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Target

HPAS 2019

Prelims Online Test Series (GS)

Schedule, Syllabus and Study Plan

15th August 2018 – 9th June 2019

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Target HPAS 2019 – Online Test Series

About the Test Series:

- All the tests will be conducted online on a web based platform.
- Entire General Studies syllabus will be covered
- Special Focus on Current Affairs and NCERTs
- Instant Result with an ALL India Rank after each Test Attempt
- Timed environment as the real exam experience
- Tests as per the trend and pattern of HPAS Prelim exam
- Detailed Solution for each test after every test attempt
- 24x7 Access to Solutions of all the Tests
- Detailed Evaluation Report – Know your Strong and Weak areas
- Access to Questions and Solutions till next HPAS Prelims exam
- 24x7availability. Take test anytime and on any day.
- Tests will be available on the Website
- 24x7 support (related to prelims test series)

General Studies (including Current Affairs)	25 tests
Current Affairs Test	10 Tests
Total Tests	35 Tests

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General Studies Test Plan

Under **Target HPAS 2019 Prelims** Test series for General Studies (Paper 1), total **35 tests** will be conducted.

The test series will cover the entire syllabus. **Each GS Test will have 100 question modeled on the current trend of HPAS Prelims exam.** Each test will cover some topics of the syllabus. The detailed syllabus along with recommended sources of preparation for those topics is also given in this document.

Current Affairs Test: Every month a separate **Current Affairs Test** will be conducted. These current affairs tests will contain the questions based on the current events of last 1 month. For ex: the current affairs test in September will contain questions based on the current events of August month. These current affairs tests will have approximately 30-40 questions covering all the important current happenings.

The Test series will be conducted as per the schedule given below.

S.no	Tests	Date
1.	Test 1	15th August 2018
2.	Test 2	30th August 2018
3.	Current Affairs Test	01st September 2018
4.	Test 3	15th September 2018
5.	Test 4	30th September 2018
6.	Current Affairs Test	01st October 2018

7.	Test 5	15th October 2018
8.	Test 6	30th October 2018
9.	Current Affairs Test	01st November 2018
10.	Test 7	15th November 2018
11.	Test 8	30th November 2018
12.	Current Affairs Test	01st December 2018
13.	Test 9	15th December 2018
14.	Test 10	29th December 2018
15.	Current Affairs Test	01st January 2019
16.	Test 11	10th January 2019
17.	Test 12	20th January 2019
18.	Test 13	31st January 2019
19.	Current Affairs Test	01st February 2019
20.	Test 14	13th February 2019
21.	Test 15	28th February 2019
22.	Current Affairs Test	01st March 2019
23.	Test 16	10th March 2019
24.	Test 17	20th March 2019
25.	Test 18	30th March 2019
26.	Current Affairs Test	01st April 2019
27.	Test 19	10th April 2019

28.	Test 20	20th April 2019
29.	Test 21	30th April 2019
30.	Current Affairs Test	01st May 2019
31.	Test 22	10th May 2019
32.	Test 23	20th May 2019
33.	Test 24	30th may 2019
34.	Current Affairs Test	01st June 2019
35.	Test 25	9th June 2019



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Test 1

15th August 2018

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	21 st July 2018 to 15 th August 2018	
2	History	Ancient History (Basics)	Class - 6 th NCERT
3	Polity	Government types, Local Government, Diversity	Class - 6 th (NCERT) Laxmikanth - Chapter 12, 38, 39
4	Economics	Poverty, Agriculture, Food Security	Class - 9 th NCERT Ramesh Singh - Chapter 8th
5	Himachal Pradesh	Early History (Till kunindas), Himalayan Tribes, the age of mauryans and the gupta empire	Mian Goverdhan Singh -Chapter - 1.8, 1.10 Balokhra - Chapter 4
		Agriculture	Mian Goverdhan Singh -Chapter - 11.1 Balokhra - Chapter 19 (Agriculture)
		Local Self Government	Balokhra - Chapter 12
		Chamba District	Balokhra - Chapter 7 (Chamba)

