

UPSC PRELIMS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2024

PROGRAM STARTS: 7th JANUARY 2024

26 Tests : 20 Sectional Tests + 6 Full Length Tests

WHY STATIC CURRENT AFFAIRS IS IMPORTANT?

The pattern of UPSC Prelims Question paper has undergone a rapid transitional change. In the recent years, we have witnessed a change in the pattern in which UPSC is asking static questions. Gone are the days when you could byheart the conventional books and clear the UPSC paper. The prelims paper is now focussed more on the current affairs part of the static portion. Example- Poompuhar port question (asked in UPSC 2023). The Umbrella Academy's Prelims Mentorship Program aims to address this exact dilemma for students. We ensure that each of the static class also covers the current affairs related to the said topic.

With reference to ancient South India, Korkai, Poompuhar and Muchiri were well known as

- (a) capital cities
- (b) ports
- (c) centres of iron-and-steel making
- (d) shrines of Jain Tirthankaras

Poompuhar- Ancient port city

- News: Ancient port city of Poompuhar traced undersea.
- The present-day Poompuhar in Tamil Nadu's Mayiladuthurai district was once a flourishing port city known as **Kaveripoompattinam** which was later submerged by the sea. There are references to this port in the Tamil epic **Manimekalai**.
- To go back to the history of Poompuhar, it was a busy port of **Sangam age Chola kings**. (The Sangam age is datable from the third century BCE to third century CE). It reportedly flourished about 2,500 years ago.
- The port was **situated near the mouth of the Cauvery**. Merchants from different parts of India and South East Asia traded goods there.
- Poompuhar is celebrated in Sangam age poems such as **Silappadhikaram, Manimegalai, Pattinappalai, Purananuru and Agananuru**. The city was ruled by Sangam age Chola rulers such as Ilanchetchenni, Killivalavan, Karikalvalavan and others.

About three-fourths of world's cobalt, a metal required for the manufacture of batteries for electric motor vehicles, is produced by

- (a) Argentina
- (b) Botswana
- (c) the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- (d) Kazakhstan

Keyword 'largest'

- **Australia** is the world's largest producer and exporter of **lithium**
- **Democratic Republic of Congo** is the largest producer and exporter of **cobalt** in the world.
- **Indonesia** is the largest producer of **nickel**.
 - **Philippines** is the largest exporter of nickel.
- **Chile** is the world's largest producer and exporter of **copper**.
- **South Africa** is the world's largest producer and exporter of **Manganese**
- **China** is the world's largest producer and exporter of **Graphite**

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Day 1	Buddhism	Nitin Singhanian, NCERT
Day 2	Jainism	
Day 3	Buddhism/Jainism	Nitin Singhanian, NCERT
Day 4	Indus valley civilisation	
Day 5	Ashoka(Mauryan)/Gupta	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 1 : January 14th		
Day 6	Ajanta and Ellora/Rock-cut/ Temple Architecture	Nitin Singhanian, NCERT
Day 7	Martial arts/Festivals/GI TAG PRODUCTS especially Handicrafts, Saree , Embroidery	
Day 8	Dance, Music, Theatre, Painting	
Day 9	Dance, Music, Theatre, Painting	
Day 10	Tangible and Intangible Heritage UNESCO	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 2 : January 21st		
Day 11	Bhakti Movement	NCERT and Tamil Nadu 11th class Text book
Day 12	Vijayanagara Empire	

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Day 13	Mughal Period	NCERT and Tamil Nadu 11th class Text book
Day 14	Medieval Period (UGC questions will be provided)	
Day 15	Medieval Period (UGC questions will be provided)	
Weekend	Current Affairs	

Test 3 : January 28th

Day 16	Animals (All Animals mentioned in Previous Year/ state animals)	Shankar IAS Material, 12th class NCERT ECOLOGY, Reports
Day 17	Himalayas, Western Ghats	
Day 18	Indian Forest Report- Area, Percentage Area, Percentage Mangroves and Coral Reefs and other reports	
Day 19	Pollutants/Pollution/Global Warming	Shankar IAS Material, 12th class NCERT ECOLOGY, Reports
Day 20	Adaptation/Mitigation	
Weekend	Current Affairs	

Test 4 : February 4th

Day 21	Basic Concepts 12th Macro economics	12th Macroeconomics
Day 22	Basic Concepts 12th Macro economics	
Day 23	Poverty basic concepts	Internet
Day 24	RBI abbreviations/ Website/FAQs	RBI Website

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Day 25	FYPs and LPG reforms	Indian Economic Development- Class 11
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 5 : February 11th		
Day 26	Charter Acts and Government of India Acts	A Brief History of Modern India: Spectrum
Day 27	Political Organisations	
Day 28	Social Movements/ Organisations	
Day 29	Committees	
Day 30	Congress Presidents	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 6 : February 18th		
Day 31	Education	A Brief History of Modern India: Spectrum
Day 32	Press	
Day 33	Labour Organisations/ Labour Movement	
Day 34	British Administration	
Day 35	Tribal Revolts	
Weekend	Current Affairs	

