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Program Content: 16 Tests + 20 Previous Year Questions (PYQs) Discussion & Strategy Sessions

PROGRAM FEATURES

PYQ Sessions



20 Faculty-Led PYQ Analysis & Strategy Sessions

Previous Year Questions Discussion and Strategy Sessions

- Sessions to Understand Important Themes and Trends through PYQs
- Build Effective Answer Structures to Bridge the Gap between UPSC Demand and Aspirants Understanding of Questions.
- Enhance Quality of Answers with Faculty Inputs



Unit Tests (8)

- **2 Mini-tests** per section of the syllabus
- **Nature of Questions:** Easy to Medium focusing on coverage of the syllabus



Sectional Tests (4)

- **1 Part test** per section of the Syllabus
- **Nature of Questions:** Medium to Difficult testing analytical understanding of Aspirants to tackle uncertainty of UPSC Mains

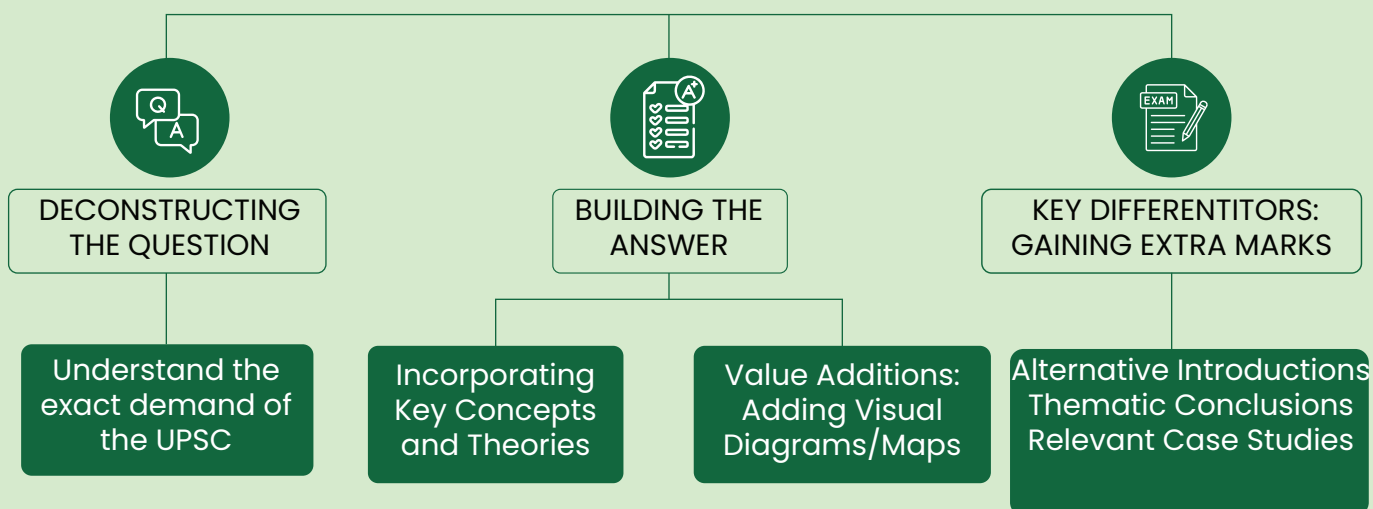


Full-Length Tests (4)

- **2 Full Length Test** per Paper of Geography Optional
- **Nature of Questions:** Simulation of the real UPSC exam for comprehensive performance assessment

