

# Annexure 1

## Detailed Test Calendar for MGP / MGP+ 2021(Alt.)

*(Essay Tests are only for MGP+ (Alt.) Students. Self-Assessments Tests are for content building and picking up answer writing skills and will not be evaluated. All Half Length & Full-Length Tests will be evaluated.)*

| # | Date   Test Code                 | Test Name                           | Duration   No. of Questions         | Topic Syllabus   | Source   |
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| 0 | Sunday, July 12, 2020            |                                     |                                     |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Orientation for the Program</li> <li>• Candidates are advised to enrol early so as to get started with the study material.</li> </ul>  |
| 1 | Wednesday, July 15, 2020,   M010 | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #1 | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <b>GS Paper 2 / Topic 1, 2</b><br>Indian Constitution— historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.<br><br>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.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th NCERT: Indian Constitution at Work</li> <li>• 12th NCERT – Politics in India after Independence</li> <li>• Indian Polity by M Laxmikant</li> <li>• 2nd ARC Reports [6th Report – Local Governance, 13th Report – Organisation structure of Government of India</li> <li>• Punchhi Commission Report</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu/ Indian Express</li> </ul> |
| 2 | Sunday, July 19, 2020   41012    | MGP Half Length Test #1             | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <b>GS Paper 2 / Topic 1, 2, 3</b><br>Indian Constitution— historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.<br><br>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.<br><br>Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th NCERT: Indian Constitution at Work</li> <li>• 12th NCERT – Politics in India after Independence</li> <li>• Indian Polity by M Laxmikant</li> <li>• 2nd ARC Reports [6th Report – Local Governance, 13th Report – Organisation structure of Government of India</li> <li>• Punchhi Commission Report</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu/ Indian Express</li> </ul> |

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|   |                                 |                                     |                                     | mechanisms and institutions.  |  |
| 3 | Wednesday, July 22, 2020   M011 | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #2 | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <p><b>GS Paper 2 / Topic 4, 5</b><br/>Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.</p> <p>Parliament and State legislatures—structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers &amp; privileges and issues arising out of these</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th NCERT: Indian Constitution</li> <li>• at Work</li> <li>• 12th NCERT – Politics in India after Independence</li> <li>• Subhash Kashyap - Our Constitution, Our Parliament</li> <li>• Introduction to Constitution of India – DD Basu</li> <li>• 2nd ARC Reports</li> <li>• Punchhi Commission Report</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu/ Indian Express</li> </ul> |
| 4 | Sunday, July 26, 2020   41013   | MGP Half Length Test #2             | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <p><b>GS Paper 2 / Topic 4, 5, 6</b><br/>Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.</p> <p>Parliament and State legislatures—structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers &amp; privileges and issues arising out of these.</p> <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> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th NCERT: Indian Constitution</li> <li>• at Work</li> <li>• 12th NCERT – Politics in India after Independence</li> <li>• Subhash Kashyap - Our Constitution, Our Parliament</li> <li>• Introduction to Constitution of India – DD Basu</li> <li>• 2nd ARC Reports</li> <li>• Punchhi Commission Report</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu/ Indian Express</li> </ul> |
| 5 | Wednesday, July 29, 2020   M012 | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #3 | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <p><b>GS Paper 2 / Topic 8, 9</b><br/>Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies</p> <p>Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies</p>   | -Same as above-  |
| 6 | Sunday, August 2, 2020   41014  | MGP Half Length Test #3             | 10 Questions / 1 Hour               | <p><b>GS Paper 2 / Topic 7, 8, 9</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th NCERT: Indian Constitution at Work</li> </ul>  |