Test 2

30th August 2018

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	14 th August to 29 th August 2018	
2	Geography	Basics of Geography (Solar System, Latitudes & Longitudes, Major Landforms of earth, Our country India and its vegetation)	Class - 6 th Geography NCERT
3	Environment	Ecosystem (types, Energy Flow, Nutrient Cycle, Conservation)	ICSE class 9 th Environment Shankar IAS Environment - Chapter 1,2,3,4
4	Science	Basics	Class 8 th NCERT (Chapter 1 to 6)
5	Himachal Pradesh	Climate of Himachal Pradesh	Mian Goverdhan Singh -Chapter - 1.8, 1.10
		Geography of Himachal (Basics)	Balokhra - Page no. 5
		District -Kangra	Balokhra - Chapter 7 (Kangra) Mian Goverdhan Singh - Chapter 1 (1.3.2)

Test 3

15th September 2018

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	29 th August 2018 to 14 th September 2018	
2	History	Ancient History + Early Medieval History (Basics)	History Class – 7 th NCERT (Our Past – II)
3	Polity	State Government (Basics) Indian Constitution Preamble	Polity Class – 6 th (NCERT) Laxmikanth – Chapter 1
4	Economics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development 2. Sectors of Indian Economy 3. Money and Credit 4. Globalisation and Indian Economy 5. Consumer Rights 	Economy Class – 10 th NCERT Ramesh Singh – Chapter 2nd
5	Himachal Pradesh	Economy of Himachal Pradesh	Mian Goverdhan Singh -Chapter – 11
		Hill State and Muslims	Mian Goverdhan Singh -Chapter – 3 (3.4, 3.5)
		Mughal and Turkish invasion on Kangra, Chamba Sirmaur	Balokhra – Chapter 6(Page 369 till 413)
		State politics	
		Kullu District	Mian Goverdhan Singh - Chapter 1 Balokhra - Chapter -7

Test Plan 4

30th September 2018

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	15 th September 2018 to 29 th September 2018	
2	Geography	Environment, Inside Earth, Outside Earth (e.g. Tropical region, temperate region etc.)	Geography Class – 7 th NCERT book
3	Environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Depletion of Resources 2. Water Generation and Management 	ICSE class 9 th Environment Unit II, III
4	Science	Basics	Science Class – 8 th NCERT (Chapter 7,8,9,10)
5	Himachal Pradesh	Natural resources of Himachal Pradesh	Balokhra – Chapter 1
		Forests after Mughals till 1857	Balokhra – Chapter 19 (Page no. 1425 – page no. 1468)
		Lahaul Spiti District	Balokhra – Chapter 7 (Only Lahaul Spiti) Mian Goverdhan Singh - Chapter 1 (1.3.4)

Test 5:

15th October 2018

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	30 th September 2018 to 14 th October 2018	
2	History	Basics after Mughals till 1857	History Class - 8 th NCERT book Our Pasts - II Part 1
3	Polity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indian Constitution and Secularism 2. Parliament and Making of Laws 3. State Legislature 	Polity Class - 8 th NCERT (Ch- 1,2) Lakshmikanth Chapter 2,3,22,32
4	Economy	Development Policies, Indian Industry	Economics Class -11 th NCERT (Ch- 1,2) Ramesh Singh - Chapter 3, 4,9
5	Himachal Pradesh	Hills and Sikhs Hills and Gurkhas	Mian Goverdhan Singh - Chapter 3 (3.6, 3.7)
		Economy of Himachal Pradesh	Balokhra - Chapter 19 (Page no. 1289 - page no. 1299)
		Hamirpur District	Balokhra - Chapter 7 (Hamirpur)

Test 6: 30th October 2018

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	15 th October 2018 to 29 th October 2018	
2	Geography	Basics of World Physical Geography – Resources, Land, soil, Natural vegetation, Wildlife) Mineral, Agriculture, Industries, Human Resources	Geography Class – 8 th NCERT book
3	Environment	Water generation and management, Environment values	ICSE Class 9 th Unit 3,4
4	Science	Basics	Science Class -8 th NCERT Full
5	Himachal Pradesh	Geographical features of Himachal Pradesh	Mian Goverdhan Singh - Chapter 1 Balokhara – Chapter 1
		Mandi District	Balokhara – Chapter 7 (Mandi)

Test 7: 15th November 2018

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	30 th October 2018 to 14 th November 2018	
2	History	National Movement (Basics from NCERT)	History Class – 8 th NCERT book (Pasts - !!!)
3	Polity	Judiciary, Social Justice	Political Science Class – 11 th NCERT Lakshmikanth Chapter 26,27,28,29,34,35
4	Economics	Economic Reforms since 1991 (LPG reforms)	Chapter 11 th NCERT Chapter 3 Ramesh Singh Chapter 5,6
5	Himachal Pradesh	Hill states and British	Mian Goverdhan Singh - Chapter 3 (3.8, 3.9)
		Popular movements of integration of Hill states	Mian Goverdhan Singh - Chapter 10 Balokhara – Chapter 6 (pg no. 414 to 431)
		Kullu District	Balokhara – Chapter 7 (Kullu)

