

# NON CONVENTIONAL GS PRELIMS TEST SERIES 2021



## TOTAL 8 TESTS

First All India Level Mock Test will be free.



## ALL INDIA RANKING OF EACH TEST

Ranks will be calculated based on the very first attempt of three available attempts



## NO FIXED TIME TO TAKE THE TEST. IT'S FLEXIBLE

The validity of the tests is from Dec 2020 to June 2021.



## WIDENING THE HORIZON ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Focused on techniques such as logic based elimination, aptitude based problem solving, finding and eliminating narrow statements etc.

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## NON-CONVENTIONAL GS PRELIMS TEST SERIES

NOW YOU MUST BE THINKING WHY THIS NAME 'NON-CONVENTIONAL'

- Yes, you are correct this is not a normal test series which you get in the market which asks the same type of questions every year and claims 80+ questions come from their test series.
- GS Non-conventional Test series is designed for those who have **not been able to clear prelims** till now after giving **multiple attempts** or those who are going to give their **first attempt**.
- And first of all, we won't be able to assure you 90+ questions from this test series will appear in UPSC prelims. That's not our purpose. Our **purpose** is to increase the **aptitude** of the students to **solve the unpredictable questions** which appear in UPSC with more accuracy.
- Yes, this test series and the discussion followed will train your mind on how to **think, approach and solve** the UPSC's unpredictable questions which ultimately decides whether you are IN or OUT.
- What made us design such a test series which nobody has ever launched? We have been consistently getting mails from students saying they are not able clear prelims irrespective of studying **8-12 hr**, or solving **35-50 tests** of the so-called test series which claims 80+ questions comes from their test series.

## **THIS MADE US TO FORM A RESEARCH TEAM AND WE ARRIVED AT THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS**

- 1. UPSC changed their exam pattern from 2018 but students are still following the old pattern.**
- 2. Even though UPSC changed their question pattern, all the coaching Institutes are still following the same test series pattern asking direct questions from the same standard books every year, which are not at all effective even if you practice 100 test series.**
- 3. Covering the same standard books is not enough. It's time to widen your reading.**
- 4. UPSC GS questions are moving towards aptitude checking rather than knowledge depth.**
- 5. You need to use your logic more while solving a question.**

### **NOW WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?**

**Solve Minimum 10-year previous UPSC Papers. And you don't need to give 100 random mocks tests, you just need 8 to 10 mock tests which is exactly, again we are saying exactly UPSC pattern with same unpredictability and Increase your aptitude to solve such questions.**

**“Remember Don't Follow the Majority  
Because  
the Majority Fails in This Exam”**

## An Analysis of previous year questions:

Prelims Year	Questions from Non - Conventional GS Topics (in marks)
2018	110 marks
2019	120 marks
2020	120 marks

**Non - Conventional Topics - It is a test of your aptitude which you acquire by experience and common sense. For public service, aptitude is most important.**

**Prelims has now become more of a test of aptitude along with knowledge Analyse prelims paper since 2018 and you will feel this.**

**Uncertainty in questions + Fear = Students make mistakes in those questions which they can solve by cool mind and common sense**

**Q64. SET A , UPSC 2020**

**Consider the following statements:**

**The value of indo-Sri Lanka trade has consistently increased in the last decade.**

**2. "Textile and textile articles" constitute an important item of trade between India and Bangladesh.**

**3. In the last five years, Nepal has been the largest trading partner of India in South Asia**

**Which of the statements given above is/correct?**

**a) 1 and 2 only**

**b) 2 only**

**c) 3 only**

**d) 1, 2 and 3**

**Approach :: Question is logic based and has width - New UPSC Pattern**

**Explanation**

**Probability of the 1st statement going wrong is very high as it is an extreme statement and UPSC usually makes such statements wrong only. Now you are left either (b) or (c). If you have been a serious aspirant you should be knowing that Textile is an important item of trade between India and Bangladesh. Otherwise also it is a very neutral statement so probability of (b) being right is more than (c).**

**Hence (b) is the answer.**

**Q45. SET A , UPSC 2020**

**What is the importance of using Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines in India?**

**1. These vaccines are effective against pneumonia as well as meningitis and sepsis.**

**2. Dependence on antibiotics that are not effective against drug resistant bacteria can be reduced.**

**3. These vaccines have no side effects and cause no allergic reactions.**

**Select the correct answers using the code given below:**

**a) 1 only**

**b) 1 and 2 only**

**c) 3 only**

**d) 1, 2 and 3**

**Approach :: Question has both depth and width - Standard UPSC Pattern in Science.**

## Explanation

Statement 2- "Can be" statement; more probability of going correct

Statement 3: Extreme statement Eliminate 3rd statement and you'll be having only (a) and (b). Among them if we can choose (b) as answer as probability of statement 2 going right is more

