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I enrolled myself in Vajiram's Rankers program and ethics enrichment program which helped me in improving my answer writing skills.

I am especially thankful and grateful to **Birendra Sir** for his constant mentorship and precise inputs, even till the last moment, significantly improving the quality of my answers and <sup>helped</sup> helping me gain confidence.

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I was enrolled in Ranker's Program at Vajiram and Ravi. It catered singlehandedly my current affairs preparation and test series. The model answer and mentorship at the end of each test helped a lot. I am grateful for this guidance.

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Hi Everyone,

I'm thankful to Vajiram and Ravi for providing me the opportunity to work as an evaluator in 2024.

I evaluated Sure shot test series which helped me enrich my knowledge as well as cutting the clutter. **Mohit Ahlawat Sir**, as a Reviewer, gave me a new perspective for GS Answer writing.

Thankyou and Regards,  
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This is Walter Sylesh and I was a part of MAINS CAMP - 2025. The program helped me improve my answer-writing skills through its timed daily answer writing, quality evaluation and personalized mentorship. Really grateful to have gained guidance from **Mohit Sir** and **Birendra Sir** who taught me to think broadly and also sharpen my answers in GS. Consequently, I have increased my scores and also made it to the final list. Would recommend such a program for all those writing Mains with a view to clear the cut-off.

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This is Mohit Ahlawat (AIR 281, IES AIR 01).  
I would like to thank **Birendra Sir** & **Mohit Ahlawat Sir** of Vajiram & Ravi w.r.t. CAMP programme. Sir has given me every ingredient that was required in '95'. Thank you!



I started my journey of UPSC with foundation course of Vajiram and ending it by thanking the faculties and the team esp. Ranker's programme. (**Mohit Sir**)  
**Jayant Sir** (for Smart CA classes)

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Mains Camp @ Vajiram and Ravi played an crucial role in my journey, the regular timebound answer writing sessions with very novel & exam-centric questions were very helpful and the post-session analytics & feedback by **Mohit Sir** and **Birendra Sir** were excellent, which helped in brainstorming & structural formulation.

I was part of Sureshot mains test series, and it significantly improved my answer writing and time management. The structured tests and detailed feedback, mentor support helped me understand my strengths and work on my weaknesses, overall it was valuable step in my preparation.

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#	Date	Test Code	Test Name	Test Syllabus	Primary Sources	Secondary Sources
1	15-06-2026	VR3132201	<b>GS2 (Polity-1)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indian Constitution—historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.</li> <li>2. Parliament and State legislatures—structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers &amp; privileges and issues arising out of these.</li> <li>3. Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary—Ministries and Departments of the Government</li> </ol>	NCERTs: Class 9 and 10 - Democratic Politics 1 & 2 NCERT: Class 11 - Indian Constitution at Work Indian Polity by M Laxmikant Polity Yellow Book- 1&2	Mains Polity Workbook by Vajiram, Newspapers: The Indian Express and The Hindu
2	28-06-2026	VR3132202	<b>GS2 (Polity-2)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.</li> <li>2. Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure.</li> <li>3. Devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.</li> </ol>	NCERTs: Class 9 and 10 - Democratic Politics 1 & 2 NCERT: Class 11 - Indian Constitution at Work Indian Polity by M Laxmikant Polity Yellow Book- 1&2	Mains Polity Workbook by Vajiram
3	05-07-2026	VR3132203	<b>GS2 (Polity-3)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.</li> <li>2. Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.</li> <li>3. Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.</li> <li>4. Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.</li> </ol>	NCERTs: Class 9 and 10 - Democratic Politics 1 & 2 NCERT: Class 11 - Indian Constitution at Work Indian Polity by M Laxmikant Polity Yellow Book- 1&2	Mains Polity Workbook by Vajiram
4	19-07-2026	VR3132204	<b>GS2 (Governance)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency &amp; accountability and institutional and other measures.</li> <li>2. Role of civil services in a democracy.</li> <li>3. Development processes and the development industry —the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.</li> <li>4. Pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.</li> </ol>	Governance and Social Justice Yellow Book Government Scheme Yellow Book	2nd ARC (RTI: Master key to Good Governance, Promoting E-governance, Citizen-Centric Administration) Kurukshetra and Yojana Summary (Vajiram & Ravi), Newspapers: The Indian Express and The Hindu

5	02-08-2026	VR3132205	<b>GS2 (Social Justice)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/ Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.</li> <li>3. Issues relating to poverty and hunger.</li> <li>4. Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.</li> </ol>	Governance and Social Justice Yellow Book Government Scheme Yellow Book	2nd ARC (RTI: Master key to Good Governance, Promoting E-governance, Citizen-Centric Administration) Kurukshetra and Yojana Summary (Vajiram & Ravi), Newspapers: The Indian Express and The Hindu
6	09-08-2026	VR3132206	<b>GS2 (International Relations)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. India and its neighbourhood relations.</li> <li>2. Bilateral, regional, and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.</li> <li>3. Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.</li> <li>4. Important international institutions, agencies, and fora - their structure and mandate.</li> </ol>	IR Yellow Book	Newspapers: The Indian Express and The Hindu
7	23/8/2026	VR3132507	<b>Complete Test 1</b>	<b>GS2 Full Syllabus</b>		
8	30-08-2026	VR3131208	<b>GS1 (Art &amp; Culture)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.</li> </ol>	NCERT - Introduction to Fine Arts Art and Culture Yellow Book	CCRT Website
9	06-09-2026	VR3131209	<b>GS1 (Modern History)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present significant events, personalities, issues.</li> <li>2. The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/ contributions from different parts of the country.</li> </ol>	NCERT- Themes in Indian History (Part 3) Modern India Yellow Book, A brief history of Modern India by Rajiv Ahir (Spectrum)	NCERT - Modern India (Bipin Chandra)
10	13-09-2026	VR3131210	<b>GS1 (World History and Post Independence)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> </ol>	NCERT - World History (Arjun Dev), NCERT- Politics in India Since Independence World History Yellow Book, Post-Independence Yellow Book	NCERT - Themes in World History