Test 8

30th November 2018

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	15 th November 2018 to 29 th November 2018	
2	Geography	Basics knowledge about Geography of India	Geography Class – 9 th NCERT book
3	Environment	Ecosystem	ICSE Class 10 th Chapter 1 Shankar IAS Environment Chapter 1,2,3,4
4	Science	Basics	Science Class -9 th NCERT Chapter 01 to 07
5	Himachal Pradesh	Geographical features of Himachal	Mian Goverdhan Singh - Chapter 1 Balokhara – Chapter 1
		Kinnaur District	Balokhara – Chapter 7 (Kinnaur)

Test 9

15th December 2018

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	30 th November 2018 to 14 th December 2018	
2	History	Ancient History (From Stone age to Gupta period) Till Cholas in South	History Class – 11 th Tamil Nadu board Chapter 1 to 13 Or follow any NCERT
3	Polity	Democracy, Constitutional design, Working of Institutions in democracy, Democratic Rights	Polity Class – 9 th NCERT
4	Economy	Challenges faced by Indian Economy (Poverty, Human Capital, Rural Development, Infrastructure, Environment, Sustainable Development)	Economy Class 11 th NCERT Chapter – 4,5,6,7,8,9,10
5	Himachal Pradesh	Geographical features of Himachal	Mian Goverdhan Singh - Chapter 1 Balokhara – Chapter 1
		Mandi District	Balokhara – Chapter 7 (Mandi)

Test 10

29th December 2018

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	15 th November 2018 to 29 th November 2018	
2	Geography	Earth – Origin, Evolution, Interior, Distribution of Oceans and Continents	Geography Class – 11 th NCERT book Chapter -1 Dr. Khullar Chapter 2
3	Environment	Pollution, Environmental issues	ICSE Class 10 th Unit 2,3,4 Shankar IAS Environment Chapter 5,6,7,8
4	Science	Basics	Science Class -9 th NCERT Full
5	Himachal Pradesh	The people of H.P	Mian Goverdhan Singh - Chapter 2 Balokhara – Chapter 2
		Solan District	Balokhara – Chapter 7 (Solan)

Test 11

10th January 2019

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	29 th December 2019 to 9 th January 2019	
2	History	Ancient History	History Class - 12 th Part 1
3	Polity	Federalism, Democracy, political parties	Polity Class - 10 th NCERT
4	Economy	Planning in India, Economic Reforms (LPG)	Ramesh Singh - Chapter 5,6
5	Himachal Pradesh	Customs and manners of HP	Mian Goverdhan Singh - Chapter 4 Balokhara - Chapter 3
		Sirmaur District	Balokhara - Chapter 7 (Sirmaur)

Test 12

20th January 2019

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	10 th January 2019 to 19 th January 2019	
2	Geography	Lithosphere	Geography Class – 11 th NCERT book – Only Lithosphere and landforms Dr. Khullar Chapter 5
3	Environment	Biodiversity (World, India) includes Plants, Animals, Marine conservation efforts	Shankar IAS Environment Chapter 9 to 16
4	Science	Basics	Science Class -10 th NCERT Chapter 1 to 06
5	Himachal Pradesh	Flora and Fauna of H.P	Mian Goverdhan Singh - Chapter 1 (1.10, 1.11) Balokhara – Chapter 14 Balokhara – Chapter 19 (Page no. 1346 to 1374)
		Una District	Balokhara – Chapter 7 (Una)

Test 13

31st January 2019

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	20 th January 2019 to 30 th January 2019	
2	History	Art and Culture	Nitin Singhania Art and Culture Chapter 1,2,3,4,5,6,14 Note: Selective reading only for Basic knowledge
3	Polity	Constitutional Framework	Lakshmikanth Chapter 1-11
4	Economy	National income - Basic concepts	Economy class 12 th Macroeconomics Chapter 2,3 Ramesh Singh - Chapter 1
5	Himachal Pradesh	Art and Architecture	Mian Goverdhan Singh - Chapter 6 Balokhara - Chapter 4
		Shimla District	Balokhara - Chapter 7 (Shimla)