### Q86. SET A , UPSC 2020

With reference to pulse production in India, consider the following statements:

1. Black gram can be cultivated as both kharif and rabi crop.
2. Green-gram alone accounts for nearly half of pulse production.
3. In the last three decades, while the production of kharif pulses has increased, the production of rabi pulses has decreased.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 2 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Approach :: Question is deductive based and has width, need thinking aptitude to solve -  
New UPSC Pattern

#### Explanation:

Statement 2 can't be correct by common sense Green-gram (i.e. Moong Dal contains very high protein if it has been accounted for 50 percent then malnutrition problem can't be so severe in India) so this statement is wrong, this you can tell by common sense. Further statement 2 is wrong then option b, c as well as d is wrong as these options have statement 2. So a is the answer..

### Q91. SET A , UPSC 2020

What are the advantages of fertigation in agriculture?

1. Controlling the alkalinity of irrigation water is possible.
2. Efficient application of Rock Phosphate and all other phosphatic fertilizers is possible.
3. Increased availability of nutrients to plants is possible.
4. Reduction in the leaching of chemical nutrients is possible.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 2, 3 and 4 only

**Approach :: Question has width and elimination based - New UPSC Pattern in Agriculture.**

**Explanation**

**Statement 2 has extreme statements since it contains all which is mostly not true with that option a, c and d are wrong.. So answer is c**

**Q40. SET A , UPSC 2020**

**With reference to "Blockchain Technology" consider the following statements:**

**(1) It is a public ledger that everyone can inspect, but which no single user controls.**

**(2) The structure and design of blockchain is such that all the data in it are about cryptocurrency only.**

**(3) Applications that depend on basic features of blockchain can be developed without anybody's permission.**

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

**(a) 1 only**

**(b) 1 and 2 only**

**(c) 2 only**

**(d) 1 and 3 only**

**Approach :: Question is logic based and has width, also it is often in news - New UPSC Pattern**

**Explanation**

**Statement 2 can't be correct since it is very extreme Statement 1 and 3 are basic features of this technology. So the answer is d**

## FAQ'S

### Q1. **What is the objective of the test?**

Answer. To adapt the students with the new pattern of UPSC prelims exam and develop aptitude to solve questions.

### Q2. **What is the syllabus for this test?**

Answer. This is the test of your common sense and aptitude which you have developed by reading newspapers and conventional materials. You should have good command over conventional topics for attempting tests.

### Q3. **What should be the strategy for this Test?**

Answer. You need to widen your reading and give more focus on techniques such as logic based elimination, aptitude based problem solving, finding and eliminating narrow statements etc.

### Q4. **What will be a safe score in the test?**

Answer. In this test your presence of mind and holistic understanding of the issues will be checked, score is secondary so you don't need to worry much on score.

### Q5. **Will there be a discussion class after the test?**

Answer. There will be a discussion class after every test.

## NOTE

- If you are fresher/given prelims one or two times and are not able to clear prelims we recommend you must join this since you are facing difficulty in solving non conventional topics.
- If you are aspiring for Forest service, we recommend you must join this since even 115 marks may not be a safe score in prelims.
- Acumen IAS will help you in developing proper aptitude needed to score safe marks that is 120 marks.
- 80 marks(conventional which you can easily score) + 40 marks( non conventional where we will be helping you by this test series.

## TEST SCHEDULE

SERIAL NO.(CODE)	TEST DATE//DAY	TEST
1(NGS01)	January 3, 2021/Sunday	All India Open Test
2(NGS02)	February 7 2021/Sunday	Test 2
3(NGS03)	February 28, 2021/Sunday	Test 3
4(NGS04)	March 14, 2021/Sunday	Test 4
5(NGS05)	April 4, 2021/Sunday	Test 5
6(NGS06)	April 25, 2021/Sunday	Test 6
7(NGS07)	May 16, 2021/Sunday	Test 7
8(NGS08)	May 30, 2021/Sunday	Test 8

\*\*\*\*Registration is must for the First open Test

### WIDENING THE HORIZON - ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- ALL INDIA RANKING OF EACH TEST
- Micro Analysis of syllabus
- Analysis of Test papers based on difficulty level and nature of questions.
- For each test, there will be THREE attempts
- Ranks will be calculated based on the very first attempt
- No fixed time to take the test. It's flexible
- The validity of the tests is from December 2020 to June 2021.
- You can join the PRELIMS TEST SERIES- 2021 anytime. There is no deadline.
- Test Platform will be activated 1 day before the first test
- Discussions – Discussions for the test will be conducted at Rajinder Nagar centre only.

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