

## Detailed Test Calendar for MGP / MGP+ 2021

(Essay Tests are only for MGP+ 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 / UPSC Syllabus Topic	Topic Syllabus	Sources
	Sunday, May 24, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online Orientation for the Program</li> <li>Candidates are advised to enroll early so as to get the study material and not miss a series of sessions between May 24 – June 3</li> </ul>		
1	Wednesday, June 3, 2020 / M001	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #1 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<b>GS Paper I</b> <b>Topic 4: World History:</b> 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. <b>World History:</b> 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>
2	Sunday, June 7, 2020 / 41001	<b>MGP Half Length Test #1 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<b>GS Paper I</b> <b>Topic 4: World History:</b> 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. <b>World History:</b> 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>
3	Wednesday, June 10, 2020 / M002	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #2	<b>GS Paper I</b> <b>Topic 2: Modern History:</b> Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bipin Chandra –Old NCERT</li> <li>“ A Brief History of Modern India” –Spectrum Pub.</li> </ul>

		(7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p>the present- significant events, personalities, issues. The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.</p> <p><b>Modern History:</b> Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until 1905.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet</li> </ul>
4	Sunday, June 14, 2020 / 41002	<b>MGP Half Length Test #2 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<p><b>GS Paper I</b>  <b>Topic 2: Modern History:</b> 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><b>Modern History:</b> 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>
5	Wednesday, June 17, 2020 / M003	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #3 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p><b>GS Paper I</b>  <b>Topic 6: Physical Geography:</b> Salient features of world’s physical geography.  <b>Topic 8: Geophysical Phenomena:</b> 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><b>Geomorphology and Oceanography</b></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> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet</li> </ul>
6	Sunday, June 21, 2020 / 41003	<b>MGP Half Length Test #3 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<p><b>GS Paper I</b>  <b>Topic 6: Physical Geography:</b> Salient features of world’s physical geography.  <b>Topic 8: Geophysical Phenomena:</b> Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical</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> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet</li> </ul>

			<p>features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.</p> <p><b>Geomorphology and Oceanography + Climatology and Biogeography.</b></p>	
7	Wednesday, June 24, 2020 / M004	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #4 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p><b>GS Paper I</b>  <b>Topic 7: Human and Economic Geography:</b> 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>• 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>
8	Sunday, June 28, 2020 / 41004	<b>MGP Half Length Test #4 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<p><b>GS Paper I</b>  <b>Topic 6: Physical Geography:</b> Salient features of world's physical geography.  <b>Topic 7: Human and Economic Geography:</b> 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).  <b>Topic 8: Geophysical Phenomena:</b> 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>• 11<sup>th</sup> NCERT: Physical Geography</li> <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>
9	Wednesday, July 1, 2020 / M005	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #5 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p><b>GS Paper I</b>  <b>Topic 5: Indian Society:</b> 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</p>	<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> </ul>

			globalization on Indian society. Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspaper</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet</li> </ul>
10	Sunday, July 5, 2020 / 41005	<b>MGP Half Length Test #5 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<b>GS Paper I</b> <b>Topic 5: Indian Society:</b> 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>• 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>
11	Wednesday, July 8, 2020 / M006	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #6 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<b>GS Paper I</b> <b>Topic 1: Art &amp; Culture:</b> Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.  <b>From Pre-historic times to Gupta Age</b>	<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>
12	Sunday, July 12, 2020 / 41006	<b>MGP Half Length Test #6 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<b>GS paper I</b> <b>Topic 1: Art &amp; Culture:</b> Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times. <b>Topic 3: Post-Independence:</b> 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> <li>• Selective reading of India since independence by Bipin Chandra or</li> </ul>

