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INTERACTIVE PHILOSOPHY MAINS TEST SERIES 2013: MODULE III (17 MOCK TESTS)
ANSWER WRITING EVALUATION PROGRAMME (Experts Support: Telephonic Discussion / Email Interaction)

- **Anoop Kumar Singh**

+ Value Addition material

Program Objective : This is a comprehensive and intensive 'interactive' distance learning program focusing on sincere IAS Aspirants who will appear in Civil Service Exam 2013. Our experts provide step by step guidance to aspirants for understanding the concepts of the subject and preparing them for effective answer writing.

Approach & Strategy : Our simple, practical and focused approach will help aspirants understand the demand of UPSC exam effectively. Our strategy is to constantly innovate to keep the preparation process dynamic and give personalized attention to individual aspirants based on factors like core competence, availability of time and resource and the requirement of Civil Service Exam. Our Interactive Learning approach (Email / Telephonic Discussion: Experts with Aspirants) will continuously improve aspirant's performance and move their preparation in the right direction.

ADMISSION OPEN

Starting on: MAY 5, 2012

Number of Mock Tests : **17**
Fee : **Rs 11000**
Nature : **Flexible** -**Date of dispatch**: Reschedule on the demand of the aspirants [**schedule A (Interval: 21 Days), Schedule B (15 Days) and Schedule C (Personalized scheduling)**]
              -**Mode of dispatch:** Printed material via airmail / PDF material via email / download material from Vision IAS Mains test Series Platform (Login/ password)

What you will get:

- Login id & Password for performance analysis of aspirants (**I**nnovative **A**ssessment **S**ystem)
- Mock Test Papers & answer sheet (17 Tests)
- Evaluated Answer Booklet by experts with proper feedback, comments & guidance.
- Answer format (Synopsis) of Mock Test paper
- Analysis of Mock Test papers based on difficulty level & nature of questions.
- Comprehensive analysis of previous year questions
- Value Addition material

INNOVATIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM:

- ✔ Static & dynamic Potential of Mock test papers (Scoring Potential) , Macro & Micro performance Analysis of aspirants ,Section wise analysis , Comparison of your Marks vs Potential of each Question , Difficulty Analysis , All India Rank,   comparison with toppers, Geographical Analysis , Integrated Score Card , Analysis of Mock Test papers based on difficulty level & nature of questions etc.
- ✔ *Potential* - *Potential of the Question will be determined by difficulty level (E , M , D , VD) & nature of Questions (F , CA , FCA) , Expert Experience* **Value** *and Previous Year Data base* **Value**

SCHEDULE, CONTENT & REFERENCE

TEST No.	Date of Mock Test Schedule A Schedule B	Topics covered	Primary References	Additional References
Test 1	May 5 2012 May 5 2012	**Schools of Buddhism:** Pratītyasamutpāda; Ksanikavada, Nairātmyavāda **Jainism:** Theory of Reality; Saptabhaṅginaya; Bondage and Liberation.	Introduction of Indian Philosophy: **Dutta & Chaterjee**	Essentials of Indian Philosophy: Books: **M. Hiriyanna**

		Sāmkhya: Prakrti; Purusa; Causation; Liberation		
Test 2	**May 26 2012** **May 19 2012**	**Yoga: Citta;** Cittavrtti; Klesas; Samadhi; Kaivalya. **Nyāya- Vaiśesika:** Theory of Categories; Theory of Appearance; Theory of Pramāna; Self, Liberation; God; Proofs for the Existence of God; Theory of Causation; Atomistic Theory of Creation. **Cārvāka :** Theory of Knowledge; Rejection of Transcendent Entities.	Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy – **C D Sharma** Introduction of Indian Philosophy: **Dutta & Chaterjee**	Essentials of Indian Philosophy: Books: **M. Hiriyanna**
Test 3	**June 17 2012** **June 3 2012**	**Mimāmsā:** Theory of Knowledge **Schools of Vedānta:** Brahman; Īśvara; Ātman; Jiva; Jagat; Māyā; Avidyā; Adhyāsa; Moksa; Aprthaksiddhi; Pancavidhabheda **Aurobindo:** Evolution, Involution; Integral Yoga.	Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy – **C D Sharma** Contemporary Indian Philosophy – B K Lal	Essentials of Indian Philosophy: Books: **M. Hiriyanna**
Test 4	**July 8 2012** **June 17 2012**	**Rationalism (Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz):** Cartesian Method and Certain Knowledge; Substance; God; Mind-Body Dualism; Determinism and Freedom. **Empiricism (Locke, Berkeley, Hume):** Theory of Knowledge; Substance and Qualities; Self and God; Scepticism.	Critical History Of Western Philosophy **by Y. Masih**	Western Philosophy: A history of Philosophy: **Frank Thilly**

