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for UPSC Mains 2026



75 days Mains Action Plan

Subject	No. of days
Polity	10
Governance	6
Society + SJ	10
IR	6
Economy	9
Agriculture	6
Internal Security	6
Ethics	12
Geography+DM	10
Environment	N/A
History	N/A
S&T	N/A
Total	75 days





10 days Mains Polity Plan

UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
	Amendments	3	
	Constitutional Morality	2	
01. Indian Constitution-Historical underpinnings & evolu-	Case Laws	3	1
tion; Features, amendments, significant provisions, basic structure of Constitution	Making of the Constitution	1	
otractare or constitution	DPSP	1	
	Fundamental Rights	7 /	2
	Federalism	10/	1
02. Functions & responsibilities of the Union and the	Emergency	2	
States; issues and challenges of federal structure;	Union Territory	2	1
	Special Provisions	2	
	Executive Vs Judiciary	1	
03. Separation of Powers between different organs, dis-	Executive Vs Legislature	5	
pute redressal mechanisms and institutions	Judiciary Vs Legislature	2	1
	Separation of Powers	2	
04. Devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein	Local Self Government	8	1
05. Comparison of Indian constitutional scheme with other countries'	Constitutional Comparison	9	
	Bicameralism	4	
06. Parliament and State Legislatures (structure, func-	Parliamentary Committees	4	1
tioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges; issues	Parliamentary Privileges	1	
therein)	Presiding Officers	3	
	Role of MPs	2	
	Informal associations and their role in polity	1	
07. Structure, organization and functioning of the Exec-	Alternate Dispute Resolution	3	
utive and the Judiciary—Ministries and Departments of	Tribunal	1	
the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal	Judiciary	3	1
associations and their role in the Polity	Pressure Groups	5]
	Union Executive	4]
08. Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.	MCC	1	
	Electoral reforms	4],
	Political Parties	2	1
	Election Dispute and Disqualification	4	



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UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs
01. Indian Constitution-Historical underpinnings & evolution; Features, amendments, significant provisions, basic structure of Constitution	Fundamental Rights	7
02. Functions & responsibilities of the Union and the States; issues and challenges of federal structure;	Federalism	10
03. Separation of Powers between different organs, dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions	Executive Vs Legislature	5
04. Devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein	Local Self Government	8
05. Comparison of Indian constitutional scheme with other countries'	Constitutional Comparison	9
06. Parliament and State Legislatures (structure, functioning, conduct	Bicameralism	4
of business, powers & privileges; issues therein)	Parliamentary Committees	4
07. Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the	Pressure Groups	5
Judiciary—Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity	Union Executive	4
08. Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.	Electoral reforms	4
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6 days Mains Governance Plan

UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
10. Government Policies & Interventions for development	Government Schemes and Policies	3	2
of various sectors (issues in their design, implementation)	Structural reforms and Actions	6	
11.Development processes and the development industry	Civil Society	6	
—the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associa-	Donor Agencies	2	1
tions, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.	SHGs	6	
15. Transaparency and accountability (institutional and	Citizens Charter	3	
other measures); Citizens Charter, E-Governance (applica-	E-governance	8/	1
tions, models, successes, limitations, potential)	Transaparency and Accountability	7	
16. Role of Civil Services in a democracy.	Civil Services	5	1
	Constitutional Bodies	8	
09. Appointment to various Constitutional posts; Consti-	Enforcement Agencies	1	
tutional Bodies (powers, functions and responsibilities);	Quasi judicial Bodies	3	1
Statutory, Regulatory and Quasi-judicial bodies	Sectoral Regulatory Bodies	3	
	Statutory Bodies	8	



Priority Mains Governance Plan

UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs
10. Government Policies & Interventions for development of various	Structural reforms and Actions	
sectors (issues in their design, implementation) 11.Development processes and the development industry —the role	Civil Society	6
of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.	SHGs	6
15. Transaparency and accountability (institutional and other mea-	E-governance	8
sures); Citizens Charter, E-Governance (applications, models, successes, limitations, potential)	Transaparency and Accountability	7
16. Role of Civil Services in a democracy.	Civil Services	5
09. Appointment to various Constitutional posts; Constitutional Bodies	Constitutional Bodies	8
(powers, functions and responsibilities); Statutory, Regulatory and Quasi-judicial bodies	Statutory Bodies	8

10 days Mains Society +Social Justice Plan

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Priority Mains Society +Social Justice Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs
		Diversity and pluralism	6
	06. Salient features of Indian Society; Diversity of India;	Tribes & Related Issues	4
		Family	5
	O7 Dala of a constant and a constant of the co	Population and associated issues	5
	07. Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues.	Development and Related issues	4
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	08. Urbanisation: problems and remedies	Urban Planning	4
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	09. Globalisation and its effects on Indian society	Globalisation	10
	10. Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism &	Secularism	4
	secularism.	Social empowerment	4
Social	12. 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.		4
justice	13. Issues relating to development and management of	Education	5
Soc	Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human	Health	7
	Resources.	Human Resources	5
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	14. Issues relating to poverty and hunger	Poverty	6



