

GS & ESSAY MAINS QIP 2023

MAINS TEST SERIES & QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (QIP)



Ace the examination

G.S. Tests

Thematic Tests
GS (13) +
Essay (2)

Full Length Tests
GS (8) +
Essay (2)

All India (Open)
Mains Pareekshan Tests
GS (4) + Essay (1)

Learn

Sample
Answers
(within
word limit)

Live-Online Classes
(for subject wise
strategy & test
discussion)

Evaluation &
Personal Mentorship
(by subject matter
experts)

Revise



Live-Online Classes
(≈150+ hrs. Inc. Essay
of Revision & Answer
writing classes)



MAINS COMPASS
(9 subject wise
Mains Compilation)

ENROLL NOW

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- **PROVIDE AMPLE ANSWER-WRITING PRACTICE** on questions emulating UPSC Mains trend (both static and current topics).
- **IMPROVE YOUR ANSWER WRITING SKILLS:** Teach you how to organize and present information & knowledge to write best answers within the given time and word limit.
- **MAINS SIMULATION** many times over before you take Mains 2023.
- **TARGETED REVISION** of the UPSC Mains syllabus.

COURSE COMPONENTS & FOCUS AREAS OF LEARNING

1 Tests + Sample Answers

- Learn to decode the demand of the question
- How to answer different types of questions (direct, multi-dimensional and analytical questions)
- Test your preparedness on both conceptual and current topics.
- Improve Answer Writing Skills.
- Build capacity to write your best 20 answers in 180 mins.

2 Multi-layered evaluation and feedback Personal Mentorship

- Identify your weak areas and work one to one with Rau's IAS mentors who'll hand hold you to improve Mains answer writing.

3 QIP : Revision & Answers Writing Classes Live-Online Mode (Video backup till Mains) + Mains Compass

- Revise all the important themes and topics for upcoming Mains via:
- ≈150+ hrs. (including Essay) hours of Revision & Answer Writing classes.
 - 9 subject wise Mains compilations which will present key points along the answer writing approach - Background/explanation of the topic, Positives, Negatives, Impact Assessment (Social-Political-Economic-Cultural, etc), Observations/ Reports/ Committees and Measures for improvement.

TARGETED COURSE: WHO WILL BENEFIT?

It is a targeted course and most suitable for aspirants who have a good handle on basics. Every serious aspirant will benefit immensely from the modus operandi of this **exam-centric course**. It is exam-centric and targeted because we keenly focus on such **themes which have high chances of being asked in the Mains exam**. We do that by:

- picking the most relevant topics by analysing the current issues and mapping them to syllabus, and
- identifying the static themes by examining the trends in previous years' question papers.

Then, our approach is to help you to develop multi-dimensional perspective across them and improve your answer writing skills.

MAINS TEST SERIES & QIP 2023 COURSES

MAINS QIP 2023 Test Series + Classes Batch	MAINS QIP 2023 Test Series Only Batch	GS (PRE & MAINS) INTEGRATED QIP 2023 All Inclusive + Current Affairs + Personal Mentorship Batch
<p>GS Mains (25) + Essay Mains (5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic tests → GS (13) + Essay (2) • FLTs → GS (8) + Essay (2) • All India (Open) Mains Pareekshan FLTs → GS (4) + Essay (1) 	<p>GS Mains (25) + Essay Mains (5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic tests → GS (13) + Essay (2) • FLTs → GS (8) + Essay (2) • All India (Open) Mains Pareekshan FLTs → GS (4) + Essay (1) 	<p>No. of Tests</p> <p>Prelims (60) + GS Mains (25) + Essay Mains (5)</p> <p>PRELIMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic Tests (20) • Supplementary Test on Budget & Economic Survey (1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject tests (6) • Current Affairs (15) • FLTs → GS (10) + CSAT (4) • All India (Open) Pre Pareekshan tests (4) <p>GS MAINS + ESSAY MAINS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic tests → GS (13) + Essay (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FLTs → GS (8) + Essay (2) • All India (Open) Mains Pareekshan FLTs → GS (4) + Essay (1)
<p>Live-Online Classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GS Mains Revision & Answer Writing ≈ 130+ hrs. • Revision & Essay Writing ≈ 20 hrs. 	<p>Live-Online Classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Classes 	<p>Live-Online Classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mains Paper Strategy (incl. PYQ Discussion) ≈ 50 hrs • Current Affairs + Test Discussion ≈ 80 hrs • Prelims Revision & MCQ's Practice ≈ 75 hrs.

