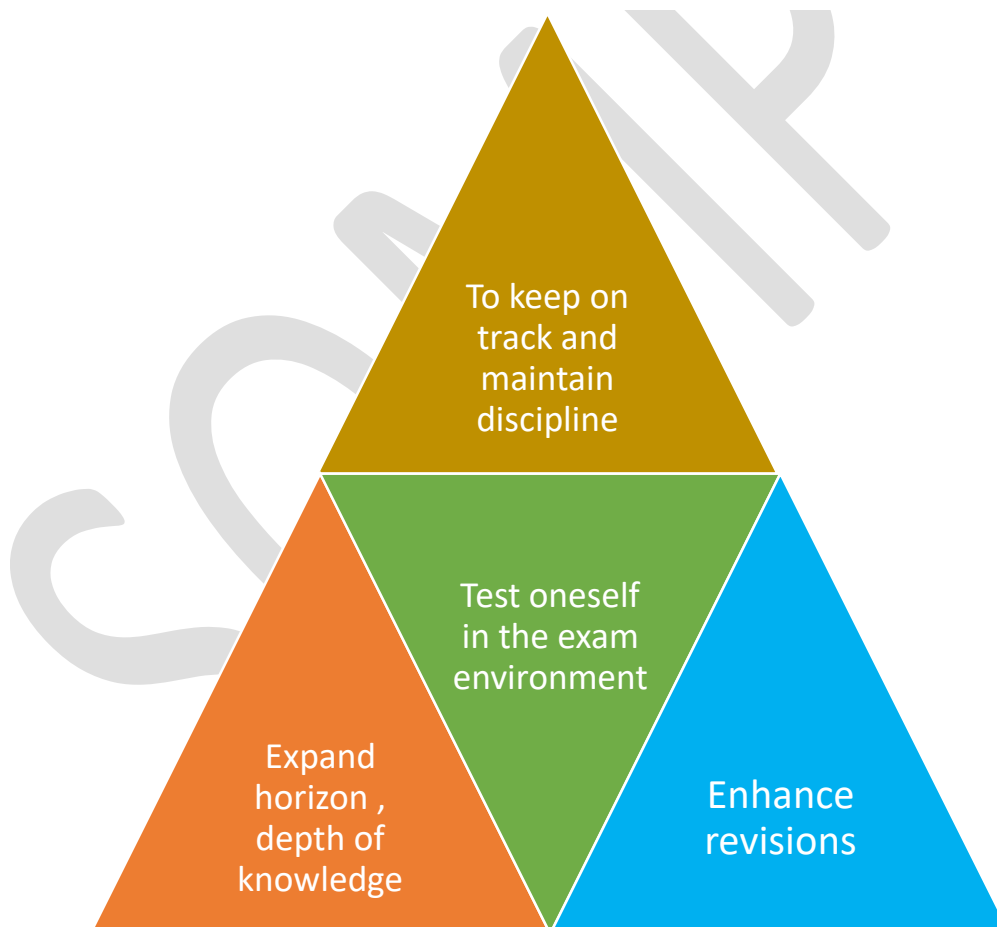


SOMP Prelims Test Series for Prelims 2024

Test Series is one of the **most critical components** of an aspirants UPSC preparation. With the **changing pattern** of prelims examination from **2021 onwards**, **importance** of a good test series has **enhanced even further**.

Why is a test series important?



Mistakes committed by an aspirant in planning and executing a test series

Solving tests beyond the capacity

Ideally, you should solve **minimum 30-35 tests**. Only after you have analysed them, should you move on to the next tests

Not Solving Quality Tests

Average or poor quality tests can only give you temporary satisfaction, and not results.