6 days Mains IR Plan

UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
17.India and its neighborhood- relations.	Neighbourhood	7	1
	Bilateral Relations	9	1
18.Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.	Groupings involving Immediate and Extended neighbours	6	1
	Groupings beyond South Asia	4	
	Geo-politics affecting India's Interest	9 /	1
19.Effect of policies and politics of developed and devel-	Indian Diaspora	3	
oping countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.	Miscelleneous	1	1
	Energy X Foreign Policy	3	
	International Funding Agencies	4	
20.Important International institutions, agencies and foratheir structure, mandate.	United Nations and its Agencies	8	1
	WTO	4	





Priority Mains IR Plan

UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs
17.India and its neighborhood- relations.	Neighbourhood	7
	Bilateral Relations	9
18.Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.	Groupings involving Immediate and Extended neighbours	6
	Groupings beyond South Asia	4
19.Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.	Geo-politics affecting India's Interest	9
	International Funding Agencies	4
20.Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.	United Nations and its Agencies	8
	WTO	4





9 days Mains Economy Plan

UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
	Unemployment	2	
	Investment	1	
	Care X Monetized Economy	1	
	Demographic Dividend	1	
	Digitalization of Economy	1	
01. Indian Economy (issues re: planning, mobilisation of	GDP	3	
resources, growth, development, employment);	Economic Growth	3	2
	Miscellaneous	1	
	Monetary policy	1	
	Manufacturing Sector	4	
	Niti Aayog X Planning Commission	1	
	GST	3	
	Corporate Social Responsibilty	1	
	Financial Inclusion	2	
	Inclusive Growth	3	
02. Inclusive growth and issues arising from it	Inclusive Growth X Capitalism	1	1
	Inclusive Growth X Infrastructure	2	
	Inclusive Growth X Public Expenditure	1	
	Inclusive Growth X Sustainable Development	2	
	Current Budget	2	
03. Government Budgeting	Gender Budgeting	1	1
	Fiscal Policy	5	
10. Food processing and related industries in India (scope	Food Processing Sector	6	
& significance, location, upstream-downstream requirements, supply chain management);	Revolutions and Missions	1	1
	Balance of Payment	1	
	FDI	4	
10 5%	LPG Reform and Impact	4	
12.Effects of Liberalisation on the economy; Changes in Industrial policy & their effects on industrial growth	Protectionism and Currency Manipulations	2	2
	Special Economic Zones	1	
	Labour-intensive X Capital-intensive Export	1	
	Labour Reform	1	
13. Infrastructure (energy, ports, roads, airports, railways);	Airports X Infrastructure	2	
	PPP X Infrastructure	4	
	Renewable Energy	8	2
	Transport	1	

Priority Mains Economy Plan

UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs
	GDP	3
	Economic Growth	3
O1. Indian Economy (issues re: planning, mobilisation of resources, growth, development, employment);	Manufacturing Sector	4
growth, development, employments,	GST	3
	Inclusive Growth	3
02 Covernment Budgeting		
03. Government Budgeting	Fiscal Policy	5
10. Food processing and related industries in India (scope & signifi-	Food Processing Sector	6
cance, location, upstream-downstream requirements, supply chain management);	Revolutions and Missions	1
12.Effects of Liberalisation on the economy; Changes in Industrial	FDI	4
policy & their effects on industrial growth	LPG Reform and Impact	4
13. Infrastructure (energy, ports, roads, airports, railways); Investment	PPP X Infrastructure	4
models	Renewable Energy	8



6 days Mains Agriculture Plan

UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
	Crop Diversification	3	
	Cropping pattern	4	
04. Major Crops - Cropping patterns in various parts of	Horticulture	1	1
the country	Integrated Farming System	2	<u> </u>
	Millets	1	
	Organic Farming	1 /	
	Irrigation system	2	
05. Different types of irrigation and irrigation systems	Micro-Irrigation	2	
	Water Conservation	2	1
06. Storage, transport and marketing of Agricultural produce and issues and related constraints	Agri-Marketing	5	
/	Tech in Agri Production and Marketing	1	
07. E- technology in the aid of farmers	Tech in Agriculture Credit	1	1
	Tech in Farm Productivity and Income	2	
	Agriculture Subsidy	3	
	Agriculture Vulnerability & Crop Insurance	1	
08. Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies	Buffer stock & food security	2	
and MSP; PDS (objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping, issues of buffer stocks & food security), Technol-	Miscellaneous	1	1
ogy Missions	MSP	1	
	PDS	3	
	Revolutions and Missions	1	
09. Economics of Animal-Rearing	Non-Farm Activities (Livestock)	1	1
11. Land Reforms in India	Act based	1	
	Contract farming & Land leasing	1]
	Land Reforms	4	1
	Miscellaneous	1	



