

UPSC  
PRELIMS  
MENTORSHIP  
PROGRAM  
2025

**7838440386, 9340047021**  
**[umbrellacademy.in](http://umbrellacademy.in)**

# UMBRELLA IAS ACADEMY

## OUR UPSC 2023 CLASSROOM MENTORSHIP SELECTIONS



**DR. C. VINOTHINI**

**AIR 64**

(PRELIMS AND MAINS CLASSROOM  
MENTORSHIP BATCH)



**ESHANI ANAND**

**AIR 79**

(PRELIMS AND MAINS CLASSROOM  
MENTORSHIP BATCH)



**ZOHRA BANU**

**AIR 469**

(PRELIMS AND MAINS CLASSROOM  
MENTORSHIP BATCH)



**BHARGAV POTUPUREDDI**

**AIR 590**

(PRELIMS AND MAINS CLASSROOM  
MENTORSHIP BATCH)



**NITISH KUMAR**

**AIR 797**

(PRELIMS AND MAINS CLASSROOM  
MENTORSHIP BATCH)



**MOLIGHTSON**

**AIR 870**

(PRELIMS AND MAINS CLASSROOM  
MENTORSHIP BATCH)

# UMBRELLA IAS ACADEMY

## UPSC TOPPER TESTIMONIALS

### Dr Vinothini

**AIR 64**

I am Dr C. Vinothini. I have secured AIR 64 . I would like to express my gratitude towards Vikas sir and Bright sir. I have joined their prelims, mains classes, and also Anthropology optional class. They have been very helpful in the direct exam. And beyond that, they were my personal mentors. Vikas sir was available to guide me whenever I had even a small doubt, which helped me to have continuous feedback and improve myself. They also gave



### Eshani Anand

**AIR 79**

I wanted to thank Vikas sir and Bright sir immensely, I have got into the rank list this year and will await service allotment. It was only because of their relentless mentorship and guidance that I was able to come this far in the exam. They always brought out the best in me and I wanted to thank them earnestly for their critical support and patience.

### Zohra Banu

**AIR 469**

This is Zohra. I secured AIR 469 and got allocated Indian Foreign Service. This would not have been possible without Vikas sir's and Bright sir's guidance. They have contributed immensely in my UPSC journey and were my single point of contact.



### Bharagav Potupureddi

**AIR 590**

Dear vikas sir and bright sir, I sincerely thank you for your guidance during my UPSC CSE preparation. I attended your prelims elimination technique classes and prelims test series. The classes changed the perspective with which I viewed the questions. The questions in the test series were based on current Upsc pattern. Your sincerity and dedication is helping many candidates like me. I encourage aspirants to make use of your work through

# UMBRELLA IAS ACADEMY

## UPSC TOPPER TESTIMONIALS

### Molightson

**AIR 870**

I want to take this moment to share my humble gratitude to Vikas Sir and Bright Sir in my success, securing AIR 870 in CSE 2023. From Prelims to Mains to Personality Test your valuable guidance has been immensely helpful.. Credit entirely goes to both of you sir.



### M Bharagav

**AIR 554 (UPSC 2022)**

Dear Vikas Sir and Bright Sir, I am writing this testimonial with immense gratitude and a heart filled with joy to express my sincerest thanks to both of you and the entire team at Umbrella Academy. It is through your guidance and support that I have achieved a decent rank of 554 in my recent cse 2022 exam.

### POOLICHARLA RAMANAIAH

**AIR 681 (UPSC 2021)**

"Umbrella Academy has played a crucial role in my success in UPSC 2020. Their Elimination techniques course, as well as Mentorship Program, helped me sail through the UPSC hurdle. The personal guidance given by the faculty is truly commendable"



### SANTHOSH REDDY

**AIR 488 (UPSC 2021)**

"The mentorship course forms the basis of understanding the examiners mindset. It is a key to both Prelims and Mains" Santhosh Reddy ( IRPS)



# UMBRELLA IAS ACADEMY

## UPSC PRELIMS GS PAPER 2024

33 QUESTIONS ASKED FROM MENTORSHIP PROGRAM, CURRENT AFFAIRS PROGRAM AND ELIMINATION TECHNIQUES PROGRAM

PROOF OF SOME UPSC PRELIMS 2024 QUESTIONS ASKED FROM OUR CLASS NOTES

71. How many Delimitation Commissions have been constituted by the Government of India till December 2023 ?

- (a) One
- (b) Two
- (c) Three
- (d) Four

Question : 49 2 0.6

Consider the following statements regarding 'The Delimitation Commission':