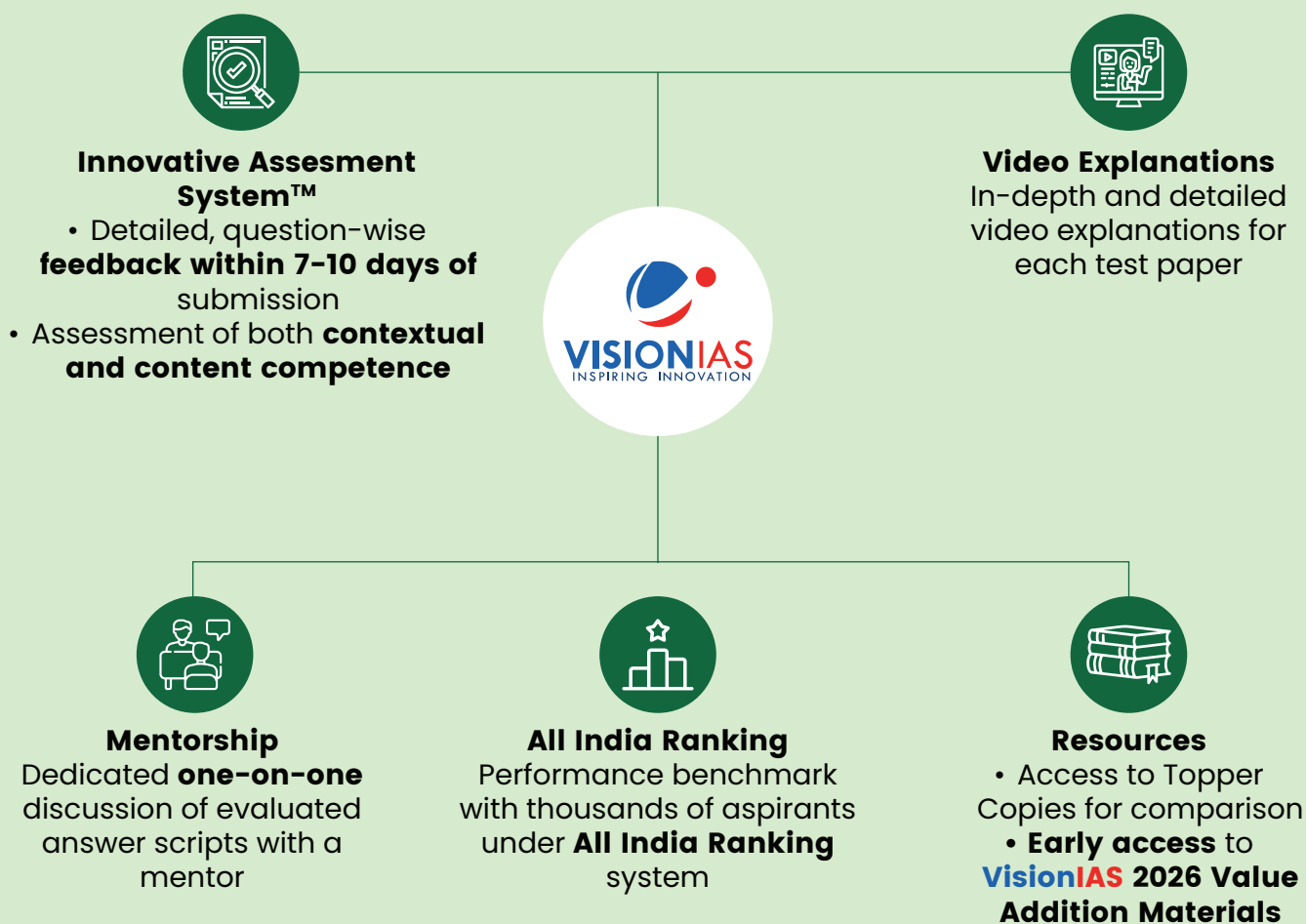
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GEOGRAPHY OPTIONAL TEST SERIES

Program One: 16 Tests

Program Features:

- **8 Unit Tests:** Mini Tests to cover Geography Optional syllabus in parts.
- **4 Sectional Tests:** Part Tests covering the full syllabus Sectionwise for Geography Optional
- **4 Full-Length Tests:** FLTs simulating UPSC Mains experience, to be conducted after Prelims 2026








Program Two: 8 Tests

Program Features:

