# Mains Ignitor Program (MIP) 2025

### Transform Your Knowledge into Marks. Master Mains Before Prelims.

Do you ever feel that despite studying for 10 hours a day, you struggle to write a good answer in 8 minutes? The single biggest gap in UPSC preparation isn't a lack of knowledge, but the inability to translate that knowledge into high-scoring answers under pressure.

Most aspirants make the critical mistake of saving answer writing for *after* Prelims. This leaves them with just 100 days to develop a skill that takes months to master. The Mains Ignitor Program is strategically designed to bridge this gap. We will help you build the "intellectual muscle" for answer writing from September to December, giving you an undeniable edge and the supreme confidence to tackle the exam.

### Why This Program is Essential for Your Success

This is more than just a test series; it's a systematic regimen designed to fundamentally re-wire how you approach the Mains exam.

- It Forces Active Recall: Reading is passive. Writing is active. By writing answers daily, you are forced to actively recall information, connect diverse topics, and structure your thoughts logically. This method solidifies your learning in a way that simply reading never can.
- It Builds Confidence: The fear of the blank page is real. By writing daily, you conquer this fear. Imagine entering the Prelims exam hall knowing you are already a Mains-ready candidate. This psychological advantage is immense.
- It Deepens Prelims Preparation: The analytical skills you develop for Mains—linking current affairs to static concepts, understanding the "why" behind events—are precisely what's needed to solve the trickiest questions in the Prelims. A strong Mains foundation is your secret weapon for Prelims.
- It Ensures Syllabus Completion: Our structured, day-wise plan ensures you cover every single topic of the GS Mains syllabus in a disciplined manner, leaving no stone unturned.
- **Seamless Transition:** Our course follows a "tapering effect." We start with GS4 and move sequentially to GS1. By the time we finish at the end of December, you will be naturally transitioning into a full-fledged Prelims mode, but with the entire Mains syllabus revised and at your fingertips

## Who is this Program For?

We have designed this program for aspirants at every stage of their journey. Do you see yourself here?

- **The Determined First-Timer:** You've covered the syllabus but feel overwhelmed about how to start writing. You need a structured, hand-held approach to build your foundation from scratch.
- The Prelims Specialist: You've cleared Prelims before but have consistently found your Mains score falling short. You understand the content but need to refine your structure, presentation, and time management to convert your knowledge into marks.
- **The Rank Improver:** You've been on the final list but are aiming higher. You know that an improvement of just 7-10 marks per GS paper can change your rank and service. You need targeted feedback to identify and fix micro-level mistakes.
- **The Working Professional:** Your time is precious. You need a highly structured and flexible program that provides a clear daily plan, expert guidance, and resources you can access at your own pace, without being tied to a rigid live class schedule.

## Fee Structure: Rs. 11,000/- (This fees is non - refundable)

## Your Daily Workflow: Discipline & Flexibility

Our unique model is built for the modern, self-motivated aspirant.

- 1. **Morning (Question Trigger):** Log in to find the day's questions, based on the detailed schedule.
- 2. **Daytime (Deep Work):** You have the entire day for focused practice. Research, think, structure, and write your answers without the pressure of a looming live class.
- 3. **Evening (Analysis & Learning):** We upload a **detailed PDF synopsis** of the day's questions. This provides you with a model structure, key value-addition points, and a clear understanding of the examiner's expectations, all at your convenience.

## **Core Features of the Ignitor Program**

Feature	Description
Expert Evaluation & Feedback	Get every answer you write along with the <b>4 Full-Length Tests</b> meticulously evaluated by our expert on a regular basis. The feedback will be detailed, actionable, and focused on helping you improve with every test.

Dynamic Peer-to-Peer Community Hub	Join our private Telegram group to engage in peer review, discuss question approaches, and stay motivated with fellow aspirants. We will also feature an "Answer of the Day" and "Weekly Leaderboard" to foster a fun and healthy competition.
The 8 Subject-Specific Masterclasses	(Optional, At additional charges) Go beyond generic tips with 8 masterclasses, each dedicated to decoding GS paper's unique demands—from structuring History answers to solving Ethics case studies. These are in lecture formats where art of answer writing will be taught by experienced mentors.