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|   |                                  |                                     | 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks                | <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> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12th NCERT – Politics in India after Independence</li> <li>• Indian Polity by M Laxmikant</li> <li>• Introduction to Constitution of India – DD Basu</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> ARC Reports</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy handouts/ Booklets</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu/ Indian Express</li> </ul>   |
| 7 | Wednesday, August 5, 2020   M017 | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #4 | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <p><b>GS Paper 3 / Topic 1, 3</b></p> <p>Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization, of resources, growth, development and employment.</p> <p>Government Budgeting</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th NCERT: Economics: Indian Economic Development</li> <li>• Economic Survey of India</li> <li>• Selective reading of Indian Economy Since Independence - Uma Kapila</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> ARC Report (Strengthening Financial Management Systems)</li> <li>• Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog</li> <li>• Yojana</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts</li> <li>• Newspaper – The Hindu / Indian Express</li> </ul> |
| 8 | Sunday, August 9, 2020   41020   | MGP Half Length Test #4             | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <p><b>GS Paper 3 / Topic 1,2,3</b></p> <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>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th NCERT: Economics: Indian Economic Development</li> <li>• Economic Survey of India</li> <li>• Selective reading of Indian Economy Since Independence - Uma Kapila</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> ARC Report (Strengthening Financial Management Systems)</li> <li>• Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog</li> <li>• Yojana</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts</li> </ul>   |

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|    |                                   |                                     |                                     |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspaper – The Hindu / Indian Express</li> </ul>   |
| 9  | Wednesday, August 12, 2020   M016 | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #5 | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <p><b>GS Paper 3 / Topic 4,5</b></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> <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>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Survey</li> <li>• Budget</li> <li>• NITI Aayog reports on Agriculture</li> <li>• Three Year Action Agenda,</li> <li>• 2017-18 to 2019-20 - NITI Aayog</li> <li>• Yojana and Kurukshetra</li> <li>• Selective reading of Book – Indian Economy Since Independence by Uma Kapila</li> <li>• News Papers – The Hindu / Indian Express</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts/ Booklets</li> </ul>     |
| 10 | Sunday, August 16, 2020   41019   | MGP Half Length Test #5             | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <p><b>GS Paper 3 / Topic 4, 5, 6</b></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> <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</p> | <p>Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Survey</li> <li>• Budget</li> <li>• NITI Aayog reports on Agriculture</li> <li>• Three Year Action Agenda, -2017-18 to 2019-20 - NITI Aayog</li> <li>• Yojana and Kurukshetra</li> <li>• Selective reading of Book – Indian Economy Since Independence by Uma Kapila</li> <li>• News Papers – The Hindu / Indian Express</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts/ Booklet</li> </ul> |

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| 11 | Wednesday, August 19, 2020   M018 | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #6 | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <p><b>GS Paper 3 / Topic 8, 9</b></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>Source:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th NCERT: Economics: Indian Economic Development</li> <li>• 12th NCERT: Macroeconomics</li> <li>• Economic Survey of India</li> <li>• Selective reading of Indian Economy Since Independence - Uma Kapila</li> <li>• Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog</li> <li>• Yojana</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklets</li> <li>• Newspaper – The Hindu / Indian Express</li> </ul>   |
| 12 | Sunday, August 23, 2020   41021   | MGP Half Length Test #6             | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <p><b>GS Paper 3 / Topic 7, 8,9,10</b></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> | <p>Sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th NCERT: Economics: Indian Economic Development</li> <li>• 12th NCERT: Macroeconomics</li> <li>• Economic Survey of India</li> <li>• Three Year Action Agenda, -2017-18 to 2019-20 - NITI Aayog</li> <li>• Selective reading of Indian Economy Since Independence - Uma Kapila</li> <li>• Yojana</li> <li>• India Since Independence by Bipin Chandra [for Land reforms]</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts/Booklets</li> <li>• Newspaper – The Hindu / Indian Express</li> </ul> |
| 13 | Wednesday, August 26, 2020   M013 | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #7 | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <p><b>GS Paper 2 / Topic 11, 16</b></p> <p>Development processes and the development</p>   | <p>Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd ARC Report [10th Report -</li> </ul>  |