- **4 Sectional Tests:** Part Tests covering the full syllabus Sectionwise for Geography Optional
- **4 Full-Length Tests:** FLTs simulating UPSC Mains experience, to be conducted after Prelims 2026

Program	Fee	Module Number	Starting Date
Geography Optional Comprehensive Test Series (16 Tests) + 20 Previous Year Questions (PYQ) Sessions	₹20,000	3770	7 December 2025
Geography Optional Test Series - 16 Tests	₹14,000	3771	7 December 2025
Geography Optional Test Series - 8 Tests	₹10,000	3772	28 December 2025

THE OPTIONAL PAPER DILEMMA: YOU KNOW THE SYLLABUS, SO WHY AREN'T YOU SCORING MORE?

OTHER GEOGRAPHY OPTIONAL TEST SERIES	VISION IAS GEOGRAPHY OPTIONAL TEST SERIES	
<div> GENERIC FEEDBACK</div>	<div> CONCEPT CLARITY THROUGH PYQS</div>	<div> PERSONALIZED EVALUATION</div>
<div> VAGUE MODEL ANSWERS</div>	<div> SYSTEMATIC ANSWER WRITING PRACTICE</div>	
<div> OUTDATED QUESTION PAPER PATTERN</div>	<div> SCORE IMPROVEMENT THROUGH MENTORSHIP</div>	

Thus, whether you are:

- Just starting out and unsure of how to even begin writing a good answer,
- Already writing tests, but receiving vague feedback that doesn't show you how to improve, or
- An experienced aspirant whose scores are no longer improving despite knowing the content inside-out.

You need to utilize The **VisionIAS Advantage** and think like a topper. Success in UPSC comes with high scores in Mains examination and writing a high quality **toppers trusted** test series will surely lead to success in **UPSC Civil Service Exam**.

HOW OUR TEST SERIES FARED IN MAINS 2025

At **VisionIAS**, we don't just cover the syllabus but decode the very DNA of the UPSC examination. Our research-driven approach identifies emerging trends, recurring themes, and shifts in question patterns, ensuring that our test series doesn't just cover the syllabus—it anticipates the exam.

Here's how closely our test series reflected the UPSC Mains 2025:

Geography
Optional
Paper 1

UPSC CSE Mains 2025 Questions

Question 1: "How does denudation chronology help in understanding the sequential development of landscapes and landforms? Elucidate"

Question 2: "Analyze the role of language and religion in delineating major cultural regions of the world"

Question 3: "Analyze the role of demographic transition theory in explaining variations in fertility and mortality rates globally."

Our Test Series Questions (2025)

Question 1: "Analyze the approaches employed in denudation chronology studies. Critically examine the significance of denudation chronology in reconstructing the geomorphic history of a region."
(Test Code-4519)

Question 2: "Evaluate the role of religion in shaping cultural regions and how this has influenced geographical thought."
(Test code - 3319)

Question 3: "The DTM is a Eurocentric framework ill-suited to explain fertility transitions in aging societies." Critically evaluate this statement in the context of sub-replacement fertility trends."
(Test code - 3324)

Geography
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Paper 2

Question 1: "With reference to typical examples, assess why regional planning in India is important for island territories for their sustainable development"

Question 2: "Examine the validity of Blue Economy initiatives of India. Elaborate the impacts of this economy on country's development"

Question 3: "How can rural-urban fringe be delineated? Explain with suitable examples from India."

