



TARGET 2013

INNOVATIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM



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INTERACTIVE GEOGRAPHY MAINS TEST SERIES 2013: MODULE IV (17 MOCK TESTS)

ONLINE

CLASSROOM

DISTANCE LEARNING

ANSWER WRITING EVALUATION PROGRAMME (Experts Support: Telephonic Discussion / Email Interaction)

+ Value Addition material

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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

Number of Mock Tests

: 17

Fee

: Rs 11000

Nature

: Flexible -Date of dispatch: Reschedule on the demand of the aspirants [Schedule A (15 Days) and Schedule B (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 (Innovative Assessment System)
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

STARTING ON
Plan A (Schedule A : Sept. 9 , 2012)
Plan B (Schedule B: Personalized Scheduling)
Note: # Aspirants can reschedule the test date based on their plan.
Classroom Tests (flexible) : Each day of the week, 10 AM & 2 PM

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

Table with 5 columns: TEST No., Date of Mock Test (Schedule A/B), Topics covered, Primary (Essential) References, Secondary (Additional) References. Row 1: Test 1, Sept. 9 2012, 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; Physical Geography NCERT class 11, Physical Geography Savindra singh; Physical Geography by Strahler & Strahler;

	Schedule B (Personalized scheduling : reschedule the date of Mock tests based on aspirant's plan)	<p>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>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 fronto genesis, 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>	Certificate Physical And Human Geography : Goh Cheng Leong	<p>Physical Geography - Made Simple, Rupa Publisher</p> <p>Physical Geography in Diagrams by Bunnett</p> <p>Principles of Geomorphology by W.D. Thornbury</p> <p>Climatology by D.S.Lal</p> <p><i>Contemporary topics from News papers and Magazines (Yojna, Indian express, Hindu etc)D.S.Lal;</i></p>
Test 2	Sept. 23 2012	<p>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> <p>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>Physical Geography NCERT class 11</p> <p>Physical Geography Savindra singh</p> <p>Certificate Physical And Human Geography : Goh Cheng Leong</p> <p>Oceanography by Sharma & Vatal</p>	<p>Physical Geography by Strahler & Strahler;</p> <p>Physical Geography - Made Simple, Rupa Publisher</p> <p>Contemporary topics from News papers and Magazines (Yojna, Indian express, Hindu etc)</p>
Test 3	October 7, 2012	<p>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>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>Human Geography NCERT class 11</p> <p>Certificate Physical And Human Geography : Goh Cheng Leong</p> <p>Environmental geography - Savindra Singh;</p> <p>Evolution of Geographic Thought by Majid Husain</p>	<p>Ecology and environment – P. D. Sharma</p> <p>Hindu's Survey on environment</p> <p>Geographic Thought Sudipta Adhikari</p>

Test 4	October 21 2012	<p>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> <p>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; 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>Human Geography NCERT class 11</p> <p>Economic and Social Geography - Made Simple by Rupa Publisher</p> <p>Human Geog. by Majid Husain</p>	<p>A Geography by Population by R.C. Chandna</p> <p>Human and Eco.Geog. by Leong and Morgan</p> <p>Economic Geography by Hertshorn & Alexander;</p> <p>Agricultural Geography by Masjid Husain</p> <p>Contemporary topics from News papers and Magazines (Yojna, Indian express, Hindu etc)</p>
Test 5	November 4 2012	<p>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>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>	<p>Human Geography NCERT class 11</p> <p>Model and theories book by K. Siddhartha</p> <p>Human Geog. by Majid Husain</p> <p>Regional geography by Chand & Puri</p>	<p>Economic Geography by Hertshorn & Alexander</p> <p>Contemporary topics from News papers and Magazines (Yojna, Indian express, Hindu etc)</p>
Test 6	November 18 2012	<p>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>Resources: Land, surface and ground water, energy, minerals, biotic and marine resources; Forest and wild life resources and their conservation; Energy crisis.</p> <p>Note : Candidates will be required to answer one compulsory map question pertinent to</p>	<p>India Geography books - NCERT</p> <p>Geography of India – Khullar</p>	<p>India yearbook by publication division of Govt. Of India</p> <p>Contemporary topics from News papers and Magazines (Yojna, Indian express, Hindu etc)</p>

		subjects covered by PAPER II : GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA . Refer any School Atlas for these questions (Oxford/ Orient Logman)		
Test 7	December 2 2012	<p>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>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>India Geography books - NCERT</p> <p>Geography of India – Khullar</p> <p>Agriculture Geography by Majid Husain</p> <p>India yearbook by publication division of Govt. Of India</p> <p>Economic Survey by Government of India</p>	<p>Indian Economy by Dutt and Sundaram</p> <p><i>Contemporary topics from News papers and Magazines (Yojna, Indian express, Hindu etc)</i></p> <p>Hindu's Survey on Agriculture and Industry</p> <p>Economical and Commercial Geography of India - Sharma & Coutinho</p>
Test 8	December 16 2012	<p>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>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>India Geography books - NCERT</p> <p>Geography of India – Khullar</p> <p>India yearbook by publication division of Govt. Of India.;</p> <p>Economic Survey by Government of India</p> <p>Human Geography by Majid Husain</p>	<p>Geography of Population by R.C.Chandna</p> <p>Indian Economy by Dutt and Sundaram</p> <p><i>Contemporary topics from News papers and Magazines (Yojna, Indian express, Hindu etc)</i></p> <p>Economical and Commercial Geography of India - Sharma & Coutinho</p>

Test 9	December 30 2012	<p>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>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>India Geography books - NCERT</p> <p>Geography of India – Khullar</p> <p>Human Geography by Majid Husain</p> <p>Regional Planning and Development by Chand and Puri</p>	<p>Urbanization and Urban Systems in India by Ramachandran</p> <p><i>Contemporary topics from News papers and Magazines (Yojna, Indian express, Hindu etc)</i></p>
Test 10	January 13 2013	<p>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>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>	<p>India Geography books - NCERT</p> <p>Geography of India – Khullar</p> <p>Hindu's Survey on environment</p>	<p><i>Contemporary topics from News papers and Magazines (Yojna, Indian express, Hindu etc)</i></p> <p>Modern Political Geography of India by B.L. Sukhwal</p>
Test 11	January 27 2013	Complete syllabus of Paper I (Full Length Test)		
Test 12	February 10 2013	Complete Syllabus of Paper II (Full Length Test)		
Note: Remaining Full length Mock test papers will be conducted after Civil Service Prelim 2013 (CSAT 2013) exam.				

Test 13	June 16 2013	Complete syllabus of Paper I (Full Length Test)		
Test 14	July 7 2013	Complete Syllabus of Paper II (Full Length Test)		
Test 15	July 28 2013	Complete Syllabus of Paper I (Full Length Test)		
Test 16	August 18 2013	Complete syllabus of Paper II (Full Length Test)		
Test 17	Sept. 8 2013	Complete Syllabus of Paper I & II (Full Length Test)		

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: Geography 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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