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**INNOVATIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM™**



Under the Guidance of **Anoop Kumar Singh** (Director & Founder : Vision IAS)

## ENGLISH MEDIUM

### ALL INDIA INTERACTIVE PHILOSOPHY TEST SERIES 2017: STARTING – 6 AUGUST, 2017

**8 TESTS (6 Sectionwise + 2 Full Length + Supplementary Material)**

- Team Vision IAS

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

**All India 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. 803**

**Fee Structure:** Total Course Fee (including all taxes) =Rs. **12000**

**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.
- Supplementary material

### **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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### **ONLINE - DISTANCE LEARNING / OFFLINE**

#### **(Personalized Scheduling)**

#### **Note:**

1. **Aspirants can reschedule the test date based on their plan. (POSTPONE, BUT NOT PREPONE)**
2. **Offline Tests (Flexible): Every day of the week, 10 AM & 2 PM (THURSDAY CLOSED)**
3. **Test Centers:**

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**SCHEDULE, CONTENT & REFERENCE**

TEST No.	Date	Topics covered	Primary References	Additional References
Test 1 [1026]	<b>AUGUST 6, 2017</b>	<p><b>Schools of Buddhism:</b> Pratītyasamutpāda; Ksanikavada, Nairātmyavāda</p> <p><b>Jainism:</b> Theory of Reality; Saptabhaṅginaya; Bondage and Liberation.</p> <p><b>Sāmkhya:</b> Prakrti; Purusa; Causation; Liberation</p> <p><b>Cārvāka :</b> Theory of Knowledge; Rejection of Transcendent Entities.</p>	Introduction of Indian Philosophy: <b>Dutta &amp; Chatterjee</b>	Essentials of Indian Philosophy: Books: <b>M. Hiriyanna</b>
Test 2 [1027]	<b>AUGUST 16, 2017</b>	<p><b>Yoga: Citta;</b> Cittavrtti; 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>Mimāmsā:</b> Theory of Knowledge</p> <p><b>Schools of Vedānta:</b> Brahman; Īśvara; Ātman; Jiva; Jagat; Māyā; Avidyā; Adhyāsa; Moksā; Aprthaksiddhi; Pancavidhabheda</p> <p><b>Aurobindo:</b> Evolution, Involution; Integral Yoga.</p>	<p>Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy – <b>C D Sharma</b></p> <p>Contemporary Indian Philosophy – B K Lal</p>	Essentials of Indian Philosophy: Books: <b>M. Hiriyanna</b>
Test 3 [1028]	<b>AUGUST 26, 2017</b>	<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; Scepticism.</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>Plato and Aristotle: Ideas; Substance;</b> Form and Matter; Causation; Actuality and Potentiality.</p>	Critical History Of Western Philosophy by <b>Y. Masih</b>	<p>Western Philosophy: A history of Philosophy: <b>Frank Thilly</b></p> <p>The Critique of Pure Reason by <b>Immanuel Kant</b></p>

<b>Test 4</b> <b>[1029]</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> <b>6, 2017</b>	<p><b>Logical Positivism:</b> Verification Theory of Meaning; Rejection of Metaphysics; Linguistic Theory of Necessary Propositions.</p> <p><b>Moore, Russell and Early Wittgenstein:</b> Defence of Commonsense; Refutation of Idealism; Logical Atomism; Logical Constructions; Incomplete Symbols; Picture Theory of Meaning; Saying and Showing.</p> <p><b>Later Wittgenstein:</b> Meaning and Use; Language-games; Critique of Private Language.</p> <p><b>Phenomenology (Husserl):</b> Method; Theory of Essences; Avoidance of Psychologism.</p> <p><b>Existentialism (Kierkegaard, Sartre, Heidegger):</b> 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>	A Hundred Years of Philosophy - <b>John Passmore</b>	<b>Internet</b>
<b>Test 5</b> <b>[1030]</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> <b>15, 2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notions of God: 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>• Soul: 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>• Nature of Religious Language: Analogical and Symbolic; Cognitivist and Non-cognitive</li> </ul>	Philosophy of Religion: Religion Philosophy: <b>Y Masih</b> Philosophy of Religion : <b>John H. Hick</b>	Philosophy: The Power of Ideas <b>Brooke Noel Moore, Kenneth Bruder</b>

Test 6 [1031]	SEPTEMBER 22, 2017	<b>Social &amp; Political Ideals:</b> Equality, Justice, Liberty. <b>Sovereignty:</b> Austin, Bodin, Laski, Kautilya. <b>Individual and State:</b> Rights; Duties and Accountability <b>Forms of Government:</b> Monarchy; Theocracy and Democracy. <b>Political Ideologies:</b> Anarchism; Marxism and Socialism <b>Humanism;</b> Secularism; Multiculturalism. <b>Crime and Punishment:</b> Corruption, Mass Violence, Genocide, Capital Punishment. <b>Development and Social Progress.</b> <b>Gender Discrimination:</b> Female Foeticide, Land and Property Rights; Empowerment. <b>Caste Discrimination:</b> Gandhi and Ambedkar	An Introduction To Political Theory - O P Gauba Social Political Philosophy: Political Theory: O P Gauba	<b>Politics - Andrew Heywood</b> <b>Internet</b>
Test 7 [1032]	SEPTEMBER 26, 2017	<b>Complete syllabus of <u>Philosophy Paper I</u> ( Full Length Test )</b>		
Test 8 [1033]	SEPTEMBER 30, 2017	<b>Complete Syllabus of <u>Philosophy Paper II</u> ( Full Length Test )</b>		

**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	
1.	Alignment Competence
2.	Context Competence
3.	Content Competence :
4.	Language Competence
5.	Introduction Competence
6.	Structure – Presentations Competence
7.	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 COMPETENCES:**

◆ **Alignment Competence:**

- Writing the answer according to the actual requirement of the questions
- Focus on Key words & Tail words effectively ( *Elucidate – Explain, Comment , Examine , Critically examine , Discuss , Analyze , Illustrate , Review , Argue , Justify etc.* )

◆ **Context Competence:**

- Contextual understanding of the Questions
- formation , choice of words and proper statement

◆ **Content Competence :**

- Content of the answer in the contextual framework

◆ **Language Competence :**

- Optional Subject Specific Language not used general words in the optional paper ( but In General Studies language should be simple and clear )
- Appropriate words at proper place , Word limits

◆ **Structure – Presentation Competence:**

- Proper systematization in the structure of the answer, Proper consideration of priority and focus of given ideas.
- Logical structure of sentence and their connectivity
- proper visibility of idea through facts, data, diagram, figure, illustration according to the requirement of the question

◆ **Introduction – Conclusion Competence:**

- Impressive beginning and Ending of the answer. Give your opinion only when asked for it.
- Incorporate your opinion from different perspective in a balance manner

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~ DISTANCE LEARNING ~

IAS MAINS / PRELIM TEST SERIES

~ CLASSROOM ~

By Team Vision IAS

**(General Studies, Essay, GS PRELIM & APTITUDE TEST)**

**NATURE:** Flexible, Cyclic, Interactive Discussion

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