Question 1: "Examine the role of regional planning in addressing the vulnerabilities of India's island territories." (Test Code-3321)

Question 2: "Explain the significance of blue economy in achieving sustainable economic growth while preserving marine ecosystems in India." (Test code - 3323)

Question 3: "Examine the challenges in defining the urban-rural continuum in India. How does this ambiguity affect governance and service delivery in fringe areas?" (Test code - 4520)

TEST SCHEDULE & REFERENCES

Test No. 1	Date	Topics covered	References
Unit Test 1 [5153]	7 Dec 2025	<p>1. Geomorphology: Factors controlling landform development; endogenetic and exogenetic forces; Origin and evolution of the earth's crust; Fundamentals of geomagnetism; Physical conditions of the earth's interior; Geosynclines; Continental drift; Isostasy; Plate tectonics; Recent views on mountain building; Vulcanicity; Earthquakes and Tsunamis; Concepts of geomorphic cycles and Landscape development ; Denudation chronology; Channel morphology; Erosion surfaces; Slope development ; Applied Geomorphology : Geohydrology, economic geology and environment.</p> <p>2. Oceanography: Bottom topography of the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans; Temperature and salinity of the oceans; Heat and salt budgets, Ocean deposits; Waves, currents and tides; Marine resources: biotic, mineral and energy resources; Coral reefs, coral bleaching; sea-level changes; law of the sea and marine pollution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VisionIAS Value Added Material (VAM) • Physical Geography NCERT class 11 • Physical Geography Savindrasingh; • Physical Geography by Strahler & Strahler • Physical Geography - Made Simple, Rupa Publisher • Physical Geography in Diagrams by Bunnett • Principles of Geomorphology by W.D. Thornbury • Oceanography by Sharma & Vatal • Contemporary topics from News papers and Magazines like Down to earth, Nature, Geography and You
Unit Test 2 [5154]	21 Dec 2025	<p>1. Climatology: Temperature and pressure belts of the world; Heat budget of the earth; Atmospheric circulation; atmospheric stability and instability. Planetary and local winds; Monsoons and jet streams; Air masses and fronto genesis, Temperate and tropical cyclones; Types and distribution of precipitation; Weather and Climate; Koppen's, Thornthwaite's and Trewartha's classification of world climates; Hydrological cycle; Global climatic change and role and response of man in climatic changes, Applied climatology and Urban climate.</p> <p>2. Biogeography: Genesis of soils; Classification and distribution of soils; Soil profile; Soil erosion, Degradation and conservation; Factors influencing world distribution of plants and animals; Problems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VisionIAS Value Added Material (VAM) • Physical Geography NCERT class 11 • Physical Geography Savindrasingh; • Climatology by D S Lal • Climatology by Savindra Singh • Biogeography by Savindra Singh • Ecology and Environment by P D Sharma • Contemporary topics from News papers

		<p>of deforestation and conservation measures; Social forestry; agro- forestry; Wild life; Major gene pool centres.</p> <p>3. Environmental Geography: Principle of ecology; Human ecological adaptations; Influence of man on ecology and environment; Global and regional ecological changes and imbalances; Ecosystem their management and conservation; Environmental degradation, management and conservation; Biodiversity and sustainable development; Environmental policy; Environmental hazards and remedial measures; Environmental education and legislation.</p>	
Sectional Test 1 [5155]	28 Dec 2025	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Geomorphology 2. Climatology 3. Oceanography 4. Biogeography 5. Environmental geography 	
Unit Test 3 [5156]	11 Jan 2026	<p>1. Perspectives in Human Geography: Areal differentiation; regional synthesis; Dichotomy and dualism; Environmentalism; Quantitative revolution and locational analysis; radical, behavioural, human and welfare approaches; Languages, religions and secularisation; Cultural regions of the world; Human development index.</p> <p>2. Population and Settlement Geography: Growth and distribution of world population; demographic attributes; Causes and consequences of migration; concepts of over-under- and optimum population; Population theories, world population problems and policies, Social well-being and quality of life; Population as social capital. Types and patterns of rural settlements; Environmental issues in rural settlements; Hierarchy of urban settlements; Urban morphology: Concepts of primate city and rank-size rule; Functional classification of towns; Sphere of urban influence; Rural - urban fringe; Satellite towns; Problems and remedies of urbanization; Sustainable development of cities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolution of Geographic Thought by Majid Husain • Human Geography by Majid Husain; • Geographic Thought Sudipta Adhikari Geographical thought: R. D. Dixit • A Geography by Population by R.C. Chandna • Contemporary topics from News papers and Magazines like Down to earth, The Nature, Geography and You

