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With Prelims 2020 around 100 days away, we have come up with a new initiative – a power packed **mini PRELIMS THEMATIC TEST SERIES (PTS) 2020 for UPSC Prelims 2020**. It consists of a total of 12 GS Tests with 10 Tests based on Themes which are extremely important for Prelims and 2 Full Syllabus Tests.

Every year about 20-30 questions are asked from these themes/topics and most of them are unconventional/unheard. PTS covers these themes **comprehensively** with sources from every nook and corner so that absolutely nothing is left out.

InsightsIAS guarantees that students will be capable of exercising a significant control over topics enlisted if they cover the sources mentioned in the PTS timetable and attend these mocks consistently. Having learnt the technique of inter-linking and preparing for Mains simultaneously, if students manage to answer even 50% of the questions from these topics with proper focus and preparation, it can make a huge difference to their final score. Students can over-come any form of anxiety w.r.t to these portions and have immense clarity in their approach towards the exam. All thanks to InsightsIAS Prelims Thematic Test series 2020!

Following is the Time-table for the Prelims Thematic Test series 2020.

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Test No	Date	Test topics and sources
TEST – 1	28 th June 2020 Sunday	AGRICULTURE - CONCEPTS, INSTITUTIONS, SCHEMES/AGREEMENTS etc.
		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. NCERT Books - special focus on 11th and 12th NCERTs - Biology and India Physical/Human Geography2. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare and other websites - list in appendix below3. FAO, ICRISAT, IFPRI, IFAD websites - cover initiatives, reports etc.4. TN Agricultural Website: http://agritech.tnau.ac.in/ (Past year UPSC Qs asked from here)5. India Yearbook 2020- Ch 4,15 & 27 on Agriculture; Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Aff.; Water Resources6. WTO (and other international) agreements related to Agriculture - see appendix7. Agricultural credit: NABARD, Cooperatives, Regional Rural Bank etc - see appendix <p><i>Current Events related to Agricultural development Jan 2019 - June 2020 (Insights current compilations)</i> <i>Map based questions on agriculture: India</i> <i>Mains self study: 1 mock - 20 Qs</i></p>
TEST – 2	6 th July 2020 Monday	SCIENCE & TECH - EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, CONCEPTS & APPLICATIONS
		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. India Yearbook 2020 - Ch 8, 9 & 25 on Science and Tech; Communications and IT and Defence2. Insights Science and Tech Compilations - Revision Modules 2019 and 20203. NCERT - Bio (XII-Ch 4,5, 7-16; XI-Ch 2 and 5); Phy (XI-Ch 1,5,8; XII-Ch 15); Chem (XI-Ch1,14; XII-Ch 14,16)



		<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Ministry websites - New and Renewable energy; Science & Tech; Earth Sciences5. Technology Review (https://www.technologyreview.com/) - see topics section - AI, Bio-tech, Computing etc.6. Insights Current events; Science Daily (https://www.sciencedaily.com/); NASA; Indian Express (Explained) <p><i>Mains self study: 1 mock - 20 Qs</i></p>
TEST - 3	15th July 2020 Wednesday	<p style="text-align: center;">ENVIRONMENT - PROTECTED AREAS, SPECIES, TREATIES/BODIES/AGREEMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Websites of UNFCCC, UNEP, WWF-India (species and protected areas both) & IUCN (Critical species India)2. Treaties - India as a partner- http://ifs.nic.in/Dynamic/book/page8.pdf (list comprehensive, but read more)3. Indian Economy - Ramesh Singh - Ch on Sustainability and Climate Change or Shankar IAS material4. India Yearbook 2020 - Ch 11, 12 on Energy and Environment5. Insights Environment Prelims Revision Compilations - 2019 and 20206. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change website - cover comprehensively7. ENVIS Portal- http://www.wiienviis.nic.in/Database/Protected_Area_854.aspx - from here read Sites of Conservation Importance, Protected areas of India and species (see tabs in the link)8. Major lakes (including those with protected areas) and Ramsar wetland sites in India <p><i>Mains Self Study: 1 mock - 20 Qs</i> <i>Protected areas, lakes, sites, species covered in UPSC papers 2011-2019 (Very important)</i> <i>See Appendix for a brief</i></p>



TEST – 4	25th July 2020 Saturday	INTERNATIONAL - BODIES, NGOs, REPORTS, AGREEMENTS
		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Start from India Yearbook 2020 - Ch on India and World (gives a broad coverage, then read the following)2. UN Specialized agencies - websites, and that of regional bodies e.g. ASEAN, BIMSTEC, SAARC, BRICS, SCO3. Ministry of External Affairs website - cover major trade agreements and partnerships of India4. Insights Prelims Revision Modules 2019 & 2020 - International Relations5. International NGOs working in India and Indian NGOs - e.g. Greenpeace, ADR, SEWA6. Contemporary World Politics - Class XII NCERT <p><i>Mains Self Study - 1 mock - 20 Qs</i> <i>Insights current events</i></p>
TEST - 5	1st August 2020 Saturday	ART & CULTURE
		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Culture portion from NCERT History and Culture books - XI and XII & TN board History textbook - XI2. CCRT Website3. Insights Prelims Revision Module 2019 and 2020 - Arts and Culture4. UNESCO + National heritages https://www.indiaculture.nic.in/national-list-intangible-cultural-heritage-ich5. India Yearbook 2020 - Ch on Culture and Tourism6. Ministry of Culture website <p><i>Mains Self Study: 1 mock - 20 Qs</i></p>
TEST - 6	9th August 2020 Sunday	SOCIAL WELFARE - SCHEMES, CONCEPTS, INITIATIVES, ISSUES
		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. India Yearbook 2020 - Ch 10 (Education), 16 (Health & Family Welfare), 17 (Housing & Urban),