Test 14

13th February 2019

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	31st January 2019 to 12 th February 2019	
2	Geography	Climate/Atmosphere	Geography Class - 11 th NCERT book - Unit 4 Dr. Khullar Chapter 3
3	Environment	Climate Change	Shankar IAS Environment Chapter 17 to 23
4	Science	Basics	Science Class -10 th NCERT Chapter 07 to 11
5	Himachal Pradesh	Festivals and fairs of H.P Rivers, Glaciers and lakes of Himachal Pradesh Bilaspur District	Mian Goverdhan Singh - Chapter 5 Balokhara - Chapter 3 (Page no. 276 to 282) Balokhara - Chapter 7 (Shimla)

Test 15

28th February 2019

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	14 th February 2019 to 27 th February 2019	
2	History	Medieval History, Art and Culture	Class 11 th Tamil Nadu Board Chapter 15 to 23 History Class 12 th Themes Part 2 NCERT Nitin Singhania book Chapter 7-13, 16,18,22,23,24 (<i>Selective reading only for basic knowledge</i>)
3	Polity	Executive (Central and state), Parliament and State Legislature, Union Territories, Scheduled and Tribal areas	Lakshmikanth Chapter 17-25, Chapter 30-33, Chapter 40-41
4	Economy	Money and Banking	Economy class 12 th Macroeconomics Unit 4 Ramesh Singh – Chapter 12
5	Himachal Pradesh	Dances and Drama of Himachal Pradesh Mountain Ranges, Mountains and Passes	Mian Goverdhan Singh - Chapter 7 Balokhra – Chapter 3 (page no. 270)

Test 16

10th March 2019

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	1st March to 9th March 2019	
2	Geography	Hydrosphere or Oceanography	Class - 13 th & 14 th (UNIT 5) Class 11 th Geography NCERT
3	Environment	Acts and Policies of Environment	Shankar IAS Environment - Chapter 25
4	Science	Basics	NCERT 10 th Class Full
5	Himachal Pradesh	Languages and Literature of HP, Freedom Struggle to Statehood	Mian Goverdhan Singh -Chapter - 8 Balokhra - Chapter 16 Balokhra - Chapter 4

Test 17

20th March 2019

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	10 th March to 19 th March 2019	
2	History	Decline of Mughal, Indian State and Society in 18 th Century, European Penetration and British Conquest of India, Structure of Government and Economic Policies of British Empire in India, Administrative organisation and Social,cultural Policy	History Bipin Chandra(History of Modern India) Chapters:- 1,2,3,4,5
3	Polity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. System of Government 2. Judiciary 3. Special provisions 4. Panchayati Raj 	Laxmikanth – Chapter 26-29, 34-39
4	Economics	Inflation and Business Cycle Agriculture and Food Management	Ramesh Singh – Chapter 7 th & 8 th
5	Himachal Pradesh	Constitutional History of Himachal Pradesh	Mian Goverdhan Singh -Chapter – 9 Balokhra:- Chapter 9

Test 18

30th March 2019

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	20 th March 2019 to 29 th March 2019	
2	Geography	Indian Geography (Indian Geology basics, Physiography) Some Chapters of GC Leong Book	Geography Khullar World and Indian Geography Book Part 2 Chapter :- 1,2,3 G C Leong:- Ch 1,2,3,4
3	Environment	Institutions and Measures in Environment	Shankar IAS BOOK Chapter 26
4	General Science	All Topics	NCERTS+ Lucent General Science
5	Himachal Pradesh	Handicrafts of Himachal Pradesh Soils in Himachal Pradesh. Wild life	Balokhra – Chapter 4(Page no 328) Mian Goverdhan Singh-Chapter 11(11.15)

Test 19

10th April 2019

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	30 th March 2019 to 9 th April 2019	
2	History	Social and Cultural awakening in first half of 19 th Century, Revolt of 1857, Administrative Changes after 1853, Economic impact of British Rule, Nationalist Movement(1858-1902)	Bipin Chandra Chapter:- 6,7,8,9,10
3	Polity	Constitutional Bodies, non-constituional bodies	Lakshmikanth Chapter 42 - 59
4	Economy	Public Finance in India(Budget) Human Development in India	Ramesh Singh - Chapter 18,21
5	Himachal Pradesh	Administrative History of Himachal Pradesh	Balokhra - Chapter 9 (Page no. 793 - page no. 828 and page no 921 to 960))
		Hot Springs in HP	