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Study Material (PRINT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GS Mains Compass (9 books) 	Study Material (PRINT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GS Mains Compass (9 books) 	Study Material (PRINT) Focus (Monthly) + Prelims Compass (8 books) + GS & Essay Mains Compass (9 books)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample Answers • Evaluation & Feedback • Personal Mentoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample Answers • Evaluation & Feedback • Personal Mentoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample Answers • Evaluation & Feedback • Personal Mentoring
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INR ₹30,000/- <i>Old student discount – 25%</i>	INR ₹15,000/- <i>Old student discount – 25%</i>	INR ₹45,000/- <i>Old student discount – 33.3%</i>

- ONLINE (pdf) edition of Monthly Focus Magazines will be available to all on elearn.rauias.com
- Annual Mains Compass Books will be given ONLINE & in PRINT after Prelims.

TESTS SCHEDULE & SOURCES

MAINS (THEMATIC) TESTS

- ≡ GS Mains – 13 tests
- ≡ Essay Mains – 2 tests

#	TEST		# Qs	SYLLABUS (detailed theme wise SOURCES included in the adjoining addendum)	Date of Release
1	MAINS	Ancient, Medieval, Art & culture	20	Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.	10/07/2022
2	MAINS	World History, International Relations	20	History of the world will include events from 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redrawing of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc. – their forms and effect on the society. India and its neighbourhood- relations. Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting Government strives to have a workforce which reflects gender balance and women candidates are	17/07/2022

				<p>encouraged to apply. India's interests.</p> <p>Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.</p> <p>Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.</p>	
3	Mains	Modern History, Post Modern	20	<p>Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present-significant events, personalities, issues.</p> <p>The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.</p> <p>Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.</p>	24/07/2022
4	MAINS	Polity & Governance-1	20	<p>Indian Constitution - historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.</p> <p>Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.</p> <p>Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.</p> <p>Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries. 2Parliament and State legislatures—structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these.</p> <p>Role of civil services in a democracy.</p>	21/08/2022
5	MAINS	Polity & Governance-2	20	<p>Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary—Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.</p> <p>Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.</p> <p>Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions, and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.</p> <p>Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.</p> <p>Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizen's charters, transparency & accountability, and</p>	28/08/2022

				institutional and other measures.	
6	MAINS	Economy - 1	20	<p>Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization, of resources, growth, development and employment.</p> <p>Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.</p> <p>Government Budgeting.</p> <p>Major crops-cropping patterns in various parts of the country, - different types of irrigation and irrigation systems storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers.</p>	04/09/2022
7	MAINS	Economy - 2	20	<p>Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices; Public Distribution System- objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing.</p> <p>Food processing and related industries in India-scope' and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.</p> <p>Land reforms in India.</p> <p>Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.</p> <p>Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.</p> <p>Investment models.</p>	11/09/22
8	MAINS	Society & Social Justice	20	<p>Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.</p> <p>Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies. •Effects of globalization on Indian society.</p> <p>Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.</p> <p>Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.</p> <p>Development processes and the development industry — the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection</p>	18/09/2022

				and betterment of these vulnerable sections. •Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources. Issues relating to poverty and hunger.	
9	MAINS	Geography	20	Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India). Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone Government strives to have a workforce which reflects gender balance and women candidates are encouraged to apply. etc., geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.	25/09/2022
10	MAINS	Science & Tech, Security	20	Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life. Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology. Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, Nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights. Linkages between development and spread of extremism. Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security. Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention. Security challenges and their management in border areas - linkages of organized crime with terrorism. Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.	02/10/2022
11	Mains	Essay	8	Indian Heritage and Culture, History, International Relations, Geography of the World, Bio diversity, Environment, and Disaster Management	09/10/2022
12	MAINS	Environment + Disaster	20	Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.	16/10/2022

		Management		Disaster and disaster management.	
13	MAINS	Ethics-1	20	Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude	06/11/2022
14	Mains	Ethics - 2	20	Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude	20/11/2022
15	MAINS	Essay	8	Economic Development, Security, Science & Technology, Society, Social Justice and Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude	04/12/2022

MAINS FLTS

≡ GS – 8 tests

≡ Essay – 2 tests

#	TEST	# Qs	SYLLABUS	Date of Release
1.	Essay	8	General Studies + Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude	18/06/23
2.	GS 1	20	Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society	25/06/23
3.	GS 2	20	Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.	02/07/23
4.	GS 3	20	Technology, Economic Development, Bio diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management	09/07/23
5.	GS 4	20	Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude	16/07/23
6.	Essay	8	General Studies + Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude	23/07/23
7.	GS 1	20	Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society	30/07/23
8.	GS 2	20	Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.	
9.	GS 3	20	Technology, Economic Development, Bio diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management	06/08/23
10.	GS 4	20	Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude	

ALL INDIA (OPEN*) MAINS-PAREEKSHAN TESTS

* Open for UPSC aspirants selected to write the upcoming Mains exam.

