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INTERACTIVE DISTANCE LEARNING: MAIN TEST SERIES PROGRAMME 2012

Expert Guidance, Feedback & Telephonic Discussion

ANSWER WRITING EVALUATION PROGRAMME

Starting on: September 11

PHILOSOPHY IAS MAINS TEST SERIES 2012: MODULE I (10 MOCK TESTS)

(Expert Support: Telephonic Discussion / Email Interaction)

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 (60 Marks , 30 Marks , 20 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.

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 for evaluation of Answer sheet: Our expert will evaluate answer sheet on following indicators and experience in the field UPSC.

Table with 2 columns: EVALUATION INDICATORS and QUESTION No. Score (1 - 5). Rows include Alignment Competence, Context Competence, Content Competence, Language Competence, Introduction Competence, Structure - Presentations Competence, Conclusion Competence, and MARKS.

Score: Scale: 1- 5

- 5 - Outstanding
4 - Excellent
3 - Good
2 - Average
1 - Poor

NOTE: 1. Total Marks in the question has been given on proper consideration of weightage of every evaluation indicators based on types of the questions and UPSC experience of the expert.

2. 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).

3. Effective feedback and comments has been marked by expert.

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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Number of Mock Tests : 10

Fee : Rs 7000

Nature : **Flexible** - Date of dispatch / Mock Test can be rescheduled on the demand of the aspirants.

You can send your answer booklet for evaluation in the scan format (PDF file) via email or in the printed format via airmail / speed post

What you will get:

- Mock Test Papers & answer sheet (10 Tests)
- Evaluated Answer Booklet by experts with proper feedback, comments & guidance.
- Answer format (Synopsis) of Mock Test paper

SCHEDULE & CONTENT

TEST No.	Date of Mock Test *	Sections Covered	Topics covered
Test 1	11 September 2011	INDIAN PHILOSOPHY – I	<p>12. Cārvāka : Theory of Knowledge; Rejection of Transcendent Entities.</p> <p>13. Jainism: Theory of Reality; Saptabhaṅginaya; Bondage and Liberation.</p> <p>14. Schools of Buddhism: Pratītyasamutpāda; Ksanikavada, Nairātmyavāda</p> <p>15. Nyāya- Vaiśeṣika: 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.</p>

Test 2	2 October 2011	INDIAN PHILOSOPHY – II	<p>16. Sāmkhya: Prakṛti; Puruṣa; Causation; Liberation</p> <p>17. Yoga: Citta; Cittavṛtti; Klesas; Samādhi; Kaivalya.</p> <p>18. Mīmāṃsā: Theory of Knowledge</p> <p>19. Schools of Vedānta: Brahman; Īśvara; Ātman; Jiva; Jagat; Māyā; Avidyā; Adhyāsa; Mokṣa; Aprthaksiddhi; Pancavidhabheda</p> <p>20. Aurobindo: Evolution, Involution; Integral Yoga.</p>
Test 3	23 October 2011	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	<p>1. Notions of God: Attributes; Relation to Man and the World. (Indian and Western).</p> <p>2. Proofs for the Existence of God and their Critique (Indian and Western).</p> <p>3. Problem of Evil.</p> <p>4. Soul: Immortality; Rebirth and Liberation.</p> <p>5. Reason, Revelation and Faith.</p> <p>6. Religious Experience: Nature and Object (Indian and Western).</p> <p>7. Religion without God.</p> <p>8. Religion and Morality.</p> <p>9. Religious Pluralism and the Problem of Absolute Truth.</p> <p>10. Nature of Religious Language: Analogical and Symbolic; Cognitivist and Non-cognitive</p>
Test 4	13 November 2011	WESTERN PHILOSOPHY I	<p>1. Plato and Aristotle: Ideas; Substance; Form and Matter; Causation; Actuality and Potentiality.</p> <p>2. Rationalism (Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz): Cartesian Method and Certain Knowledge; Substance; God; Mind-Body Dualism; Determinism and Freedom.</p> <p>3. Empiricism (Locke, Berkeley, Hume): Theory of Knowledge; Substance and Qualities; Self and God; Scepticism.</p> <p>4. Kant: Possibility of Synthetic a priori Judgments; Space and Time; Categories; Ideas of Reason; Antinomies; Critique of Proofs for the Existence of God</p>

<p>Test 5</p>	<p>4 December 2011</p>	<p>WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Hegel: Dialectical Method; Absolute Idealism 6. Moore, Russell and Early Wittgenstein: Defence of Commonsense; Refutation of Idealism; Logical Atomism; Logical Constructions; Incomplete Symbols; Picture Theory of Meaning; Saying and Showing. 7. Logical Positivism: Verification Theory of Meaning; Rejection of Metaphysics; Linguistic Theory of Necessary Propositions. 8. Later Wittgenstein: Meaning and Use; Language-games; Critique of Private Language. 9. Phenomenology (Husserl): Method; Theory of Essences; Avoidance of Psychologism. 10. Existentialism (Kierkegaard, Sartre, Heidegger): Existence and Essence; Choice, Responsibility and Authentic Existence; Being-in-the –world and Temporality. 11. Quine and Strawson: Critique of Empiricism; Theory of Basic Particulars and Persons.
<p>Test 6</p>	<p>25 December 2011</p>	<p>SOCIAL POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social & Political Ideals: Equality, Justice, Liberty. 2. Sovereignty: Austin, Bodin, Laski, Kautilya. 3. Individual and State: Rights; Duties and Accountability 4. Forms of Government: Monarchy; Theocracy and Democracy. 5. Political Ideologies: Anarchism; Marxism and Socialism 6. Humanism; Secularism; Multiculturalism. 7. Crime and Punishment: Corruption, Mass Violence, Genocide, Capital Punishment. 8. Development and Social Progress. 9. Gender Discrimination: Female Foeticide, Land and Property Rights; Empowerment. 10. Caste Discrimination: Gandhi and Ambedkar
<p>Test 7</p>	<p>15 January 2012</p>	<p>FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST- 1</p>	<p>Complete syllabus of Paper I</p>

Test 8	15 July 2012	FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST- 2	Complete Syllabus of Paper II
Test 9	12 August 2012	FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST- 3	Complete syllabus of Paper I
Test 10	2 Sept 2012	FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST- 4	Complete Syllabus of Paper II

NOTE:

1. Question Papers of the Mock Test & answer sheet will be dispatched through air mail before the date of Mock Test (4 days); it will take 2-3 days to reach its destination.
2. Next Mock test paper & Answer Booklet will be dispatched with evaluated Answer Booklet with proper Comments, Feedback & Guidelines & Synopsis / Answer format of previous mock test paper.
3. You are advised to return the answer booklet at the earliest, so that our expert can evaluate in time. The evaluated answer booklet will be returned with the successive test.
4. Date of dispatch can be rescheduled on the demand of the candidate
5. You can send your answer booklet for **evaluation in the scan format (PDF file) via email** or in **the printed format via airmail / speed post.**

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- **Philosophy IAS Mains: Useful Resource** (Key Books, Study material , Question Trend Analysis & Strategy – Guidelines) Link at: <http://wp.me/p49IH-1de>
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UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF EXPERTS (*Expert Guidance, Feedback & Discussion*)

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