11	20-09-2026	VR3131211	<b>GS1 (Physical Geography)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Salient features of world's physical geography.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> </ol>	NCERTs - Class 11 and 12 (Physical Geography) Concepts of Geography Yellow Book, Indian Geography Yellow Book	Certificate Physical and Human Geography by GohCheng Leong
12	27-09-2026	VR3131212	<b>GS1 (Human and Economic Geography)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).</li> </ol>	12th NCERT: Human Geography Concepts of Geography Yellow Book, Indian Geography Yellow Book Government Scheme Yellow Book	Certificate Physical and Human Geography by GohCheng Leong
13	04-10-2026	VR3131213	<b>GS1 (Society)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.</li> <li>2. Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.</li> <li>3. Effects of globalization on Indian society.</li> <li>4. Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism &amp; secularism.</li> </ol>	NCERT- Class 12 Society Indian Society , Social change and Development Indian Society Yellow Book	Newspapers: The Indian Express and The Hindu
14	18-10-2026	VR3131514	<b>Complete Test 2</b>	<b>GS1 Full Syllabus</b>		
15	25-10-2026	VR3133215	<b>GS3 (Economy-1)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization, of resources, growth, development and employment.</li> <li>2. Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.</li> <li>3. Government Budgeting.</li> <li>4. Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.</li> <li>5. Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.</li> <li>6. Investment models.</li> </ol>	NCERT Indian Economic Development - 11th Standard NCERT Macroeconomics - 12th standard Indian Economy Yellow Book	Economic Survey and Budget (Summary by Vajiram & Ravi), Newspapers: The Indian Express and The Hindu

16	01-11-2026	VR3133216	<b>GS3 (Agriculture)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> <li>3. Food processing and related industries in India- scope' and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.</li> <li>4. Land reforms in India.</li> </ol>	<p>NCERT Indian Economic Development - 11th Standard NCERT India- People and Economy - 12th Standard</p> <p>Agriculture Yellow Book</p>	<p>Economic Survey and Budget (Summary by Vajiram &amp; Ravi), Newspapers: The Indian Express and The Hindu</p>
17	10-11-2026	VR3133217	<b>GS3 (Internal Security)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Linkages between development and spread of extremism.</li> <li>2. Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.</li> <li>3. Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention.</li> <li>4. Security challenges and their management in border areas – linkages of organized crime with terrorism.</li> <li>5. Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate</li> </ol>	<p>Internal Security Yellow Book</p>	<p>Newspapers: The Indian Express and The Hindu</p>
18	22/11/2026	VR3133218	<b>GS3 (Disaster Management and Environment)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disaster and disaster management.</li> <li>2. Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.</li> </ol>	<p>NCERT Class 11 Natural Hazards and disaster management Environment Yellow Book Government websites</p>	<p>Newspapers: The Indian Express and The Hindu, Kurukshetra Magazine</p>
19	29-11-2026	VR3133219	<b>GS3 (Science-Tech)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life.</li> <li>2. Achievements of Indians in science &amp; technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.</li> <li>3. Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.</li> </ol>	<p>Science NCERT-11th Standard and 12th Standard</p> <p>Science and Technology Yellow book</p>	<p>Newspapers: The Indian Express and The Hindu Down to Earth Magazine Science Reporter Magazine</p>

20	13-12-2026	VR3133520	Complete Test 3	GS3 Full Syllabus		
21	20-12-2026	VR3134221	<b>GS4 (Ethics-Philosophy)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world.</li> <li>3. Case Studies on above issues</li> </ol>	<p>Ethics Yellow book Case Studies Yellow Book A Practical Approach to Ethics Integrity and Aptitude -DK BALAJI IAS</p>	<p>Newspaper (The Hindu, Indian Express) for examples and case study</p>
22	27/12/2026	VR3134222	<b>GS4 (Ethics - Social Psychology)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> <li>3. Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.</li> <li>4. Case Studies on above issues</li> </ol>	<p>Ethics Yellow book Case Studies Yellow Book A Practical Approach to Ethics Integrity and Aptitude -DK BALAJI IAS</p>	<p>Newspaper (The Hindu, Indian Express) for examples and case study</p>
23	03-01-2027	VR3134223	<b>GS4 (Ethics - Governance)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> <li>3. Case Studies on above issues</li> </ol>	<p>Ethics Yellow book Case Studies Yellow Book A Practical Approach to Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude by DK Balaji</p>	<p>2nd ARC Report - Ethics in Governance Newspaper (The Hindu, Indian Express) for examples and case study</p>

24	17-1-2027	VR3134524	Complete Test 4	GS4 Full Syllabus		
25	24-1-2027	VR3131525	Complete Test 5	GS1 Full Syllabus		
26	31-1-2027	VR3132526	Complete Test 6	GS2 Full Syllabus		
27	07-02-2027	VR3133527	Complete Test 7	GS3 Full Syllabus		
28	14-2-2027	VR3134528	Complete Test 8	GS4 Full Syllabus		
<b>After Prelims(DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE OF TIME)</b>						
29			Complete Test-9	GS1 full syllabus		
30			Complete Test-10	GS2 full syllabus		
31			Complete Test-11	GS3 full syllabus		
32			Complete Test-12	GS4 full syllabus		
33			Complete Test-13	GS1 full syllabus		
34			Complete Test-14	GS2 full syllabus		
35			Complete Test-15	GS3 full syllabus		
36			Complete Test-16	GS4 full syllabus		
37			Complete Test-17	GS1 full syllabus		
38			Complete Test-18	GS2 full syllabus		
39			Complete Test-19	GS3 full syllabus		
40			Complete Test-20	GS4 full syllabus		

## HIGH ALIGNMENT QUESTIONS

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1	4. How are <b>climate change</b> and the sea level rise affecting the very existence of many <b>island nations</b> ? Discuss with examples.	Q2. <b>Climate change</b> and global warming increases the vulnerability of our fragile <b>coastal ecosystems</b> . Analyze. SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test 10)
2	8. How does <b>smart city</b> in India, address the issues of urban poverty and <b>distributive justice</b> ?	Q6. Evaluate how the <b>Smart City</b> Mission has successfully transformed <b>urban landscapes</b> into hubs of innovation and <b>well-being</b> . SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025- (TEST-9)
3	12. Trace India's consolidation process during <b>early phase of independence</b> in terms of <b>polity, economy, education</b> and international relations.	Q9. "Though the <b>newly independent India</b> was burdened with a <b>plethora of challenges in 1947</b> , meticulous planning helped it to <b>overcome those challenges</b> over the coming years". Discuss. SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (SENIORS-TEST 5)
4	14. Give a geographical explanation of the <b>distribution of off-shore oil reserves</b> of the world. How are they different from the on-shore occurrences of oil reserves?	Q6. Account for the <b>spatial distribution of petroleum refineries</b> in India. Analyse the factors that influence their location and discuss the role of government policies in boosting India's refining sector. SURE SHOT TEST MAINS SERIES 2025 (FLT- TEST 13)
5	20. Does <b>tribal development</b> in India centre around two axes, those of <b>displacement and of rehabilitation</b> ? Give your opinion.	Q15. Assess the effectiveness of <b>tribal development</b> programmes in India. Why do tribal areas continue to experience <b>developmental setbacks</b> , and what are the <b>challenges</b> ? SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT -TEST 5)
6	1. Discuss the 'corrupt practices' for the purpose of the <b>Representation of the People Act, 1951</b> . Analyze whether the increase in the assets of the legislators and/or their associates, disproportionate to their known sources of income, would constitute 'undue influence' and consequently a corrupt practice.	8. "The Lily Thomas judgment, while rooted in constitutional morality, has resulted in operational instability within the <b>legislature</b> ." Critically examine the need to restore Section 8(4) of the <b>Representation of the People Act, 1951</b> , in light of legal and institutional safeguards. SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2026 (Test-3)
7	3. Compare and contrast the President's <b>power to pardon in India and in the USA</b> . Are there any limits to it in both the countries? What are 'preemptive pardons'?	Q12. While both <b>India and the United States</b> follow the republican model, the <b>powers and roles of their Presidents</b> vary significantly. <b>Compare</b> the constitutional position and powers of the Indian President with those of