		<p>Ch 20 (Law and Justice), 21 (Labour), 23 (Planning), 24 (Rural Dev.), 28 (Welfare) , 29 (Youth affairs)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Indian Economy - Ramesh Singh 7th Ed. - Ch 20 & 21 on Human Development & Socio-economic issues3. Insights Revision Modules for Prelims 2019 and 2020 - Government Schemes and Society4. Initiatives by UN Specialized Agencies (from their websites) - WHO, UNDP, WB, IMF, ILO, UNESCO, WIPO5. Ministries concerned directly with social welfare - list in appendix below6. Recent events - Insights Daily Current Events <p><i>Mains self study: 1 mock - 20 Qs</i></p>
TEST - 7	17th August 2020 Monday	<p>INDIA YEARBOOK 2020 & PAST CURRENT AFFAIRS - 2019 (Important)</p>
		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. India Yearbook 2020 (Chapters not covered in Test 1-6)2. Insights Current Event compilations - 2020, 2019 and 2018 (only July-December)- portion not covered above <p><i>Mains self study: 1 mock - 20 Qs</i></p>
TEST - 8	25th August 2020 Tuesday	<p>YOJANA 2020, BUDGET 2020-2021 AND ECONOMIC SURVEY</p>
		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Yojana 2019 and 2020 - Only cover "DO YOU KNOW" section2. Union Budget 2020-213. Economic Survey 2019-20 & 2018-194. Economic Concepts and Terminologies - Ramesh Singh 7th ed. - Last chapter5. RBI's website (look for new releases and topics listed on the home page) <p><i>Mains self study: 1 Mock - 20 Qs</i></p>



TEST - 9	3rd September 2020 Thursday	MAP BASED QUESTIONS & TRIBES OF INDIA
		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Political and physical map - India, South & SE Asia, Europe, Africa, Oceania, Polar regions & America2. Ministry of Tribal affairs website - Special focus on PVTGs - https://tribal.nic.in/Statistics.aspx3. Tribes covered in Insights Current affairs compilations 2019 and 20204. Major tribal (cover state-wise) and racial groups in India (Caucasian, Mongoloid, Australoid, Negroid etc.)5. International borders of India, related agreements, treaties and issues <p><i>Mains self study: 1 mock - 10 Qs Insights Current affairs</i></p>
TEST - 10	11th September 2020 Friday	UPSC PAST YEAR PAPERS (2011-2019) - Qs ASKED FROM TOPICS COVERED
		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cover topics in these papers well - Civil Services (Prelims), CAPF and CDS (I & II) General Knowledge papers2. Research not only question topic but also information/concepts/issues listed in the options3. Every year 8-10 Qs are directly or indirectly based on these papers <p><i>Mains self study: 1 mock - 10 Qs Insights current affairs</i></p>
TEST - 11	19th September 2020 Saturday	FULL LENGTH REVISION TEST
		Revision of entire syllabus (not just syllabus of Tests 1-10): this is a practice test before Prelims.
TEST - 12	29th September 2020 Tuesday	FULL LENGTH REVISION TEST
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Details:

Total Number of Tests: 12

- 10 Tests based on Themes covering the syllabus including unconventional topics comprehensively
- 2 full length tests covering comprehensive syllabus

Medium: English

Mode: Online & Offline

Inclusions: 20 Mains Self Study Questions for every thematic test

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Appendix:

List of all ministries and links here: http://goidirectory.nic.in/union_categories.php?ct=E002

Test 1 (Websites to cover)

- Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare
- Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Entries 6 and 7 in the syllabus (WTO agreements and agricultural credit) can be covered from:

- A. Ramesh Singh (Ch on Agriculture and Food)
- B. WTO's website
- C. Websites of NABARD and RBI's website
(https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/bs_viewcontent.aspx?Id=2240)



- D. Remaining portion will already be covered when you read India Yearbook and Insights compilations

Test 3 (brief on covering protected areas)

There is no single source to cover protected areas other than Wikipedia based reading, so use that judiciously.

We will also be covering national parks, biospheres reserves, lakes etc. asked in UPSC previous year papers. This is very crucial because they tell you briefly what sites are important to cover.

ENVIS portal is a government owned portal. It does not discuss areas, sites or species in detail, but gives a general overview. Again, Wiki is your only recourse here.

Test 6 (websites to cover)

- Ministry of Development of North-eastern region
- MHRD; Ministry of Minority Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Women and Child Development
- Ministry of Panchayati Raj; Ministry of Rural Development
- Ministry of Labour and Employment; Law and Justice; MSME; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs (also covered in another test on Tribes in India); Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Thank you!