≡ GS – 4 tests

≡ Essay – 1 test

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1.	GS 1	20	Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society	12/08/23
2.	GS 2	20	Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.	12/08/23

3.	GS 3	20	Technology, Economic Development, Bio diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management	13/08/23
4.	GS 4	20	Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude	13/08/23
5.	Essay	8	General Studies + Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude	14/08/23

PLEASE NOTE

- GS Mains Revision & Answer Writing (Live-Online) classes** will commence after Prelims 2023.
- Mains Compass booklets** will be provided after Prelims 2023.
- Flexible Scheduling for tests**
 - Tests can be taken at **any time** and from **anywhere within the validity of those tests (15 days before Mains)**.
 - Flexible scheduling allows you to appear for tests based on your plan and preparation.
 - All tests will have a **DATE OF RELEASE**. It refers to the release & availability of a test and its sample answers.
 - Tests can be taken any time after the RELEASE DATE till the validity of those tests (15 days before Mains).

4. HOW TO TAKE TESTS

A. OFFLINE Format

- Any or all tests can be taken at Study Circle's campuses at Delhi- ORN, Delhi- Barakhamba Road and Bengaluru on any day between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.
- Upon arriving at the campus, show your Test Attempt Record Card.
- You will be seated in Rau's Exam Hall and provided with the Question-cum-Answer Booklet (QCA).
- Your evaluated QCA will be uploaded in your student account on elearn.rauias.com under the respective test between 10 and 15 days after the submission of your QCA.

B. ONLINE Format

- Any or all tests can also be taken from the comfort of your home.
- Login to your student account at elearn.rauias.com.
- From the header menu on your **Dashboard**>>click on **'Mains Test'** >> click on the **'See All Tests'** under the Mains Test Series you are enrolled in >> click on the **'View Details'** of the Test you want to attempt >> Download the Question paper/**QCA** >> Take print of the QCA, write your answers in the available space >> **Upload Answer Sheet/QCA** >> Your evaluated QCA will be available in your student account under the same test between 10 and 15 days after the submission of your QCA.
[IMPORTANT: Do upload your answer sheets/QCA as a Single PDF file]

5. Sample Answers and Test Discussions Live-Online Classes (video backup till Mains)

- After submitting your QCA, go through the: **Sample Answers** to assess how you have done and understand the approach adopted in the Sample Answer. It may help you develop a better line of thought. To download Sample Answers, click on **'Study Material'** from the header menu on your **Dashboard** on elearn.rauias.com >> Filter results by selecting **'Mains Tests & Sample Answers'**.

- **Subject-wise Strategy and Questions Discussion Live-Online Classes (video backup till Mains):**
We recommend you also attend these classes to understand the subject wise answer writing tips and strategy. To attend Classes, from the header menu on your **Dashboard** on elearn.rauias.com>> go to **Live-Online Course** >> click on **Current Affairs & Test Discussion module**>> Attend classes from **ongoing classes** and catch up on videos from Previous classes.

6. Personal Mentorship

Students can avail one-to-one guidance from the educators of Mains Test Series & QIP Course. Personal Mentorship can be availed through any of the following mediums:

- IN PERSON at Rau's IAS Delhi Campus – WALK IN anytime on any day between 10 am and 6 pm.
- TELEPHONICALLY – CALL anytime from 10 am to 6 pm **011-40786093**
- Through EMAIL – email us your query at my-mentor@rauias.com and we'll get back to you soon.
- **Important:** Provide (or quote in your email) your **Student ID** to avail Personal Mentorship.

Use personal mentorship for the following:

- How to incorporate suggestions provided in feedback to improve answer writing?
- How to construct answers to get more marks than before? Focus will be on:
 - ✓ Proper Introduction in sync with demand of question
 - ✓ Apt conclusion
 - ✓ Use of data, facts
 - ✓ Presentation skills (one para one idea, highlighting keywords, etc)
 - ✓ Diagrammatic presentation
 - ✓ Time and speed management
- Evaluation of re-written answers (written after incorporating above suggestions)
- How to consolidate notes and revise for the Mains?
- *Prerequisite:* You should have the evaluated copy with you at the time of personal mentorship.