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Test No.	Date	Syllabus
<b>Test 13</b> <b>GSM (M)-2513</b>	June 1, 2025 (Sunday)	Full Syllabus of GS Paper-I
<b>Test 14</b> <b>GSM (M)-2514</b>		Full Syllabus of GS Paper-II
<b>Test 15</b> <b>GSM (M)-2515</b>	June 15, 2025 (Sunday)	Full Syllabus of GS Paper-III
<b>Test 16</b> <b>GSM (M)-2516</b>		Full Syllabus of GS Paper-IV

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<b>Test 17</b> <b>GSM (M)-2517</b>	June 29, 2025 (Sunday)	Full Syllabus of GS Paper-I
<b>Test 18</b> <b>GSM (M)-2518</b>		Full Syllabus of GS Paper-II
<b>Test 19</b> <b>GSM (M)-2519</b>	July 13, 2025 (Sunday)	Full Syllabus of GS Paper-III
<b>Test 20</b> <b>GSM (M)-2520</b>		Full Syllabus of GS Paper-IV
<b>Test 21/22</b> <b>GSM (M)-2521/22</b>	July 26, 2025 (Saturday)	GS-I + GS-II
<b>Test 23/24</b> <b>GSM (M)-2523/24</b>	July 27, 2025 (Sunday)	GS-III + GS-IV

*\*For detailed breakup of syllabus, kindly refer to the subsequent pages.*

### Test Schedule

Test No. (Code)	Test Date	Topics Covered
Test 13 GSM (M)-2513	June 1, 2025 (Sunday)	● GS Paper I : Full Syllabus
Test 14 GSM (M)-2514		● GS Paper II : Full Syllabus
Test 15 GSM (M)-2515	June 15, 2025 (Sunday)	● GS Paper III : Full Syllabus
Test 16 GSM (M)-2516		● GS Paper IV : Full Syllabus
Test 17 GSM (M)-2517	June 29, 2025 (Sunday)	● GS Paper I : Full Syllabus
Test 18 GSM (M)-2518		● GS Paper II : Full Syllabus
Test 19 GSM (M)-2519	July 13, 2025 (Sunday)	● GS Paper III : Full Syllabus
Test 20 GSM (M)-2520		● GS Paper IV : Full Syllabus
Test 21/22 GSM (M)-2521/22	July 26, 2025 (Saturday)	GS-I + GS-II
Test 23/24 GSM (M)-2523/24	July 27, 2025 (Sunday)	GS-III + GS-IV

## Comparative Analysis of UPSC (2024) & Drishti UPSC GS Mains Test Series

### Paper I

Test Series (Code)	Question Code	Drishti IAS Test Series Question	UPSC Question Number	UPSC Question	Marks
GSM 2408	15.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How did the role and status of women evolve from the early Vedic period to the later Vedic period?</li> </ul>	1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Underline the changes in the field of society and economy from the Rig Vedic to the later Vedic period.</li> </ul>	10
GSM 2409	7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine the impact of cloudburst on the Indian subcontinent and support your answer with recent examples. Suggest the necessary disaster management steps that need to be in place to mitigate the impact.</li> </ul>	6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the phenomenon of 'cloudbursts'? Explain.</li> </ul>	10
GSM 2413	15.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demographically, the world is witnessing a rapid rise in aging populations. Discuss the multifaceted challenges and policy approaches for ageing societies. Evaluate the effectiveness of different strategies adopted by India.</li> </ul>	7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the concept of a 'demographic winter'? Is the world moving towards such a situation? Elaborate.</li> </ul>	10
GSM 2408	9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chola architecture signifies a pinnacle in the progression of temple architecture. Comment.</li> </ul>	11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Though the great Cholas are no more yet their name is still remembered with great pride because of their highest achievements in the domain of art and architecture". Comment.</li> </ul>	15
GSM 2409	16.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India is the largest user of groundwater with a fourth of the total global withdrawal. Approximately 48 percent of the water supply in Indian cities is sourced from groundwater. Given this scenario, India must prioritize monitoring and preventing the overexploitation of groundwater resources. Discuss.</li> </ul>	14.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The groundwater potential of the gangetic valley is on a serious decline. How may it affect the food security of India?</li> </ul>	15
GSM 2417	13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you think reducing disparities among regions and states can strengthen nationalism in India? Justify your answer.</li> </ul>	17.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is regional disparity? How does it differ from diversity? How serious is the issue of regional disparity in India?</li> </ul>	15