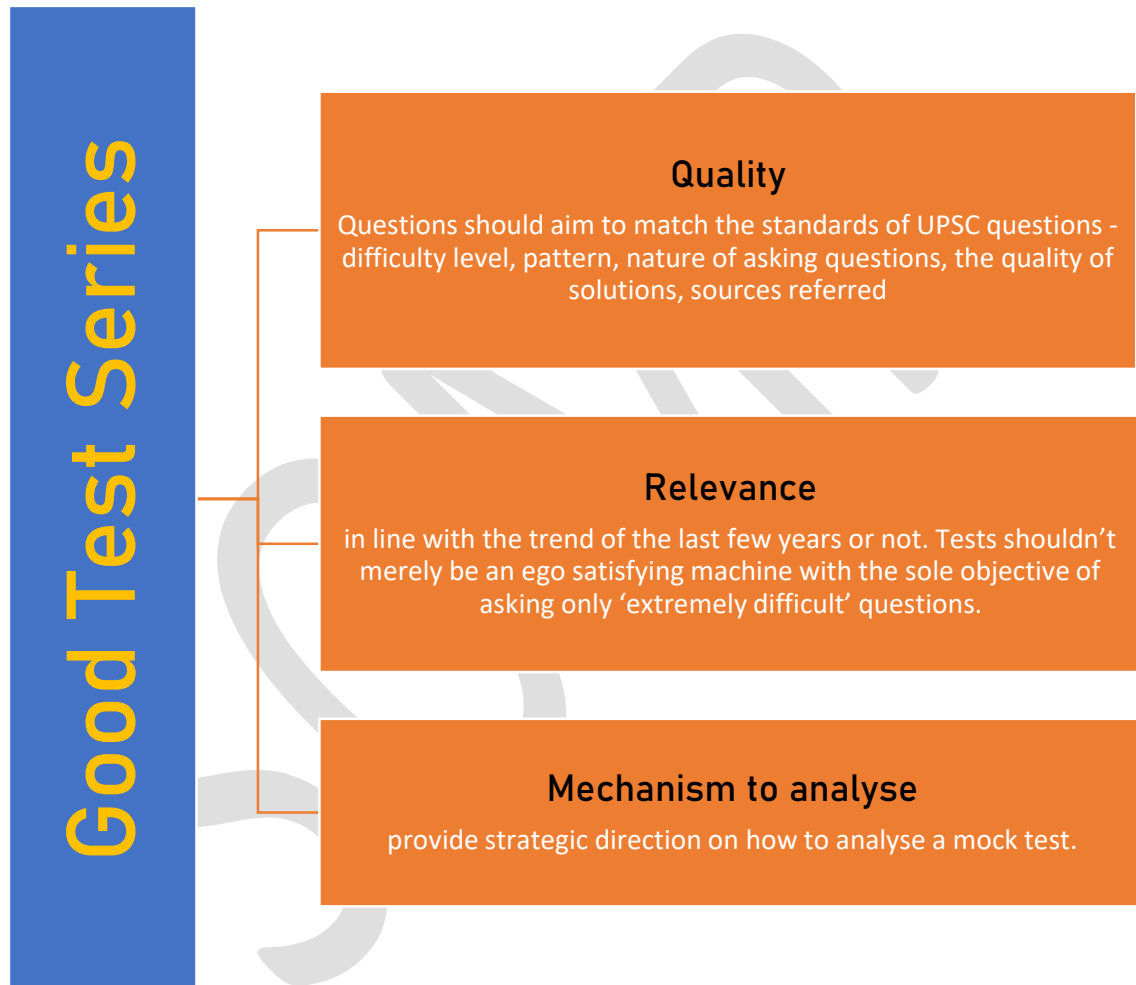
Having an impractical schedule of solving tests

