

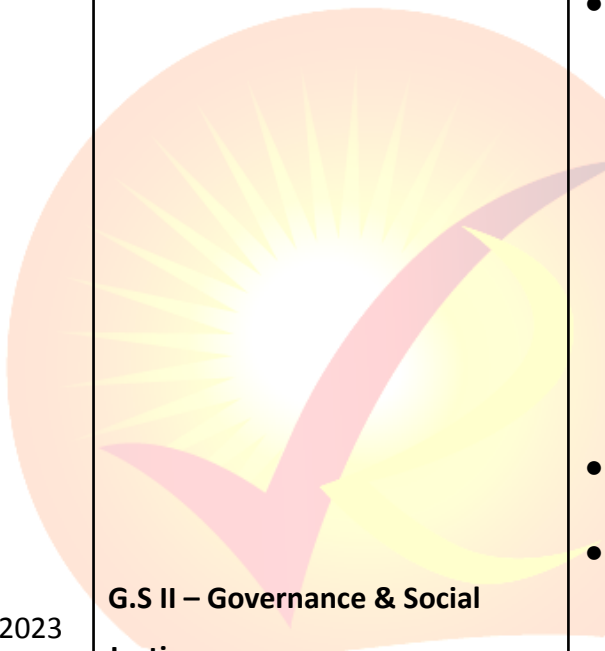
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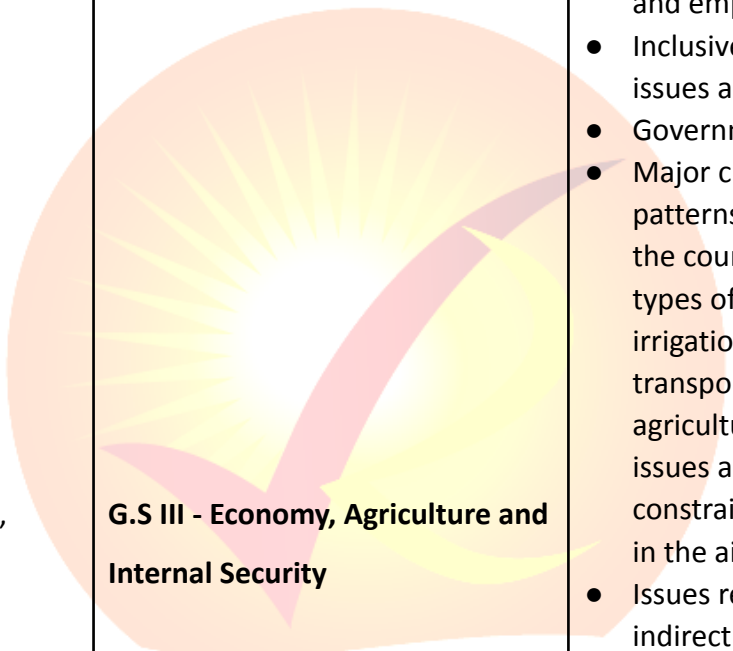
Detailed schedule with Syllabus:

1	June 11 th , 2023	G.S I - History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.● Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present-significant events, personalities, issues.● The Freedom Struggle – its various stages and important contributors /contributions from different parts of the country.● Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.● History of the world will include events from 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars.● Redrawing of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, Capitalism, socialism etc. - their forms and effect on the society.
2	June 18 th , 2023	G.S I - Geography, Indian Society & Social Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Salient features of world's physical geography.● Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian subcontinent);

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India) ● Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., ● Geographical features and their location- changes in critical geographical features (including water bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes. ● Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India. ● Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and ● Developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies. ● Effects of globalization on Indian society ● Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.
3	July 2 nd , 2023	G.S II - Polity and Constitution & International Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indian Constitution- historical underpinning, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure ● Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges

			<p>pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions. ● Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries ● Parliament and State Legislatures – structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these. ● Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity. ● Salient features of the Representation of People’s Act. ● Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies. ● Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies. ● India and its neighbourhood- relations. ● Bilateral, regional and global groupinG.S and
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			<p>agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian Diaspora. ● Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.
4	July 9 th , 2023	 <p>G.S II – Governance & Social Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures. ● Role of civil services in a democracy ● Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHG.S, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders. ● Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Issues relating to the development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources. ● Issues relating to poverty and hunger.
5	July 23 rd , 2023	 <p>G.S III - Economy, Agriculture and Internal Security</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment. ● Inclusive growth and issues arising from it. ● Government Budgeting. ● Major crops cropping patterns in various parts of the country, different types of irrigation and irrigation systems storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers. ● Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices; Public Distribution System- objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing. ● Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Land reforms in India. ● Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth. ● Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc. ● Investment models. ● Linkages between development and spread of extremism. ● Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security. ● Challenges to internal security through communication networks, the role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention. ● Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism. ● Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.
6	July 30 th , 2023	G.S III - Science & Tech, Environment, Ecology and Biodiversity, Disaster Mgmt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Science and Technology-developments and their applications and effects in everyday life. ● Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of

			<p>technology and developing new technology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nanotechnology, biotechnology and issues relating to intellectual property rights. ● Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment. ● Disaster and disaster management
7	August 6 th , 2023	<p>G.S IV - Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude (Philosophy & Social Psychology), Case studies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in human actions; dimensions of ethics; ethics in private and public relationships. Human Values – lessons from the lives and teaching of great leaders, reformers and administrators; role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values. ● Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behavior; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion. ● Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service, integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy,

			<p>tolerance and compassion towards the weaker sections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance. ● Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world. ● Case Studies on the above issues.
8	August 13 th , 2023	<p>G.S IV - Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude (Ethics in governance), Case studies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public/Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance; ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance. ● Probity in Governance: Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of

			public funds, challenges of corruption. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Case Studies on the above issues.
9	August 26 th , 2023	Comprehensive G.S I	Full-Length General Studies I
10	August 26 th , 2023	Comprehensive G.S II	Full-Length General Studies II
11	September 27 th , 2022	Comprehensive G.S III	Full-Length General Studies III
12	September 27 th , 2022	Comprehensive G.S IV	Full-Length General Studies IV