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|    |                                     |                                     |                                     | <p>industry —the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders</p> <p>Role of civil services in a democracy</p>   | <p>Refurbishing of Personnel Administration]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts/ Booklets</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu/ Indian Express</li> </ul>  |
| 14 | Sunday, August 30, 2020   41015     | MGP Half Length Test #7             | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <p><b>GS Paper 2 / Topic 11, 15,16</b></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>Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizen's charters, transparency &amp; accountability and institutional and other measures.</p> <p>Role of civil services in a democracy.</p> | <p>Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> ARC Report [10<sup>th</sup> Report - Refurbishing of Personnel Administration, 11<sup>th</sup> Report – promoting e-governance, 12<sup>th</sup> Report – Citizen Centric Administration,]</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklets</li> <li>• Three Year Action Agenda – 2017-18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu/ Indian Express</li> </ul> |
| 15 | Wednesday, September 2, 2020   M014 | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #8 | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <p><b>GS Paper 2 / Topic 10, 14</b></p> <p>Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation</p> <p>Issues relating to poverty and hunger.</p>  | <p>Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• India Yearbook for Government schemes</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu / Indian Express</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy – Handouts / Booklets</li> </ul>   |
| 16 | Sunday, September 6, 2020   41016   | MGP Half Length Test #8             | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <p><b>GS Paper 2 / Topic 10, 12, 13, 14</b></p> <p>Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation</p>  | <p>Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• India Yearbook for Government Schemes</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu / Indian Express</li> <li>• Annual Reports of Ministries such as Women and Child Development / HRD</li> </ul>   |

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|    |                                     |                                     |                                     | <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 and betterment of these vulnerable sections</p> <p>Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources</p> <p>Issues relating to poverty and hunger</p> | <p>Ministry/ Health Ministry etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ForuIAS Academy Handouts / Booklets</li> </ul>   |
| 17 | Wednesday, September 9, 2020   M015 | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #9 | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <p><b>GS Paper 2 / Topic 17, 18</b></p> <p>India and its neighbourhood-relations</p> <p>Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests</p>  | <p>Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book - Challenge and Strategy: Rethinking India's Foreign Policy by Rajiv Sikri</li> <li>• Class 12 NCERT – Political Science: Contemporary World Politics</li> <li>• Websites such as – Ministry of External Affairs, IDSA, ORF, Gateway House</li> <li>• ForuIAS Academy Handouts/ Booklets</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu / Indian Express</li> </ul> |
| 18 | Sunday, September 13, 2020   41017  | MGP Half Length Test #9             | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <p><b>GS Paper 2 / Topic 17,18,19, 20</b></p> <p>India and its neighbourhood-relations.</p> <p>Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests</p> <p>Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on</p>   | <p>Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book - Challenge and Strategy: Rethinking India's Foreign Policy by Rajiv Sikri</li> <li>• Class 12 NCERT – Political Science: Contemporary World Politics</li> <li>• Websites such as – Ministry of External Affairs, IDSA, ORF, Gateway House</li> <li>• ForuIAS Academy Handouts/ Booklets</li> </ul>  |

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|    |  |   |                                     | <p>India's interests, Indian diaspora</p> <p>Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newspapers – The Hindu / Indian Express</li> </ul>   |
| 19 | Sunday, September 20, 2020   41018 & 42001 | MGP Full Length Test # 3<br><br>*Essay Test #1<br>2:00PM – 3:30PM<br>(Only for MGP+ Students) | 20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks | <p><b>GS Paper 2 / FLT</b></p> <p><b>Essay Test #1/HLT</b></p>  | <p>It is expected that Students should write their first essay by now.</p> <p>In Actual Examination, candidates will have to write two papers in a day from 9:30-12:30PM and 2:00PM – 4:00PM. We begin this practice from now itself. It is difficult, but it is doable.</p> <p><b>Essay Test #1 –</b><br/>Philosophical, Quote Based Essay</p> |
| 20 | Wednesday, September 23, 2020   M019       | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #10  | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <p><b>GS Paper 3 / Topic 11, 12, 13</b></p> <p>Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life.</p> <p>Achievements of Indians in science &amp; technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.</p> <p>Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nanotechnology, biotechnology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.</p> | <p>Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Science Reporter magazine</li> <li>Newspapers – The Hindu (S&amp;T section) / Indian Express</li> <li>ForumIAS Academy Handouts/ Booklets</li> </ul>  |
| 21 | Sunday, September 27, 2020   41022         | MGP Half Length Test #10  | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <p><b>GS Paper 3 / Topic 11, 12, 13</b></p> <p>Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life</p> <p>Achievements of Indians in science &amp; technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.</p>   | <p>Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Science Reporter magazine</li> <li>Newspapers – The Hindu (S&amp;T section) / Indian Express</li> <li>ForumIAS Academy Handouts/ Booklets</li> </ul>  |



