



# CATALYST IAS

An Institute Dedicated For Civil Services

## CATALYST IAS - KEEP (Knowledge Enrichment & Evaluation Programme)

### Objective of KEEP

To empower aspirants for UPSC Civil Services Preliminary Examination 2025, the KEEP program combines **online and classroom (offline)** test modules.

It simulates the real examination environment, enabling participants to evaluate their preparation effectively and gain insights into the upcoming **2025 Preliminary Test**.

### Key Features of the Program

#### Total Tests: 32

1. 7 Topic-Oriented Part Tests
2. 15 Comprehensive Tests (Full-Length)
3. 10 CSAT Tests

### Detailed Test Structure

#### 1. Topic-Oriented Part Tests (7 Tests)

Each test is meticulously designed to cover a specific topic as per the UPSC Preliminary Syllabus.  
Focuses on critical areas for targeted improvement.  
Aims to bridge knowledge gaps and build a solid foundation for the Prelims.

#### 2. Comprehensive Tests (15 Tests)

Simulates full-length UPSC Preliminary Papers, covering GS Paper I and relevant themes.  
Provides aspirants with an actual exam-like environment to practice under real-time constraints.  
Emphasizes time management, error analysis, and improving the question-solving strike rate.  
Focused on familiarizing aspirants with the evolving pattern of the UPSC Prelims.

#### 3. CSAT Tests (10 Tests)

Dedicated to mastering GS Paper II (CSAT) with a strategic approach.  
Covers topics like reasoning, comprehension, decision-making, and quantitative aptitude.  
Enhances analytical skills through practical and PYQ-based problem-solving.

### Mission Mode Strategy

**Comprehensive Coverage:** Exhaustively covering all aspects of the Prelims syllabus through targeted tests.

**Practical Preparation:** Tests designed to replicate the UPSC difficulty level, ensuring readiness for the actual exam.

**Analytical Improvement:** Detailed post-test analysis to identify strengths and weaknesses.

### Our Approach

At Catalyst IAS, our test series mirrors the standard and depth of the **UPSC Preliminary Examination**, focusing on:

**Conceptual Questions:** Assessing fundamental understanding.

**Informative (Factual) Questions:** Testing knowledge accuracy.

**Problematic Questions:** Building analytical and problem-solving skills.

**Tricky Questions:** Sharpening strategic thinking to handle complex scenarios.

### Why Only 32 Tests (22 + 10)?

We prioritize **quality over quantity**. Our approach prevents students from becoming overly reliant on test series, ensuring a balance between:

- **Test Practice & Evaluation:** Allowing sufficient time for test analysis and improvement.
- **Self-Study & Revision:** Maximizing personal preparation time, which is crucial for Prelims success. Excessive testing often hampers focused revision. With **32 thoughtfully designed tests**, students can achieve maximum efficiency without compromising their preparation.

### How to Integrate the Test Series with Revision

#### 1. Topic-Wise Preparation:

1. For **topic-oriented tests**, focus on the syllabus provided in advance.
2. Revise related NCERTs, standard books, current affairs and Catalyst IAS notes before attempting.

#### 2. Comprehensive Test Strategy:

1. Use full-length tests to replicate exam conditions.
2. Post-test, analyze mistakes and revisit weak areas.

#### 3. CSAT Preparation:

1. Regularly practice reasoning, comprehension, and quantitative aptitude topics.
2. Focus on time-bound problem-solving for improved accuracy.

#### 4. Balanced Revision:

1. Allocate dedicated time for self-study alongside tests.
2. Use test results to identify focus areas for subsequent weeks.

### Why Join Catalyst IAS Test Series (KEEP)?

#### 1. Dynamic and Holistic Preparation:

- Trains aspirants to handle a variety of questions: **factual, conceptual, problematic, and tricky**.
- Enhances critical thinking and time management to stay ahead of UPSC's evolving trends.

#### 2. Exam-Like Environment:

- Full-length tests simulate the UPSC Prelims, preparing you for real-time pressures.

#### 3. Expert Guidance:

- Topic-specific tests are crafted by experienced mentors with in-depth knowledge of UPSC trends.

#### 4. Comprehensive Support:

- Personalized feedback through **telephonic, email, and video analysis**.

