

APPROACH

- Topic Tests (29 + 1 tests | 1500 Qs):** First, the test series will guide students to **exhaustively cover** the concepts and knowledge nuggets required by the UPSC syllabus from all important sources – **NCERTs (old and new) + Key Reference books**.
 - Focus area of MCQs –to check clarity of concepts from static topics given in the study plan.
 - Nature of MCQs – Conceptual
- Thematic Tests (7 tests | 700 Qs):** Then, it will lead students to narrow their focus and **revise** all the important concepts and information across the syllabus along with related recent developments.
 - Focus area of MCQs – Reinforcement of concepts from static portion + awareness of related current affairs
 - Nature of MCQs – Conceptual, Current & Conceptual-Current
 - Difficulty Level will be higher than the topic tests.**
- Current Affairs (12 tests | 1200 Qs):** All through-out (on a monthly basis) it will enable students to cover all important current affairs, across all dynamic sections of the syllabus, from relevant sources – newspapers, government websites, Yojana, Kurukshetra, etc.
 - Focus area of MCQs – Awareness of all important current affairs
 - Nature of MCQs – Current & Conceptual-Current
- FLTs - GS (8 tests | 800 Qs) + CSAT (4 tests | 320 Qs):** Finally, it will train students to attempt full length tests in simulated UPSC environment.
 - Focus area of MCQs – UPSC simulation
 - Nature of MCQs – UPSC pattern

GOAL

The Prelims Test Series (PTS) along with the Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) have been designed for improving candidates' learning outcomes. The goal is:

- To **EXHAUSTIVELY** cover all standard sources of study (+ NCERTs) using a **STUDY PLAN**
- To **STEP-UP** the preparation level of the candidates and bring it at par with the UPSC.
- Help them **EVALUATE** what they have studied and **LEARN** about their strengths and weaknesses
- To **PLUG GAPS** and **UPDATE** their knowledge through **VIDEO SOLUTIONS**
- To give them **MULTIPLE REVISIONS** of the entire syllabus – **both static (concepts) and current**
- Overall, help candidates improve their score and **SUCCEED IN PRELIMS 2020.**

HOW IT WILL WORK

The candidates will be provided with

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| ✓ A Study Plan and Schedule of the tests with goals to be achieved in each. | ✓ Video Explanations/ Solutions to all questions. |
| ✓ Sources required for the tackling the tests | ✓ Prelims Compass study material based on C3 (Current-Core-Concept) approach for targeted and speedy revision. The 1st part will be available around January 2020 and 2nd part around March 2020. |
| ✓ Micro syllabus areas and issues to be focused for the tests | ✓ QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (QIP) revision videos one-two month before the Prelims. |
| ✓ Detailed performance analysis to learn about their strengths and weaknesses | |

PRELIMS TEST SERIES COURSES

COMPREHENSIVE PTS2020	FULL LENGTH PTS2020	CURRENT AFFAIRS PTS2020
No. of Tests 60 (+1) No. of Questions 4500	No. of Tests 12 No. of Questions 1120	No. of Tests 12 No. of Questions 1200
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Topic Tests (29) Supplementary Test on Budget & Economic Survey (1) Thematic Tests (7) Current Affairs (12) FLTs - GS (8) + CSAT (4) Focus monthly current affairs magazine from Feb 2019 – April 2020. Prelims Compass books 2020 QIP Videos 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> FLTs - GS (8) + CSAT (4) Prelims Compass books 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Current Affairs (12) Focus monthly current affairs magazine from Feb 2019 – April 2020. Prelims Compass books 2020
Mode Online/Offline	Mode Online/Offline	Mode Online only
INR ₹14,000	INR ₹6,000	INR ₹6,000

- Old student discount of flat 50% across all courses
- Complementary for all Rau's GSI program 2019-20 students
- Subscription to Focus & Prelims Compass will be both online and print only after registration.

Seal the deal with **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (QIP)**

- QIP will be **highly targeted videos** conducted by different subject experts.
- The **videos** will cover key topics and issues, across all the themes of GS Prelims syllabus, which are important for the upcoming Prelims.
- This will help the candidates update their knowledge as well as give their exam preparation the final shape.
- QIP videos will be available **through 'Rau's elearn'**.