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|    |                                      |                                      |                                     | Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, Nanotechnology, biotechnology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.                      |   |
| 22 | Wednesday, September 30, 2020   M020 | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #11 | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <b>GS Paper 3 / Topic 14, 15</b><br>Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment<br><br>Disaster and disaster management | Sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCERT: Class 12 Biology (Chapter 10: Ecology)</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> ARC Report [3<sup>rd</sup> Report – Crisis management]</li> <li>• IGNOU – MPA – 018 Disaster management</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts/ Booklets</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu / Indian Express</li> <li>• Yojana</li> <li>• CBSE – XI book – Natural Hazards and Disaster Management</li> </ul> |
| 23 | Sunday, October 4, 2020   41023      | MGP Half Length Test #11             | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <b>GS Paper 3 / Topic 14, 15</b><br>Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment<br><br>Disaster and disaster management | Sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCERT: Class 12 Biology (Chapter 10: Ecology)</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> ARC Report [3<sup>rd</sup> Report – Crisis management]</li> <li>• IGNOU – MPA – 018 Disaster management</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts/ Booklets</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu / Indian Express</li> <li>• Yojana</li> <li>• CBSE – XI book – Natural Hazards and Disaster Management</li> </ul> |
| 24 | Wednesday, October 7, 2020   M021    | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #12 | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <b>GS Paper 3 / Topic 16,17,18,19, 20</b><br>Linkages between development and spread of extremism<br><br>Role of external state and non-state actors in creating   | Sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd ARC (7th Report Capacity Building for Conflict Resolution)</li> <li>• 2nd ARC (8th Report Combating</li> </ul>  |

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| 25 | Sunday, October 11, 2020   41024         | MGP Half Length Test #12 | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <p><b>GS Paper 3 / Topic 16,17,18,19, 20</b></p> <p>Linkages between development and spread of extremism</p> <p>Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security</p> <p>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</p> <p>Security challenges and their management in border areas – linkages of organized crime with terrorism</p> <p>Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd ARC (7th Report Capacity Building for Conflict Resolution)</li> <li>• 2nd ARC (8th Report Combating Terrorism - Protecting by Righteousness)</li> <li>• IDSA reports</li> <li>• The Oxford's Handbook of India's National Security</li> <li>• NCERT Class 12 – Contemporary World</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy – Handouts/ Booklets</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu / Indian Express</li> </ul> |
| 26 | Sunday, October 18, 2020   41025 & 42002 | MGP Full Length Test # 4 | 20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks | <b>GS Paper 3 / FLT</b>  |   |

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|    |                                    | 9:30 – 12:30PM<br>*Essay Test #2<br>2:00PM – 3:30PM<br>(Only for MGP+ Students) |                                     | <b>Essay Test #2/ HLT</b>   |   |
| 27 | Wednesday, October 21, 2020   M007 | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #13  | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <b>GS Paper 4</b><br>Topic 1: Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in human actions, Dimensions of ethics, Ethics in private and public relationships, Human Values – lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators, Role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values<br><br>Topic 8: Case Studies on above issues.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BBC Guide to Ethics</li> <li>• Chronicle Lexicon</li> <li>• Selective Study from G. Subbarao</li> <li>• Newspaper and internet.</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet</li> </ul>  |
| 28 | Sunday, October 25, 2020   41008   | MGP Half Length Test #13  | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <b>GS Paper 4</b><br>Topic 1: Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in human actions, Dimensions of ethics, Ethics in private and public relationships, Human Values – lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators, Role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values.<br><br>Topic 5: Contribution of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers: Western & Indian.<br><br>Topic 8: Case Studies on above issues. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BBC Guide to Ethics</li> <li>• Chronicle Lexicon</li> <li>• Selective Study from G. Subbarao</li> <li>• Newspaper and Internet.</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet.</li> </ul> |
| 29 | Wednesday, October 28, 2020   M008 | MGP Self-Assessment   | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <b>GS Paper 4</b><br>Topic 2: Attitude: content, structure, function; its   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronicle Lexicon</li> <li>• Selective Study from G. Subbarao</li> </ul>   |