Unit Test 4 [5157]	25 Jan 2026	<p>1. Economic Geography: World economic development: measurement and problems; World resources and their distribution; Energy crisis; the limits to growth; World agriculture: typology of agricultural regions; agricultural inputs and productivity; Food and nutrition problems; Food security; famine: causes, effects and remedies; World industries: locational patterns and problems; patterns of world trade.</p> <p>2. Regional Planning: Concept of a region; Types of regions and methods of regionalisation; Growth centres and growth poles; Regional imbalances; regional development strategies; environmental issues in regional planning; Planning for sustainable development.</p> <p>3. Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography: Systems analysis in Human geography; Malthusian, Marxian and demographic transition models; Central Place theories of Christaller and Losch; Perroux and Boudeville; Von Thunen's model of agricultural location; Weber's model of industrial location; Ostov's model of stages of growth. Heartland and Rimland theories; Laws of international boundaries and frontiers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic and Social Geography – Made Simple by Rupa Publisher; • Human Geog. by MajidHusain • Regional geography by Chand & Puri • Leong and Morgan : Human and Economic Geography. • Economic Geography: Hartshorne and Alexander • Books on Economic geography and Models and theories by K. Siddhartha • Contemporary topics from News papers and Magazines like Down to earth, Nature, Geography and You
Sectional Test 2 [5158]	1 Feb 2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perspectives in Human Geography 2. Economic Geography 3. Population and Settlement Geography 4. Regional Planning 5. Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography 	
Unit Test 5 [5159]	15 Feb 2026	<p>1. Physical Setting: Space relationship of India with neighboring countries; Structure and relief; Drainage system and watersheds; Physiographic regions; Mechanism of Indian monsoons and rainfall patterns, Tropical cyclones and western disturbances; Floods and droughts; Climatic regions; Natural vegetation; Soil types and their distributions.</p> <p>2. Resources: Land, surface and ground water, energy, minerals, biotic and marine resources; Forest and wild life resources and their conservation; Energy crisis. **Mapping</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India Geography books –NCERT • Geogrpahy of India –Khullar • Geography of India by Majid Hussain • Geography of India : R.C. Tiwari • Contemporary topics from News papers and Magazines like Down to earth, Nature, Geography and You, Yojana and Kurukshtra

Unit Test 6 [5160]	1 Mar 2026	<p>1. Agriculture: Infrastructure: irrigation, seeds, fertilizers, power; Institutional factors: land holdings, land tenure and land reforms; Cropping pattern, agricultural productivity, agricultural intensity, crop combination, land capability; Agro and social-forestry; Green revolution and its socio- economic and ecological implications; Significance of dry farming; Livestock resources and white revolution; aqua - culture; sericulture, apiculture and poultry; agricultural regionalisation; agro-climatic zones; agro- ecological regions.</p> <p>2. Industry: Evolution of industries; Locational factors of cotton, jute, textile, iron and steel, aluminium, fertilizer, paper, chemical and pharmaceutical, automobile, cottage and agro - based industries; Industrial houses and complexes including public sector undertakings; Industrial regionalisation; New industrial policies; Multinationals and liberalization; Special Economic Zones; Tourism including eco -tourism.</p> <p>3. Transport, Communication and Trade: Road, railway, waterway, airway and pipeline networks and their complementary roles in regional development; Growing importance of ports on national and foreign trade; Trade balance; Trade Policy; Export processing zones; Developments in communication and information technology and their impacts on economy and society; Indian space programme.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India Geography books -NCERT • Geogrpahy of India -Khullar • Geography of India by Majid Hussain • Geography of India : R.C. Tiwari • Contemporary topics from News papers and Magazines like Down to earth, Nature, Geography and You, Yojana and Kurukshtra
Sectional Test 3 [5161]	8 Mar 2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Physical Setting 2. Resources 3. Agriculture 4. Industry 5. Transport, Communication and Trade <p>Note: Candidates will be required to answer one compulsory map question pertinent to subjects covered by PAPER II: GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA. Refer any School Atlas for these questions (Oxford/ Orient Logman).</p>	
Unit Test 7 [5162]	15 Mar 2026	<p>1. Cultural Setting: Historical Perspective of Indian Society; Racial, linguistic and ethnic diversities; religious minorities; major tribes, tribal areas and their problems; cultural</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India Geography books -NCERT • Geogrpahy of India -Khullar