FAQs

- **HOW PTS2020 WILL HELP?** Comprehensive PTS2020 has been designed to help students prepare through a step-up approach. It will help students:
 - cover all relevant topics (as given in the study plan) thoroughly.
 - cover static portion of the syllabus and test for clarity of concepts
 - consolidate the static portion of the syllabus with current affairs in that portion
 - cover current affairs separately as well
 - Video explanations will help in learning more and covering multiple dimensions of a topic.
 - Basically, the Comprehensive PTS2020 **is a meticulously designed Study Plan to organize your preparation and keep you on track towards covering the syllabus extensively from NCERT to ADVANCE level.**
- **HOW TO TAKE TESTS? IS THERE FLEXIBILITY?** All tests can be taken **ONLINE** from anywhere and at any time in accordance with an individuals' preparation. However, for maximum benefit, it is suggested to follow the STUDY

PLAN and SCHEDULE. The candidate may appear for tests online at any time after the tests are released (refer to the schedule).

- **FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING FOR SIT-DOWN TESTS:** Students will have the flexibility of taking tests in Pen & Paper mode according to “flexible scheduling for Sit-down tests”. All such tests will be conducted at Rau's IAS campuses at NEW DELHI, JAIPUR and BENGALURU.
- **PROGRAM DURATION:** Online Tests can be taken anytime till 30 May 2020, after which the program subscription will expire.
- **VIDEO EXPLANATIONS** will become available after completing a test.
- **QIP VIDEO LESSONS** will be available 1-2 months before the upcoming Prelims.
- **DIFFICULTY LEVEL AND LOGICAL STANDARD** of questions will be exactly that of UPSC. It will not be below that. It will not be way above that either, just to impress the candidates. Focus will not be just on testing the conceptual clarity. The logical standard of the questions will be high, which is the actual pattern of the UPSC.
- **ALL INDIA RANKING AND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS** Students can access Section-wise, detailed performance analysis which will help the candidates in finding out their respective areas of strength and weakness.
- Question Papers will be **Bilingual (English & Hindi)**.

Test Type - 1 CURRENT AFFAIRS & CONTEMPORARY ISSUES TESTS (12)

#	TEST	# Qs	SYLLABUS
1	CA – Feb - Mar 2019	100	<p>DNS + FOCUS (OR) The Hindu + The Indian Express + Yojana + Kurukshetra + PIB + Down to Earth + Science Reporter, etc</p> <p>Questions will largely be made from the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic & Social development - Science & Technology - Polity & Governance - Environment, Ecology & Biodiversity <p>But, do expect occasional questions from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sections of Art & Culture in news - Concepts of Geography in news <p>Nature of questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current & Conceptual- Current (Applied)
2	CA – Apr-May 2019	100	
3	CA – June-July 2019	100	
4	CA - Aug 2019	100	
5	CA - Sep 2019	100	
6	CA - Oct 2019	100	
7	CA - Nov 2019	100	
8	CA - Dec 2019	100	
9	CA - Jan 2020	100	
10	CA - Feb 2020	100	
11	CA - March 2020	100	
12	CA - April 2020	100	

Test Type - 2 TOPIC TESTS (29+1) & THEMATIC TESTS (7)

#	THEME	TEST	NATURE OF QUESTIONS	# Qs	SYLLABUS
1	Polity, Constitution & Governance	Polity – 1	Conceptual	50	Constitutional development, Preamble, Union and its territory, citizenship
2		Polity – 2	Conceptual	50	Fundamental rights, Fundamental duties, DPSP, Amendment, Basic structure
3		Polity – 3	Conceptual	50	Judiciary, Executive, federalism, centre-state relations
4		Polity – 4	Conceptual	50	Legislature, Panchayati Raj & Schedule
5		Polity – 5	Conceptual	50	Constitutional bodies & non-constitutional bodies & other constitutional dimensions
6		Thematic : Polity	Conceptual + Conceptual-Current	100	All Themes + Related Current Affairs
7	History & Culture	Ancient India	Conceptual	50	Stone Copper Phase, Indus valley civilization, Vedic age & Buddha age, Maurya empire, Gupta empire & Harsha empire and Historical & cultural development in South India
8		Medieval India	Conceptual	50	Chola empire, Vijaya Nagar Kingdom & other south Indian kingdom, Delhi Sultanate, Mughal empire, Bhakti & Sufi movement
9		Art & Culture-1	Conceptual	50	Indian Languages, Literature, Religion & Philosophy and education system & Science and Technology
10		Art & Culture-2	Conceptual	50	Painting, Performing Arts and Architecture