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|    |                                    | Micro Test #14                       |                                     | influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.<br><br>Topic 8: Case Studies on above issues   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspaper and internet</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet.</li> </ul>  |
| 30 | Sunday, November 1, 2020   41009   | MGP Half Length Test #14             | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <b>GS Paper 4</b><br>Topic 2: Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.<br><br>Topic 4: Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.<br><br>Topic 8: Case Studies on above issues.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronicle Lexicon</li> <li>• Selective Study from G. Subbarao</li> <li>• Newspaper and internet.</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet.</li> </ul>  |
| 31 | Wednesday, November 4, 2020   M009 | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #15 | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <b>GS Paper 4</b><br>Topic 3: Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service, integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker sections<br><br>Topic 6: Public/Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance; ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2ndARC Reports (Ethics in Governance, Citizen Centric Administration, Refurbishing Personnel Administration, RTI: Master Key to Good Governance)</li> <li>• Chronicle Lexicon</li> <li>• Newspaper and internet</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet.</li> </ul> |

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|    |   |   |                                     | Topic 8: Case Studies on above issues.   |   |
| 32 | Sunday, November 8, 2020   41010          | MGP Half Length Test #15                    | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <p><b>GS Paper 4</b></p> <p>Topic 3: Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service, integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker sections</p> <p>Topic 6: Public/Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance; ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance.</p> <p>Topic 7: Probity in Governance: Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption.</p> <p>Topic 8: Case Studies on above issues.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2ndARC Reports (Ethics in Governance, Citizen Centric Administration, Refurbishing Personnel Administration, RTI: Master Key to Good Governance)</li> <li>• Chronicle Lexicon</li> <li>• Newspaper and internet</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet.</li> </ul> |
| 33 | Sunday, November 22, 2020   41011 & 42003 | MGP Full Length Test # 2 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM | 20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks | <b>GS Paper 4 / FLT Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude.</b>  | - Same as above -   |

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| 34 | Wednesday, November 25, 2020   M001 | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #16                          | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <b>GS Paper I</b><br>Topic 4: World History: 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. World History: Events from Renaissance till World War I.                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCERT Arjun Dev</li> <li>• Norman Lowe</li> <li>• John Green Crash Course World History</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet</li> </ul>   |
| 35 | Sunday, November 29, 2020   41001   | MGP Half Length Test #16                                      | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <b>GS Paper I</b><br>Topic 4: World History: 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. World History: Topics in earlier test + events from world war I and onwards. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCERT Arjun Dev</li> <li>• Norman Lowe</li> <li>• John Green Crash Course World History</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet</li> </ul>   |
| 36 | Wednesday, December 2, 2020   M005  | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #17                          | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <b>GS Paper I</b><br>Topic 5: Indian Society: Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India. 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   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCERT -12th– Indian Society</li> <li>• NCERT -12th-Social Change and Development in India</li> <li>• IGNOU –ESO -12 Society in India</li> <li>• IGNOU –ESO -16: Social Problems in India</li> <li>• Newspaper</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet</li> </ul> |

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|    |                                    |                                      |                                     | society. Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.   |  |
| 37 | Sunday, December 6, 2020   41005   | MGP Half Length Test #17             | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <b>GS Paper I</b><br>Topic 5: Indian Society: Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India. 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. Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> History book of Tamil Nadu board</li> <li>• Textbook on Fine Arts Class XI NCERT</li> <li>• CCRT Website or compilation</li> <li>• Indian Culture and Heritage - NIOS: <a href="http://www.nios.ac.in">www.nios.ac.in</a></li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet</li> </ul>   |
| 38 | Wednesday, December 9, 2020   M006 | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #18 | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <b>GS Paper I</b><br>Topic 1: Art & Culture: Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.<br><br>From Pre-historic times to Gupta Age  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> History book of Tamil Nadu board</li> <li>• Text Book on Fine Arts Class XI NCERT</li> <li>• CCRT Website or compilation</li> <li>• Indian Culture and Heritage -NIOS: <a href="http://www.nios.ac.in">www.nios.ac.in</a></li> <li>• 12th NCERT – Politics in India after Independence</li> <li>• Selective reading of India since independence by Bipin Chandra or India After Gandhi by Ramchandra Guha</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet</li> </ul> |
| 39 | Sunday, December 13, 2020   41006  | MGP Half Length Test #18             | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <b>GS paper I</b><br>Topic 1: Art & Culture: Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.<br><br>Topic 3: Post-Independence: Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> History book of Tamil Nadu board</li> <li>• Text Book on Fine Arts Class XI NCERT</li> <li>• CCRT Website or compilation</li> <li>• Indian Culture and Heritage -NIOS: <a href="http://www.nios.ac.in">www.nios.ac.in</a></li> <li>• 12th NCERT – Politics in India after Independence</li> </ul>   |