Test 20

20th April 2019

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	10 th April 2019 to 19 th April 2019	
2	Geography	Indian Drainage System, Indian Climate, Natural Vegetation, Soils	Geography Khullar book CH:- 4,5,6,7 G C Leong :- Ch 13 to 25
3	Environment	Environmental Organisation, Environmental issues and Health effects, International Environmental Conventions	Chapter 27,29(Shankar IAS Book), Web research
4	General Science	All Topics	NCERTS+ Lucent General Science
5	Himachal Pradesh	Hydro Power, Horticulture and Floriculture of Himachal Pradesh Temple Architecture of HP	Mian Goverdhan Singh - Chapter 11(11.2,11.13) Balokhra - Chapter 19(Page no 1481-1524)

Test 21

30th April 2019

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	20 th April 2019 to 29 th April 2019	
2	History	Religious and Social Reforms after 1858 The Nationalist Movement(1905-18) The struggle for Swaraj(1919-27) The struggle for Swaraj(1927-47)	Bipin Chandra Ch:- 11,12,13,14
3	Polity	Other Constitutional Dimensions, Political Dynamics, Misc.	Lakshmikanth Chapter 60-76, Appendices 2,3,6,12,13
4	Economics	External Sector in India, International Economic organisation and India	Ramesh Singh Chapter 15,16
5	Himachal Pradesh	Budget of HP, Economic Survey, Government Schemes, Census of HP, Cities in Himachal Pradesh(Historical Importance)	Refer Government Sources

Test 22

10th MAY 2019

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	30 th April 2019 to 9 th May 2019	
2	Geography	Indian Geography (Land Utilization and agriculture, Livestock, Fishing, Irrigation, Multipurpose Projects G C Leong Book	Khullar Geography Book Chapter:- 8,9,10,11,12 G C Leong Chapter:- 5,6,7,8,9,10
3	History	Ancient+ Medieval India + Art and Culture	All the sources covered till now + HPAS Prelims Previous years Questions(2011-2018)
4	Science	All Topics	NCERTS+ Lucent General Science+ HPAS Prelims Previous years Questions(2011-2018)
5	Himachal Pradesh	Budget of Himachal, Economic Survey, Government Schemes, Forest Survey HP	Google

Test 23

20th May 2019

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	10 th May 2019 to 19 th May 2019	
2	History	Modern India Full	NCERTs + Bipin Chandra + HPAS Prelims Previous years Questions(2011-2018)
3	Polity	Full	Lakshmikanth – All Chapters HPAS Prelims Previous years Questions(2011-2018)
4	Economy	Tax Structure in India Economic Survey Budget	Ramesh Singh Chapter – 17 Government Source
5	Himachal Pradesh	Complete HP Syllabus	All recommended books +HPAS Prelims Previous years Questions(2011-2018)

Test 24

30th May 2019

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
1	Current Affairs	20 th May 2019 to 29 th May 2019	
2	Geography	Mineral Resources, Energy Resources, Manufacturing Industries, Transport and communication ,The People	Dr. Khullar Chapter 13,14,15,16,17 G C Leong Ch:_ 11,12
3	Environment	Sustainability and Climate Change: India and World Economic aspect	Ramesh Singh CH:- 19
4	Science	All Topics	NCERTS+ Lucent General Science
5	Himachal Pradesh	Complete HP Syllabus	All recommended books +HPAS Prelims Previous years Questions(2011-2018)

Test 25

Date: - 9th June 2019 (can be rescheduled as per the HPAS exam date)

	Subject	Topic	Recommended Sources
	Complete Test	Full Syllabus	

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Recommended Sources for HPAS Preparation:

1. NCERTs from Class 6th to 12th
2. [Indian Polity – Lakshmikanth](#)
3. [Modern History – Bipin Chandra](#)
4. [Geography – Dr. Khullar](#)
5. [Environment – Shankar IAS](#)
6. [Economy – Ramesh Singh](#)
7. Nitin Singhania Art and Culture for UPSC
8. CCRT website
9. Himachal Pradesh:
 - a. Jagmohan Balokhra
 - b. Mian Goverdhan Singh
10. Current Affairs : Newspaper (Hindu or any other national paper), PIB
11. Budget and Economic Survey 2019
12. Himachal Budget and Economic Survey 2019
13. Internet Research for Miscellaneous Topics

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