#### 5. Time-Tested Success:

- Designed to build confidence and an alert mindset essential for qualifying Prelims.

### Fee Structure

- New Admission (Offline/Online): ₹3,000
- Old Students (Offline/Online): ₹1,500
- Comprehensive Tests Only (Offline/Online): ₹2,000

## Nature of KEEP

### *Test Modes*

#### 1. Offline/Classroom Tests:

- Conducted at the Ranchi Center as per the schedule.

#### 2. Online Tests:

- PDFs of question papers and OMR sheets provided.
- Students submit OMR sheets for evaluation.

### *Support for Online Students*

### *Key Features & Policies*

- **Current Affairs 2024:** Covered in comprehensive tests.
- **Flexibility:**
  - Students can choose **flexible schedules** for both modes.
  - Strict adherence to time for offline exams by the institute.
- **Copyright Protection:**
  - Materials are for personal use only; violations lead to registration cancellation.
- **Payment Policies:**
  - Fees payable online/offline.
  - **Non-refundable fees.**
- **Institute Rights:**
  - Catalyst IAS reserves the right to cancel or postpone tests if required.



## Time Table of Prelims Test Series “K.E.E.P”

Test No / Date	Topic as per UPSC syllabus	Sources
<p><u>Test No: 1</u> Date: 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2024</p>	<p><b>Ancient + Medieval + Art &amp; Culture</b>  <b><u>Ancient India:</u></b>                      Stone age (Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Chalcolithic),                      Harappan civilization, Vedic age, Mauryan art, Post –Mauryan art, Guptan art, post-Guptan art.                      Art and Culture of India includes architecture and sculptures, folk art, dance, drama, music, cinema, theatres, painting, puppetry, calendars, martial art, literature and language, philosophy, religion, science and tech, indo-Islamic art, Sangam period and their art, culture and architecture.  <b><u>Medieval India:</u></b>                      Sultanate period, Mughal period, Vijaynagar and Bahmani (administration, political system, economic life and art), religious movement (Bhakti and Sufi) etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Current Affairs of May – Jun 2023</b></p>	<p>Politics in India after Independence – Class 12                      NCERT (NEW) Old NCERT -                      The Story of Civilization Vol.1. (Class 9)                      The Story of Civilization Vol. 2. (Class 10)                      Contemporary World History by Arjun Dev (Class 12th ) Political Science - Key concept and theories (Class 12th) New NCERT –                      India and the Contemporary World Class 9 &amp; 10th                      Themes of World History Class 12<sup>th</sup>                      New NCERT Indian Society Class 11th                      Change and Social Development of India Class 12th                      Class 6 to 12 New NCERT.</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Catalyst IAS</p>
<p><u>Test No: 2</u> 22<sup>th</sup> December 2024</p>	<p><b>Indian and World Geography - Physical, social, economic geography of India and the World and Current Events of National and International Importance, Agriculture + <b>CSAT-1</b></b>  <b>General Geography of world includes -</b> Origin of the Universe including the solar system and the earth, latitude and longitude including revolution and rotation of the earth, international standard time and Indian standard time  <b>Physical Geography of the world includes-</b> Geomorphology, Climatology, Hydrology and Bio-</p>	<p>New NCERT –Class 6 – The Earth Our Habitat. Class 7 - Our Environment                      Class 8- Resources and Development.                      Class 9- Contemporary India –I                      Class 10- Contemporary India- II                      Class 11 – Fundamental of Physical Geography</p>

geography.  
Geomorphology - Interior of the earth, Continental Drift Theory, Plate tectonic, endogenic and exogenic forces including weathering and erosion, rocks  
Climatology - Structure and composition of atmosphere, heat and temperature of atmosphere, pressure and wind, types of wind - primary, secondary (air mass, front, cyclone and anti-cyclone, tornado etc.), tertiary wind (local wind), humidity and precipitation including rainfall, climatic region of the world  
Hydrology - Distribution of fresh water including ground water, bottom topography of ocean, salinity, temperature, ocean current, tide etc.  
Bio-Geography- World's soil classification and biome.  
**Economic and Social Geography of the world includes-** Primary sector including agriculture region, animal husbandry, fishing, minerals of the world etc.; Secondary sector including all kinds of industries of the world; Tertiary sector - All types of Transportation and trade of the world. Social Geography includes race, language, religion, tribes etc. of the world, population and demography, migration and urbanization, human settlement (rural and urban), human development and sustainable development  
**Physical Geography of India - India and its location, physiographic division, climate, drainage system, soil, natural vegetation, environmental issues, and natural disaster including earthquake, landslide etc. Geomorphology, Climatology, Hydrology and Bio-geography.**  
**Agriculture:-** cropping system, agricultural marketing and reforms, irrigation, animal husbandry, PDS  
Etc.