1. The draft proposals of the Delimitation Commission are published for public feedback and it considers objections and suggestions, and carries out changes, if any, in the draft proposal.
2. In India, Delimitation Commissions have been constituted 6 times.
3. The Constitution mandates that the Commission's orders are final and cannot be questioned before any court.
4. It is composed of a retired Chief Justice of Supreme Court, a retired chief justice of High court and Election Commissioners.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (A) Only one
- (B) Only two
- (C) Only three
- (D) All Four

Answer : B

Solution :

Delimitation literally means the act or process of fixing limits or boundaries of territorial constituencies in a country or a province having a legislative body. The job of delimitation is assigned to a high power body. Such a body is known as Delimitation Commission or a Boundary Commission.

In India, such Delimitation Commissions have been constituted 4 times.

It is composed of a retired Supreme Court Judge, the Chief Election Commissioner of India, and respective State Election Commissioners.

The Delimitation Commission is to work without any executive influence. The Constitution mandates that the Commission's orders are final and cannot be questioned before any court.

Under Article 82, Parliament is to enact a Delimitation Act after every Census.

40. With reference to the Indian economy, "Collateral Borrowing and Lending Obligations" are the instruments of :

- (a) Bond market
- (b) Forex market
- (c) Money market
- (d) Stock market

Collateralized Borrowing and Lending Obligation (CBLO) is a

- A. Money Market Instrument
- B. Monetary Policy Instrument
- C. Investment Fund
- D. Capital Market Instrument

- CBLO is a money market instrument that represents an obligation between a borrower and a lender.
- CBLOs are operated by the Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. (CCIL) and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The instrument works like a bond where the lender buys the CBLO and a borrower sells the money market instrument with interest.

Which one of the following was the latest inclusion in the Intangible Cultural Heritage List of UNESCO ?

- (a) Chhau dance
- (b) Durga puja
- (c) Garba dance
- (d) Kumbh mela

### 'Garba Of Gujarat'

- News: 'Garba of Gujarat' has been inscribed in the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of Humanity by UNESCO
- Garba as a dance form is entrenched deeply in ritualistic and devotional roots, involving people from all walks of life and it continues to thrive as a vibrant living tradition bringing communities together.
- The Listing mechanism under the UNESCO 2003 Convention aims to enhance the visibility of intangible cultural heritage, fostering awareness of its significance and promoting dialogue that respects cultural diversity.
- India was elected to be part of the 24 Member Inter-governmental Committee (IGC) of the ICH 2003 Convention in 2022 for a tenure of 4 years.

39. "Membrane Bioreactors" are often discussed in the context of :

- (a) Assisted reproductive technologies
- (b) Drug delivery nanotechnologies
- (c) Vaccine production technologies
- (d) Wastewater treatment technologies

### Advanced Sewage Wastewater treatment

- **News:** India is adopting advanced sewage wastewater treatment technology
- Most sewage treatment plants in India used to rely on outdated technologies such as the **activated sludge process, planted drying beds, soil biotechnology and upflow anaerobic sludge blanket reactors** that have a treatment efficiency of around 65 per cent and are cumbersome to set up and manage.
- The story is slowly changing with several states in recent years opting for newer technologies — **sequencing batch reactors (SBRs) and moving bed biofilm reactors (MBBRs)**.
- **Telangana's capital Hyderabad, in a first, recently upgraded an existing sewage treatment plant** that releases its effluent into the Durgam Cheruvu Lake **with SBR technology**.

91. Consider the following statements :

#### Statement-I :

There is instability and worsening security situation in the Sahel region.

#### Statement-II :

There have been military takeovers/coups d'état in several countries of the Sahel region in the recent past.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements ?

The central Sahel region is facing a severe humanitarian and protection crisis that has driven millions of people from their homes. In this context, the central Sahel region encompasses which of the following countries?

- 1. Congo
  - 2. Mali
  - 3. Niger
  - 4. Burkina Faso
  - 5. Eritrea
- (A) 1, 3 and 5  
(B) 2, 3 and 4  
(C) 1, 2 and 4  
(D) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

**Answer : B**

#### Solution :

##### 2024 situation overview

The central Sahel region, encompassing Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania and Niger, is facing a severe humanitarian and protection crisis that has already driven millions of people from their homes. The political, security and economic situation, characterized by repeated coups d'état, an intense and expanding armed conflict and extreme poverty, is expected to deteriorate further in 2024.