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| 40 | Wednesday, December 16, 2020   M002 | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #19 | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <p><b>GS Paper I</b><br/>Topic 2: Modern History: Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present-significant events, personalities, issues. The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.</p> <p>Modern History: Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until 1905.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bipin Chandra – Old NCERT</li> <li>• “A Brief History of Modern India” – Spectrum Pub.</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet</li> </ul>                  |
| 41 | Sunday, December 20, 2020   41002   | MGP Half Length Test #19             | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <p><b>GS Paper I</b><br/>Topic 2: Modern History: Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present- significant events, personalities, issues. The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.</p> <p>Modern History: Topics in Earlier Test+ Modern Indian history from about 1905 until independence</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bipin Chandra – Old NCERT</li> <li>• “A Brief History of Modern India” – Spectrum Pub.</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet</li> </ul>                  |
| 42 | Wednesday, December 23, 2020   M003 | MGP Self-Assessment / Micro Test #20 | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <p><b>GS Paper I</b><br/>Topic 6: Physical Geography: Salient features of world’s physical geography.</p> <p>Topic 8: Geophysical Phenomena: Important</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th NCERT: Physical Geography</li> <li>• Certificate Physical and Human Geography by Goh Cheng Leong</li> <li>• Atlas: Orient Blackswan</li> </ul>               |



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| 43 | Sunday, December 27, 2020   41003   | MGP Half Length Test #20           | 10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks | <p><b>GS Paper I</b></p> <p>Topic 6: Physical Geography: Salient features of world's physical geography.</p> <p>Topic 8: Geophysical Phenomena: Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone 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.</p> <p>Geomorphology and Oceanography + Climatology and Biogeography.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th NCERT: Physical Geography</li> <li>• Certificate Physical and Human Geography by Goh Cheng Leong</li> <li>• Atlas: Orient Blackswan</li> </ul> <p>ForuIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet</p> |
| 44 | Wednesday, December 30, 2020   M004 | MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #21 | 7 Questions / 1 Hour                | <p><b>GS Paper I</b></p> <p>Topic 7: Human and Economic Geography: 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).</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12th NCERT: Human geography.</li> <li>• Internet for industries and resource distribution.</li> <li>• Atlas: Orient Blackswan</li> <li>• ForuIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet.</li> </ul>       |
| 45 | Sunday, January 3, 2021   41004     | MGP Half Length Test #21           | 10 Questions /                      | <p>GS Paper I</p> <p>Topic 6: Physical Geography: Salient features</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th NCERT: Physical Geography</li> </ul>   |

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|    |  |  | 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks                | <p>of world's physical geography.</p> <p>Topic 7: Human and Economic Geography: 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).</p> <p>Topic 8: Geophysical Phenomena: Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone 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.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate Physical and Human Geography by Goh Cheng Leong</li> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> NCERT: Human geography.</li> <li>• Internet for industries and resource distribution.</li> <li>• Atlas: Orient Blackswan</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet</li> </ul> |
| 46 | Sunday, January 10, 2021   41007 & 42004 | MGP Full Length Test #1<br>9:30AM - 12:30PM<br><br>*Essay Test #4<br>2:00PM – 3:30PM<br>(Only for MGP+ Students) | 20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks | <b>GS Paper I / FLT</b><br><br><b>Essay Test #4/ HLT</b>   |  |
| 47 | Sunday, January 17, 2021   41026         | MGP Full Length Test # 5<br>( )<br>9:30 – 12:30PM  |                                     | GS Paper I / FLT   | -Same as earlier-  |
| 48 | Sunday, January 24, 2021   41027 & 42005 | MGP Full Length Test # 6<br>(20 Questions /  | 20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks | GS Paper 2 / FLT<br><br>Essay Test #5 / FLT  | -Same as earlier-  |

