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We know you have faced 'rational choice dilemma' while searching for right test series due to 'plurality of preferences.'

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Target Mains PSIR 2024 Features:

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- **8 Thematic Tests** - having 15 questions each (attempt 10).
- **4 Sectional Tests** - 28 questions - each test covering one section of each paper.
- **4 Full Length Tests.**
- You can **attempt tests both Online & Offline** - deadline till Mains 2024.
- Quality and timely test evaluation and feedback.
- Engage with our faculty Rahul Puri Sir for any doubt regarding the test and questions.
- Test discussion by Rahul Puri Sir – **Available** both **Online and Offline mode**.
- Quality model answers and notes.
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The schedule of the tests & the discussions is given below:

TEST	DATE	SYLLABUS TO BE COVERED UNDER TESTS
Thematic Test - 1	26/11/2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Political Theory: meaning and approaches.2. Theories of state: Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist, Pluralist, post-colonial and Feminist.3. Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawls's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.4. Equality: Social, political and economic; the relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action.5. Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; Concept of Human Rights.
Thematic Test - 2	10/12/2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy—representative, participatory and deliberative.2. Concept of power: hegemony, ideology and legitimacy.3. Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism.4. Indian Political Thought: Dharmashastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist Traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M. K. Gandhi, B. R. Ambedkar, M. N. Roy.5. Western Political Thought: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt.
Thematic Test - 3	24/12/2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Indian Nationalism:<ol style="list-style-type: none">(a) Political Strategies of India's Freedom Struggle: Constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Non-cooperation, Civil Disobedience; Militant and Revolutionary Movements, Peasant and Workers Movements.(b) Perspectives on Indian National Movement; Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical Humanist and Dalit.2. Making of the Indian Constitution: Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives.3. Salient Features of the Indian Constitution: The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles; Parliamentary System and Amendment

		<p>Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine.</p> <p>4. (a) Principal Organs of the Union Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court.</p> <p>(b) Principal Organs of the State Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and High Courts.</p> <p>5. Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; Significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.</p>
Thematic Test - 4	07/01/2024	<p>1. Statutory Institutions/Commissions: Election Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General, Finance Commission; Union Public Service Commission, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, National Commission for Women; National Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Minorities, National Backward Classes Commission.</p> <p>2. Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.</p> <p>3. Planning and Economic Development: Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; Role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalisation and economic reforms.</p> <p>4. Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics.</p> <p>5. Party System: National and regional political parties, ideological and social bases of parties; Patterns of coalition politics; Pressure groups, trends in electoral behaviour; changing socio-economic profile of Legislators.</p> <p>6. Social Movement: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements.</p>
Thematic Test - 5	21/01/2024	<p>1. Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; Political economy and political sociology perspectives; Limitations of the comparative method.</p> <p>2. State in Comparative Perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies and advanced industrial and developing societies.</p> <p>3. Politics of Representation and Participation: Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.</p> <p>4. Globalisation: Responses from developed and developing societies.</p> <p>5. Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory.</p> <p>6. Key Concepts in International Relations: National interest, security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalisation.</p>
Thematic Test - 6	04/02/2024	<p>1. Changing International Political Order:</p> <p>(a) Rise of super powers; Strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and cold war; Nuclear threat;</p> <p>(b) Non-aligned Movement: Aims and achievements.</p> <p>(c) Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; Relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.</p> <p>2. Evolution of the International Economic System: From Brettonwoods to WTO; Socialist economies and the CMEA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance); Third World demand for new international economic order; Globalisation of the world economy.</p> <p>3. United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; Specialized UN agencies —</p>

		<p>aims and functioning; need for UN reforms.</p> <p>4. Regionalisation of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, AARC, NAFTA.</p> <p>5. Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation.</p>
Thematic Test - 7	18/02/2024	<p>1. Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy; the institutions of policy-making; Continuity and change.</p> <p>2. India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement Different phases; Current role.</p> <p>3. India and South Asia:</p> <p>(a) Regional Co-operation: SAARC-past performance and future prospects.</p> <p>(b) South Asia as a Free Trade Area.</p> <p>(c) India's "Look East" policy.</p> <p>(d) Impediments to regional cooperation: River water disputes; illegal cross-border migration; Ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; Border disputes.</p> <p>4. India and the Global South: Relations with Africa and Latin America; Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations.</p>
Thematic Test - 8	03/03/2024	<p>1. India and the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia.</p> <p>2. India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; Demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.</p> <p>3. India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy.</p> <p>4. Recent developments in Indian Foreign Policy: India's position on the recent crises in Afghanistan, Iraq and West Asia, growing relations with US and Israel; Vision of a new world order</p>

UPSC Prelims Date – 26/05/2024

Tests Post Prelims –

Sectional and FLTs		
Test	Date	Topics covered
SECTIONAL		
1.	16/06/2024	Paper-I : Section-A
2.	30/06/2024	Paper-I : Section-B
3.	14/07/2024	Paper-II : Section-A
4.	28/07/2024	Paper-II : Section-B
FLTs		
1.	11/08/2024	FLT : Paper-I
2.	18/08/2024	FLT : Paper-II
3.	01/09/2024	FLT : Paper-I
4.	01/09/2024	FLT : Paper-II

UPSC Mains 2024 Starts On – 20/09/2024