# <u>Detailed Day-wise Schedule (2025-2026)</u>

# **Month 1: GS Paper IV (Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude)**

Week	Date	Day	Daily Topic Focus (5 Questions Daily)
Orientat ion	Sep 5	Fri	Course Introduction, Strategy & Goal Setting
1	Sep 8	Mon	Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, Determinants & Consequences
	Sep 9	Tue	Dimensions of Ethics; Ethics in Private and Public Relationships
	Sep 10	Wed	Human Values: Lessons from Leaders, Reformers, Administrators

	Sep 11	Thu	Role of Family, Society, and Education in Inculcating Values
	Sep 12	Fri	Attitude: Content, Structure, Function; Relation with Thought & Behaviour
	Sep 13	Sat	Revision & Consolidation
2	Sep 15	Mon	Moral and Political Attitudes; Social Influence and Persuasion
	Sep 16	Tue	Aptitude and Foundational Values for Civil Service: Integrity, Objectivity
	Sep 17	Wed	Impartiality, Non-partisanship, Dedication to Public Service
	Sep 18	Thu	Empathy, Tolerance, and Compassion towards Weaker-sections
	Sep 19	Fri	Emotional Intelligence: Concepts, Utilities, and Application
	Sep 20	Sat	Revision & Consolidation
3	Sep 22	Mon	Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers (India & World)
	Sep 23	Tue	Public/Civil Service Values and Ethics in Public Administration

	Sep 24	Wed	Probity in Governance: Concept, RTI, Codes of Conduct
	Sep 25	Thu	Citizen's Charters, Work Culture, Quality of Service Delivery
	Sep 26	Fri	Challenges of Corruption
	Sep 27	Sat	Revision of All Theoretical Concepts
4	Sep 29	Mon	Case Studies (2 Daily): Administrative & Governance Dilemmas
	Sep 30	Tue	Case Studies (2 Daily): Social & Ethical Dilemmas
	Oct 1	Wed	Case Studies (2 Daily): Application of Emotional Intelligence
	Oct 2	Thu	Case Studies (2 Daily): Corporate Governance & International Ethics
	Oct 3	Fri	Case Studies (2 Daily): Mixed Bag & Complex Dilemmas
	Oct 4	Sat	GS Paper IV - Full Length Test

Week	Date	Day	Daily Topic Focus (5 Questions Daily)
5	Oct 6	Mon	Indian Economy: Planning, Mobilization of Resources, Growth, Development
	Oct 7	Tue	Employment, Inclusive Growth & Issues Arising From It
	Oct 8	Wed	Government Budgeting
	Oct 9	Thu	Major Crops, Cropping Patterns, Irrigation, e-Technology for Farmers
	Oct 10	Fri	Farm Subsidies, MSP, PDS- Objectives, Functioning, Limitations
	Oct 11	Sat	Revision & Consolidation
6	Oct 13	Mon	Food Processing and Related Industries; Land Reforms
	Oct 14	Tue	Effects of Liberalization on the Economy; Changes in Industrial Policy
	Oct 15	Wed	Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways

	Oct 16	Thu	Investment Models (PPP etc.)
	Oct 17	Fri	Science & Tech: Developments & Applications, Achievements of Indians
	Oct 18	Sat	Revision & Consolidation
7	Oct 20	Mon	Awareness in IT, Space, Computers, Robotics, Nano-tech, Bio-tech, IPR
	Oct 21	Tue	Conservation, Environmental Pollution and Degradation
	Oct 22	Wed	Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
	Oct 23	Thu	Disaster and Disaster Management
	Oct 24	Fri	Linkages between Development and Spread of Extremism
	Oct 25	Sat	Revision & Consolidation

8	Oct 27	Mon	Role of External State & Non-state Actors in Internal Security
	Oct 28	Tue	Challenges to Internal Security through Communication Networks
	Oct 29	Wed	Basics of Cyber Security; Money-Laundering
	Oct 30	Thu	Security Challenges in Border Areas; Organized Crime & Terrorism
	Oct 31	Fri	Various Security Forces and Agencies and their Mandate
	Nov 1	Sat	GS Paper III - Full Length Test

# Month 3: GS Paper II

Week	Date	Da y	Daily Topic Focus (5 Questions Daily)
9	Nov 3	Mo n	Indian Constitution: Features, Amendments, Basic Structure

