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INTERACTIVE DISTANCE LEARNING: MAIN TEST SERIES PROGRAMME 2011

Expert Guidance, Feedback & Telephonic Discussion

ANSWER WRITING EVALUATION PROGRAMME

Starting on: 26 June

GEOGRAPHY IAS MAINS TEST SERIES 2011: MODULE I (10 MOCK TESTS)

FOCUS: Answer writing skill development, Structure & presentation of answer, How to present facts, information & knowledge in the answer, Understanding actual requirement (key words , Context & Content) of the UPSC in the different marks types questions (60 Marks , 30 Marks , 20 marks) and which questions should be attempted for good score (strategy & approach) , Understanding your current state preparedness & required action plans and Framing your mind towards actual pattern, toughness and timing of the actual UPSC Examination.

Criteria for assessment of candidate performance in the written IAS exam as per UPSC instruction:

"The main Examination is intended to assess the overall intellectual traits and depth of understanding of candidates rather than merely the range of their information and memory".

- Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)

Methodology for evaluation of Answer sheet: Our expert will evaluate answer sheet on following indicators and experience in the field UPSC.

Table with 2 columns: EVALUATION INDICATORS and QUESTION No. Score (1 - 5). Rows include Alignment Competence, Context Competence, Content Competence, Language Competence, Introduction Competence, Structure - Presentations Competence, Conclusion Competence, and MARKS.

Score: Scale: 1- 5

- 5 - Outstanding
4 - Excellent
3 - Good
2 - Average
1 - Poor

NOTE: 1. Total Marks in the question has been given on proper consideration of weightage of every evaluation indicators based on types of the questions and UPSC experience of the expert.

2. The score of every indicator for any question will highlight candidate's competence performance (for understanding of the level of quality of the question and required action plans).

3. Effective feedback and comments has been marked by expert.

Basic understanding of following Designed Competences

- ◆ **Alignment Competence:**
 - Writing the answer according to the actual requirement of the questions
 - Focus on Key words & Tail words effectively (*Elucidate – Explain, Comment , Examine , Critically examine , Discuss , Analyze , Illustrate , Review , Argue , Justify etc.*)
- ◆ **Context Competence:**
 - Contextual understanding of the Questions
 - Present relevant information , choice of words and proper statement
- ◆ **Content Competence :**
 - Content of the answer in the contextual framework
- ◆ **Language Competence :**
 - Optional Subject Specific Language not used general words in the optional paper (but In General Studies language should be simple and clear)
 - Appropriate words at proper place
 - Word limits
- ◆ **Structure – Presentation Competence:**
 - Proper systematization in the structure of the answer
 - Proper consideration of priority and focus of given ideas.
 - Logical structure of sentence and their connectivity
 - proper visibility of idea through facts, data , diagram , figure , illustration according to the requirement of the question
- ◆ **Introduction – Conclusion Competence:**
 - Impressive beginning and Ending of the answer
 - Give your opinion only when asked for it.
 - Incorporate your opinion from different perspective in a balance manner

GEOGRAPHY IAS MAINS TEST SERIES 2011: **MODULE I (10 MOCK TESTS)**

Number of Mock Tests : 10

Fee : Rs 6000

Nature : Flexible - Date of dispatch / Mock Test can be rescheduled on the demand of the aspirants.
- You can stretch Main Test Series Programme 2011 till 25 Sept 2011(Last Mock Test).

What you will get:

- Mock Test Papers & answer sheet (10 Tests)
- Evaluated Answer Booklet by experts with proper feedback, comments & guidance.
- Answer format (Synopsis) of Mock Test paper

SCHEDULE & CONTENT

TEST No.	Date of Mock Test *	Sections Covered	Topics covered
Test 1	26 June 2011	<p style="text-align: center;">1. Geomorphology</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2. Climatology</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3. Oceanography</p>	<p>1. Geomorphology: Factors controlling landform development; endogenetic and exogenetic forces; Origin and evolution of the earth's crust; Fundamentals of geomagnetism; Physical conditions of the earth's interior; Geosynclines; Continental drift; Isostasy; Plate tectonics; Recent views on mountain building; Vulcanicity; Earthquakes and Tsunamis; Concepts of geomorphic cycles and Landscape development ; Denudation chronology; Channel morphology; Erosion surfaces; Slope development ; Applied Geomorphology : Geohydrology, economic geology and environment.</p>