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UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs
04. Major Crops - Cropping patterns in various parts of the country	Crop Diversification	3
	Cropping pattern	4
05. Different types of irrigation and irrigation systems	Irrigation system	2
06. Storage, transport and marketing of Agricultural produce and issues and related constraints	Agri-Marketing	5
08. Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and MSP; PDS	Agriculture Subsidy	3
(objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping, issues of buffer stocks & food security), Technology Missions	PDS	3
11. Land Reforms in India	Land Reforms	4





6 days Mains Internal Security Plan

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UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated	
19. Linkages between Development & spread of	Left-Wing Extremism	6		
Extremism	N-E Insurgency	2 /	1	
20. Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.	Threat from External state and Non-state actors	5	_	
	Act based	1		
21. Challenges to internal security through communica-	Cyber security	8		
tion networks, role of media and social networking sites	Drug trafficking	1	2	
in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security;	Mob Violence	1	2	
money-laundering and its prevention.	Money-laundering and Prevention	2		
	Digital Media and Security Threats	3		
	Border Area Management	7		
22. Security challenges and their management in border areas - linkages of organized crime with terrorism.	Maritime Security challenges	3	2	
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23. Various Security forces and agencies and their	Act based	2	1	
mandate.	Mandates of Security forces	2	1	



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UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs
19. Linkages between Development & spread of Extremism	Left-Wing Extremism	6
20. Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.	Threat from External state and Non-state actors	5
role of media and social networking sites in internal security challeng-	Cyber security	8
	Digital Media and Security Threats	3
22. Security challenges and their management in border areas - linkages of organized crime with terrorism.	Border Area Management	7
	Maritime Security challenges	3
	Organized Crime and Terrorism	10
23. Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.	Mandates of Security forces	2



12 days Mains Ethics Plan

UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated	
	Applied Ethics x Environment	4		
	Applied Ethics x Technology	5		
	Consequences of Ethics	5		
1.Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, Determinants and Consequences of Ethics in - Human Actions; Dimensions	Normative Ethics (Deontology vs Teleology)	2	2	
of Ethics; Ethics - in Private and Public Relationships.	Determinants of Ethics	4	7	
	Essence of Ethics	2		
	Ethics in Private and Public sphere	4		
	Term Based	5		
2. Human Values: Lessons from the Lives and Teachings	Crisis of Ethical Values	3		
of Great Leaders, Reformers and Administrators; Role of	Role of Educational institutions	1	1	
family society and educational institutions in inculcating	Teachings of Great Leaders	7	1	
values.	Value Based Questions	2		
	Attitude for Civil Servants	7		
3.Attitude: Content, Structure, Function; its Influence and	Attitude for Individuals	3		
Relation with Thought and Behaviour; Moral and Political	Moral and Political Attitude	1	1	
Attitudes; Social Influence and Persuasion.	Organisational Attitude	2		
	Social influence and persuasion	2		
	El in Administration	1		
4.Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and	El X Crisis of Conscience	1	1	
application in administration and governance.	El: Concept and utility	3		
	EQ vs IQ	1		
	A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	3		
	Abraham Lincoln	2		
	Aristotle	1		
	Dalai Lama	2		
	Erik Erikson	1		
	Immanuel Kant	1		
	Jawaharlal Nehru	1		
	John Rawls's concept of social Justice	1		
5.Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from India and World	Kautilya	1	2	
india and World	Mahatma Gandhi	6		
	Plato	1		
	Potter Stewart	1		
	Sardar Patel	1		
	Socrates	2		
	Swami Vivekananda	5		
	Tirukkural	2		
	William James	1		



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	Empathy and Compassion	1	
	Foundational values	6	
Integrity, Impartiality and Non-partisanship, Objectivity,	Impartiality and Non-Partisanship	2	
Dedication to Public Service, Empathy, Tolerance and	Integrity	3] †
compassion towards weaker-sections	Integrity X Intelligence X Energy	1	
	Trustworthiness and Fortitude	1 /	
	Accountability and Ethical Governance	6	
7.Public/Civil Service Values and Ethics in Public Ad-	Public/Civil Service Values	5	
ministration: Status and Problems; Ethical Concerns	Corporate Governance	3	
and Dilemmas in Government and Private Institutions; Laws, Rules, Regulations and Conscience as Sources of	Conflict of interest	3	
Ethical Guidance; Accountability and Ethical Governance; Strengthening of Ethical and Moral Values in Governance; ethical Issues in International Relations and Funding; Corporate Governance	Ethical dilemmas in Public Administration	2	2
	Ethical Issues in International Relations and funding	8	
	Laws, Rules, Regulations and Conscience as Ethical Guidance	8	
	Challenges of Corruption	2	
2 Duality in Covernment of Dublic Coviders	Citizen's Charter	1	
8.Probity in Governance: Concept of Public Service; Philosophical Basis of Governance and Probity; Informa-	Codes of Ethics and Codes of Conduct	3	
tion Sharing and Transparency in Government, Right to	Work Culture	1	2
information; Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work Culture, Quality of Service Delivery, utilization of Public Funds, Challenges of Corruption.	Transparency X RTI	4	
	Probity in Governance	4	
zation of r ubile rulius, challenges of corruption.	Utilization of public funds	3	
	Quality of Service Delivery	2	