		<p>the U.S. President. What do these differences reveal about their respective systems of governance?</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2026 (Test-7)</p>
8	<p>5. “The <b>Attorney General of India</b> plays a crucial role in guiding the legal framework of the Union Government and ensuring sound governance through legal counsel.” Discuss his <b>responsibilities, rights and limitations</b> in this regard.</p>	<p>Q3. Enumerate the <b>constitutional provisions</b> related to the <b>Attorney-General of India</b>. How does this office <b>contribute to the functioning</b> of a constitutional democracy?</p> <p>SURE SHOT TEST SERIES 2025 (TEST -6)</p>
9	<p>7. <b>E-governance</b> projects have a built-in <b>bias</b> towards <b>technology</b> and back-end integration than <b>user-centric designs</b>. Examine.</p>	<p>Q10. <b>e-Governance</b> initiatives in India have traditionally been confronted with the <b>dual challenges</b> of <b>automating</b> government departments and taking <b>online services to the common man</b>. Discuss.</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test-9)</p>
10	<p>8. Civil Society Organizations are often perceived as being anti-State actors than <b>non-State actors</b>. Do you agree? Justify.</p>	<p>Q15. “<b>Non-state actors</b> have emerged as indispensable partners in India’s governance ecosystem.” Examine this statement with suitable examples.</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-TEST 14)</p>
11	<p>11. “<b>Constitutional morality</b> is the fulcrum which acts as an essential check upon the high functionaries and citizens alike...” In view of the above observation of the Supreme Court, explain the concept of constitutional morality and its application to ensure <b>balance between judicial independence and judicial accountability</b> in India.</p>	<p>Q1. “<b>Constitutional morality</b>” is not a natural sentiment in India but has to be cultivated. Do you agree with this view? Justify your answer with relevant examples.</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-TEST 6)</p> <p>Q3. <b>Judicial independence</b> is a cornerstone of democracy, but it must be <b>balanced with judicial accountability</b>. Analyse.</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2026 (Test-7)</p>
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17	4. Elaborate the scope and significance of supply chain management of agricultural commodities in India.	Q6. Despite diversification, rural India faces economic stagnation. Discuss how value chain integration through food processing can revitalise the rural economy. SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-TEST 11)
18	9. Terrorism is a global scourge. How has it manifested in India? Elaborate with contemporary examples. What are the counter measures adopted by the State? Explain.	Q20. Despite sustained global efforts, cross-border terrorism remains a persistent threat to India's security. Critically analyse the effectiveness of international cooperation mechanisms in addressing this challenge. SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-TEST 11)  Q20. The emergence of "hybrid militants" and self-radicalised actors has transformed the nature of terrorism in India. Enumerate the challenges posed by this shift and suggest reforms to deal with it. SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Senior-Test 7)
19	10. The Government of India recently stated that Left Wing Extremism (LWE) will be eliminated by 2026. What do you understand by LWE and how are the	Q19. How do the ideological underpinnings of Naxalism in urban spaces differ from its rural manifestations? Discuss how this duality complicates a development-focused response.

	<p>people affected by it? What measures have been taken by the government to eliminate LWE?</p>	<p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Senior-Test 7)</p> <p>Q. Analyze the impact of urban Naxalism on the governance, security, and socio-economic stability of metropolitan cities in India. What specific strategies can be adopted to address these challenges?</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test-14)</p>
20	<p>12. Discuss the rationale of the <b>Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme</b>. What are its <b>achievements</b>? In what way can the functioning and outcomes of the scheme be improved?</p>	<p>Q2. How is the Indian government's <b>Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme</b> influencing the growth of the manufacturing sector? Which are the <b>key industries benefiting</b> from this initiative?</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test-8)</p>
21	<p>14. Examine the scope of the <b>food processing industries</b> in India. Elaborate the <b>measures taken by the government</b> in the food processing industries for generating employment opportunities.</p>	<p>Q14. India has a strong agricultural base, yet the share of <b>processed food</b> exports remains low. Analyse the <b>bottlenecks</b> in the food sector and <b>suggest policy interventions</b>.</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 15)</p>
22	<p>16. India aims to become a <b>semiconductor manufacturing</b> hub. What are the challenges faced by the semiconductor industry in India? Mention the salient features of the India Semiconductor Mission.</p>	<p>Q7. Explain the reasons behind the spatial shifts and the evolving global patterns of <b>semiconductor manufacturing</b>.</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 13)</p>
23	<p>17. Mineral resources are fundamental to the country's economy and these are exploited by mining. Why is <b>mining considered an environmental hazard</b>? Explain the <b>remedial measures</b> required to reduce the environmental hazard due to mining.</p>	<p>Q6. What are the <b>environmental and health impacts of metal mining</b> pollution? Suggest <b>measures to mitigate</b> the same.</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Seniors- Test 8)</p>
24	<p>19. What are the major challenges to <b>internal security and peace process</b> in the <b>North-Eastern States</b>? Map the <b>various peace accords and agreements</b> initiated by the <b>government</b> in the past decade.</p>	<p>Q10. Analyse the impact of ethnic conflicts in the <b>northeastern states</b> on India's <b>internal security and national integration efforts</b>. What <b>measures should the government adopt to counter these challenges</b>?</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test -14)</p>
25	<p>20. Why is <b>maritime security</b> vital to protect India's sea trade? Discuss <b>maritime and coastal security challenges</b> and the <b>way forward</b>.</p>	<p>Q18. Geographical factors and bilateral tensions with the neighbouring nations make <b>maritime border management</b> a difficult task in India. Discuss the <b>challenges</b> in this regard and <b>suggest</b></p>