GSM 2417 GSM 2412	3. 14.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The economic changes associated with globalization have contributed to a reevaluation of gender roles within Indian families. Comment.</li> <li>How has globalization affected the roles and opportunities available to women in India? Discuss the challenges faced by women due to globalization.</li> </ul>	19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Globalization has increased urban migration by skilled, young, unmarried women from various classes. How has this trend impacted upon their personal freedom and relationship with family?</li> </ul>	15
GSM 2412	10.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the salient features of India's diverse cultural heritage and their significance in shaping the country's social fabric.</li> </ul>	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critically analyse the proposition that there is a high correlation between India's cultural diversities and socio-economic marginalities.</li> </ul>	15
<b>Paper II</b>					
Test Series (Code)	Question Code	Drishti IAS Test Series Question	UPSC Question Number	UPSC Question	Marks
GSM 2422	18.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the key issues in the current electoral system that necessitate reforms? Discuss the role of the Supreme Court of India in trying to make elections more transparent and honest.</li> </ul>	1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine the need for electoral reforms as suggested by various committees with particular reference to "one nation – one election" principle.</li> </ul>	10
GSM 2422	3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cabinet Committees play an important role in reinstating collective responsibility and principle of homogeneity of the Executive in the Indian Parliamentary system. Elucidate.</li> </ul>	3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"The growth of cabinet system has practically resulted in the marginalisation of the parliamentary supremacy." Elucidate.</li> </ul>	10
GSM 2407 GSM 2407	19. 20.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine government policies related to poverty alleviation. Identify shortcomings and propose necessary actions for a comprehensive poverty alleviation strategy.</li> <li>The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) is perceived as insufficient to tackle the concerning issue of hunger in the country. Discuss.</li> </ul>	7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poverty and malnutrition create a vicious cycle, adversely affecting human capital formation. What steps can be taken to break the cycle?</li> </ul>	10
GSM 2422 GSM 2414	13. 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India's federal structure is facing significant challenges due to evolving issues. Analyze the effectiveness of the existing mechanisms for resolving these conflicts.</li> <li>The trend towards greater unitary cohesion is an index not of the failure but of the success of the federal system in India. Critically analyze.</li> </ul>	13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What changes has the Union Government recently introduced in the domain of Centre-State relations? Suggest measures to be adopted to build the trust between the Centre and the States and for strengthening federalism.</li> </ul>	15

GSM 2407	5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The objective of the Citizen's Charter is to empower citizens in relation to public service delivery, yet there is no improvement in citizen satisfaction. Point out the limitations and suggest measures for enhancing the effectiveness of the Citizen's Charter.</li> </ul>	16.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Citizens' charter has been a landmark initiative in ensuring citizen-centric administration. But it is yet to reach its full potential. Identify the factors hindering the realisation of its promise and suggest measures to overcome them.</li> </ul>	15
GSM 2422 GSM 2407	6. 6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate the role of technology in enhancing transparency and accountability in public grievance redressal mechanisms. Provide examples to support your answer.</li> <li>Highlight the significance of transparency and accountability in e-governance. Evaluate how far the government has been successful in dealing with it.</li> </ul>	18.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e-governance is not just about the routine application of digital technology in service delivery process. It is as much about multifarious interactions for ensuring transparency and accountability. In this context evaluate the role of the 'Interactive Service Model' of e-governance.</li> </ul>	15
GSM 2412	12.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine the causes of complication in India-Maldives relationship and assess the impact on the Indian Ocean region, with special emphasis on the role of China.</li> </ul>	20.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the geopolitical and geostrategic importance of Maldives for India with a focus on Global trade and energy flows. Further also discuss how this relationship affects India's maritime security and regional stability amidst international competition ?</li> </ul>	15

### Paper III

Test Series (Code)	Question Code	Drishti IAS Test Series Question	UPSC Question Number	UPSC Question	Marks
GSM 2419 GSM 2404	2. 4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food remains the major expenditure item for rural and urban households in India. In this context, discuss how administrative actions help mitigate food inflation?</li> <li>Analyze the role of RBI in controlling inflation and deflation in the economy.</li> </ul>	2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the causes of persistent high food inflation in India? Comment on the effectiveness of the monetary policy of the RBI to control this type of inflation.</li> </ul>	10
GSM 2419 GSM 2410	3. 4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the significance of land reforms in reducing rural poverty and promoting agricultural productivity in India. What are the major challenges that have hindered the successful implementation of land reforms?</li> <li>Critically analyze the role of land reforms in post-independence India.</li> </ul>	3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What were the factors responsible for the successful implementation of land reforms in some parts of the country? Elaborate.</li> </ul>	10