			<p>2. Climatology: Temperature and pressure belts of the world; Heat budget of the earth; Atmospheric circulation; atmospheric stability and instability. Planetary and local winds; Monsoons and jet streams; Air masses and frontogenesis, Temperate and tropical cyclones; Types and distribution of precipitation; Weather and Climate; Koppen's, Thornthwaite's and Trewartha's classification of world climates; Hydrological cycle; Global climatic change and role and response of man in climatic changes, Applied climatology and Urban climate.</p> <p>3. Oceanography: Bottom topography of the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans; Temperature and salinity of the oceans; Heat and salt budgets, Ocean deposits; Waves, currents and tides; Marine resources: biotic, mineral and energy resources; Coral reefs, coral bleaching; sea-level changes; law of the sea and marine pollution</p>
Test 2	10 July 2011	<p>4. Biogeography</p> <p>5. Environmental Geography</p> <p>6. Perspectives in Human Geography</p> <p>7. Economic Geography</p>	<p>4. Biogeography: Genesis of soils; Classification and distribution of soils; Soil profile; Soil erosion, Degradation and conservation; Factors influencing world distribution of plants and animals; Problems of deforestation and conservation measures; Social forestry; agro-forestry; Wild life; Major gene pool centres.</p> <p>5. Environmental Geography: Principle of ecology; Human ecological adaptations; Influence of man on ecology and environment; Global and regional ecological changes and imbalances; Ecosystem their management and conservation; Environmental degradation, management and conservation; Biodiversity and sustainable development; Environmental policy; Environmental hazards and remedial measures; Environmental education and legislation.</p> <p>6. Perspectives in Human Geography: Areal differentiation; regional synthesis; Dichotomy and dualism; Environmentalism; Quantitative revolution and locational analysis; radical, behavioural, human and welfare approaches; Languages, religions and secularisation; Cultural regions of the world; Human development index.</p> <p>7. Economic Geography: World economic development: measurement and problems; World resources and their distribution; Energy crisis; the limits to growth; World agriculture: typology of agricultural regions; agricultural inputs and productivity; Food and nutrition problems; Food security; famine: causes, effects and remedies; World industries: locational patterns and problems; patterns of world trade.</p>
Test 3	24 July 2011	<p>8. Population and Settlement Geography</p>	<p>3. Population and Settlement Geography: Growth and distribution of world population; demographic attributes; Causes and consequences of migration; concepts of over-under-and optimum population; Population theories, world population problems and policies, Social well-being and quality of life;</p>

		<p>9. Regional Planning</p> <p>10. Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography</p>	<p>Population as social capital.</p> <p>Types and patterns of rural settlements; Environmental issues in rural settlements; Hierarchy of urban settlements; Urban morphology: Concepts of primate city and rank-size rule; Functional classification of towns; Sphere of urban influence; Rural - urban fringe; Satellite towns; Problems and remedies of urbanization; Sustainable development of cities.</p> <p>4.Regional Planning: Concept of a region; Types of regions and methods of regionalisation; Growth centres and growth poles; Regional imbalances; regional development strategies; environmental issues in regional planning; Planning for sustainable development.</p> <p>5. Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography: Systems analysis in Human geography; Malthusian, Marxian and demographic transition models; Central Place theories of Christaller and Losch;Perroux and Boudeville; Von Thunen’s model of agricultural location; Weber’s model of industrial location; Ostov’s model of stages of growth. Heartland and Rimland theories; Laws of international boundaries and frontiers.</p>
Test 4	7 August 2011	<p>1.Physical Setting</p> <p>2. Resources</p> <p>3. Agriculture</p>	<p>1. Physical Setting: Space relationship of India with neighboring countries; Structure and relief; Drainage system and watersheds; Physiographic regions; Mechanism of Indian monsoons and rainfall patterns, Tropical cyclones and western disturbances; Floods and droughts; Climatic regions; Natural vegetation; Soil types and their distributions.</p> <p>2.Resources: Land, surface and ground water, energy, minerals, biotic and marine resources; Forest and wild life resources and their conservation; Energy crisis.</p> <p>3. Agriculture: Infrastructure: irrigation, seeds, fertilizers, power; Institutional factors: land holdings, land tenure and land reforms; Cropping pattern, agricultural productivity, agricultural intensity, crop combination, land capability; Agro and social-forestry; Green revolution and its socio- economic and ecological implications; Significance of dry farming; Livestock resources and white revolution; aqua - culture; sericulture, apiculture and poultry; agricultural regionalisation; agro-climatic zones; agro-ecological regions.</p>
			<p>4. Industry: Evolution of industries; Locational factors of cotton, jute, textile, iron and steel, aluminium, fertilizer, paper, chemical and pharmaceutical, automobile, cottage and agro - based industries; Industrial houses and complexes including public sector undertakings; Industrial regionalisation; New industrial policies; Multinationals and liberalization; Special Economic Zones; Tourism including eco -tourism.</p>