	Nov 4	Tue	Functions of Union & States, Federalism & its Challenges
	Nov 5	We d	Separation of Powers, Parliament & State Legislatures
	Nov 6	Thu	Structure & Functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary
	Nov 7	Fri	Representation of People's Act & Constitutional Bodies
	Nov 8	Sat	Revision & Consolidation
10	Nov 10	Mo n	Statutory, Regulatory and Quasi-judicial Bodies, incl. NITI Aayog
	Nov 11	Tue	Governance: Transparency, Accountability, E-governance Models
	Nov 12	We d	Citizen Charters, Role of Civil Services in a Democracy
	Nov 13	Thu	Development Processes: Role of NGOs, SHGs, etc.
	Nov 14	Fri	Welfare Schemes for Vulnerable Sections
	Nov 15	Sat	Revision & Consolidation

11	Nov 17	Mo n	Issues Relating to Health, Education, Human Resources
	Nov 18	Tue	Issues relating to Poverty and Hunger
	Nov 19	We d	India and its Neighborhood Relations
	Nov 20	Thu	Bilateral, Regional and Global Groupings and Agreements
	Nov 21	Fri	Effect of Policies of Developed & Developing Countries on India's Interests
	Nov 22	Sat	Revision & Consolidation
12	Nov 24	Mo n	Important International Institutions, Agencies and Fora & Indian Diaspora
	Nov 25	Tue	Revision Day: Polity & Governance
	Nov 26	We d	Revision Day: Social Justice & Welfare
	Nov 27	Thu	Revision Day: International Relations
	Nov 28	Fri	Final Revision of Entire GS Paper II Syllabus

Nov 29	Sat	GS Paper II - Full Length Test

# Month 4: GS Paper I

Week	Date	Day	Daily Topic Focus (5 Questions Daily)
13	Dec 1	Mon	Indian Culture: Art Forms, Literature, and Architecture
	Dec 2	Tue	Modern Indian History (mid-18th Century until Present)
	Dec 3	Wed	The Freedom Struggle: Various Stages and Contributors
	Dec 4	Thu	Post-independence Consolidation and Reorganization
	Dec 5	Fri	World History: Industrial Revolution, World Wars, etc.
	Dec 6	Sat	Revision & Consolidation
14	Dec 8	Mon	World History: Colonization, Decolonization, Philosophies
	Dec 9	Tue	Indian Society: Salient Features, Diversity of India

	Dec 10	Wed	Role of Women, Population, Poverty, Urbanization
	Dec 11	Thu	Effects of Globalization on Indian Society
	Dec 12	Fri	Social Empowerment, Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism
	Dec 13	Sat	Revision & Consolidation
15	Dec 15	Mon	World Physical Geography: Salient Features
	Dec 16	Tue	Distribution of Key Natural Resources (Global & South Asia)
	Dec 17	Wed	Location of Industries (Primary, Secondary, Tertiary)
	Dec 18	Thu	Important Geophysical Phenomena (Earthquakes, Tsunami, etc.)
	Dec 19	Fri	Geographical Features, Flora & Fauna and Changes
	Dec 20	Sat	Revision & Consolidation
16	Dec 22	Mon	Revision: History & Art/Culture

Dec 23	Tue	Revision: Indian Society & World History
Dec 24	Wed	Revision: Geography (Physical & Economic)
Dec 25	Thu	Revision of Weak Areas in GS Paper I
Dec 26	Fri	Final Revision of Entire GS Paper I Syllabus
Dec 27	Sat	GS Paper I - Full Length Test & Course Wrap-up

# **REFERENCE SOURCES:**

# GS Paper I: Indian Heritage & Culture, History, and Geography of the World and Society

#### Indian Art & Culture

- Class 11: An Introduction to Indian Art, Part I
- Class 12: Themes in Indian History, Part I & II (for cultural context)
- Indian Art and Culture by Nitin Singhania: A comprehensive and widely-used resource.
- *The Wonder That Was India* by A.L. Basham: Excellent for a deeper, scholarly understanding of ancient Indian culture.
- o **SOMP NOTES**