Procrastination

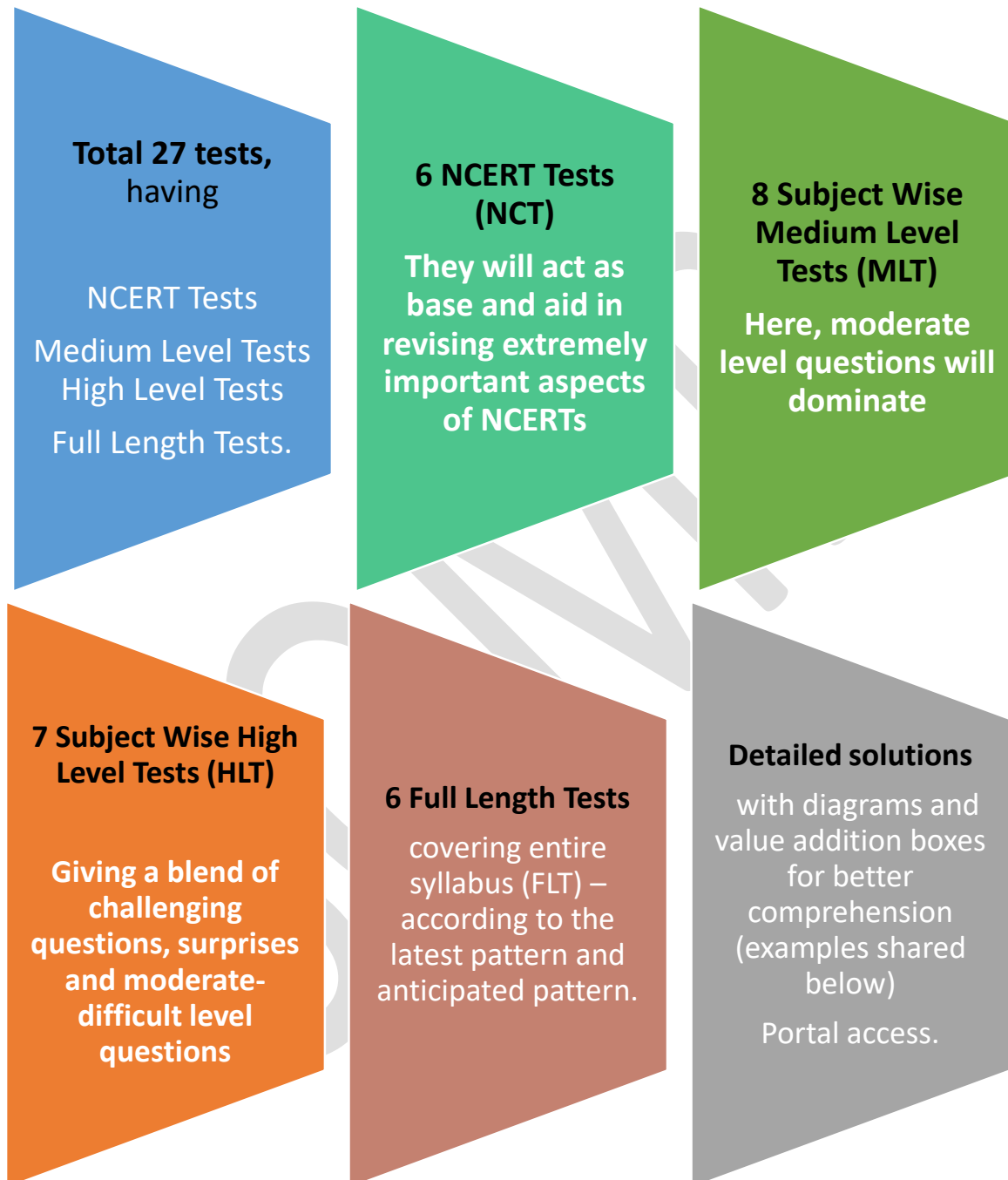
Not analysing the tests, and harping on scores rather than the learnings

What is a Good Mock Test?

No mock test can ever match the level of UPSC. However, if a mock test series fulfils these **3 parameters**, it can be considered a good test series.



Deliverables of SOMP Test Series



Test Series Schedule

Test Type	Test No	Subject	Date
NCERT (NCT)	Test 1	Ancient History, Medieval History	Feb 6 2024
Medium Level (MLT)	Test 2	Ancient, Medieval History, Culture + Current Affairs	Feb 10 2024
NCERT (NCT)	Test 3	Modern History	Feb 13 2024
Medium Level (MLT)	Test 4	Modern History + Current Affairs	Feb 16 2024
NCERT (NCT)	Test 5	Geography	Feb 19 2024
NCERT (NCT)	Test 6	Geography	Feb 21 2024
Medium Level (MLT)	Test 7	Geography + Current Affairs	Feb 26 2024
Medium Level (MLT)	Test 8	Economics + Current Affairs	Mar 4 2024
NCERT (NCT)	Test 9	Polity	Mar 09 2024
Medium Level (MLT)	Test 10	Polity + Current Affairs	Mar 11 2024
Medium Level (MLT)	Test 11	Environment + Current Affairs	Mar 16 2024
NCERT (NCT)	Test 12	Science	Mar 20 2024
Medium Level (MLT)	Test 13	S&T + Current Affairs	Mar 24 2024
Medium Level (MLT)	Test 14	Current Affairs	Mar 27 2024
High Level (HLT)	Test 15	Ancient, Medieval History, Culture + Current Affairs	Mar 31 2024
High Level (HLT)	Test 16	Modern History + Current Affairs	April 3 2024
High Level (HLT)	Test 17	Geography + Current Affairs	April 6 2024
High Level (HLT)	Test 18	Economics + Current Affairs	April 10 2024
High Level (HLT)	Test 19	Polity + Current Affairs	April 14 2024
High Level (HLT)	Test 20	Environment + Current Affairs	April 19 2024
High Level (HLT)	Test 21	S&T + Current Affairs	April 22 2024
Full Length (FLT)	Test 22	FLT-1	April 26 2024
Full Length (FLT)	Test 23	FLT-2	April 30 2024
Full Length (FLT)	Test 24	FLT-3	May 3 2024
Full Length (FLT)	Test 25	FLT-4	May 6 2024
Full Length (FLT)	Test 26	FLT-5	May 8 2024
Full Length (FLT)	Test 27	FLT-6	May 10 2024