				<p>India After Gandhi by Ramchandra Guha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet</li> </ul>
13	Sunday, July 19, 2020 / 41007 & 42001	<p><b>MGP Full Length Test #1</b> (20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks) <b>9:30AM - 12:30PM</b></p> <p><b>*Essay Test #1</b> <b>2:00PM – 3:30PM</b> ( <b>Only for MGP+ Students)</b></p>	<p><b>GS Paper I / FLT</b> <b>Indian heritage and Culture, History and geography of the world and Society.</b></p> <p><b>Essay – Test I</b> ( <b>125 Marks / 1 Essay)</b> <b>No Prior preparation required for Essay.</b> <b>Please write first test and request mentor call to discuss your paper and receive guidelines.</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 – Philosophical, Quote Based Essay</b></p>
14	Wednesday, July 22, 2020 / M007	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #7 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p><b>GS Paper 4</b> <b>Topic 1: Ethics and Human Interface:</b> 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 <b>Topic 8: Case Studies on above issues.</b></p>	<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>
15	Sunday, July 26, 2020 / 41008	<b>MGP Half Length Test #7</b> (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)	<p><b>GS Paper 4</b> <b>Topic 1: Ethics and Human Interface:</b> 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. <b>Topic 5: Contribution of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers:</b> Western &amp; Indian. <b>Topic 8: Case Studies on above issues.</b></p>	<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>

16	Wednesday, July 29, 2020 / M008	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #8 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p><b>GS Paper 4</b>  <b>Topic 2: Attitude:</b> content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.  <b>Topic 8:</b> Case Studies on above issues.</p>	<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>
17	Sunday, Aug 2, 2020 / 41009	<b>MGP Half Length Test #8 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<p><b>GS Paper 4</b>  <b>Topic 2:</b> Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.  <b>Topic 4:</b> Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.  <b>Topic 8:</b> Case Studies on above issues.</p>	<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>
18	Wednesday, Aug 5, 2020 / M009	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #9 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p><b>GS Paper 4</b>  <b>Topic 3:</b> 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  <b>Topic 6:</b> 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.  <b>Topic 8:</b> 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>
19	Sunday, Aug 9, 2020 / 41010	<b>MGP Half Length Test #9 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<p><b>GS Paper 4</b>  <b>Topic 3:</b> Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service, integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2ndARC Reports (Ethics in Governance, Citizen Centric Administration, Refurbishing</li> </ul>

			<p>tolerance and compassion towards the weaker sections</p> <p><b>Topic 6:</b> 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><b>Topic 7:</b> 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><b>Topic 8:</b> Case Studies on above issues.</p>	<p>Personnel Administration, RTI: Master Key to Good Governance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronicle Lexicon</li> <li>• Newspaper and internet</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklet.</li> </ul>
20	Sunday, Aug 16, 2020 / 41011 & 42002	<p><b>MGP Full Length Test # 2 (20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks)</b></p> <p><b>*Essay Test #2 2:00PM – 3:30PM ( Only for MGP+ Students)</b></p>	<p><b>GS Paper 4 / FLT Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude.</b></p> <p><b>Essay Test #2</b></p>	-Same as above-
21	Wednesday, Aug 19, 2020 / M010	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #10 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p>GS Paper 2 / Topic 1, 2</p> <p>Indian Constitution—historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.</p>	<p>Sources -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th NCERT: Indian Constitution at Work</li> <li>• 12th NCERT – Politics in India after Independence</li> </ul>

			<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Polity by M Laxmikant</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> ARC Reports [6<sup>th</sup> Report – Local Governance, 13<sup>th</sup> Report – Organisation structure of Government of India]</li> <li>• Punchhi Commission Report</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts/Booklet</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu/ Indian Express</li> </ul>
22	Sunday, Aug 23, 2020 / 41012	<b>MGP Half Length Test #10 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<p>GS Paper 2 / Topic 1, 2, 3</p> <p>Indian Constitution—historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.</p>	<p>Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> NCERT: Indian Constitution at Work</li> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> 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 [6<sup>th</sup> Report – Local Governance, 13<sup>th</sup> Report – Organisation structure of Government of India]</li> <li>• Punchhi Commission Report</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts/Booklet</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu/ Indian express</li> </ul>
23	Wednesday, Aug 26, 2020 / M011	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #11 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p>GS Paper 2 / Topic 4, 5</p> <p>Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.</p>	<p>Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> NCERT: Indian Constitution at Work</li> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> NCERT – Politics in India after Independence</li> <li>• Indian Polity by M Laxmikant</li> </ul>