**Current Affairs of July- Aug 2024**

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**CSAT-1**

Class 11 - India Physical Environment.  
Class 12 - Fundamental of Human Geography.  
Class 12 - Indian People and Economy  
Fundamental of Physical Geography by G.C. Leong  
Recent Reports on meteorology Current Affairs sources - PIB, The Hindu, Indian Express, Government Reports, Ministerial sites, etc.

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<p><b>Test No: 3</b>  <b>Date: 29<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>December 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Modern India + Post Modern: Beginning of European settlements -Formation and growth of East India Company, Consolidation of British power in India, Battles of Plassey and buxar, control over mysore, subsidiary alliance, Doctrine of Lapse, Doctrine of Escheat Resistance to colonial rule- peasant, tribal, Cultural Renaissance, Revolt of 1857. Social Reforms and movements, struggle for raising women’s status- abolition of sati system, Widow re-marriage Act, Consent bill, stress on female education Land revenue administration under the British rule- permanent settlement, Ryotwari system and mahalwari system, Development of different Acts upto 1947.</b></p> <p>Rise of Nationalism in India in 19<sup>th</sup> Century.  The Partition of India Miscellaneous - Role of Press, Policies related to education, institutions and organizations, foreign policies of British Government, Important personalities etc.  + Post Modern India</p> <p><b>Current Affairs of Sep- Oct. 2023</b></p>	<p>NCERT  HISTORY  CLASS 8,9,10  THEMES PART  3  BIPIN  CHANDRA  SPECTRUM-  HISTORY  <b>Notes: Catalyst IAS</b></p>
<p><b>Test No: 4</b>  <b>Date: 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>  <b>2025</b></p>	<p><b>Indian Polity and Governance - Constitution, Political System,Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues etc. and the World and Current Events of National and International Importance, <u>Constitutional framework</u> - historical background, making of the constitution, salient features, preamble and constitutional values like liberty,fraternity, equality, etc., Union and its territory, citizenship, fundamental rights, directive principles of state policy,fundamental duties, basic structure and amendments of constitution, centre - state relations, inter- state relations and emergency provisions.</b></p> <p><b><u>Central Government</u> - President, VicePresident, Prime Minister, Central Council of Ministers, parliament and its functioning, cabinet and parliamentary committees, cabinet secretary, parliamentary secretary, chief secretary etc., parliamentary forums.</b></p>	<p>Indian constitution at Work ( Class 11th )  Indian Polity - Part 1  ( Constitutional Framework ) by M Laxmikant  Indian Polity - Part 2 (System of Government ) by M Laxmikant  Political Science by ND Arora (Chapter 16 – Constitution of UK , USA, France , Germany, South Africa, China )  Indian Polity - Part 3 &amp; 4 (Central and State Government ) by M Laxmikant</p>