Samples of Value Additions in the Test Solutions

Fact box for prelims pointers

Author	Notable Works
Kalidasa	- "Abhijnana Shakuntalam" (The Recognition of Shakuntala) - "Meghaduta" (The Cloud Messenger) - "Raghuvamsha" (Dynasty of Raghu) - "Kumarasambhava" (The Birth of Kumara)
Bhavabhuti	- "Malatimadhava" - "Uttararamacharita" (The Later Story of Rama)
Bhasa	- "Mahaviracharita" (The Great Hero's Deeds) - "Swapnavasavadatta" - "Pratima Nataka" - "Balacharita"
Vishakhadatta	- "Mudrarakashya" (The Signet Ring of Rakshasa)



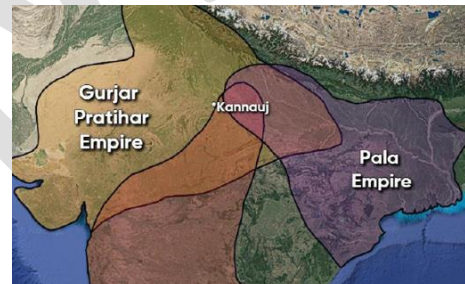
Value addition box

Dynasties	Capitals
Maurya	Pataliputra
Gupta	Pataliputra
Rashtrakuta	Manyakheta
Vijayanagara	Hampi
Hoysala	Dwarasamudra (Halebid)
Satavahana	Pratishthana (Paithan)
Maratha	Raigad, Pune
Magadha	Rajgir, Pataliputra
Mughal	Delhi
Khilji	Delhi

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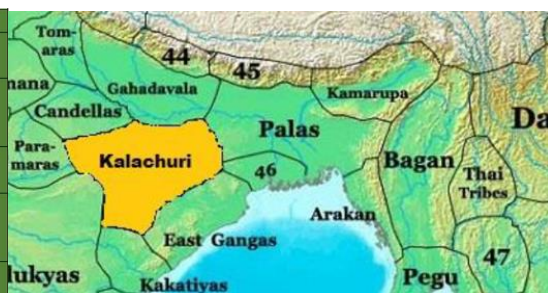
King	Reign Period	Titles/Epithets	Major Events and Achievements
Dantidurga	Up to 756 CE	Prithivivallabha, Maharajahiraja, Parameshvara, Paramabhataraka	Founded Rashtrakuta empire, defeated Chalukyas, captured territories, overthrew Kirtivarman II.
Krishnaraja I	756 - 772 CE	Shubhatunga, Akalavarsha	Expanded Rashtrakuta kingdom, overthrew Chalukyas of Badami, conquered Madhya Pradesh, Southern Konkana, and Ganga kingdom.

Govinda II	774 - 780 CE	Prabhutavarsha, Vikramavaloka	Faced civil war for the throne against Dhruva, lost the first war.
Dhruva	780 - 793 CE	Nirupama, Kali-vallabha, Dharavarsha, Shrivallabha	Punished kings who assisted Govinda II, made his son Govinda III king during his lifetime.
Govinda III	793 - 814 CE	Jagattunga, Kirti-Narayana, Janavallabha, Tribhuvanadhavala, Prabhutavarsha, Shrivallabha	Quelled rebellions, expanded empire through successful expeditions, annexed Malawa, Kosala, Kalinga, Vengi, Dahala, and Odraka.
Amoghavarsha I	814 - 878 CE	Nripatunga, Atisayadhavala, Maharaja-shanda, Vira-Narayana	Promoted Jainism and Brahmanical religion, patron of authors, performed rituals for the welfare of subjects.



