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TIMETABLE

Orientation sessions are conducted at 11 AM initially after the start of the batch, for a few days. This is to make the students adapt to the subject. Candidates will be informed about the same.

DATE

31st Jul' 24

31st Jul' 24

10th Sept' 24

TOPICS

Orientation

PAPER 1 SECTION B - MEDIEVAL HISTORY

- Early Medieval India, 750-1200
- The Thirteenth Century
- The Fourteenth Century
- 13th and 14th Century Society, Culture and Economy
- Regional Kingdomes of 15th Century
- 16th Century Mughals
- 17th Century Mughals
- 17th Century Marathas and Ahoms
- 15th to 17th Century Economy, Society and Culture -
- 15th to 17th Century Culture
- 18th century

PAPER 2 SECTION A - MODERN INDIA

- 18th century background + European Penetration into India
- British Expansion in India
- Economic Impact of British Colonial Rule
- Socio Reform Movements
- Indian Response to British Rule Peasant and Tribal Uprising in 18th and 19th century
- Revolt OF 1857

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TOPICS

- Early Structure of the British Raj (Regulating Act 1773 to CA 1853)
- Misc topics British Company Raj
- INC Before Gandhi Pre INC Parties to Home Rule League Movement
- Gandhi Phase 1 Champaran Satyagraha to Swarajist
- Gandhi Phase 2 Swarajist to Retirement of Gandhi
- Gandhi Phase 3 1939 to 1947
- Constitutional Developments in the Colonial India between 1858 and 1935
- Other strands in the National Movement The
- Revolutionary Extremism & Leftist Developments in India
- Politics of Separatism: Development of Communalism and Nationalism
- Post Independence

20th Oct '24

PAPER 2 SECTION B - MODERN WORLD HISTORY

- Enlightenment and Modern ideas
- Origins of Modern Politics : American Revolution and Constitution
- Origins of Modern Politics : American Civil War & British Democratic politics
- Origins of Modern Politics: French Revolution and Aftermath, 1789-1815
- French Revolution and Napoleon- Historiography and debates
- Industrial Revolution
- Nation state system-19th Century revolutions
- Nation state System-Italy

DATE

TOPICS

- Nation state System-Germany
- Russian Revolution
- Chinese Revolution
- World War 1
- Fascism, Interwar periods
- World War 2
 EMERGENCE OF POWER BLOCS + THIRD WORLD + NAM +
- COLD WAR + COLLAPSE OF USSR
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- COLD WAR + COLLAPSE OF USSR
 UNO AND ITS DISPUTES Political Changes in East
- Europe 1989–2001 + US ASCENDANCY
 Imperialism and Colonialism + Liberation from
- Colonial rule
 Decolonization and Underdevelopment

20th Nov' 24

PAPER 1 SECTION A - ANCIENT HISTORY

- Sources
- Pre History Paleolithic and Mesolithic
- Indus Valley Civilisation
- Vedic Age
- Mahajanpada
- Emergence of Magadha
- Mauryans
- Post Mauryans
- Guptas
- Vakatakas and Vardhanas
- Regional State
- Themes in Early Indian Cultural History

* Please note that this is a tentative plan for the batch and the dates may vary

History Test Series

Features

The language style and nature of the questions are in line with the questions asked by the Union Public Service Commission and based on deep understanding and knowledge.

There will be a total of 12 tests. (8 sectional tests and 4 Full Length tests). Medium of the language used will be English.

The evaluation of papers will be done in 4-5 days after the student uploads the paper.

Discussion of each paper would be done thoroughly.

Synopsis of each test will be provided after the student attempts the paper.

Previous Year Questions and high-yielding topics would be covered comprehensively.

Time Table

TEST NO.	DATE	PAPER
Test 1	20th Aug'24	 Delhi sultanate Political developments and economy During 15th and early 16th century Thirteenth and fourteenth centuries The fifteenth and early sixteenth century Society and culture
Test 2	9th Sept'24	 Mughal period Economy and society in the 16th and 17th centuries The eighteenth century
Test 3	29th Sept'24	 European penetration into india British expansion in india Early structure of the British raj Economic impact of British colonial rule Social and cultural developments Social and religious reform movements in Bengal and other areas Indian response to British rule
Test 4	14th Oct′24	 First phase of indian nationalism Second phase of indian nationalism Constitutional developments in the colonial india between 1858 and 1935 Other strands in the national movement Separatist strands in the national movement Consolidation as a nation Caste and ethnicity after 1947 Economic development and political change
Test 5	30th Oct 24	 Enlightenment and modern ideas Origins of modern politics Industrialization Nation – state system Revolution and counter – revolution World wars
Test 6	14th Nov '24	 The world after world war II Imperialism and colonialism Liberation from colonial rule Unification of europe Disintegration of soviet union and the rise of the unipolar world
Test 7	30th Nov '24	 Sources Pre-history and proto – history Indus valley civilization Aryans and vedic period

TEST NO.	DATE	PAPER
		 Period of mahajanapadas or post vedic age Iranian and macedonian invasions and heir impact Mauryan empire
Test 8	20th Dec '24	 Post – Mauryan period Early state and society in eastern india, deccan and south india Guptas, Vakatakas and Vardhans age Regional states during Gupta era Early medieval india, 750 – 1200 Themes in early indian cultural history
Test 9	5th Jan' 25	Full Length Paper (Paper I - Ancient & Medieval History)
Test 10	5th Jan' 25	Full Length Paper (Paper II - Modern & World History)
Test 11	12th Jan'25	Full Length Paper (Paper I - Ancient & Medieval History)
Test 12	12th Jan'25	Full Length Paper (Paper II - Modern & World History)

* Please note that the test dates and discussion dates are subjective and may vary.

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