		<p>strategies for effective maritime border management.</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Seniors Test -8)</p>
26	<p>1(a). In the present digital age, social media has revolutionised our way of communication and interaction. However, it has raised several ethical issues and challenges. Describe the key ethical dilemmas in this regard.</p>	<p>1 (a) Analyze how the rise of social media has influenced human values. How can individuals and institutions address the negative effects of excessive social media use?</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test 20)</p>
27	<p>1(b). "Constitutional morality is not a natural sentiment but a product of civil education and adherence of the rule of law." Examine the significance of constitutional morality for public servant highlighting the role in promoting good governance and ensuring accountability in public administration.</p>	<p>Q1. 'Constitutional morality' is not a natural sentiment in India but has to be cultivated. Do you agree with this view? Justify your answer with relevant examples.</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 6)</p>
28	<p>2(a) Carl von Clausewitz once said, "War is a diplomacy by other means." Critically analyse the above statement in the present context of contemporary geo-political conflict.</p>	<p>Q6 (b). Doctrine of 'Just War' aims to introduce moral reasoning into acts of war. Discuss the relevance and limitations of such ethical frameworks in the context of modern warfare.</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 16)</p>
29	<p>3(b). "The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes." - William James</p>	<p>3(a). "The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes." - William James</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test 27)</p>
30	<p>4(b). What are the major teachings of Mahavir? Explain their relevance in the contemporary world.</p>	<p>Q2(a) In the context of rising consumerism, discuss the relevance of Jain and Buddhist ethics in promoting sustainable living and contributing to a more equitable world?</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test -24)</p>
31	<p>5(a). "One who is devoted to one's duty attains highest perfection in life." Analyse this statement with reference to sense of responsibility and personal fulfilment as a civil servant.</p>	<p>Q1 (b) "The essence of ethics in human actions involves a balance between individual autonomy and societal norms". Examine this statement by exploring how ethical frameworks reconcile personal freedom with social responsibility.</p> <p>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 8)</p>
32	<p>5(b). To achieve holistic development goal, a civil servant acts as an enabler</p>	<p>Q8. "Civil Servants are not just implementers of policy but enablers of citizen-centric</p>

	and active facilitator of growth rather than a regulator. What specific measures will you suggest to achieve this goal?	<b>governance."</b> Comment. <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2026 (Test-7)</b>
33	6(b). India is an emerging economic power of the world as it has recently secured the status of fourth largest economy of the world as per IMF projection. However, it has been observed that in some sectors, allocated funds remain either under-utilised or misutilised. What specific measures would you recommend for ensuring accountability in this regard to stop leakages and gaining the status of third largest economy of the world in near future?	Q5 a) Ensuring <b>judicious utilisation of public funds</b> fundamentally depends on rooting out corruption and <b>maintaining integrity</b> at every level of public administration. Discuss. <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (TEST- 31)</b>

## Paper-wise reflections

UPSC 2025 GS 1 QUESTIONS	VAJIRAM AND RAVI (SURE SHOT) MAINS TEST SERIES
1. Discuss the salient features of the Harappan architecture.	Q1. Discuss how the Indus-Saraswati cultural zone simultaneously reflects patterns of similarity and distinctiveness. <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 9)</b> Q1. Describe the key technological achievements of the Indus Valley Civilisation. How do these reflect the scientific and engineering skills of the Harappans? <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Seniors-Test 5)</b>
4. How are climate change and the sea level rise affecting the very existence of many island nations? Discuss with examples.	Q2. Climate change and global warming increases the vulnerability of our fragile coastal ecosystems. Analyze. <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test 10)</b>
7. What are Tsunamis? How and where are they formed? What are their consequences? Explain with examples.	Q18. Discuss the challenges involved in integrating <b>tsunami</b> risk into India's coastal disaster risk reduction framework. What institutional mechanisms and preparedness strategies are in place to mitigate the risk and enhance resilience to such events in India? <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 11)</b>  Q6. Discuss how the geomorphology of India's eastern and western coasts influences the impact and vulnerability to <b>tsunamis</b> . <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 9)</b>

<p>8. How does smart city in India, address the issues of urban poverty and distributive justice?</p>	<p>Q6. Evaluate how the Smart City Mission has successfully transformed urban landscapes into hubs of innovation and well-being. <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (TEST-9)</b></p>
<p>9. The ethos of civil service in India stand for the combination of professionalism with nationalistic consciousness – Elucidate.</p>	<p>Q Efficient and politically neutral civil services are vital to achieve the goals of socio-economic development in a country. In this light, discuss the reforms that are required in the Civil Services of India. <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (BAtch 6-FLT-1)</b></p>
<p>10. Do you think that globalization results in only an aggressive consumer culture? Justify your answer.</p>	<p>Q20. 'Globalisation is said to have promoted economic growth in India, but at the cost of its traditional value systems'. Critically examine. <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test -12)</b></p> <p>Quick commerce reflects more than changing consumer habits; it reveals shifting urban priorities. Examine its broader Socio-Economic and spatial impact on the fabric of Indian cities. <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 9)</b></p>
<p>12. Trace India's consolidation process during early phase of independence in terms of polity, economy, education and international relations.</p>	<p>9. "Though the newly independent India was burdened with a plethora of challenges in 1947, meticulous planning helped it to overcome those challenges over the coming years". Discuss. <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Seniors - Test 5)</b></p>
<p>13. The French Revolution has enduring relevance to the contemporary world. Explain.</p>	<p>Q12. The French Revolution was not merely a reaction to recent events but also the outcome of prolonged structural imbalances and social discontent. Explain. <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT- Test 9)</b></p>
<p>14. Give a geographical explanation of the distribution of off-shore oil reserves of the world. How are they different from the on-shore occurrences of oil reserves?</p>	<p>Q6. Account for the spatial distribution of petroleum refineries in India. Analyse the factors that influence their location and discuss the role of government policies in boosting India's refining sector? <b>SURE SHOT TEST MAINS SERIES 2025 (FLT- TEST 13)</b></p>
<p>15. How can Artificial Intelligence (AI) and drones be effectively used along with GIS and RS techniques in locational and areal planning?</p>	<p>Q7. Agri-tech startups leveraging AI, IoT and big data analytics are transforming Indian agriculture. Examine. Suggest measures to further give impetus to the agri-tech ecosystem in India. <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Seniors Test- 7)</b></p>

	<p>Q3. Drones are quickly gaining new ground in agriculture. Assess the role of drones in revolutionising traditional agricultural practices.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test -8)</b></p>
16. Discuss how the changes in shape and sizes of continents and ocean basins of the planet take place due to tectonic movements of the crustal masses.	<p>Q11. What do you understand about Plate Tectonics Theory? Discuss the driving forces used to explain the mechanism of this theory.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Seniors Test- 6)</b></p>
20. Does tribal development in India centre around two axes, those of displacement and of rehabilitation? Give your opinion.	<p>Q15. Assess the effectiveness of tribal development programmes in India. Why do tribal areas continue to experience developmental setbacks, and what are the challenges?</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT -Test 5)</b></p> <p>Q17. Discuss the role of targeted welfare schemes for nomadic communities in achieving inclusive development. What are the implementation bottlenecks and how can they be resolved?</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT -Test 6)</b></p>

