

## **RESTRATEGISING YOUR PREPARATION FOR PRELIMS & MAIN EXAM 2020**

Now 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020 is the date fixed for the Prelim Test 2020. Having already spent about 3 to 4 months preparing exclusively for the Prelims, you may not need all the nearly four months (that have been made available by the UPSC from June to September 2020) preparing again exclusively for the Prelims 2020. More over you will have only three months (instead of the usual four months) to prepare for the Main Exam, after the Prelims gets over in Oct 2020. There is a need, therefore to utilize a part of the next three months or so to prepare partly for your Main Exam General Studies or Optional Subject or both, depending upon the levels of preparation you have achieved so far in the Main Exam G.S and Optional Subjects.

As you are expected to spend 10 to 12 hours daily preparing for the CSE, it is suggested that you spend 5 hours preparing for the Main Exam and the rest of the day preparing for the Prelim Test, from the second week of June and upto the third week of August 2020. Thereafter, prepare exclusively for the Prelims till the Prelim Test is held in Oct 2020, by revising the subject matter and taking practice tests in G.S & CSAT. In this regard the following line of preparation may be followed by you till the Preliminary Test:

1. Continue preparing for the Prelims by revising the static portions and current affairs for G.S. The UPSC will recast the question papers for the Prelims by discarding the questions that have become outdated because of the passage of time and adding current affairs MCQs upto mid August or so.
2. Continue going through the news papers and other current affairs materials and revise them from May 2019 to August 2020.
3. Start your answer writing practice for the Main Exam in G.S or Optional Subjects or both upto the third week of August and continue with it, immediately after the Prelim Test gets over on 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020.
4. Focus more on the areas of G.S syllabus, that are common to both the Prelim and Main Exams such as Art & Cultural History, Modern Indian History, Indian Polity, Government schemes & welfare measures, Indian Economy, Science & Technology and Current Affairs. This will help you to strengthen your Prelim preparation both static & current affairs portions and simultaneously help prepare for the Main Exam, thereby save time while you prepare for the Main Exam . Areas that are exclusive for the Main Exam part of G.S can be handled immediately after 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020.
5. Develop your answer writing, by attempting a test series for the Main Exam in a graded manner. Instead of attempting to write a comprehensive test of 20 questions (either sectional or full test), start with a Mini Test of 10 questions initially and full tests after the Prelims.

What assistance Vajiram & Ravi provides?

1. For the G.S classroom students who are enrolled with us, the Prelim Test Series has been extended free of cost till the Prelim Test 2020 by adding 8 Tests in G.S and 3 Tests in CSAT.

2. To bring G.S classroom students enrolled with us up to date on Current Affairs, from March to August 2020, a series of online Current Affairs lectures with monthly MCQs are being organized from the third week of June 2020 to the end of August 2020. After August 2020, students may continue this annual online course from September on payment. This online course is open for admission now for external students.
3. A new series of online 'Answer Writing Practice' course for the Main Exam in G.S and select Optional Subjects will be started from the fourth week of June 2020 to August 2020 and thereafter it will be continued after the Preliminary Test. This course is open for admission to all students on payment. The details of the courses would be available on the website of Vajiram & Ravi - [www.vajiramandravi.com](http://www.vajiramandravi.com) and [www.vajiramias.com](http://www.vajiramias.com).

This year's Prelim Test poses an additional challenge of how far more you can stretch your power of endurance. But will power defeats all challenges. You have to feel confident. If you don't, then you are going to be hesitant and defensive and there will be a lot of things working against you. Be in the moment and give full attention to what's ahead of you. That means you are in control of the situation. Like fish in water, we human, live in time. It is time that's converted into success through your hardwork. Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be lead by the dreams in your heart.

The UPSC in a way has given you a second chance by postponing the Prelims by four months. What you have done in the past may not be as important as what you are going to do in the next four months. The purpose of your preparation is not how many facts you accumulate, but how much you learn by understanding. Poor quality hurts. Ensure you will walk into the exam hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 with high quality preparation. Study with renewed vigour.

All the Best!  
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