Priority Mains Ethics Plan

UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs
	Applied Ethics x Environment	4
	Applied Ethics x Technology	5
1.Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, Determinants and Conse-	Consequences of Ethics	5
quences of Ethics in - Human Actions; Dimensions of Ethics; Ethics - in Private and Public Relationships.	Determinants of Ethics	4
, mate and residence materials.	Ethics in Private and Public sphere	4
	Term Based	5
2. Human Values: Lessons from the Lives and Teachings of Great Lead-	Crisis of Ethical Values	3
ers, Reformers and Administrators; Role of family society and educational institutions in inculcating values.	Teachings of Great Leaders	7
3.Attitude: Content, Structure, Function; its Influence and Relation	Attitude for Civil Servants	7
with Thought and Behaviour; Moral and Political Attitudes; Social Influence and Persuasion.	Attitude for Individuals	3
4.Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.	El: Concept and utility	3
	A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	3
5.Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from India and World	Mahatma Gandhi	6
World	Swami Vivekananda	5
6.Aptitude and Foundational Values for Civil Service, Integrity, Impar-	Foundational values	6
tiality and Non-partisanship, Objectivity, Dedication to Public Service, Empathy, Tolerance and compassion towards weaker-sections	Integrity	3
	Accountability and Ethical Governance	6
7.Public/Civil Service Values and Ethics in Public Administration:	Public/Civil Service Values	5
Status and Problems; Ethical Concerns and Dilemmas in Government	Corporate Governance	3
and Private Institutions; Laws, Rules, Regulations and Conscience as	Conflict of interest	3
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	Ethical Issues in International Relations and funding	8
	Laws, Rules, Regulations and Conscience as Ethical Guidance	8
8.Probity in Governance: Concept of Public Service; Philosophical	Codes of Ethics and Codes of Conduct	3
Basis of Governance and Probity; Information Sharing and Transpar-	Transparency X RTI	4
ency in Government, Right to information; Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work Culture, Quality of Service Delivery,	Probity in Governance	4
utilization of Public Funds, Challenges of Corruption.	Utilization of public funds	3



10 days Mains Geography+DM Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
		Climatology	5	
	11. Salient Features of World Physical Geography	Monsoon	3	2
		Oceanography	5	
		Geomorphology	11	1
	12. Distribution of key Natural Resources	Energy	8	1
	(world, South Asia and Indian subcontinent)	Natural resources Potential	5	
	13. Factors responsible for the location of pri-	Primary sector	9	
	mary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries	Secondary sector	8	1
	in various parts of the world (including India).	Tertiary sector	5	
		Land use planning	1	
Geography		Cyclone	4	
Geography	14. Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., 15. 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.	Landslides	3	
		Volcanic activity	1	
		Cloudbursts	1	1
		Twisters	1	
		Aurora	1	
		Tsunamis	1	
		Flora and Fauna	4	1
		Climate change	3	_
		Water Management	10	1
		Cryosphere	4	1
		Miscellaneous	3	_
	18. Disaster and Disaster Management	Cloudburst	2	
		Disaster Preparedness and Resilience	4	
		Vulnerability and Risk Assessment	2	
Disaster Management		Drought	1	1
		Earthquake	2	
		Landslide	1	
		Dam failures	1	
		Tsunami	1	
		Urban floods	2	



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Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs
	11. Salient Features of World Physical	Climatology	5
		Monsoon	3
	Geography	Oceanography	5
		Geomorphology	11
	12. Distribution of key Natural Resources (world, South Asia	Energy	8
	and Indian subcontinent)	Natural resources Potential	5
	13. Factors responsible for the location of primary, second-	Primary sector	9
Geography	ary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).	Secondary sector	8
		Tertiary sector	5
	14. Important Geophysical phenomena such as earth-	Cyclone	4
	quakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc.,	Landslides	3
	15. 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	Flora and Fauna	4
		Climate change	3
		Water Management	10
	changes.	Cryosphere	4
Disaster	18. Disaster and Disaster Management	Disaster Preparedness and Resilience	4
Management		Vulnerability and Risk Assessment	2