<b>UPSC 2025 GS 2 QUESTIONS</b>	<b>VAJIRAM AND RAVI (SURE SHOT) MAINS TEST SERIES</b>
1. Discuss the 'corrupt practices' for the purpose of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. Analyze whether the increase in the assets of the legislators and/or their associates, disproportionate to their known sources of income, would constitute 'undue influence' and consequently a corrupt practice.	<p>8. "The Lily Thomas judgment, while rooted in constitutional morality, has resulted in operational instability within the legislature." Critically examine the need to restore Section 8(4) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, in light of legal and institutional safeguards.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2026 (Test-3)</b></p> <p>6. The Representation of the People Act, 1951, has played a foundational role in establishing electoral democracy in India. Examine its key provisions and limitations in curbing criminalisation of politics and ensuring electoral transparency.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2026 (Test-10)</b></p>
2. Comment on the need of administrative tribunals as compared to the court system. Assess the impact of the recent tribunal reforms through rationalization of tribunals made in 2021.	<p>Q11. Frequent ordinance promulgation and executive control over tribunals have raised concerns about executive overreach. Critically examine these trends with reference to the doctrine of Separation of Powers and the need for democratic accountability.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 14)</b></p>

	<p>Q6. Critically examine the role of tribunals as dispute redressal mechanisms in India. What steps can be taken to enhance their effectiveness?</p> <p>Q3. "Tribunals suffer from the same problem for which they were established".In the light of the statement, discuss the significance and challenges faced by the tribunals in India.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test 1)</b></p>
<p>3. Compare and contrast the President's power to pardon in India and in the USA. Are there any limits to it in both the countries? What are 'preemptive pardons'?</p>	<p>Q12. While both India and the United States follow the republican model, the powers and role of their Presidents vary significantly. Compare the constitutional position and powers of the Indian President with those of the U.S. President. What do these differences reveal about their respective systems of governance?</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2026 (Test-7)</b></p> <p>Q3. Analyse the distinguishing features between the electoral systems of the USA and India.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 14)</b></p>
<p>5. "The Attorney General of India plays a crucial role in guiding the legal framework of the Union Government and ensuring sound governance through legal counsel." Discuss his responsibilities, rights and limitations in this regard.</p>	<p>Q8. Do you think the Attorney General's dual role as the government's legal advisor and a constitutional officer needs reform? Examine this statement in light of recent legal opinions issued by the AGI on controversial legislation.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2026 (Test 10)</b></p> <p>Q3. Enumerate the constitutional provisions related to the Attorney-General of India. How does this office contribute to the functioning of a constitutional democracy?</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (TEST -6)</b></p>
<p>6. Women's social capital complements in advancing empowerment and gender equity. Explain.</p>	<p>Q8. Examine how Community-based financial institutions promote responsive governance and address structural inequalities, especially for marginalized women.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 6)</b></p>
<p>7. E-governance projects have a built-in bias towards technology and back-end integration than user-centric designs. Examine.</p>	<p>Q6. ICT-led governance enhances transparency and accountability, but also raises concerns of exclusion and surveillance. Critically discuss.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 14)</b></p> <p>13. E-governance holds immense potential to revolutionise public service delivery. Discuss the</p>

	<p>diverse models of e-governance adopted in India, noting their challenges and suggesting key improvement strategies.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Seniors Sec-. 2)</b></p> <p>Q10. e-Governance initiatives in India have traditionally been confronted with the dual challenges of automating government departments and taking online services to the common man. Discuss.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test-9)</b></p>
<p>8. Civil Society Organizations are often perceived as being anti-State actors than non-State actors. Do you agree? Justify.</p>	<p>Q15. "Non-state actors have emerged as indispensable partners in India's governance ecosystem." Examine this statement with suitable examples.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 14)</b></p> <p>20. "A free civic space regulated under constitutionally guaranteed principles is the essence of democracy." In this context, examine the role of civil society organisations (CSO) in strengthening democratic governance in India. Also, elucidate the challenges they face in the current regulatory environment.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Seniors Sec. 2)</b></p>
<p>9. India-Africa digital partnership is achieving mutual respect, co-development and long-term institutional partnerships. Elaborate.</p>	<p>Q5. Explain how including the African Union in the G20 enhances India's global standing, furthering its vision of a reformed world order.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2026 (Test-6)</b></p> <p>Q16. The inclusion of the African Union in the G20 group hosted by India underscores the robust relations between India and African Union. Evaluate its potential benefits to India's foreign policy goals. In what ways does this partnership contribute to fostering a multipolar world order?</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test-6)</b></p>
<p>10. With the waning of globalization, post-Cold War world is becoming a site of sovereign nationalism." Elucidate.</p>	<p>7. Explain how India's Foreign Policy has evolved since the post-Cold War era. Also, critically analyse how India has effectively maintained its strategic autonomy in recent geopolitical scenarios.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2026 (Test-6)</b></p>
<p>11. "Constitutional morality is the fulcrum which acts as an essential check upon the high functionaries and citizens alike..." In view of the above observation of the Supreme Court, explain the concept of constitutional morality and its application to ensure balance between judicial independence and judicial</p>	<p>Q1. 'Constitutional morality' is not a natural sentiment in India but has to be cultivated. Do you agree with this view? Justify your answer with relevant examples.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 6)</b></p>

<p>accountability in India.</p>	<p>Q3. Judicial independence is a cornerstone of democracy, but it must be balanced with judicial accountability. Analyse.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2026 (Test-7)</b></p>
<p>12. Indian Constitution has conferred the amending power on the ordinary legislative institutions with a few procedural hurdles. In view of this statement, examine the procedural and substantive limitations on the amending power of the Parliament to change the Constitution.</p>	<p>Q1. Ordinary laws and constitutional amendments are subject to different tests of judicial validity. In light of this distinction, examine, whether the Basic Structure doctrine should be applied uniformly to both.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 14)</b></p>
<p>13. Discuss the evolution of collegium system in India. Critically examine the advantages and disadvantages of the system of appointment of the Judges of the Supreme Court of India and that of the USA.</p>	<p>Q13. While India has a structured but rarely used process for the removal of judges, the UK emphasizes ministerial responsibility and in house mechanisms . Compare and evaluate these approaches in maintaining judicial accountability.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 6)</b></p> <p>Q15. “A judiciary that is immune from accountability risks becoming opaque and unresponsive.” Critically analyze this statement in the context of recent developments concerning the Indian judiciary. <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Seniors Sec. 1).</b></p> <p>Q4. Judicial independence is a prerequisite for a thriving democracy. In this context, critically analyze the effectiveness of the collegium system in ensuring judicial independence in India.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (TEST-23)</b></p>
<p>14. Examine the evolving pattern of Centre-State financial relations in the context of planned development in India. How far have the recent reforms impacted the fiscal federalism in India?</p>	<p>Q12. India’s fiscal federalism is heavily vertical, transactional, and tax-centric. In light of this, critically examine the case for institutionalizing “resource federalism” to ensure more equitable and autonomous state-level economic development.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT -Test 6)</b></p>
<p>15. What are environmental pressure groups? Discuss their role in raising awareness, influencing policies and advocating for environmental protection in India.</p>	<p>Q5. In India’s development framework, how do SHGs and NGOs contribute to eco-governance and grassroots empowerment? Explain with examples.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2026 (Test-4)</b></p> <p>Q18. Informal pressure groups often act as early warning systems in democratic societies. Assess their role in safeguarding public interest. <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT -Test 10)</b></p>

