

# La Excellence IAS G.S Mentorship Test Series

S.No	Date	Subject / Topic	Syllabus	Reference Books
1	08- July- 2017	Paper-2, Part-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.</li> <li>Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector or Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.</li> <li>Issues relating to poverty and hunger.</li> <li>Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency &amp; accountability and institutional and other measures.</li> <li>Role of civil services in a democracy.</li> <li>India and its neighborhood- relations.</li> <li>Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.</li> <li>Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.</li> <li>Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governance Notes by Rambabu sir</li> <li>Yojana Magazine</li> <li>IDSA website</li> <li>ORF website</li> <li>The Hindu Editorial</li> </ul>

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<b>2</b>	<b>15- July- 2017</b>	<b>Paper-1, Part-2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.</li> <li>• Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.</li> <li>• Effects of globalization on Indian society.</li> <li>• Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism &amp; secularism.</li> <li>• Salient features of world's physical geography.</li> <li>• Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian subcontinent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).</li> <li>• Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location - changes in critical geographical features (including waterbodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Society in India by Ram Ahuja</li> <li>• NCERT books for geography from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>22- July- 2017</b>	<b>Paper-2, Part-1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.</li> <li>• Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.</li> <li>• Parliament and State Legislatures - structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Polity by Laxmikanth</li> <li>• Governance in India by Laxmikanth</li> </ul>

			<p>&amp; privileges and issues arising out of these.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Salient features of the Representation of People’s Act.</li> <li>• Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.</li> <li>• Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.</li> </ul>	
<b>4</b>	<b>29- July- 2017</b>	<b>Paper-1, Part-1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.</li> <li>• Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present significant events, personalities, issues.</li> <li>• The Freedom Struggle - its various stages and important contributors or contributions from different parts of the country.</li> <li>• Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Art and Culture by Nithin Singhania</li> <li>• A New Look at Modern Indian History (From 1707 to The Modern times) by B.L.Grover &amp; Alka Mehta</li> <li>• India since Independence by Bipan Chandra</li> <li>• Mastering Modern World History by Norman Lowe</li> </ul>

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<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>05-Aug-2017</b></p>	<p><b>Paper-3, Part-1</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.</li> <li>• Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.</li> <li>• Government Budgeting.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.</li> <li>• Land reforms in India.</li> <li>• Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.</li> <li>• Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways, etc.</li> <li>• Investment models</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Economy by Ramesh Singh</li> <li>• Indian Economy: Performance and Policies by Uma Kapila</li> <li>• Kurukshetra Magazine</li> </ul>
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<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>12-Aug-2017</b></p>	<p><b>Paper-3, Part-2</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science and Technology - developments and their applications and effects in everyday life Achievements of Indians in science &amp; technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.</li> <li>• Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.</li> <li>• Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.</li> <li>• Disaster and disaster management.</li> <li>• Linkages between development and spread of extremism.</li> <li>• Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism.</li> <li>• Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science and Technology by Spectrum Series</li> <li>• NDMA website</li> <li>• IDSA website</li> <li>• Internal Security challenges by Namratha Goswami</li> </ul>
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<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>19-Aug-2017</b></p>	<p><b>Paper-4, Part-1</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.</li> <li>• Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service , integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weakersections.</li> <li>• Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lexicon for Ethics Integrity and Aptitude</li> <li>•ARC Report- Ethics in Governance</li> </ul>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>26-Aug-2017</b></p>	<p><b>Paper-4, Part-2</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Case Studies on above issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lexicon for Ethics Integrity and Aptitude</li> <li>•ARC Report- Ethics in Governance</li> </ul>

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<b>9</b>	<b>02- Sept- 2017</b>		Paper-1 comprehensive test	
<b>10</b>	<b>09- Sept- 2017</b>		Paper-2 comprehensive test	
<b>11</b>	<b>16- Sept- 2017</b>		Paper-3 comprehensive test	
<b>12</b>	<b>23- Sept- 2017</b>		Paper-4 comprehensive test	

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