	<p><b>Judiciary</b> - Supreme court, high courts, subordinate courts, significant judgments.</p> <p><b>State Government and Union Territories</b> - Governor, chief minister and state council of ministers, state legislature and its functioning, special provision for some states (J&amp;K, Nagaland, Assam, Manipur etc.)</p> <p><b>Local Government</b> - Panchayati Raj and Municipalities, Scheduled and Tribal areas.</p> <p><b>Miscellaneous</b> –Constitutional bodies(Election commission, UPSC, CAG etc.) Non Constitutional bodies(NITIAayog, NHRC, CBI, CVC etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elections and Electoral Reforms etc.</li> <li>- Official Language, Tribunals, Cooperative Societies, Special provisions related to certain classes, Anti-Defection law etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Political System</b> - Unitary, Parliamentary, Republic, Monarchy, Common wealth etc.</p> <p><b>Governance and Public Policy</b> - RTI, e-Governance, Citizen's Charter etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Current Affairs of Nov- Dec 2023</b></p>	<p>2nd ARC Report. Politics of India after Independence Class 12th New NCERT</p> <p>Indian Polity - Part 10( Political parties , Pressure group Electoral Reform and National Integration ) by M Laxmikant</p> <p>Current Affairs sources</p> <p>-</p> <p>PIB, The Hindu, IndianExpress, Government Reports, Ministerial sites, etc.</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Catalyst IAS</p>
<p><b>Test No: 5</b>  <b>Date: 12<sup>st</sup></b>  <b>Jan 2025</b></p>	<p><b>General Science + Science and Technology+ CSAT-2</b></p> <p><b>Physics</b> States of matter – solid, liquid and gases, work energy and power, laws of motion, gravitation, oscillation, waves, current electricity, electromagnetic waves, magnetism and magnetic effects of current, sound-concept, nature of sound, infrasonic and ultrasonic sounds; optics, electronic devices, communication systems.</p> <p><b>Chemistry</b>  Hydrocarbons, solutions, polymers, surface chemistry, thermodynamics, environmental chemistry</p> <p><b>Biology</b>  Biological classification – plant kingdom, animal kingdom; diversity of organisms, cell structure and its functions, types of cell division, genetics</p>	<p>Science NCERT Class 6 to 12, Current and Contemporary Science issues</p> <p>Current Affairs sources – PIB, The Hindu, Indian Express, Government Reports,</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Catalyst IAS</p>

including Mendel's inheritance, sex linked inheritance, sex determination, DNA structure and function, DNA replication, protein synthesis, mutation, biomolecules-structure and function of carbohydrates, proteins, fats, vitamins and their deficiency diseases, hormones, plant and animal hormones and its functions.

### **Science and Technology**

Space Science including different kinds of launch vehicle, satellites, remote sensing, INSAT etc.

Defence Science of India, nuclear science, biotechnology, information technology including cyber security, modern physics including nano technology, robotics, superconductors, maglev technology, LASER technology, SONAR technology, RADAR technology, LIDAR technology, Hyperloop and vacuum tube technology etc.

**Current Affairs of Jan to Jun.2023**

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**CSAT-2**





<p><b>Test No: 6</b>  <b>Date: 19<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>January</b>  <b>2025</b></p>	<p><b>General issues on environmental Ecology, Bio-diversity and climate Change - that do not require subject specialization</b>  <b>And Current Events of National and International Importance.</b></p> <p>Concept of ecosystem, component, function and structure of ecosystem, laws of ecosystem including food chain, food web, geo-biochemical cycle, relationship between biotic-biotic, biotic-abiotic and abiotic-abiotic, types of ecosystem, major biomes, biodiversity, types of biodiversity, wetlands and hotspots, threats to biodiversity, in-situ and ex-situ conservation, global warming and climate change, causes of global warming and climate change including air, water, land sound and soil pollution, effects of global warming and climate change- ozone layer depletion, acidification, desertification, degradation of cryosphere and its importance, natural resources- renewable and non-renewable resources, biosphere , national park, wildlife sanctuary of India, wetlands of India, biodiversity of India including endangered species.</p> <p>International convention and agreements including man and biosphere programme, environmental laws and committees associated with India including Wildlife protection act 1972, Environmental protection act, Forest conservation act etc.</p> <p><b>Current Affairs July to Dec. 2023</b></p>	<p>ICSE books of Class 9th and 10th, NISO booklet Environment (Book) - Shankar IAS Current affairs associated with ecology Current Affairs sources – PIB, The Hindu, Indian Express, Government Reports,  <b>Notes:</b> Catalyst IAS</p>
<p><b>Test No: 7</b>  <b>Date: 26<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Jan 2025</b></p>	<p><b>Economic and social development, Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector initiatives etc. And Current Events of National and International Importance,</b></p> <p><b><u>Money, Banking, Finance and Insurance</u> -</b>  Functions of money, limited Vs unlimited legal tenders, gold standards, fractional reserve system, money multiplier, types of money (M1, M2 etc.), moral suasion and direct action, base rate Vs MCLR, BASEL norms, NPA, SARFAESI act,</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indian Economy and Development - New NCERT Class 11</li> <li>2. Yojana monthly magazine – Oct 2015 to Feb 2016</li> <li>3. Introductory Macroeconomics - New NCERT</li> </ol>

Insolvency Act, RBI structure and functions, classification of banks (payment bank, cooperative bank, SIDBI, EXIM, NHB, Islamic Banking etc), NBFCs.

