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# 150 Days Plan for UPSC Mains 2027

**Smash Mains 2027 [April Batch]**

*The Basic Test Plan: 150 Days to Grip  
the Entire Mains Syllabus (APRIL TO SEPT)*

# 5 Months | 150 Days Plan

For Basic Tests (April To Sept)

Subject	No. of days	
Art and Culture	6	●●●●●●
Modern	8	●●●●●●●●
World History	4	●●●●
Post Ind	3	●●●
Society + SJ	12	●●●●●●●●●●●●
Geography + DM	15	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
Polity	18	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
Governance	8	●●●●●●●●
IR	8	●●●●●●●●
Economy	12	●●●●●●●●●●●●
Agriculture	8	●●●●●●●●
Environment	10	●●●●●●●●●●
S&T	8	●●●●●●●●
Internal security	10	●●●●●●●●●●
Ethics	20	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
<b>Total</b>	<b>150 days</b>	

# Polity Test 1: 10-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B01 Polity Test (01)	01. Indian Constitution-Historical underpinnings & evolution; Features, amendments, significant provisions, basic structure of Constitution	Amendments	3	3
		Constitutional Morality	2	
		Case Laws	3	
		Making of the Constitution	1	
		DPSP	1	
		Fundamental Rights	7	2
	02. Functions & responsibilities of the Union and the States; issues and challenges of federal structure;	Federalism	10	2
		Emergency	2	
		Union Territory	2	
		Special Provisions	2	
	03. Separation of Powers between different organs, dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions	Executive Vs Judiciary	1	1
		Executive Vs Legislature	5	
		Judiciary Vs Legislature	2	
		Separation of Powers	2	
	04. Devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein	Local Self Government	8	2
	<b>ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (01) POLITY</b>			

# Polity Test 2: 8-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B02 Polity Test (02)	05. Comparison of Indian constitutional scheme with other countries'	Constitutional Comparison	9	1
	06. Parliament and State Legislatures (structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges; issues therein)	Bicameralism	4	2
		Parliamentary Committees	4	
		Parliamentary Privileges	1	
		Presiding Officers	3	
		Role of MPs	2	
	07. Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary—Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity	Informal associations and their role in polity	1	2
		Alternate Dispute Resolution	3	
		Tribunal	1	
		Judiciary	3	1
		Pressure Groups	5	
		Union Executive	4	
	08. Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.	MCC	1	2
		Electoral reforms	4	
Political Parties		2		
Election Dispute and Disqualification		4		
ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (02) POLITY				

# Economy Test: 12-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B03 Economy Test	01. Indian Economy (issues re: planning, mobilisation of re-sources, growth, development, employment);	Unemployment	2	3
		Investment	1	
		Care X Monetized Economy	1	
		Demographic Dividend	1	
		Digitalization of Economy	1	
		GDP	3	
		Economic Growth	3	
		Miscellaneous	1	
		Monetary policy	1	
		Manufacturing Sector	4	
		Niti Aayog X Planning Commission	1	
	GST	3		
	02. Inclusive growth and issues arising from it	Corporate Social Responsibility	1	2
		Financial Inclusion	2	
		Inclusive Growth	3	
Inclusive Growth X Capitalism		1		
Inclusive Growth X Infrastructure		2		
Inclusive Growth X Public Expenditure		1		
03. Government Budgeting	Current Budget	2	2	
	Gender Budgeting	1		
	Fiscal Policy	5		
B03 Economy Test	10. Food processing and related industries in India (scope & significance, location, upstream-downstream requirements, supply chain management);	Food Processing Sector	6	1
		Revolutions and Missions	1	
	12. Effects of Liberalisation on the economy; Changes in Industrial policy & their effects on industrial growth	Balance of Payment	1	2
		FDI	4	
		LPG Reform and Impact	4	
		Protectionism and Currency Manipulations	2	
		Special Economic Zones	1	
		Labour-intensive X Capital-intensive Export	1	
	13. Infrastructure (energy, ports, roads, airports, railways); Investment models	Labour Reform	1	2
		Airports X Infrastructure	2	
		PPP X Infrastructure	4	
		Renewable Energy	8	
		Transport	1	

ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (03) ECONOMY

# Agriculture Test: 8-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B04 Agriculture Test	04. Major Crops - Cropping patterns in various parts of the country	Crop Diversification	3	2
		Cropping pattern	4	
		Horticulture	1	
		Integrated Farming System	2	
		Millets	1	
		Organic Farming	1	
	05. Different types of irrigation and irrigation systems	Irrigation system	2	1
		Micro-Irrigation	2	
		Water Conservation	2	
	06. Storage, transport and marketing of Agricultural produce and issues and related constraints	Agri-Marketing	5	1
	07. E- technology in the aid of farmers	Tech in Agri Production and Marketing	1	1
		Tech in Agriculture Credit	1	
		Tech in Farm Productivity and Income	2	
	08. Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and MSP; PDS (objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping, issues of buffer stocks & food security), Technology Missions	Agriculture Subsidy	3	1
		Agriculture Vulnerability & Crop Insurance	1	
		Buffer stock & food security	2	
		Miscellaneous	1	
		MSP	1	
		PDS	3	
	09. Economics of Animal-Rearing	Non-Farm Activities (Livestock)	1	1
11. Land Reforms in India	Act based	1	1	
	Contract farming & Land leasing	1		
	Land Reforms	4		
	Miscellaneous	1		
ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (04) AGRICULTURE				

# Modern History Test: 8-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B05 Modern History Test	02. Modern Indian History- Mid-18th century - Present (significant events, personalities, issues);	Colonial rule and impact	5	8
		Gandhi X Indian Leaders of Freedom Struggle	5	
		Revolt and Mutiny	5	
		Socio-religious reform	3	
		Viceroy and their Administration	2	
	03. Freedom Struggle- Various stages, important contributors/ contributions from different parts of the country	Acts and their Features	1	
		Important contributors/contribution	4	
		Various stages of Freedom struggle	5	

ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (05) MODERN HISTORY

# Art and Culture Test: 6-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B06 Art and Culture	01. Indian Culture- Salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.	Dance forms	1	6
		Conservation of Indian Art & Heritage	1	
		Bhakti and Sufi movement	3	
		Buddhism	3	
		Civilizations & Highlights	5	
		Indian Philosophy	1	
		Kingdoms & Highlights	8	
		Kings & Contributions	2	
		Miscellaneous	2	
		Travellers	1	
		Sculptures and Significance	2	
		Rock-cut Architecture as Historical Sources	2	
		Literature as Historical Sources	2	

ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (06) ART & CULTURE

# Geography Test 1: 10-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B07 Geography Test (01)	11. Salient Features of World Physical Geography	Climatology	5	5
		Monsoon	3	
		Oceanography	5	
		Geomorphology	11	
	14. Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc.,	Cyclone	4	2
		Landslides	3	
		Volcanic activity	1	
		Cloudbursts	1	
		Twisters	1	
		Aurora	1	
	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.	Flora and Fauna	4	3
		Climate change	3	
		Water Management	10	
		Cryosphere	4	
		Miscellaneous	3	

ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (07) GEOGRAPHY I

# Geography Test 2: 5-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B08 Geography Test (02)	12. Distribution of key Natural Resources (world, South Asia and Indian subcontinent)	Energy	8	3
		Natural resources Potential	5	
	13. Factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).	Primary sector	9	2
		Secondary sector	8	
		Tertiary sector	5	
		Land use planning	1	

ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (08) GEOGRAPHY II



# Environment + Disaster Test:

## 10-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B09 Environment + Disaster Management Test	17. Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment	Biodiversity	1	8
		Wetlands	2	
		EIA	4	
		Air Pollution and Related Issues	4	
		Solid wastes	1	
		Water Pollution and Related Issues	6	
		Mining and Erosion	4	
		River linking and Impact	1	
		EVs	1	
		IPCC Reports	1	
		Climate Change	1	
		Sustainable Development	1	
		UNFCCC	5	
	18. Disaster and Disaster Management	Cloudburst	2	2
		Disaster Preparedness and Resilience	4	
		Vulnerability and Risk Assessment	2	
		Drought	1	
		Earthquake	2	
		Landslide	1	
Dam failures		1		
Tsunami	1			
Urban floods	2			
ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (09) ENVIRONMENT + DISASTER				