<p>16. Inequality in the ownership pattern of resources is one of the major causes of poverty. Discuss in the context of 'paradox of poverty'.</p>	<p>Q3. India's dilemma of abundance continues as substantial food production coexists with widespread hunger and malnutrition. Analyse the factors underlying this contradiction and suggest measures to overcome them.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test -4)</b></p> <p>Q3. Hunger and undernutrition continue to persist in India despite it being a fast-growing economy. Analyse the reasons for the disconnect between economic growth and nutritional outcomes.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Senior Sec. 2)</b></p>
<p>17. "In contemporary development models, decision-making and problem-solving responsibilities are not located close to the source of information and execution defeating the objectives of development." Critically evaluate.</p>	<p>Q7. "The one-size-fits-all approach to policymaking often ignores India's regional heterogeneity". Discuss the implications of centralized governance on state-level autonomy and inclusive development.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT- Test 10)</b></p> <p>"Policy conflicts among diverse sectors and stakeholders have hindered the achievement of holistic rural development in India." Discuss with relevant illustrations.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025</b></p>
<p>18. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has to address the challenges faced by children in the digital era. Examine the existing policies and suggest measures the Commission can initiate to tackle the issue.</p>	<p>Q9. Children are among the most vulnerable groups in the digital age. Examine the challenges they face in the digital age and suggest measures to ensure a balance between their safety and right to access the internet.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 {Seniors-Test 4}</b></p>
<p>19. Energy security constitutes the dominant kingpin of India's foreign policy, and is linked with India's overarching influence in Middle Eastern countries." How would you integrate energy security with India's foreign policy trajectories in the coming years?</p>	<p>Q10. "Corridor-based diplomacy marks a new phase in global connectivity politics." Examine the strategic implications of India's participation in the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). How will it transform India's position in global politics ?</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Seniors-Sec 1)</b></p>

<p><b>UPSC 2025 GS 3 QUESTIONS</b></p>	<p><b>VAJIRAM AND RAVI (SURE SHOT) MAINS TEST SERIES</b></p>
<p>2. What are the challenges before the Indian economy when the world is moving away from free trade and multilateralism to protectionism and bilateralism? How can these challenges be met?</p>	<p>Q5. There has been a rise of protectionist tendencies in the Transatlantic region in recent years. Discuss its potential negative impacts on India. How can India mitigate the negative impacts of protectionism and capitalize on emerging opportunities in the global economy?</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test-5)</b></p>

	<p>Q3. What is 'Green Protectionism'? How does it alter the dynamics of trade and sustainability debates, particularly for the Global South? Illustrate with examples.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT -Test 15)</b></p> <p>Q11. "Non-tariff measures have become a key instrument of economic diplomacy and protectionism in the post-globalisation era." Evaluate how India can balance compliance with global trade rules while safeguarding its economic interests.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT- Test 11)</b></p>
<p>3. Explain the factors influencing the decision of the farmers on the selection of high value crops in India.</p>	<p>7. The Economic Survey 2024-25 highlights the need to shift away from cereal overproduction toward pulses, oilseeds, and high-value crops. Discuss how crop diversification can help mitigate challenges and risks posed by climate variability. 15 marks  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Batch 6- Test 19)</b></p> <p>Q5. Analyse the regional shifts in the cropping patterns of India. Discuss the long-term implications of this shift on nutritional security and water sustainability.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 11)</b></p>
<p>4. Elaborate the scope and significance of supply chain management of agricultural commodities in India.</p>	<p>Q6. Despite diversification, rural India faces economic stagnation. Discuss how value chain integration through food processing can revitalise the rural economy.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 11)</b></p>
<p>5. The fusion energy programme in India has steadily evolved over the past few decades. Mention India's contributions to the international fusion energy project – International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER). What will be the implications of the success of this project for the future of global energy?</p>	<p>Q7. Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) are being hailed as game-changers in the global energy transition. Examine how India's SMR initiative aligns with its climate goals and energy security.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Senior Sec. 7)</b></p> <p>Q4. Discuss the significance of the Fast Breeder Reactor (FBR) in achieving the goals of India's Nuclear Energy Program.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Senior Sec. 8)</b></p>
<p>6. How can India achieve energy independence through clean technology by 2047? How can biotechnology play a crucial role in this endeavour?</p>	<p>Q2. Discuss several ways in which biotechnology can help in ensuring food security in India.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Senior Sec. 8)</b></p>

<p>7. What is Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS)? What is the potential role of CCUS in tackling climate change?</p>	<p>Q7. What is carbon farming? Explain its role in sustainable agriculture and climate change mitigation. Discuss the key practices involved.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 15)</b></p>
<p>9. Terrorism is a global scourge. How has it manifested in India? Elaborate with contemporary examples. What are the counter measures adopted by the State? Explain.</p>	<p>Q20. Despite sustained global efforts, cross-border terrorism remains a persistent threat to India's security. Critically analyse the effectiveness of international cooperation mechanisms in addressing this challenge.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 15)</b></p> <p>Q20. The emergence of "hybrid militants" and self-radicalised actors has transformed the nature of terrorism in India. Enumerate the challenges posed by this shift and suggest reforms to deal with it.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Senior Sec. 7)</b></p>
<p>10. The Government of India recently stated that Left Wing Extremism (LWE) will be eliminated by 2026. What do you understand by LWE and how are the people affected by it? What measures have been taken by the government to eliminate LWE?</p>	<p>Q19. How do the ideological underpinnings of Naxalism in urban spaces differ from its rural manifestations? Discuss how this duality complicates a development-focused response.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Senior Sec. 7)</b></p>
<p>11. Explain how the Fiscal Health Index (FHI) can be used as a tool for assessing the fiscal performance of states in India. In what way would it encourage the states to adopt prudent and sustainable fiscal policies?) 15</p>	<p>Q1. The increasing dependence of states on central transfers and borrowings has raised concerns about fiscal autonomy. Examine.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Batch 6-Test-19)</b></p>
<p>12. Discuss the rationale of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme. What are its achievements? In what way can the functioning and outcomes of the scheme be improved?</p>	<p>Q2. How is the Indian government's Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme influencing the growth of the manufacturing sector? Which are the key industries benefiting from this initiative?  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test-8)</b></p> <p>Q1. Discuss how the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) aligns with the broader goals of 'Make in India' and Atmanirbhar Bharat.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 15)</b></p>
<p>13. Examine the factors responsible for depleting groundwater in India. What are the steps taken by the government to mitigate such depletion of groundwater?</p>	<p>Q16. The coexistence of physical and economic water scarcity in Indian agriculture reflects a deeper crisis in water governance. Examine the factors contributing to this and suggest reforms to make irrigation more equitable and sustainable.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 11)</b></p>

