices – 1, 2, 5, 8 • Modern India NCERT [OLD] – Bipan Chandra – Chapter 5, 6, 9, 11, 15 • ForumIAS Factly September 2019 • factly.forumias.com
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17	Sunday, December 15, 2019	Science and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence Space AI and Nano Technology Biotechnology Developments Current Affairs Related to Science and Technology Current Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July to Sep 2019 2 Dec to 8 Dec 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ForumIAS handout on Science and Technology ForumIAS Factly Factly.forumias.com
18	Sunday, December 22, 2019	International Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisations – Multilateral, Bilateral Conventions and Protocols Regional Organisations Places and Persons in News Current Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 2019 9 Dec to 15 Dec 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ForumIAS handout on IR ForumIAS Factly October 2019 factly.forumias.com
19	Sunday, December 22, 2019	CSAT	Logical And Verbal Reasoning + Data Interpretation	Available only in online mode
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20	Sunday, December 29, 2019 9:30 AM	Polity + Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Syllabus for Economics and Polity Current affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 2019 16 Dec to 22 Dec 2019 	Additional Reading for Economics and Polity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DD Basu ForumIAS Economy Handout ForumIAS Factly November 2019 factly.forumias.com

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21	Sunday, January 5, 2020 9:30 AM	Ancient + Medieval + Modern History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Syllabus • Current Affairs - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ December 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamil Nadu Text Book on History Class XI • A brief History of Modern India by Rajiv Ahir • ForumIAS Factly December 2019
22	Sunday, January 12, 2020 9:30 AM	Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Syllabus • Current Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ October to December 2019 ◦ 30 Dec 2019 to 5 Jan 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Geography by DR Khullar • ForumIAS Factly • factly.forumias.com
23	Sunday, January 19, 2020	All India Open Mock Test	Full Length Paper	Have to be registered Hall Tickets with details to be available a day before the test
24	Sunday, January 26, 2020 9:30 AM	Environment and Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Syllabus • Current Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ June 2018 to December 2018 ◦ 13 Jan to 19 Jan 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ForumIAS Handout on Environment • ForumIAS Factly • factly.forumias.com
25	Sunday, January 26, 2020	CSAT	Full Length Paper	Available only in online mode
26	Sunday, February 2, 2020 9:30 AM	Art and Culture + Science and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Syllabus • Current Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ January 2019- June 2019 ◦ 20 Jan to 26 Jan 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ForumIAS Handout on Science and Technology • ForumIAS Handout on Art and Culture • ForumIAS Factly • factly.forumias.com

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27	Sunday, February 9, 2020 9:30 AM	International Relations + India Year Book	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India Year Book 2020 Current Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 2019- December 2019 27 Jan to 2 Feb Jan 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ForumIAS Summary of IYB ForumIAS Handout on IR ForumIAS Factly factly.forumias.com
28	Sunday, February 16, 2020 9:30 AM	GS Paper	Full Length	Complete Static Paper No Current Affairs
29	Sunday, February 16, 2020	CSAT	Full Length Paper	Available only in online mode
30	Sunday, February 23, 2020 9:30 AM	Economic Survey and Union Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 2020 3 Feb to 20 Feb 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ForumIAS handout on Summary of Economic Survey 2019 - 2020 and Union Budget 2020 – 2021 ForumIAS Factly January 2020 factly.forumias.com
31	Sunday, March 1, 2020 9:30 AM	Current Affairs	June 2018 to February 29, 2020	ForumIAS Factly
<p align="center">LEVEL – III THE SIMULATORS</p> <p align="center">(Rules for writing Simulator and process of declaration of results to be made available on 15th March 2020)</p>				
32	Sunday, March 8, 2020	All India Open Mock Test	Full Length Paper	Have to be registered Hall Tickets with details to be available a day before the test

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33	Sunday, March 22, 2020 9:30 AM	GS Simulator™ 1	Full Length Paper	
34	Sunday, March 29, 2020 9:30 AM	GS Simulator™ 2	Full Length Paper	
35	Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:30 AM	GS Simulator™ 3	Full Length Paper	
36	Sunday, April 12, 2020 9:30 AM	GS Simulator™ 4	Full Length Paper	
37	Sunday, April 19, 2020 9:30 AM	GS Simulator™ 5	Full Length Paper	
38	Sunday, April 19, 2020 2:00 PM	CSAT Simulator™ 1	Full Length Paper	
39	Sunday, April 26, 2020 9:30 AM	GS Simulator™ 6	Full Length Paper	
40	Sunday, April 26, 2020 2:00 PM	CSAT Simulator™ 2	Full Length Paper	
41	Sunday, May 3, 2020 9:30 AM	GS Simulator™ 7	Full Length Paper	
42	Sunday, May 3, 2020 2:00 PM	CSAT Simulator™ 3	Full Length Paper	
43	Sunday, May 10, 2020 9:30 AM	GS Simulator™ 8	Full Length Paper	

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44	Sunday, May 10, 2020 2:00 PM	CSAT Simulator™ 4	Full Length Paper	
45	Sunday, May 17, 2020	All India Open Mock Test	Full Length Paper	Have to be registered Hall Tickets with details to be available a day before the test
31 st May 2020 – UPSC Civil Services Preliminary Examination				

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