# Society + Social Justice Test:

## 12-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B10 Society + Social Justice	06. Salient features of Indian Society; Diversity of India;	Diversity and pluralism	6	1
		Tribes & Related Issues	4	
		Family	5	
		Uniqueness of Indian society	3	
	07. Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues.	Population and associated issues	5	1
		Poverty and Related issues	3	
		Development and Related issues	4	
		Women and Associated concerns	10	
	08. Urbanisation: problems and remedies	Urban Water Management	3	1
		Environmental Issues	1	
		Urban Planning	4	
		Urban Poverty and Migration	3	
		Emerging Urbanisation Trends	4	
	09. Globalisation and its effects on Indian society	Globalisation	10	1
	10. Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism	Caste system	3	2
		Communalism	3	
		Miscellaneous	2	
		Regionalism	3	
		Secularism	4	
		Social empowerment	4	
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.	Children	1	2	
	Disables	2		
	Efficacy of Welfare and Development Schemes	4		
	Women	2		
13. Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.	Education	5	2	
	Health	7		
	Human Resources	5		
	Miscellaneous	1		
14. Issues relating to poverty and hunger	Hunger	3	2	
	Miscellaneous	1		
	Poverty	6		
ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (10) SOCIETY + SOCIAL JUSTICE				

# Governance Test: 8-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B11 Governance Test	10. Government Policies & Interventions for development of various sectors (issues in their design, implementation)	Government Schemes and Policies	3	1
		Structural reforms and Actions	6	
	11. Development processes and the development industry —the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.	Civil Society	6	2
		Donor Agencies	2	
		SHGs	6	
	15. Transparency and accountability (institutional and other measures); Citizens Charter, E-Governance (applications, models, successes, limitations, potential)	Citizens Charter	3	2
		E-governance	8	
		Transparency and Accountability	7	
	16. Role of Civil Services in a democracy.	Civil Services	5	1
	09. Appointment to various Constitutional posts; Constitutional Bodies (powers, functions and responsibilities); Statutory, Regulatory and Quasi-judicial bodies	Constitutional Bodies	8	2
		Enforcement Agencies	1	
Quasi judicial Bodies		3		
Sectoral Regulatory Bodies		3		
Statutory Bodies		8		
<b>ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (11) GOVERNANCE</b>				

# IR Test: 8-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B12 International Relations	17. India and its neighborhood-relations.	Neighbourhood	7	2
	18. Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.	Bilateral Relations	9	2
		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	2
		Indian Diaspora	3	
		Miscellaneous	1	
		Energy X Foreign Policy	3	
	20. Important International institutions, agencies and for their structure, mandate.	International Funding Agencies	4	2
		United Nations and its Agencies	8	
WTO		4		
ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (12) INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS				

# Internal Security Test:

## 10-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B13 Internal Security	19. Linkages between Development & spread of Extremism	Left-Wing Extremism	6	2
		N-E Insurgency	2	
	20. Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.	Threat from External state and Non-state actors	5	2
	21. 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.	Act based	1	3
		Cyber security	8	
		Drug trafficking	1	
		Mob Violence	1	
		Money-laundering and Prevention	2	
	22. Security challenges and their management in border areas - linkages of organized crime with terrorism.	Digital Media and Security Threats	3	2
		Border Area Management	7	
		Maritime Security challenges	3	
	23. Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.	Organized Crime and Terrorism	10	1
		Act based	2	
	Mandates of Security forces	2		
<b>ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (13) INTERNAL SECURITY</b>				

# S&T Test: 8-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B14 Sci & Tech Test	14. Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life	Innovative Technologies	2	3
		Material Science and Industry Applications	1	
		Medical and Health Technologies	4	
		General Science	1	
		Nobel Prizes	1	
		Sports and Technology	1	
		Tech in crisis Management	2	
		Tech solutions for daily challenges	2	
	15. Achievements of Indians in S&T; Indigenisation of technology & developing new technology	Achievements of Indians in S&T	3	1
		Nuclear Technology	2	
	16. Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights	Artificial Intelligence	1	4
		Bio-Technology	5	
		Defence Technology	1	
		Intellectual Property Rights	5	
		IT	1	
		Nano Technology	2	
Robotics		1		
Space Technology	7			
<b>ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (14) SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>				