<p>14. Examine the scope of the food processing industries in India. Elaborate the measures taken by the government in the food processing industries for generating employment opportunities.</p>	<p>Q13. India's food processing sector is moving towards greater formalization and efficiency. Critically assess how initiatives like the PLI scheme and Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Enterprises (PM-FME) contribute to this transformation.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 7)</b></p> <p>Q14. India has a strong agricultural base, yet the share of processed food exports remains low. Analyse the bottlenecks in the food processing sector and suggest policy interventions.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 15)</b></p> <p>Q2. Examine the significance of the food processing industry in acting as a link between the farmers and consumers in India.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025</b></p>
<p>15. How does nanotechnology offer significant advancements in the field of agriculture? How can this technology help to uplift the socio-economic status of farmers?</p>	<p>8. Nanotechnology represents a paradigm shift from 'bigger is better' to 'smaller is smarter'. In this context, examine the transformative potential of nanotechnology in the fulfilment of India's environmental goals.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-Test 11)</b></p>
<p>16. India aims to become a semiconductor manufacturing hub. What are the challenges faced by the semiconductor industry in India? Mention the salient features of the India Semiconductor Mission.</p>	<p>Q7. Explain the reasons behind the spatial shifts and the evolving global patterns of semiconductor manufacturing.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-13)</b></p>
<p>17. Mineral resources are fundamental to the country's economy and these are exploited by mining. Why is mining considered an environmental hazard? Explain the remedial measures required to reduce the environmental hazard due to mining.</p>	<p>Q6. What are the environmental and health impacts of metal mining pollution? Suggest measures to mitigate the same.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Senior Sec. 8)</b></p>
<p>19. What are the major challenges to internal security and peace process in the North-Eastern States? Map the various peace accords and agreements initiated by the government in the past decade.</p>	<p>Q10. Analyse the impact of ethnic conflicts in the northeastern states on India's internal security and national integration efforts. What measures should the government adopt to counter these challenges?</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test -14)</b></p>
<p>20. Why is maritime security vital to protect India's sea trade? Discuss maritime and coastal security challenges and the way forward.</p>	<p>Q9. How do the unique geopolitical dynamics of the Bay of Bengal region contribute to maritime security challenges for India? What strategies can be employed to address these threats effectively?</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test -14)</b></p> <p>Q18. Geographical factors and bilateral tensions with the neighboring nations make maritime border management a difficult task in India. Discuss the challenges in this regard and suggest strategies for effective maritime border management.</p> <p><b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Seniors Test -8)</b></p>

<b>UPSC 2025 GS 4 QUESTIONS</b>	<b>VAJIRAM AND RAVI (SURE SHOT) MAINS TEST SERIES</b>
<p>1(a). In the present digital age, social media has revolutionised our way of communication and interaction. However, it has raised several ethical issues and challenges. Describe the key ethical dilemmas in this regard.</p>	<p>1(a) Analyze how the rise of social media has influenced human values. How can individuals and institutions address the negative effects of excessive social media use?  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test 20)</b>  Q4(a) "Technology is ethically neutral until we apply it." Discuss this statement with reference to the ethical challenges posed by artificial intelligence and data privacy.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-8)</b>  Q1 (b) "Moral principles are often challenged by evolving technological and societal changes. How should ethical decision-makers adapt to new realities while ensuring justice and integrity?"  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025(FLT-12)</b></p>
<p>1(b). "Constitutional morality is not a natural sentiment but a product of civil education and adherence of the rule of law." Examine the significance of constitutional morality for public servant highlighting the role in promoting good governance and ensuring accountability in public administration.</p>	<p>Q1. 'Constitutional morality' is not a natural sentiment in India but has to be cultivated. Do you agree with this view? Justify your answer with relevant examples.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-6)</b></p>
<p>2(a). Carl von Clausewitz once said, "War is a diplomacy by other means." Critically analyse the above statement in the present context of contemporary geo-political conflict.</p>	<p>Q6 (b). Doctrine of 'Just War' aims to introduce moral reasoning into acts of war. Discuss the relevance and limitations of such ethical frameworks in the context of modern warfare  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-16)</b></p>
<p>2(b). Keeping the national security in mind, examine the ethical dilemmas related to controversies over environmental clearance of development projects in ecologically sensitive border areas in the country.</p>	<p>Q2 (a) "The means justify the ends only when the means are themselves ethical." Critically examine this statement with relevant examples.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-16)</b></p>
<p>3(b). "The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes." – William James</p>	<p>3(a). "The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes." - William James  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test- 27)</b></p>
<p>3(c). "The strength of a society is not in its laws, but in the morality of its people." – Swami Vivekananda</p>	<p>3(c). "The greatest religion is to be true to your own nature. Have faith in yourselves."- Swami Vivekananda  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test- 27)</b>   3(b) "Laws control the lesser man. Right conduct controls the Greater one": Mark Twain. Examine the statement with suitable examples in the context of public servants discharging their duties. <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test-22)</b></p>

<p>4(a). "For any kind of social re-engineering by successfully implementing welfare schemes, a civil servant must use reason and critical thinking in an ethical framework." Justify this statement with suitable examples.</p>	<p>Q5. (b) Ethical competence is as essential as technical competence in public service. Examine the statement with suitable examples.</p>
<p>4(b). What are the major teachings of Mahavir? Explain their relevance in the contemporary world.</p>	<p>1 (a) "Anekantvad as a philosophical principle reinforces ethical pluralism in public life." Enumerate the challenges of this philosophy to ethical decision-making in a multicultural society.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Seniors Sec. 3)</b></p> <p>Q2(a) In the context of rising consumerism, discuss the relevance of Jain and Buddhist ethics in promoting sustainable living and contributing to a more equitable world?  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Test -24)</b></p> <p>Q6 (b) How can Buddhist principles guide public servants in maintaining a balance between personal well-being and professional responsibilities in high-pressure governance environments?  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-8)</b></p> <p>Q2 (b) How can the ethical principles rooted in ancient Indian philosophy serve as a guide for policymakers and administrators in balancing development with ecological sustainability?  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-8)</b></p>
<p>5(a). "One who is devoted to one's duty attains highest perfection in life." Analyse this statement with reference to sense of responsibility and personal fulfilment as a civil servant.</p>	<p>Q1 (b) "The essence of ethics in human actions involves a balance between individual autonomy and societal norms". Examine this statement by exploring how ethical frameworks reconcile personal freedom with social responsibility.  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (FLT-8)</b></p>
<p>5(b). To achieve holistic development goal, a civil servant acts as an enabler and active facilitator of growth rather than a regulator. What specific measures will you suggest to achieve this goal?</p>	<p>Q8. "Civil Servants are not just implementers of policy but enablers of citizen-centric governance."  <b>Comment.</b>  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2026 (Test-7)</b></p> <p>Q4 (a) With rapid development and increasing public expectations for faster decision-making, the role of bureaucracy has become even more important. In this context, do you agree that a committed bureaucracy is more effective in achieving long-term developmental goals for India?  <b>SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (Seniors T-11)</b></p>

6(a). It is said that for an ethical work culture, there must be code of ethics in place in every organisation. To ensure value-based and compliance-based work culture, what suitable measures would you adopt in your work place?