With reference to the Himalayan rivers joining the Ganga downstream of Prayagraj from West to East, which one of the following sequences is correct ?

- (a) Ghaghara – Gomati – Gandak – Kosi
- (b) Gomati – Ghaghara – Gandak – Kosi
- (c) Ghaghara – Gomati – Kosi – Gandak
- (d) Gomati – Ghaghara – Kosi – Gandak

## GANGA RIVER BASIN

Consider the following rivers

- 1. Kosi 2. Gomati
- 3. Ghaghara 4. Gandak

The correct sequence of these rivers when arranged in the West-East direction is

With reference to "Coriolis force", which of the following statements is/are correct ?

- 1. It increases with increase in wind velocity.
- 2. It is maximum at the poles and is absent at the equator.

Select the answer using the code given below :

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Consider the following statements:

- 1. The rotation of the Earth on its axis deflects the atmosphere toward the right in the Northern Hemisphere and toward the left in the Southern Hemisphere.
- 2. Coriolis force does not exist on the equator.
- 3. This force is responsible for mid-latitude cyclones, hurricanes, and anticyclones.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (A) Only one
- (B) Only two
- (C) All three
- (D) None

**Answer : C**

#### Solution :

Coriolis Force: An apparent force due to the Earth's rotation. Causes moving objects to be deflected to the right in the Northern Hemisphere and to the left in the Southern hemisphere. Coriolis force does not exist on the equator. This force is responsible for the direction of flow in meteorological phenomena like mid-latitude cyclones, hurricanes, and anticyclones.



# UPSC PRELIMS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 2025

## 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 by heart 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- Delimitation Commission question (asked in UPSC 2024).

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.

## 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 25 tests (19 Sectional Tests, 5 Full length tests and 500 most important questions) 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.

# UPSC PRELIMS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2025

**PROGRAM STARTS: 3rd NOVEMBER 2024**

**25 Tests :** 19 Sectional Tests + 5 Full Length Tests + 500 Most Important Questions

**Sectional Test : 50 Questions** — 20 - Areas of Focus  
15 - Elimination Techniques  
15 - UPSC Sources Eg.- UGC NET

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Day 1	Basic Concepts of Agriculture	Annual Report and PIB
Day 2	Agriculture and MSP	
Day 3	Agriculture annual reports	
Day 4	Edible oil, Pulses , Rice , Cotton, Sugar cane	
Day 5	Acts and Amendments (Economics related)	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
Test 1 : November 10th		
Day 6	Fundamental Rights	Indian Polity by M.Lakshmikant
Day 7	DPSPs	
Day 8	Preamble and Making of the constitution	

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Day 9	Fundmental Duties and salient features of the constitution	Indian Polity by M.Lakshmikant
Day 10	Schedules of the constitution	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
<b>Test 2 : November 17th</b>		
Day 11	Parliament chapter	Indian Polity by M.Lakshmikant
Day 12	Parliament chapter	
Day 13	Parliament chapter	
Day 14	Basics of Representation of People Act	
Day 15	Emergency Powers	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
<b>Test 3 : November 24th</b>		
Day 16	Supreme Court and High court and other courts, NALSA, Gram Nyayalaya, Administrative Tribunal, Constitutional Amendments	Indian Polity by M.Lakshmikant
Day 17	Panchayati raj and Urban local governments	
Day 18	Federalism, Schedule areas and Tribal Areas	
Day 19	Governor & State legislature	
Day 20	Constitutional Bodies & Non-constitutional Bodies	



Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Weekend	Current Affairs	
<b>Test 4 : December 1st</b>		
Day 21	Tiger reserves, Wetlands and Biosphere reserves	Internet
Day 22	Map Central Asia, Middle east, Map South East Asia	
Day 23	Minerals	
Day 24	India Map(Latitude/Longitude/Rivers)	
Day 25	Andaman and Nicobar	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
<b>Test 5 : December 8th</b>		
Day 26	Environmental Acts/ Policies	Shankar IAS Material and Current Affairs
Day 27	UNEP, UNCCD, UNFCCC website etc	
Day 28	International conventions	
Day 29	Threat to Environment	
Day 30	Clean Energy	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
<b>Test 6 : December 15th</b>		

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Day 31	The Earth	NCERT
Day 32	Land Forms	
Day 33	Climate	
Day 34	Water (Oceans)	
Day 35	Population Composition	
Weekend	Current Affairs	