GSM 2421 GSM 2410	15. 2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Millet production can be a solution for the global food crisis. Analyse the issues associated with millet production. Also list policies given by the government to promote millet production.</li> <li>● Examine the multifaceted opportunities and challenges associated with promoting millet cultivation and consumption in India.</li> </ul>	4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explain the role of millets for ensuring health and nutritional security in India.</li> </ul>	10
GSM 2405	13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What is the significance of the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in promoting research and innovation? Highlight the IPR regime in India.</li> </ul>	5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What is the present world scenario of intellectual property rights with respect to life materials? Although, India is second in the world to file patents, still only a few have been commercialized: Explain the reasons behind this less commercialization.</li> </ul>	10
GSM 2407	13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How have NGOs demonstrated effective strategies in addressing environmental challenges and fostering public participation in environmental initiatives? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples.</li> </ul>	8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What role do environmental NGOs and activists play in influencing Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) outcomes for major projects in India? Cite four examples with all important details.</li> </ul>	10
GSM 2423	15.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Examine the interlinkages between drug trafficking and other forms of organized crime. Discuss the effectiveness of current legal frameworks in breaking this cycle.</li> </ul>	9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explain how narco-terrorism has emerged as a serious threat across the country. Suggest suitable measures to counter narco-terrorism.</li> </ul>	10
GSM 2407	14.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss the labour market reforms and skill development measures undertaken by the government to harness the demographic dividend of the country.</li> </ul>	11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss the merits and demerits of the four Labour Codes' in the context of labour market reforms in India. What has been the progress so far in this regard?</li> </ul>	15
GSM 2410	10.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss the role of micro-irrigation in mitigating India's water scarcity challenges.</li> </ul>	13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What are the major challenges faced by Indian irrigation system in recent times? State the measures taken by the government for efficient irrigation management.</li> </ul>	15
GSM 2423	4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Water scarcity is becoming endemic due to vampiric overconsumption and pollution. Assess.</li> </ul>	15.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The world is facing an acute shortage of clean and safe freshwater. What are the alternative technologies which can solve this crisis? Briefly discuss any three such technologies citing their key merits and demerits.</li> </ul>	15

GSM 2419	14.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why is it necessary for India to build disaster resistant infrastructure? What measures should India adopt to reduce disaster risk and enhance disaster preparedness.</li> </ul>	17.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is disaster resilience? How is it determined? Describe various elements of a resilience framework. Also mention the global targets of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-30).</li> </ul>	15
GSM 2419	17.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extreme weather events have become the new normal, revealing critical gaps in urban planning. Discuss the statement in the context of urban flooding.</li> </ul>	18.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flooding in urban areas is an emerging climate-induced disaster. Discuss the causes of this disaster. Mention the features of two such major floods in the last two decades in India. Describe the policies and frameworks in India that aim at tackling such floods.</li> </ul>	15
GSM 2415	19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poor border management inevitably leads to a volatile internal security situation in the border states of the country. Discuss. Also, highlight the present-day national security apparatus deployed to deal with the threats.</li> </ul>	19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India has a long and troubled border with China and Pakistan fraught with contentious issues. Examine the conflicting issues and security challenges along the border. Also give out the development being undertaken in these areas under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) and Border Infrastructure and Management (BIM) Scheme.</li> </ul>	15
GSM 2422 GSM 2423	12. 17.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate the effectiveness of current regulatory frameworks in managing the vast and diverse content shared on the internet. How can governments balance the need for content regulation with the protection of freedom of expression?</li> <li>“Fake news is not a new phenomenon, but the challenges it poses today are unprecedented.” Analyze how the rise of social media and digital platforms contribute to the spread of misinformation.</li> </ul>	20.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social media and encrypting messaging services pose a serious security challenge. What measures have been adopted at various levels to address the security implications of social media? Also suggest any other remedies to address the problem.</li> </ul>	15
<b>Paper IV</b>					
Test Series (Code)	Question Code	Drishti IAS Test Series Question	UPSC Question Number	UPSC Question	Marks
GSM 2416 GSM 2406	2. (b) 6. (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you agree that the use of technology can help in reducing discretion and thus bring objectivity in public service? Justify your response with examples.</li> <li>The emergence of Artificial Intelligence has impacted the ethical decision-making process of individuals. Discuss with suitable examples.</li> </ul>	1. (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The application of Artificial Intelligence as a dependable source of input for administrative rational decision-making is a debatable issue. Critically examine the statement from the ethical point of view.</li> </ul>	10



GSM 2424	1. (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What do you understand by environmental ethics? Discuss specific examples where ethical principles have influenced policy decisions and environmental practices.</li> </ul>	2. (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global warming and climate change are the outcomes of human greed in the name of development, indicating the direction in which extinction of organisms including human beings is heading towards loss of life on Earth. How do you put an end to this to protect life and bring equilibrium between the society and the environment?</li> </ul>	10
GSM 2411	3. (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are responsible for what we are, and whatever we wish ourselves to be, we have the power to make ourselves.” – Swami Vivekananda</li> </ul>	3. (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Learn everything that is good from others, but bring it in, and in your own way absorb it, do not become others.” — Swami Vivekananda</li> </ul>	10
GSM 2420	6. (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Ethics in public administration is not just about following rules, but also about making the right choices.” Explain.</li> </ul>	4. (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Mindless addiction to Form, ignoring the Substance of the matter, results in rendering of injustice. A perceptive civil servant is one who ignores such literalness and carries out true intent.” Examine the above statement with suitable illustrations.</li> </ul>	10