			Parliament and State legislatures—structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subhash Kashyap - Our Constitution, Our Parliament</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>
24	Sunday, Aug 30, 2020 / 41013	<b>MGP Half Length Test #11 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<p>GS Paper 2 / Topic 4,5,6</p> <p>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>	<p>Sources</p> <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>• Subhash Kashyap - Our Constitution, Our Parliament</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>
25	Wednesday, Sept 2, 2020 / M012	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #12 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p>GS Paper 2 / Topic 8, 9</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>	<p>Sources</p> <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>• Introduction to Constitution of India – DD Basu</li> </ul>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts/Booklets</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu/ Indian Express</li> </ul>
26	Sunday, Sept 6, 2020 / 41014	<b>MGP Half Length Test #12</b> (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)	<p>GS Paper 2 / Topic 7, 8, 9</p> <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>	<p>Sources</p> <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>• Introduction to Constitution of India – DD Basu</li> <li>• 2nd ARC Reports</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy handouts/ Booklets</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu/ Indian Express</li> </ul>
27	Wednesday, Sept 9, 2020 /M013	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #13 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p>GS Paper 2 / Topic 11, 16</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>Role of civil services in a democracy</p>	<p>Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd ARC Report [10th Report - Refurbishing of Personnel Administration]</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts/ Booklets</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu/ Indian Express</li> </ul>
28	Sunday, Sept 13, 2020 / 41015	<b>MGP Half Length Test #13</b> (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)	<p>GS Paper 2 / Topic 11, 15,16</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>Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd ARC Report [10th Report - Refurbishing of Personnel Administration, 11th Report – promoting e- governance, 12th Report – Citizen Centric Administration,]</li> </ul>

			<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>
29	Wednesday, Sept 16, 2020 / M014	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #14 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p>GS Paper 2 / Topic 10, 14</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>
30	Sunday, Sept 20, 2020 / 41016	<b>MGP Half Length Test #14 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<p>GS Paper 2 / Topic 10,12,13,14</p> <p>Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation</p> <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>Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• India Yearbook for Government Schemes Newspapers – The Hindu / Indian Express</li> <li>• Annual Reports of Ministries such as Women and Child Development / HRD Ministry/ Health Ministry etc.</li> <li>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklets</li> </ul>
31	Wednesday, Sept 23, 2020 / M015	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #15	<p>GS Paper 2 / Topic 17, 18</p> <p>India and its neighborhood- relations</p>	<p>Sources</p>

		(7 Questions / 1 Hour)	Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests	<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>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts/ Booklets</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu / Indian Express</li> </ul>
32	Sunday, Sept 27, 2020 / 41017	<b>MGP Half Length Test #15 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<p>GS Paper 2 / Topic 17,18,19, 20</p> <p>India and its neighborhood- 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 India's interests, Indian diaspora</p> <p>Important International institutions, agencies and for- their structure, mandate</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>• ForumIAS Academy Handouts/ Booklets</li> <li>• Newspapers – The Hindu / Indian Express</li> </ul>

33	Sunday, Oct 4, 2020 / 41018 & 42003	<b>MGP Full Length Test # 3</b> <b>(20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks)</b>  <b>*Essay Test #3</b> <b>2:00PM – 3:30PM</b> <b>(Only for MGP+ Students)</b>	<b>GS Paper 2 / FLT</b>	-same as earlier-
34	Wednesday, Oct 7, 2020 / M016	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #16 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<b>GS Paper 3 / Topic 4,5</b>  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.  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.	<b>Sources</b> <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>
35	Sunday, Oct 11, 2020 / 41019	<b>MGP Half Length Test #16</b> <b>(10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<b>GS Paper 3 / Topic 4, 5, 6</b>  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.	<b>Sources</b> <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> </ul>

			<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 downstream requirements, supply chain management.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>
36	Wednesday, Oct 14, 2020 / M017	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #17 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p>GS Paper 3 / Topic 1, 3</p> <p>Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization, of resources, growth, development and employment.</p> <p>Government Budgeting</p>	<p>Source</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>• 2nd 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>
37	Sunday, Oct 18, 2020 / 41020	<b>MGP Half Length Test #17 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<p>GS Paper 3 / Topic 1,2,3</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>	<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> </ul>