		<p>regions; Growth, distribution and density of population; Demographic attributes: sex-ratio, age structure, literacy rate, work-force, dependency ratio, longevity; migration (inter-regional, intra-regional and international) and associated problems; Population problems and policies; Health indicators.</p> <p>2. Settlements: Types, patterns and morphology of rural settlements; Urban developments; Morphology of Indian cities; Functional classification of Indian cities; Conurbations and metropolitan regions; urban sprawl; Slums and associated problems; town planning; Problems of urbanization and remedies.</p> <p>3. Regional Development and Planning: Experience of regional planning in India; Five Year Plans; Integrated rural development programmes; Panchayati Raj and decentralised planning; Command area development; Watershed management; Planning for backward area, desert, drought prone, hill, tribal area development; multi-level planning; Regional planning and development of island territories.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography of India by Majid Hussain • Geography of India : R.C. Tiwari • Contemporary topics from News papers and Magazines like Down to earth, Nature, Geography and You, Yojana and Kurukshetra
Unit Test 8 [5163]	22 Mar 2026	<p>1. Political Aspects: Geographical basis of Indian federalism; State reorganisation; Emergence of new states; Regional consciousness and inter state issues; international boundary of India and related issues; Cross border terrorism; India's role in world affairs; Geopolitics of South Asia and Indian Ocean realm.</p> <p>2. Contemporary Issues: Ecological issues: Environmental hazards: landslides, earthquakes, Tsunamis, floods and droughts, epidemics; Issues relating to environmental pollution; Changes in patterns of land use; Principles of environmental impact assessment and environmental management; Population explosion and food security; Environmental degradation; Deforestation, desertification and soil erosion; Problems of agrarian and industrial unrest; Regional disparities in economic development; Concept of sustainable growth and development;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India Geography books –NCERT • Geography of India – Khullar • India yearbook by publication division of Govt. Of India • Regional Planning and Development by Chand and Puri. • Modern Political Geography of India by B.L. Sukhwal • Contemporary topics from News papers and Magazines like Down to earth, Nature, Geography and You, Yojana and Kurukshetra

		Environmental awareness; Linkage of rivers; Globalisation and Indian economy **Mapping	
Sectional Test 4 [5164]	29 Mar 2026	1. Cultural Setting 2. Settlements 3. Regional Development and Planning 4. Political Aspects 5. Contemporary Issues Note: Candidates will be required to answer one compulsory map question pertinent to subjects covered by PAPER II : GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA. Refer any School Atlas for these questions (Oxford/ Orient Logman)	

FLT-1 [5165]	14 June 2026	Complete syllabus of Geography Paper I (Full Length Test)
FLT-2 [5166]	28 June 2026	Complete syllabus of Geography Paper II (Full Length Test)
FLT-3 [5167]	12 July 2026	Complete syllabus of Geography Paper I (Full Length Test)
FLT-4 [5168]	26 July 2026	Complete syllabus of Geography Paper II (Full Length Test)

NOTE

- In all of the three programs, Tests can be rescheduled (**postponed, but not preponed**) based on your convenience.
- **Offline test centers** are available in multiple cities including Delhi, Jaipur, Hyderabad, Pune, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Chandigarh, and Guwahati. Centers remain closed on Thursdays.
- **Study materials and test booklets** are provided in **soft copy** only and will not be physically dispatched.

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