					(Indian Painting, Music, Dance and Drama)
11		Modern India-1	Conceptual	50	From the decline of the Mughal Empire till formation of Indian national Congress
12		Modern India – 2	Conceptual	50	From the formation of Indian National Congress till the till the Civil Disobedience Movement
13		Modern India – 3	Conceptual	50	Developments after the Civil Disobedience Movement till Independence; along with History of Education, Press, Social Movements – Women, Dalit, Labour, Peasant. Constitutional Developments during British Rule
14		Thematic : History	Conceptual + Conceptual-current	100	All Themes + Related Current Affairs
15	Geography	Indian Geography-1	Conceptual	50	Geological Structure, Physiography & Drainage system & map
16		Indian Geography-2	Conceptual	50	Climate, Natural Vegetation, Soils, Natural Hazards & disasters & Multipurpose projects & map
17		Indian Geography-3	Conceptual	50	Agriculture, resources, population composition & census, Transport& map
18		World Geography-I	Conceptual	50	Geomorphology & Hydrosphere & map
19		World Geography-2	Conceptual	50	Climatology, Biogeography and Social & economic geography & map
20		Thematic : Geography	Conceptual + Conceptual-current	100	All Themes + Related Current Affairs
21	Economic – Social Development	Economy – 1	Conceptual	50	Economic overview, planning & national income
22		Economy – 2	Conceptual	50	Inclusive growth & SDG
23		Economy – 3	Conceptual	50	Banking, finance & inflation
24		Economy – 4	Conceptual	50	Planning & Government budget
25		Economy – 5	Conceptual	50	Agriculture & Industry
26		Economy – 6	Conceptual	50	External sectors & international organisations
27		Supplementary Test	Conceptual + Applied	50	Budget & Economic Survey
28		Thematic: Economy	Conceptual + Conceptual-Current	100	All Themes + Related Current Affairs
29	Environment, Ecology & Biodiversity	Env, Eco & Bio-1	Conceptual + Conceptual-current	50	Organisms and Populations & Ecosystem
30		Env, Eco & Bio-2	Conceptual + Conceptual-current	50	Environment, Environmental issues
31		Env, Eco & Bio-3	Conceptual + Conceptual-current	50	Climate change
32		Env, Eco & Bio-4	Conceptual + Conceptual-current	50	Biodiversity & Conservation
33		Thematic : Env, Eco & Bio	Conceptual + Conceptual-current	100	All Themes + Related Current Affairs
34	Science &	Test – 1	Conceptual +	50	Basic Science + Biology + Biotechnology +

			Conceptual-Current		Nanotechnology + Robotics
35		Test - 2	Conceptual + Conceptual-Current	50	Space + Defence + ICT + IPR
36		Thematic : S&T	Conceptual + Conceptual-Current	100	All Themes + Related Current Affairs
37	International Relations	Thematic : International Relations	Conceptual + Conceptual-Current	100	International bodies, World affairs & related locations

Test Type - 3 FULL-LENGTH TESTS GS (8) + CSAT (4)

#	TEST	# Qs	
1	GS FLT 1	100	To be conducted in the last 3 MONTHS BEFORE PRELIMS (MARCH till MAY) on exact UPSC pattern of questions and format of conduct
2	GS FLT 2	100	
3	GS FLT 3	100	
4	GS FLT 4	100	
5	GS FLT 5	100	
6	CSAT FLT 1	80	
7	GS FLT 6	100	
8	CSAT FLT 2	80	
9	GS FLT 7	100	
10	CSAT FLT 3	80	
11	GS FLT 8	100	
12	CSAT FLT 4	80	