# Ethics Test 1: 8-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B15 Ethics Test (01)	1.Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, Determinants and Consequences of Ethics in - Human Actions; Dimensions of Ethics; Ethics - in Private and Public Relationships.	Applied Ethics x Environment	4	2
		Applied Ethics x Technology	5	
		Consequences of Ethics	5	
		Normative Ethics (Deontology vs Teleology)	2	
		Determinants of Ethics	4	
		Essence of Ethics	2	
		Ethics in Private and Public sphere	4	
		Term Based	5	
	2. Human Values: Lessons from the Lives and Teachings of Great Leaders, Reformers and Administrators; Role of family society and educational institutions in inculcating values.	Crisis of Ethical Values	3	2
		Role of Educational institutions	1	
		Teachings of Great Leaders	7	
		Value Based Questions	2	
	3.Attitude: Content, Structure, Function; its Influence and Relation with Thought and Behaviour; Moral and Political Attitudes; Social Influence and Persuasion.	Attitude for Civil Servants	7	1
		Attitude for Individuals	3	
		Moral and Political Attitude	1	
		Organisational Attitude	2	
		Social influence and persuasion	2	
	4. Aptitude and Foundational Values for Civil Service, Integrity, Impartiality and Non-partisanship, Objectivity, Dedication to Public Service, Empathy, Tolerance and compassion towards weaker-sections	Empathy and Compassion	1	2
		Foundational values	6	
		Impartiality and Non-Partisanship	2	
		Integrity	3	
		Integrity X Intelligence X Energy	1	
		Trustworthiness and Fortitude	1	
	6.Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from India	A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	3	1
		Dalai Lama	2	
		Jawaharlal Nehru	1	
		Kautilya	1	
		Mahatma Gandhi	6	
Sardar Patel		1		
Swami Vivekananda		5		
Tirukkural		2		

ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (15) ETHICS I

# Ethics Test 2: 7-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B16 Ethics Test (02)	5. Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.	El in Administration	1	1
		El X Crisis of Conscience	1	
		El: Concept and utility	3	
		EQ vs IQ	1	
	6. Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from World	Abraham Lincoln	2	1
		Aristotle	1	
		Erik Erikson	1	
		Immanuel Kant	1	
		John Rawls's concept of social Justice	1	
		Plato	1	
		Potter Stewart	1	
		Socrates	2	
	7. 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	Accountability and Ethical Governance	6	3
		Public/Civil Service Values	5	
		Corporate Governance	3	
		Conflict of interest	3	
		Ethical dilemmas in Public Administration	2	
		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 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.	Challenges of Corruption	2	2
Citizen's Charter		1		
Codes of Ethics and Codes of Conduct		3		
Work Culture		1		
Transparency X RTI		4		
Probity in Governance		4		
Utilization of public funds		3		
Quality of Service Delivery		2		
ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (16) ETHICS II				

# Ethics Case Studies Test 3:

## 5-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B17 Ethics Case Study Test (03)	Topic 9. Case Studies on the above issues.	Case Studies		5
ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (17) ETHICS III				

# Post Independence + World History Test: 7-Days Plan

Subject	UPSC Syllabus	Microthemes	No. of UPSC PYQs	No. of Days allocated
B18 Post independence and World History	04. Post-Independence- Consolidation and reorganisation within country	Foreign influence on Independent India's policies	1	3
		Land reform	1	
		Personalities Contribution	1	
		Slogan based	1	
		States Reorganistion	3	
		Consolidation after Independence	2	
		Wars after Independence	2	
	05. 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.	American and French revolution	3	4
		Anti-colonial struggles	4	
		Great Economic Depression	1	
		Industrial Revolution	3	
Miscellaneous		3		
World wars	3			
ATTEMPT BASIC TEST (18) POST INDEPENDENCE + WORLD HISTORY				