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38	Wednesday, Oct 21, 2020 / M018	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #18 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p>GS Paper 3 / Topic 8,9</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>• 11<sup>th</sup> NCERT: Economics: Indian Economic Development</li> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> 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>
39	Sunday, Oct 25, 2020 / 41021	<b>MGP Half Length Test #18 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<p>GS Paper 3 / Topic 7, 8,9,10</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>Sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> NCERT: Economics: Indian Economic Development</li> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> NCERT: Macroeconomics</li> <li>• Economic Survey of India</li> <li>• Three Year Action Agenda, -2017-18 to 2019-20 - NITI Aayog</li> </ul>

			Investment models	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>
40	Wednesday, Oct 28, 2020 / M019	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #19 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p>GS Paper 3 / Topic 11, 12, 13</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>
41	Sunday, Nov 1, 2020 / 41022	<b>MGP Half Length Test #19 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<p>GS Paper 3 / Topic 11, 12, 13</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>
42	Wednesday, Nov 4, 2020 / M020	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #20	GS Paper 3 / Topic 14, 15	Sources



		(7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p>Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment</p> <p>Disaster and disaster management</p>	<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>
43	Sunday, Nov 8, 2020 / 41023	<b>MGP Half Length Test #20 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<p>GS Paper 3 / Topic 14, 15</p> <p>Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment</p> <p>Disaster and disaster management</p>	<p>Sources</p> <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>
44	Wednesday, Nov 11, 2020/ M021	MGP Self-Assessment Micro Test #21 (7 Questions / 1 Hour)	<p>GS Paper 3 / Topic 16,17,18,19, 20</p> <p>Linkages between development and spread of extremism</p>	<p>Sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> ARC (7th Report Capacity Building for Conflict Resolution)</li> </ul>

			<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 (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>
<p><b>Nov 15 – Diwali Break</b></p>				
45	Sunday, Nov 22, 2020 / 41024	<p><b>MGP Half Length Test #21</b>  <b>(10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>  <b>9:30 – 12:30PM</b></p>	<p>GS Paper 3 / Topic 16,17,18,19, 20</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>	<p>Sources:</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>

46	Sunday, Nov 29, 2020 / 41025 & 42004	<b>MGP Full Length Test # 4</b> <b>(20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks)</b> <b>9:30 – 12:30PM</b>  <b>*Essay Test #4</b> <b>2:00PM – 3:30PM</b> <b>(Only for MGP+ Students)</b>	GS Paper 3 / FLT  Essay Test #4 / HLT	- Same as earlier Tests-
47	Sunday Dec 6 22, 2020 / 41026	<b>MGP Full Length Test # 5</b> <b>(20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks)</b> <b>9:30 – 12:30PM</b>	GS Paper 1 / FLT	- Same as earlier Tests-
48	Sunday Dec 13, 2020 / 41027 & 42005	<b>MGP Full Length Test # 6</b> <b>(20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks)</b> <b>9:30 – 12:30PM</b>  <b>*Essay Test #5</b> <b>2:00PM – 5PM</b> <b>(Only for MGP+ Students)</b>	GS Paper 2 / FLT  Essay Test #5 / FLT	- Same as earlier Tests-
49	Sunday Dec 20, 2020 / 41028	<b>MGP Full Length Test # 7</b>	GS Paper 3 /FLT	- Same as earlier Tests-

		<b>(20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks) 9:30 – 12:30PM</b>		
50	Sunday Dec 27, 2020 / 41029 & 42006	<b>MGP Full Length Test # 8 (20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks) 9:30 – 12:30PM</b>  <b>*Essay Test #6 2:00PM – 5PM (Only for MGP+ Students) 2:00PM – 5PM</b>	GS Paper 4 / FLT  Essay Test #6 / FLT	- Same as earlier Tests-
<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 Mains Simulator Tests will be released within 1 week of Prelims.</p>				
Exact Dates of MGP & Essay Tests will be notified after Prelims				
51	3 weeks after Prelims	Essay Test #7 (Only for MGP+ Students)	3 Hours / 250 Marks	-Same as earlier-
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 (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 (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 (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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