**Financial market** – Investment funds, debt, equity and derivatives, Sensex, SEBI, chit funds, Company's Act, corporate governance etc. Insurance- IRDAI, LIC, GIC etc.

**Budget and taxation** - Budgeting and its evolution, components of union budget (revenue account, capital account), public finance role and importance, measures of government deficit, deficit financing, direct and indirect taxes, specific and Ad Valorem, GST.

**External sector** Balance of payment (definition, current and capital accounts, convertibility, items included in BOP), IMF (purpose and objectives, reforms), WTO, World bank, bilateral and regional cooperation.

**Inflation, Employment and GDP** - definition, causes of inflation, demand pull inflation, cost push inflation, CPI, WPI, IIP etc. Types of Unemployment like structural, seasonal, frictional, cyclical etc.

Concepts like GDP, GNP, NNP, growth rate, **Industry** - Industrial policies, MSME, Make in India, investment models etc.

Infrastructure- Transport, energy, communication, IT, urbanization etc.

**Planning and Economic reforms** - Five year plans, NITI Aayog 15 year plan document, issues related to planning, LPG reforms, FDI, FII etc.

**Economics survey 2023-24 and Budget-2024**

**Current Affairs Revision 2023**

Class 12.


4. ISC Board Economics -Class 11 & 12th (Frank Brother)
5. Indian Economy by Sanjeev Verma.
6. Economic Survey of India India year book Current Affairs sources – PIB, The Hindu, Indian Express, Government Reports, Ministerial sites, etc.

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Comprehensive Test</b>	<b>CSAT</b>
<u>Test no: 1</u> Date: 1 <sup>st</sup> February -2025	Comprehensive Test – 1 (Sunday)	CSAT - 3
<u>Test no: 2</u> Date: 9 <sup>th</sup> February -2025	Comprehensive Test – 2 (Sunday)	
<u>Test no: 3</u> Date: 16 <sup>th</sup> February -2025	Comprehensive Test – 3 (Sunday)	CSAT - 4
<u>Test no: 4</u> Date: 23 February -2025	Comprehensive Test – 4 (Sunday)	
<u>Test no: 5</u> Date: 2 <sup>nd</sup> March -2025	Comprehensive Test – 5 (Sunday)	CSAT - 5
<u>Test no: 6</u> Date: 9 <sup>th</sup> March -2025	Comprehensive Test – 6 (Sunday)	
<u>Test no: 7</u> Date: 16 <sup>th</sup> March -2025	Comprehensive Test – 7 (Sunday)	CSAT – 6
<u>Test no: 8</u> Date: 23 <sup>st</sup> March -2025	Comprehensive Test – 8 (Sunday)	
<u>Test no: 9</u> Date: 30 <sup>th</sup> March -2025	Comprehensive Test – 9 (Sunday)	CSAT – 7
<u>Test no: 10</u> Date: 07 <sup>th</sup> April -2025	Comprehensive Test – 10 (Sunday)	
<u>Test no: 11</u> Date: 13 <sup>st</sup> April -2024	Comprehensive Test – 11 (Sunday)	CSAT – 8
<u>Test no: 12</u> Date: 20 <sup>th</sup> April -2024	Comprehensive Test – 12 (Sunday)	
<u>Test no: 13</u> Date: 27 <sup>th</sup> April -2024	Comprehensive Test – 13 (Sunday)	CSAT – 9

<u>Test no: 14</u> Date: 4 <sup>th</sup> May - 2025	Comprehensive Test – 14 <b>(Wednesday)</b>	
<u>Test no: 15</u> Date: 11 <sup>th</sup> May - 2025	Comprehensive Test – 15 <b>(Sunday)</b>	CSAT – 10

*“Success is not final, failure is not fatal  
It is the courage to continue that counts”*  
**!!!ALL THE BEST!!!**



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