### Modern Indian History

- o **Class 8:** *Our Pasts III (Part 1 & 2)*
- Class 12: Themes in Indian History, Part III
- o **Old NCERT:** History of Modern India by Bipan Chandra
- A Brief History of Modern India by Spectrum (Rajiv Ahir): Essential for a quick, factual revision.
- India's Struggle for Independence by Bipan Chandra: For an in-depth, narrative understanding of the freedom movement.
- *From Plassey to Partition and After* by Sekhar Bandyopadhyay: An excellent academic text for a more analytical perspective.
- SOMP NOTES

### • Post-Independence India

- **Class 12:** *Politics in India Since Independence*
- India Since Independence by Bipan Chandra, Mridula Mukherjee, and Aditya Mukherjee.
- India After Gandhi by Ramachandra Guha: A detailed and engaging account of post-independence history.
- o **SOMP NOTES**

### World History

- Class 9, 10, 11: *Themes in World History* (Old NCERTs by Arjun Dev are highly recommended if accessible).
- *Mastering Modern World History* by Norman Lowe: A comprehensive single-volume book covering the syllabus.

#### • Indian Society

- **Class 11:** *Understanding Society*
- Class 12: Indian Society & Social Change and Development in India
- Social Problems in India by Ram Ahuja: Good for understanding specific social issues.
- SOMP NOTES

### Geography

- **Class 6 to 10:** For basic concepts.
- o Class 11: Fundamentals of Physical Geography & India: Physical Environment
- Class 12: Fundamentals of Human Geography & India: People and Economy

- Certificate Physical and Human Geography by G.C. Leong.
- o An **Atlas** is non-negotiable: **Oxford Student Atlas for India** is recommended.
- SOMP NOTES

# **GS Paper II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice & International Relations**

- Polity & Constitution
  - Class 9 to 12: Democratic Politics & Political Science textbooks.
  - **Class 11:** *Indian Constitution at Work* is particularly important.
  - o Indian Polity by M. Laxmikanth: The cornerstone for this subject.
  - *Introduction to the Constitution of India* by D.D. Basu: For a more in-depth, legalistic understanding.
  - SOMP NOTES
- Governance & Social Justice
  - o *Governance in India* by M. Laxmikanth.
  - 2nd Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) Reports: Summaries of key reports like "Ethics in Governance," "Citizen Centric Administration," and "Public Order" are crucial.
  - Press Information Bureau (PIB) and Ministry websites for details on welfare schemes and policies.
  - SOMP NOTES
- International Relations
  - **Class 12:** Contemporary World Politics
  - Challenge and Strategy: Rethinking India's Foreign Policy by Rajiv Sikri.
  - Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Website: The most authentic source for India's official position on various international issues.
  - A good newspaper like **The Hindu** or **The Indian Express** is essential for this section.
  - SOMP NOTES

# GS Paper III: Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Security & Disaster Management

- Indian Economy
  - **Class 9 to 12:** Economics textbooks.
  - Class 11: Indian Economic Development
  - Class 12: Introductory Macroeconomics
  - o *Indian Economy* by Ramesh Singh or Sanjiv Verma.
  - The Economic Survey of India (latest): Read the summary and key chapters.
  - The Union Budget (latest): Read the summary and analysis.
  - o **SOMP NOTES**
- Science & Technology

- Class 6 to 10: General Science.
- Class 11 & 12: Selective chapters on Chemistry and Biology (especially biotechnology).
- **Science and Technology in India** by Spectrum.
- Regularly follow the science and technology section of **The Hindu**.
- SOMP NOTES
- Environment & Biodiversity
  - Class 12 Biology: Chapters 13 to 16.
  - Relevant chapters from Geography NCERTs.
  - *Environment* by Shankar IAS Academy (This is a compilation but has become a standard reference).
  - SOMP NOTES
- Internal Security & Disaster Management
  - o Challenges to Internal Security of India by Ashok Kumar (IPS).
  - National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) website for official guidelines.
  - o **SOMP NOTES**

### GS Paper IV: Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude

- Standard Books & Reports:
  - o *Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude* by G. Subba Rao and P.N. Roy Chowdhury.
  - SOMP Notes
  - o **2nd ARC Report on "Ethics in Governance"**: A foundational document.
  - Previous Year Question Papers: Essential to understand the nature of questions and case studies.

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