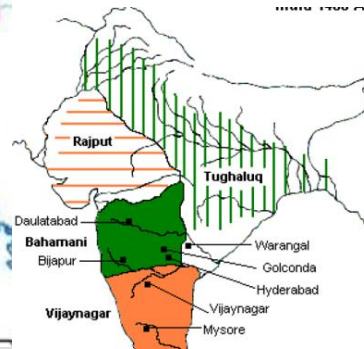
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Ruler	Reign Period	Key Points
Vijayalaya	Around 850 CE	- Established the Imperial Chola dynasty around 850 CE. - Made Tanjore his capital during the conflict between the Pallavas and the Pandyas.
Aditya I	871 - 907 CE	- Defeated Pallava king Aparajita and Kongu ruler Parantaka Viranarayana. - Increased Chola power and prestige.
Parantaka I	907 - 955 CE	- Annexed Pandya territories, defeated Vadumbas. - Extended Chola authority up to Nellore. - Took the title "Maduraikonda."
Parantaka II (Sundara Chola)	957 - 973 CE	- Son of Arinjaya Chola. - Ascended the throne despite his cousin Uttama Chola's claim. - Faced challenges due to the

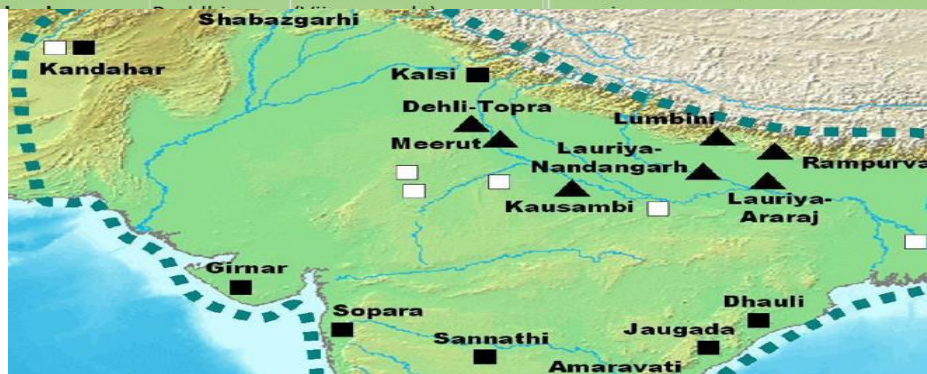


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Dynasty	Ruler	Years	Prominent Features
Rajput Dynasties	Tomaras	Early 12th century – 1165	
Rajput Dynasties	Ananga Pala	1130 – 1145	
Rajput Dynasties	Chauhans	1165 – 1192	
Rajput Dynasties	Prithviraj Chauhan	1175 – 1192	
Early Turkish Rulers	Qutbuddin Aybak	1206 – 1210	
Early Turkish Rulers	Shamsuddin Iltutmish	1210 – 1236	
Early Turkish Rulers	Raziyya	1236 – 1240	
Early Turkish Rulers	Ghiyasuddin Balban	1266 – 1287	
Khilji Dynasty	Jalaluddin Khilji	1290 – 1296	
Bodhisattva			Prominent Features
Avalokiteshvara			Compassionate, Guanyin, depicted as female, lotus bearer, responsive to prayers.
Maitreya			Bodhisattva of the Future, potential successor of Gautam Buddha, currently in Tusita Heaven.
Manjushri			Bodhisattva of Wisdom, iconic figure in Mahayana, wields flaming sword and Blue Lotus flower.
			Bodhisattva of Practice and Meditation, part of Shakyamuni trinity with Maitreya and Buddha.



School	Belongs to	Emphasis	Views and Characteristics
Vaibhasika School	Hinayana Buddhism	Authority of Abhidhamma	Reality as pure flux, bahya-pratyekavada, pluralism, realism, and nominalism
Sautrantika School	Hinayana Buddhism	Authority of Sutra Pitaka	Accepts both mental and non-mental reality, emphasizes inference from perceptions, distinguishes between phenomena and noumena
Yogachara	Mahayana	Mind-Only	Emphasizes consciousness, everything is mind-generated, seeds (vasanas) of



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