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ENGLISH MEDIUM

**ALL INDIA INTERACTIVE PHILOSOPHY TEST SERIES 2023: STARTING – FEBRUARY 19, 2023**

**8 TESTS (4 Section wise + 4 Full Length)**

- Team Vision IAS

**ANSWER WRITING EVALUATION PROGRAM** (Experts Support: Telephonic Discussion / Email Interaction)

**All India Philosophy Test series** is the specialty of Vision IAS. Every year thousands of students utilize Vision IAS Test Series, based on **INNOVATIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM™** to improve their scores. We take the Test Series with utmost seriousness.

**Approach and Strategy:** Our simple, practical and focused approach will help aspirants understand the demand of UPSC exam effectively. Our strategy is to constantly innovate to keep the preparation process dynamic and give personalized attention to individual aspirants based on factors like core competence, availability of time and resource, and the requirement of Civil Service Exam. Our Interactive Learning approach (Email / Telephonic Discussion of Experts with Aspirants) will continuously improve the aspirant's performance and move their preparation in the right direction.

**Flexibility:** We also give our students the flexibility of personalized scheduling. They can reschedule their tests, based on their study plan for the examination. Further, students can either come to one of our centers to write the tests or can do so at a place of their convenience, and upload the scanned copies of their answer sheets for evaluation.

**Number of Mock Tests:**

**8**

**Module No. 1692**

**Fee Structure:**

Total Course Fee (including all taxes) = **Rs. 11000**

**Nature:**

**Flexible- Date of Mock Test:** Reschedule on the demand of the aspirants. **(POSTPONE, BUT NOT PREPONE)**  
**Download Test Papers and material from Vision IAS Online Platform**

## What you will get:

- Login id & Password for performance analysis of aspirants (**Innovative Assessment System**)
- **Consolidated Question Paper-cum-Answer booklet (8 Mock Tests: PDF Files).**
- Evaluated Answer Booklet by experts with proper feedback, comments & guidance.
- Answer format (Synopsis) of Mock Test paper.
- Analysis of Mock Test papers based on difficulty level & nature of questions.

## **INNOVATIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM:**

Static & dynamic Potential of Mock test papers (Scoring Potential), Macro & Micro performance Analysis of aspirants, Section wise analysis, Difficulty Analysis, All India Rank, comparison with toppers, Geographical Analysis, Integrated Score Card, Analysis of Mock Test papers based on difficulty level & nature of questions etc.

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- **Online/distance learning students can download Question cum answer booklet and approach-answer-analysis of mock test papers from Vision IAS online Platform.**
- **Question cum answer booklet, approach - answer – analysis of mock test papers will NOT be dispatched.**
- **Supplementary material/Reference material/Support material will be provided in PDF format only and will not be dispatched.**
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**SCHEDULE, CONTENT & REFERENCE**