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Test 5	**July 29 2012** **July 8 2012**	**Kant:** Possibility of Synthetic a priori Judgments; Space and Time; Categories; Ideas of Reason; Antinomies; Critique of Proofs for the Existence of God **Hegel:** Dialectical Method; Absolute Idealism **Plato and Aristotle: Ideas; Substance**; Form and Matter; Causation; Actuality and Potentiality.	Critical History Of Western Philosophy **by Y. Masih**	The Critique of Pure Reason by **Immanuel Kant** Western Philosophy: A history of Philosophy: **Frank Thilly**
Test 6	**August 19 2012** **July 22 2012**	**Logical Positivism:** Verification Theory of Meaning; Rejection of Metaphysics; Linguistic Theory of Necessary Propositions. **Moore, Russell and Early Wittgenstein:** Defence of Commonsense; Refutation of Idealism; Logical Atomism; Logical Constructions; Incomplete Symbols; Picture Theory of Meaning; Saying and Showing. **Later Wittgenstein:** Meaning and Use; Language-games; Critique of Private Language.	A Hundred Years of Philosophy - **John Passmore**	**Internet**
Test 7	**Sept. 9 2012** **August 5 2012**	**Phenomenology** (Husserl): Method; Theory of Essences; Avoidance of Psychologism. **Existentialism** (Kierkegaard, Sartre, Heidegger): Existence and Essence; Choice, Responsibility and Authentic Existence; Being-in-the –world and Temporality. **Quine and Strawson:** Critique of Empiricism; Theory of Basic Particulars and Persons.	A Hundred Years of Philosophy - **John Passmore**	**Internet**

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Test 8	**Sep. 30 2012** **August 19 2012**	**Comprehensive Full Length Mock test (Paper I)**		
Test 9	**October 21 2012** **Sep. 2 2012**	• Notions of God: Attributes; Relation to Man and the World. (Indian and Western). • Problem of Evil. • Proofs for the Existence of God and their Critique (Indian and Western). • Reason, Revelation and Faith. • Religious Experience: Nature and Object (Indian and Western).	Philosophy of Religion: Religion Philosophy: **Y Masih** Philosophy of Religion : **John H. Hick**	Philosophy: The Power of Ideas **Brooke Noel Moore, Kenneth Bruder**
Test 10	**Nov. 11 2012** **Sept 16 2012**	• Soul: Immortality; Rebirth and Liberation. • Religion without God. • Religion and Morality. • Religious Pluralism and the Problem of Absolute Truth. • Nature of Religious Language: Analogical and Symbolic; Cognitivist and Non-cognitive	Philosophy of Religion: Religion Philosophy: **Y Masih** Philosophy of Religion : **John H. Hick**	Philosophy: The Power of Ideas **Brooke Noel Moore, Kenneth Bruder**

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Test 11	**Dec. 2 2012** **Sept. 30 2012**	**Social & Political Ideals:** Equality, Justice, Liberty. **Sovereignty:** Austin, Bodin, Laski, Kautilya. **Individual and State:** Rights; Duties and Accountability **Forms of Government:** Monarchy; Theocracy and Democracy.	An Introduction To Political Theory - **O P Gauba** Social Political Philosophy: Political Theory: **O P Gauba**	**Politics -** Andrew Heywood **Internet**
Test 12	**Dec 23 2012** **October 14 2012**	**Political Ideologies:** Anarchism; Marxism and Socialism **Humanism;** Secularism; Multiculturalism. **Crime and Punishment:** Corruption, Mass Violence, Genocide, Capital Punishment. **Development and Social Progress.** **Gender Discrimination:** Female Foeticide, Land and Property Rights; Empowernment. **Caste Discrimination:** Gandhi and Ambedkar	An Introduction To Political Theory - **O P Gauba** Social Political Philosophy: Political Theory: **O P Gauba**	**Politics -** Andrew Heywood **Internet**
Test 13	**Jan 13 2013** **October 28 2012**	**Comprehensive Full Length Mock test (Paper II)**		

	Note: Remaining Full length Mock test papers will be conducted after Civil Service Prelim 2013 (CSAT 2013) exam.			
Test 14	June 16 2013 June 16 2013	Complete Syllabus of Paper I		
Test 15	July 14 2013 July 14 2013	Complete Syllabus of Paper II		
Test 16	August 11 2013 August 11 2013	Complete syllabus of Paper I		
Test 17	Sept. 8 2013 Sept. 8 2013	Complete Syllabus of Paper II		

*Schedule C (Personalized scheduling) : In the Schedule C (Personalized scheduling) , we reschedule the date of Mock tests based on aspirant's plan.

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 (30 Marks , 20 marks , 15 marks , 12 marks , 10 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.

PHILOSOPHY   :The pattern of UPSC Mains exam is very dynamic and unpredictable. Therefore Mock Test papers should be designed based on latest pattern of UPSC. Our team frame the questions (F, CA, FCA, U) with different difficulty level (E , M, D, V) in the Mock test papers. So that the aspirants can simulate the UPSC exam in real sense, understand the demand of the exam and develop effective writing skills.

Difficulty Level (DL) : Easy **(E),** Medium **(M),** Difficult **(D),** Very Difficult **(V)**

Nature of Question (Nature) : Fundamental /Conceptual /Conventional (**F),** Current Affairs **(CA)** , Fundamental + Current Affairs **(FCA)** and Unconventional **(U)**

Concept behind designing Mock Test Question Paper with proper consideration of latest pattern of UPSC
DOWNLOAD: Analysis / Approach / Source / Strategy: Philosophy Mains 2011 ~ www.visionias.wordpress.com

UPSC CRITERIA **: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 : **Methodology for evaluation of Answer sheet:** Our expert will evaluate aspirant's answer sheet on following indicators and their experience in the field UPSC.

EVALUATION INDICATORS	QUESTION No. Score (1 – 5)
1. Alignment Competence	
2. Context Competence	
3. Content Competence :	
4. Language Competence	
5. Introduction Competence	
6. Structure – Presentations Competence	
7. Conclusion Competence	
MARKS	

 Score: Scale: 1- 5 5 – Outstanding   4 – Excellent   3 – Good   2 – Average   1 - Poor

- Total Marks in the question has been given on proper consideration of weightage of every evaluation indicators based on nature of the questions and UPSC experience of the expert.
- 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).

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

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