Q1 (a) Workplace ethics in public administration should go beyond compliance with rules and regulations. Discuss the role of intrinsic motivation and ethical reasoning in shaping a positive work culture in the public institutions.

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(b) Codes of Ethics and Code of Conduct serve as guiding frameworks for governance, but their impact is often limited. Evaluate the statement and recommend strategies for ensuring ethical administration.

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6(b). India is an emerging economic power of the world as it has recently secured the status of fourth largest economy of the world as per IMF projection. However, it has been observed that in some sectors, allocated funds remain either under-utilised or misutilised. What specific measures would you recommend for ensuring accountability in this regard to stop leakages and gaining the status of third largest economy of the world in near future?

Q5 a) Ensuring judicious utilisation of public funds fundamentally depends on rooting out corruption and maintaining integrity at every level of public administration. Discuss.

**SURE SHOT MAINS TEST SERIES 2025 (TEST 31)**

GEOGRAPHY OPTIONAL QUESTIONS	VAJIRAM SURE SHOT GS TEST SERIES REFLECTION
<p>2(a) भारत के औद्योगिक उद्योग के विकास में योगदान करने वाले कारकों की व्याख्या विशेषतः भारत के पश्चिम क्षेत्र में इसके संकेन्द्रण के संदर्भ में कीजिए। Explain the factors which contribute to the growth of India's pharmaceutical industry with specific reference to its concentration in western region of India. 20</p>	<p>6. Enumerate the factors that have led to the concentration of the pharmaceutical industry in the western region of India. (10 marks, 150 words) <b>FLT- 5</b></p>
<p>(a) हिमनद झील विस्फोट से बाढ़ के कारणों की व्याख्या कीजिए। Explain the causes of glacial lake outburst flood.</p>	<p>20. The retreat of Himalayan glaciers, driven by global warming, has increased the frequency and intensity of Glacial Lake Outburst Floods. Discuss the underlying causes of Glacial Lake Outburst Floods and recommend adaptive strategies to manage such disasters effectively. (15 marks, 250 words) <b>FLT 11</b></p>
<p>(d) वायुमण्डल एवं स्थानीय पवनों में संबंध की व्याख्या कीजिए। Explain the relationship between air masses and local winds.</p>	<p>14. What are air masses and how do they shape weather patterns? Discuss the impact of air masses on the climatic conditions of the Northern Hemisphere. (15 marks, 250 words)</p>
<p>(b) गहरे समुद्र में खनन क्या है? इससे संबंधित सभाव्य लाभ एवं खतरा क्या है? What is deep-sea mining? What are the potential benefits and risks associated with it?</p>	<p>7. Define deep-sea mining and briefly explain how it can result in long-lasting changes to the seabed ecosystem. (10 marks, 150 words) <b>SENIORS (TEST 18)</b></p>
<p>अन्वेषण कीजिए। Why are coral reefs in India most important with respect to its dynamic ecosystem? Explore. 15</p>	<p>9. Tropical rainforests of the ocean are under serious threat of existence. Discuss. Also, suggest measures to rejuvenate these critical ecosystems. (10 marks, 150 words)</p>

<p>(b) पृथ्वी की वायुमण्डल प्रणाली में ऊर्जा के वितरण एवं संतुलन का परीक्षण कीजिए। Examine the distribution and balance of energy in the Earth's atmosphere system. 20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VAJIRAM &amp; RAVI</b></p> <p>1. Discuss the concept of Earth's heat budget. How does it influence the planet's climate system? In the context of global warming, mention strategies for stabilising it. (10 marks, 150 words)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SENIORS TEST 6</b></p>
<p>Explain the factors that contribute to droughts in India with specific reference to food production, distribution and availability. Can Indian agricultural policies resolve the issue? 20</p>	<p>8. Examine the reasons why drought is among the most frequent climatic extremes experienced in India. (10 marks, 150 words)</p>
<p>7.(c) भारत के नीली अर्थव्यवस्था में गहम बढ़ाने के पहल की वैधता की जांच कीजिए। देश के विकास में इस अर्थव्यवस्था के प्रभावों की विस्तार से व्याख्या कीजिए। Examine the validity of Blue Economy initiatives of India. Elaborate the impacts of this economy on country's development. 15</p>	<p>14. What is a Regenerative Blue Economy? How does it differ from conventional blue growth models? Highlight the role of the Regenerative Blue Economy in mitigating climate change and halting biodiversity loss. (15 marks, 250 words)</p>
<p>6.(b) भारत की परिवहन और संचार संपर्क प्रणाली के संदर्भ में सागरमाला परियोजना की समालोचनात्मक चर्चा कीजिए। With reference to the transport and communication network of India, critically discuss the Sagarmala project. 15</p>	<p>6. "Port led development can significantly contribute towards India's economic growth." Discuss the achievements of Sagarmala Programme in this context. What measures can be taken to enhance the port-led economy in India? (10 marks, 150 words)</p>

<p><b>PUB AD</b> <b>UPSC QUESTION 2025</b></p>	<p><b>VAJIRAM SURE SHOT</b> <b>GS TEST SERIES 2025</b></p>
<p>(c) कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) विपदा प्रबंधन के अभिनव उपकरण के रूप में उभरी है। उदाहरण सहित समझाइए। Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as an innovative tool in disaster management. Illustrate with examples. 10</p>	<p>8. How can AI technologies be leveraged to enhance disaster preparedness and response in India? What key challenges must be addressed for their effective implementation? (10 marks, 150 words)</p>

<p><b>HISTORY</b> <b>OPTIONAL QUESTIONS</b></p>	<p><b>VAJIRAM SURE SHOT</b> <b>GS TEST SERIES REFLECTION</b></p>
<p>In what ways did the tribal and peasant uprisings of the 19th century contribute to the rise and growth of nationalism in India? Examine. 20</p>	<p>14. Discuss the causes of tribal uprisings during British India and examine their contributions to the mainstream freedom movement. (15 marks, 250 words)</p>



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