### Test 7 : December 22nd

#### Christmas and New Year Holidays: December 23rd to January 4th

Day 36	Focus on Rivers	NCERT
Day 37	Focus on Rivers	
Day 38	12 Class Fundamentals of Physical Geography	
Day 39	10 Class Geography NCERT	
Day 40	8th, 9th Geography NCERT	
Weekend	Current Affairs	

### Test 8 : January 12th

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Day 41	Latest Technologies	Internet and Current Affairs
Day 42	Gravitation, Neutrinos and other space related news	
Day 43	Advancement in Genetics- GM Crop, GMO, Gene Editing, Gene Silencing , Transgenes, RNA	
Day 44	Satellites	
Day 45	Diseases and Vaccines	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
<b>Test 9: January 19th</b>		
Day 46	India Joining any International Organisation/ Convention/ Protocol	MEA Website, International Rankings
Day 47	Places in News, World Geography	
Day 48	Summits attended by India or Hosted by India	
Day 49	Reports/Committees/Index	
Day 50	International Organisations(UN,WTO, IMF etc)	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
<b>Test 10 : January 26th</b>		

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Day 51	Buddhism	Nitin Singhanian, NCERT
Day 52	Jainism	
Day 53	Buddhism/Jainism	Nitin Singhanian, NCERT
Day 54	Indus valley civilisation	
Day 55	Ashoka(Mauryan)/Gupta	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
<b>Test 11 : February 2nd</b>		
Day 56	Ajanta and Ellora/Rock-cut/ Temple Architecture	Nitin Singhanian, NCERT
Day 57	Martial arts/Festivals/GI TAG PRODUCTS especially Handicrafts, Saree , Embroidery	
Day 58	Dance, Music, Theatre, Painting	
Day 59	Dance, Music, Theatre, Painting	
Day 60	Tangible and Intangible Heritage UNESCO	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
<b>Test 12 : February 9th</b>		
Day 61	Bhakti Movement	NCERT and Tamil Nadu 11th class Text book
Day 62	Vijayanagara Empire	

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Day 63	Mughal Period	NCERT and Tamil Nadu 11th class Text book
Day 64	Foreign travellers who visited India	
Day 65	Medieval Period ( UGC questions will be provided )	
Weekend	Current Affairs	

### Test 13 : February 16th

Day 66	Animals (All Animals mentioned in Previous Year/ state animals)	Shankar IAS Material, 12th class NCERT ECOLOGY, Reports
Day 67	Himalayas, Western Ghats	
Day 68	Indian Forest Report- Area, Percentage Area, Percentage Mangroves and Coral Reefs and other reports	
Day 69	Pollutants/Pollution/Global Warming	Shankar IAS Material, 12th class NCERT ECOLOGY, Reports
Day 70	Adaptation/Mitigation	
Weekend	Current Affairs	

### Test 14 : February 23rd

Day 71	Basic Concepts 12th Macro economics	12th Macroeconomics
Day 72	Basic Concepts 12th Macro economics	
Day 73	Poverty basic concepts	Internet
Day 74	RBI abbreviations/ Website/FAQs	RBI Website



Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Day 75	FYPs and LPG reforms	Indian Economic Development- Class 11
Weekend	Current Affairs	
<b>Test 15 : March 2nd</b>		
Day 76	Charter Acts and Government of India Acts	A Brief History of Modern India: Spectrum
Day 77	Political Organisations	
Day 78	Social Movements/ Organisations	
Day 79	Committees	
Day 80	Congress Presidents, Viceroys in India	
Weekend	Current Affairs	
<b>Test 16 : March 9th</b>		
Day 81	Education	A Brief History of Modern India: Spectrum
Day 82	Press, Newspapers, magazines, Journals, Books	
Day 83	Labour Organisations/ Labour Movement	
Day 84	British Administration	
Day 85	Tribal Revolts	
Weekend	Current Affairs	

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Test 17 : March 16th		
Day 86	Peasant revolts	A Brief History of Modern India: Spectrum
Day 87	Important people	
Day 88	Important events- 1900 to 1950	
Day 89	Agreements, Pacts, Missions, Plans	
Day 90	Revolutionary Terrorism and Communist Movement	
Test 18 : March 23rd		
ECONOMIC SURVEY & BUDGET CLASS		
Test 19 : March 30th		
Test 20 ( Full Length ) : April 6th		
Test 21 ( Full Length ) : April 13th		
Test 22 ( Full Length ) : April 20th		
Test 23 ( Full Length ) : April 27th		
Test 24 ( Full Length ) : May 4th		
Test 25 ( 500 Most Important Questions )		