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|   |   | *Essay Test<br>#5<br>2:00PM –<br>5PM<br>(Only for<br>MGP+<br>Students)                    | 3.0 Hour /<br>250 Marks                      |   |                   |
| 49  | Sunday,<br>January 31,<br>2021   41028            | MGP Full<br>Length Test<br># 7<br>9:30 –<br>12:30PM                                       | 20<br>Questions /<br>3.0 Hour /<br>250 Marks | GS Paper 3 /FLT                             | -Same as earlier- |
| 50  | Sunday,<br>February 7,<br>2021   41029<br>& 42006 | MGP Full<br>Length Test<br># 8<br>9:30 –<br>12:30PM                                       | 20<br>Questions /<br>3.0 Hour /<br>250 Marks | GS Paper 4 / FLT<br><br>Essay Test #6 / FLT | -Same as earlier- |
|   |   | *Essay Test<br>#6<br>2:00PM –<br>5PM<br>(Only for<br>MGP+<br>Students)<br>2:00PM –<br>5PM | 3.0 Hour /<br>250 Marks                      |   |                   |
| <b>Prelims Break</b>  |   |   |  |   |                   |
| <p>There are few things to keep in mind at this stage. Once MGP Tests as per schedule are over, it is expected that you <b>(a) realign your preparation for Prelims (b) finish off any tests that you have missed (c) cover and revise optional subjects</b>. You will need to have some self-discipline to finish off remaining Tests. We will be available to rightly orient you at this stage. You can submit all the Tests conducted till date till Prelims. There is complete flexibility.</p> <p>A detailed Plan for the MGP 2021 (Alt.) Mains Simulator Tests will be released within 1 week of Prelims.</p> |   |   |  |   |                   |
| Exact Dates of MGP & Essay Tests (Alt.) will be notified after Prelims  |   |   |  |   |                   |
| 51  | 3 weeks after<br>Prelims                          | Essay Test<br>#7<br>(Only for<br>MGP+<br>Students)  | 3 Hours /<br>250 Marks                       | -Same as earlier-                           |                   |

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| 52 | 4 weeks after Prelims  | MGP 2021 Simulator Test #1                 | 3 Hours / 250 Marks | -Same as earlier- |  |
| 53 | 5 weeks after Prelims  | Essay Test #8<br>(Only for MGP+ Students)  | 3 Hours / 250 Marks | -Same as earlier- |  |
| 54 | 6 weeks after Prelims  | MGP 2021 Simulator Test #2                 | 3 Hours / 250 Marks | -Same as earlier- |  |
| 55 | 7 weeks after Prelims  | Essay Test #9<br>(Only for MGP+ Students)  | 3 Hours / 250 Marks | -Same as earlier- |  |
| 56 | 8 weeks after Prelims  | MGP 2021 Simulator Test #3                 | 3 Hours / 250 Marks | -Same as earlier- |  |
| 57 | 9 weeks after Prelims  | Essay Test #10<br>(Only for MGP+ Students) | 3 Hours / 250 Marks | -Same as earlier- |  |
| 58 | 10 weeks after Prelims | MGP 2021 Simulator Test #4                 | 3 Hours / 250 Marks | -Same as earlier- |  |
| 59 | 12 weeks after Prelims | MGP 2021 Simulator Test #5                 | 3 Hours / 250 Marks | -Same as earlier- |  |
| 60 | 12 weeks after Prelims | MGP 2021 Simulator Test #6                 | 3 Hours / 250 Marks | -Same as earlier- |  |
| 61 | 12 weeks after Prelims | MGP 2021 Simulator Test #7                 | 3 Hours / 250 Marks | -Same as earlier- |  |
| 62 | 12 weeks after Prelims | MGP 2021 Simulator Test #8                 | 3 Hours / 250 Marks | -Same as earlier- |  |

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