| TEST No.         | Date                 | Topics covered   | Primary References  | Additional References  |
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| Test 1<br>[2303] | FEBRUARY<br>19, 2023 | <p><b>Cārvāka</b> : Theory of Knowledge, Rejection of Transcendent Entities.</p> <p><b>Jainism</b>: Theory of Reality, Saptabhaṅginaya, Bondage and Liberation.</p> <p><b>Schools of Buddhism</b>: Pratītyasamutpāda, Ksanikavada, Nairātmyavāda later Buddhist philosophy and sects.</p> <p><b>Sāmkhya</b>: Prakṛti, Purusa, Causation, Liberation and bondage.</p> <p><b>Yoga</b>: Citta, Cittavṛtti, Klesas, Samadhi, Kaivalya.</p> <p><b>Nyāya- Vaiśeṣika</b>: Theory of Categories, Theory of Appearance, Theory of Pramāna, Self, Liberation, God, Proofs for the Existence of God, Theory of Causation, Atomistic Theory of Creation.</p> <p><b>Mimāṃsā</b>: Theory of Knowledge</p> <p><b>Schools of Vedānta</b>: Brahman, Īśvara, Ātman, Jiva, Jagat, Māyā, Avidyā, Adhyāsa, Moksa, Aprthaksiddhi, Pancavidhabheda</p> <p><b>Aurobindo</b>: Evolution, Involution, Integral Yoga.</p> | <p>Introduction of Indian Philosophy: <b>Dutta &amp; Chatterjee</b></p> <p>Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy – <b>C D Sharma</b></p>   | <p>Essentials of Indian Philosophy: Books: <b>M. Hiriyanna</b></p> <p><b>Vision Ias study material</b></p>   |
| Test 2<br>[2304] | MARCH<br>5, 2023     | <p><b>Plato and Aristotle: Ideas, Substance</b>, Form and Matter, Causation, Actuality and Potentiality.</p> <p><b>Rationalism (Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz)</b>: Cartesian Method and Certain Knowledge, Substance, God, Mind-Body Dualism, Determinism and Freedom.</p> <p><b>Empiricism (Locke, Berkeley, Hume)</b>: Theory of Knowledge, Substance and Qualities, Self and God, Skepticism.</p> <p><b>Kant</b>: Possibility of Synthetic a priori Judgments, Space and Time, Categories, Ideas of Reason, Antinomies, Critique of Proofs for the Existence of God</p> <p><b>Hegel</b>: Dialectical Method, Absolute Idealism</p> <p><b>Moore, Russell and Early Wittgenstein</b>: Defense of Commonsense, Refutation of Idealism, Logical Atomism, Logical Constructions, Incomplete Symbols, Picture Theory of Meaning, Saying and Showing.</p>   | <p>Critical History Of Western Philosophy by <b>Y. Masih</b></p> <p>A Hundred Years of Philosophy - <b>John Passmore</b></p> <p>Contemporary Indian Philosophy – <b>B K Lal</b></p> | <p>Western Philosophy: A history of Philosophy: <b>Frank Thilly</b></p> <p>The Critique of Pure Reason by <b>Immanuel Kant</b></p> <p><b>Vision Ias study material</b></p> |

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|                  |                   | <p><b>Later Wittgenstein:</b> Meaning and Use, Language-games, Critique of Private Language.</p> <p><b>Logical Positivism:</b> Verification Theory of Meaning, Rejection of Metaphysics, Linguistic Theory of Necessary Propositions.</p> <p><b>Phenomenology</b> (Husserl): Method, Theory of Essences, Avoidance of Psychologism.</p> <p><b>Existentialism</b> (Kierkegaard, Sartre, Heidegger): Existence and Essence, Choice, Responsibility and Authentic Existence, Being-in-the –world and Temporality.</p> <p><b>Quine and Strawson:</b> Critique of Empiricism, Theory of Basic Particulars and Persons.</p>  |  |   |
| Test 3<br>[2305] | MARCH<br>19, 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Notions of God:</b> Attributes, Relation to Man and the World. (Indian and Western).</li> <li>• Problem of Evil.</li> <li>• Proofs for the Existence of God and their Critique (Indian and Western).</li> <li>• Reason, Revelation and Faith.</li> <li>• Religious Experience: Nature and Object (Indian and Western).</li> <li>• <b>Soul:</b> Immortality, Rebirth and Liberation.</li> <li>• Religion without God.</li> <li>• Religion and Morality.</li> <li>• Religious Pluralism and the Problem of Absolute Truth.</li> <li>• <b>Nature of Religious Language:</b> Analogical and Symbolic, Cognitivist and Non-cognitive</li> </ul>                       | Philosophy of Religion: Religion<br>Philosophy: <b>Y Masih</b><br><br>Philosophy of Religion : <b>John H. Hick</b> | Philosophy: The Power of Ideas<br><br><b>Brooke Noel Moore, Kenneth Bruder</b><br><br>Vision Ias study material |
| Test 4<br>[2306] | MARCH<br>31, 2023 | <p><b>Social &amp; Political Ideals:</b> Equality, Justice, Liberty.</p> <p><b>Sovereignty:</b> Austin, Bodin, Laski, Kautilya.</p> <p><b>Individual and State:</b> Rights, Duties and Accountability</p> <p><b>Forms of Government:</b> Monarchy, Theocracy and Democracy.</p> <p><b>Political Ideologies:</b> Anarchism, Marxism and Socialism</p> <p><b>Humanism, Secularism, Multiculturalism.</b></p> <p><b>Crime and Punishment:</b> Corruption, Mass Violence, Genocide, Capital Punishment.</p> <p><b>Development and Social Progress.</b></p> <p><b>Gender Discrimination:</b> Female Foeticide, Land and Property Rights, Empowerment.</p> <p><b>Caste Discrimination:</b> Gandhi and Ambedkar</p> | Social Political Philosophy- <b>O P Gauba</b>  | <b>Politics - Andrew Heywood Internet</b><br><br>Vision Ias study material                                      |