<p>Test 5</p>	<p>21 August 2011</p>	<p>4. Industry</p> <p>5. Transport, Communication and Trade</p> <p>6. Cultural Setting</p>	<p>5. Transport, Communication and Trade: Road, railway, waterway, airway and pipeline networks and their complementary roles in regional development; Growing importance of ports on national and foreign trade; Trade balance; Trade Policy; Export processing zones; Developments in communication and information technology and their impacts on economy and society; Indian space programme.</p> <p>6. Cultural Setting: Historical Perspective of Indian Society; Racial, linguistic and ethnic diversities; religious minorities; major tribes, tribal areas and their problems; cultural regions; Growth, distribution and density of population; Demographic attributes: sex-ratio, age structure, literacy rate, work-force, dependency ratio, longevity; migration (inter-regional, intra- regional and international) and associated problems; Population problems and policies; Health indicators.</p>
<p>Test 6</p>	<p>2 September 2011</p>	<p>7. Settlements</p> <p>8. Regional Development and Planning</p> <p>9. Political Aspects</p> <p>10. Contemporary Issues</p>	<p>7.Settlements: Types, patterns and morphology of rural settlements; Urban developments; Morphology of Indian cities; Functional classification of Indian cities; Conurbations and metropolitan regions; urban sprawl; Slums and associated problems; town planning; Problems of urbanization and remedies.</p> <p>8.Regional Development and Planning: Experience of regional planning in India; Five Year Plans; Integrated rural development programmes; Panchayati Raj and decentralised planning; Command area development; Watershed management; Planning for backward area, desert, drought prone, hill, tribal area development; multi-level planning; Regional planning and development of island territories.</p> <p>9. Political Aspects: Geographical basis of Indian federalism; State reorganisation; Emergence of new states; Regional consciousness and inter state issues; international boundary of India and related issues; Cross border terrorism; India's role in world affairs; Geopolitics of South Asia and Indian Ocean realm.</p> <p>10.Contemporary Issues: Ecological issues: Environmental hazards: landslides, earthquakes, Tsunamis, floods and droughts, epidemics; Issues relating to environmental pollution; Changes in patterns of land use; Principles of environmental impact assessment and environmental management; Population explosion and food security; Environmental degradation; Deforestation, desertification and soil erosion; Problems of agrarian and industrial unrest; Regional disparities in economic development; Concept of sustainable growth and development; Environmental awareness; Linkage of rivers; Globalisation and Indian economy.</p>

Test 7	11 Sep. 2011	FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST- 1	[Morning Session : 9 AM to 12 PM] Complete syllabus of Paper I
Test 8		FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST- 2	[Evening Session : 2 PM to 5 PM] Complete Syllabus of Paper II
Test 9	25 Sep. 2011	FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST- 3	[Morning Session : 9 AM to 12 PM] Complete syllabus of Paper I
Test 10		FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST- 4	[Evening Session : 2 PM to 5 PM] Complete Syllabus of Paper II

NOTE:

1. Question Papers of the Mock Test & answer sheet will be dispatched through air mail before the date of Mock Test (4 days); it will take 2-3 days to reach its destination.
2. Next Mock test paper & Answer Booklet will be dispatched with evaluated Answer Booklet with proper Comments, Feedback & Guidelines & Synopsis / Answer format of previous mock test paper.
3. You are advised to return the answer booklet at the earliest, so that our expert can evaluate in time. The evaluated answer booklet will be returned with the successive test.
4. Date of dispatch can be rescheduled on the demand of the candidate.

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- **Geography IAS Mains: Useful Resource** (Key Books, Study material , Question Trend Analysis & Strategy – Guidelines) Link at: <http://wp.me/p49IH-1di>
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