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Test 7 : February 25th		
Day 36	Peasant revolts	A Brief History of Modern India: Spectrum
Day 37	Important people	
Day 38	Important events- 1900 to 1925	
Day 39	Important events- 1925 to 1950	
Day 40	Revolutionary Terrorism and Communist Movement	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 8 : March 3rd		
Day 41	Viceroy in India	Indian Polity by M.Lakshmikanth
Day 42	Newspapers, magazines, Journals, Books	
Day 43	Agreements, Pacts, Missions, Plans	
Day 44	Foreign travellers who visited India	
Day 45	1750 to 1850 (Will provide UGC questions)	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 9 : March 10th		

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Day 46	Economic Survey- 1	Annual Report and PIB
Day 47	Economic Survey- 2	
Day 48	Economic Survey- 3	
Day 49	Budget- 1	
Day 50	Budget- 2	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 10 : March 17th		
Day 51	Basic Concepts of Agriculture	Annual Report and PIB
Day 52	Agriculture and MSP	
Day 53	Agriculture annual reports	
Day 54	Edible oil, Pulses , Rice , Cotton, Sugar cane	
Day 55	Acts and Amendments (Economics related)	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 11 : March 22nd		
Day 56	Fundamental Rights	Indian Polity by M.Lakshmikant
Day 57	DPSPs	
Day 58	Preamble and Making of the constitution	

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Day 59	Fundmental Duties and salient features of the constitution	Indian Polity by M.Lakshmikant
Day 60	Schedules of the constitution	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 12 : March 27th		
Day 61	Parliament chapter	Indian Polity by M.Lakshmikant
Day 62	Parliament chapter	
Day 63	Parliament chapter	
Day 64	Basics of Representation of People Act	
Day 65	Emergency Powers	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 13 : April 1st		
Day 66	11 Class Indian Physical Geography (Focus on Rivers)	NCERT
Day 67	11 Class Indian Physical Geography	
Day 68	12 Class Fundamentals of Physical Geography	
Day 69	10 Class Geography NCERT	
Day 70	8th, 9th Geography NCERT	

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 14 : April 6th		
Day 71	Tiger reserves, Wetlands and Biosphere reserves	Internet
Day 72	Map Central Asia, Middle east, Map South East Asia	
Day 73	Minerals	
Day 74	India Map(Latitude/Longitude/Rivers)	
Day 75	Andaman and Nicobar	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 15 : April 11th		
Day 76	Environmental Acts/ Policies	Shankar IAS Material and Current Affairs
Day 77	UNEP, UNCCD, UNFCCC website etc	
Day 78	International conventions	
Day 79	Threat to Environment	
Day 80	Clean Energy	
Weekend	Current Affairs	

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Test 16 : April 16th		
Day 81	UTs and formation of states, Constitutional Amendments	Indian Polity by M.Lakshmikanth
Day 82	Governor	
Day 83	Centre state relations	
Day 84	Centre state relations	
Day 85	Constitutional Bodies	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 17 : April 21st		
Day 86	Supreme Court and High court and other courts, NALSA, Gram Nyayalaya, Administrative Tribunal	Indian Polity by M.Lakshmikanth
Day 87	Panchayati raj and Urban local governments	
Day 88	Schedule areas and Tribal Areas	
Day 89	State legislature	
Day 90	Non-constitutional Bodies	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 18 : April 26th		

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Day 91	Latest Technologies	Internet and Current Affairs
Day 92	Gravitation, Neutrinos and other space related news	
Day 93	Advancement in Genetics- GM Crop, GMO, Gene Editing, Gene Silencing , Transgenes, RNA	
Day 94	Satellites	
Day 95	Diseases and Vaccines	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 19: May 1st		
Day 96	India Joining any International Organisation/ Convention/ Protocol	MEA Website, International Rankings
Day 97	Places in News, World Geography	
Day 98	Summits attended by India or Hosted by India	
Day 99	Reports/Committees/Index	
Day 100	International Organisations(UN,WTO, IMF etc)	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 20 : May 6th		

Test 21 (Full Length) : May 8th

Test 22 (Full Length) : May 9th

Test 23 (Full Length) : May 10th

Test 24 (Full Length) : May 11th

Test 25 (Full Length) : May 12th

Test 26 (100 Most Important Questions)

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

- Learn the topics through examiner mindset (How a question is asked from a given topic).
- The GS Test series consists of 26 tests (20 Sectional Tests and 6 Full length tests) based on examiner's mindset.
- The Sectional test will consist of 50 questions of which 20 questions will be from 'Areas to Focus', 15 questions will be based on Elimination Techniques and 15 questions will be from UPSC sources.
- The test will be conducted on Umbrella Academy online platform.
- The students can attend live classes from day 1 to day 50. They will be provided recorded videos for content from day 51 to day 100.