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| Test 5<br>[2307] | JUNE<br>18, 2023   | Complete syllabus of <u>Philosophy Paper I</u> (Full Length Test-1)  |
| Test 6<br>[2308] | JULY<br>9, 2023    | Complete Syllabus of <u>Philosophy Paper II</u> (Full Length Test-2) |
| Test 7<br>[2309] | JULY<br>30, 2023   | Complete syllabus of <u>Philosophy Paper I</u> (Full Length Test-3)  |
| Test 8<br>[2310] | AUGUST<br>13, 2023 | Complete Syllabus of <u>Philosophy Paper II</u> (Full Length Test-4) |

**FOCUS:** Answer writing skill development, Structure & presentation of answer, How to present facts, information & knowledge in the answer, Understanding actual requirement (key words, Context & Content) of the UPSC in the different types of questions and how the questions should be attempted for good score (strategy & approach), Understanding your current preparedness & required action plans and framing your mind towards actual pattern, toughness and timing of the actual UPSC Examination.

**PHILOSOPHY:** The pattern of UPSC Mains exam is very dynamic and unpredictable. Therefore Mock Test papers should be designed based on latest pattern of UPSC.

**UPSC CRITERIA:** **Criteria for assessment of candidate performance in the written IAS exam as per UPSC instruction:**  
*"The main Examination is intended to assess the overall intellectual traits and depth of understanding of candidates rather than merely the range of their information and memory". -Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)*

**METHODOLOGY:** **Methodology for evaluation of Answer sheet:** Our expert will evaluate aspirant's answer sheet on following indicators using their experience in the field of UPSC.

| EVALUATION INDICATORS                   |
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| 1. Contextual Competence                |
| 2. Content Competence                   |
| 3. Language Competence                  |
| 4. Introduction Competence              |
| 5. Structure - Presentations Competence |
| 6. Conclusion Competence                |
| MARKS                                   |

**Score: Scale: 1- 5**      5 – Outstanding      4 – Excellent      3 – Good      2 – Average      1 - Poor

- Total Marks in the question has been given on proper consideration of weightage of every evaluation indicators based on nature of the questions and UPSC experience of the expert.
- The score of every indicator for any question will highlight candidate's competence performance (for understanding of the level of quality of the question and required action plans).

**BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF FOLLOWING DESIGNED COMPETENCIES:**

♦ **Contextual Competence:**

- Understanding the main demand/theme of the question i.e. comprehensive understanding of the context in which the question is framed and Streamlining the answer by focusing on 'Key words' & 'Tail words' in the question like Elucidate, Explain, Comment, Examine, critically examine, Discuss, Analyze, Illustrate, Review, Argue, Justify etc.



◆ **Content Competence:**

- Writing the answer relevant to the contextual understanding and alignment of the question and accordingly substantiate through examples, facts, data, arguments, critical analysis, etc.

◆ **Language Competence:**

- Organising the content in proper sentence formation and simple expression.
- Appropriate and right usage of technical words required to maintain word limit and timely completion of the question.

◆ **Introduction Competence:**

- Effective and relevant beginning required to give a head-start to the answer by either giving the background, data, current news associated, etc.

◆ **Structure - Presentation Competence:**

- Organising the content in accordance with the different parts of the question in order to maintain required connectivity and flow in the answer.
- Using headings and sub-headings, bullet points, flowchart, diagram, etc. to present the content effectively.

◆ **Conclusion Competence:**

- Ending the answer by concluding remarks by suggesting a way forward, innovative solution, incorporating different views/perspectives in a balanced manner.

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