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V Sanjana Simha (Rank 37)  
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Swathi Sree T (Rank 42)  
Shubham Shukla (Rank 43)  
Divyansh Singh (Rank 49)  
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### • CSE 2020

Nitish Kumar Jain (Rank 22)  
Kishan Kumar Singh (Rank 28)  
Divya Mishra (Rank 28)  
Narayan Sharma (Rank 33)  
Jubin Mohabatra (Rank 46)  
Ahinsa Jain (Rank 53)  
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Jayant Nahata (Rank 56)

### • CSE 2019

Bhosle Neha Prakash (Rank 15)  
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Ishwarya R (Rank 47)  
Arun S Nair (Rank 55)  
Priyanka S (Rank 68)  
Yashaswini B (Rank 71)  
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Rishab C A (Rank 23)  
Lakshmi N (Rank 45)  
Renjina Mary Varghese (Rank 49)  
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### • CSE 2017

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# WHY MOKSHA?

## TRACK RECORD

10+ Students in Top 100 consistently

## ACADEMIC RIGOUR

35-40% of our test questions reflected in UPSC Mains every year

## PROGRAM DESIGN

Sequential design of test schedule helps build confidence & momentum in candidates to face the Mains exam

## PROGRAM BREAKUP

### Orientation

**WHAT** to study?  
**HOW** to study?  
From  
**WHERE** to study?

### Tests

Apply & test your preparation level

### Discussions

Understand the question paper & its expectations

### Analysis

**WHAT** you got right?  
**WHAT** went wrong?  
**WHERE** to improve?  
**HOW** much to improve?

### Feedback | Mentorship

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**HOW** to improve?  
Evaluation in 7 - 10 days

## TEAM

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**CSE Toppers**

**Experienced Mentors**

**Subject Matter Experts**

# MAINS TEST SERIES REFLECTIONS CSE 2022

## OUR QUESTIONS VIS À VIS CSE 2022

CSE - 2022 QUESTION

SHANKAR IAS MAINS TEST SERIES QUESTION

### GENERAL STUDIES PAPER - I

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|---|---|
| 1. Explore and evaluate the impact of 'Work From Home' on family relationships  | Technology led employment generation is a double edged sword for woman empowerment. Legends - 1, 2022, Q 10   |
| 2. How is the growth of Tier 2 cities related to the rise of a new middle class with an emphasis on the culture of consumption ?  | With reference to the growth of the middle class in India, reflect on the changing landscape of Indian cities. Legends - 9, 2022, Q 10  |
| 3. Discuss the main contributions of Gupta period and Chola period to Indian heritage and culture.                                | India as a melting pot of cultures finds its true reflection in Gupta art. Discuss. Mains Test Series - 20, Q1<br><br>Assess the contribution of Cholas in the expansion of Indian culture outside India. Legends - 9, Q1   |
| 4. Are tolerance, assimilation and pluralism the key elements in the making of an Indian form of secularism? Justify your answer. | Instead of being the cementing force, secularism has led to alienation of all communities. Comment Legends - 9, Q18<br><br>For Indian secularism to be modern it need not be western nor can we replace it with the idea of toleration within indigenous religious traditions. Do you agree? Mains Test Series - 5, Q16 |

### GENERAL STUDIES PAPER - II

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| 5. To what extent, in your opinion, has the decentralization of power in India changed the governance landscape at the grassroots ?  | "Panchayat Raj Institutions have been bestowed with necessary powers to bring Social Transformation in India"-Substantiate the statement with examples. Legends - 6, 2022, Q 14  |
| 6. Discuss the role of the National Commission for Backward Classes in the wake of its transformation from a statutory body to a constitutional body.  | Has the constitutional status of the National Commission for Backward Classes( NCBC) helped improve the working of the commission and the outcomes? Legends - 10, 2022, Q17  |
| 7. The Gati-Shakti Yojana needs meticulous coordination between the government and the private sector to achieve the goal of connectivity. Discuss   | What are the important features of the PM-Gati Shakthi master plan ? How far do you think it will reduce the infrastructural inefficiencies and increase productivity and greater economic activity ? Legends - 7, 2022, Q1  |
| 8. India is an age-old friend of Sri Lanka' Discuss India's role in the recent crisis in Sri Lanka in the light of the preceding statement.  | India will always be guided by the best interests of the people of Sri Lanka and not just the governments. Evaluate India's position regarding the Sri Lankan crisis. Legends - 6, 2022, Q10   |
| 9. Do you think that BIMSTEC is a parallel organization like the SAARC ? What are the similarities and dissimilarities between the two ? How are Indian foreign policy objectives realized by forming this new organization? | Do you think BIMSTEC can fill the vacuum left behind by the obsolescence of SAARC? Also, discuss the factors that have so far severed concrete participation of member nations in the BIMSTEC. Legends - 6, 2022, Q20  |
| 10. "While the national political parties in India favor centralisation, the regional parties are in favor of State autonomy." Comment.  | The Seventh Schedule is a relic of the colonial past and doesn't reflect the complex realities of India in current times. Is there a need to review the seventh schedule to improve center-state relations? 10 Legends - 10, 2022, Q5  |
| 11. Discuss the role of the Election Commission of India in the light of the evolution of the Model Code of Conduct.   | Do you think the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) needs statutory recognition? Explain. (150 Words, 10 marks) Mains Test Series 2022, Test 14, Q 7<br><br>The Election commission despite executing one of the core functions of democracy is lacking teeth. Do you agree? Explain with suitable illustrations. Legends - 2, 2021, Q9 |
| 12. How will I2U2 (India, Israel, UAE and USA) grouping transform India's position in global politics?   | The 'New Quad' gives significant impetus to India's prominence in West Asia. Evaluate. (10) Legends - 2, 2022, Q10   |

# MAINS TEST SERIES REFLECTIONS CSE 2022

## OUR QUESTIONS VIS À VIS CSE 2022

CSE - 2022 QUESTION

SHANKAR IAS MAINS TEST SERIES QUESTION

### GENERAL STUDIES PAPER - III

13. Why is Public Private Partnership (PPP) required for infrastructural projects? Examine the role of PPP model in the redevelopment of Railway Stations in India.	<p>A sturdy revival of private investment in infrastructure projects is a major challenge for the Indian economy. Briefly explain the opportunities and challenges associated with the PPP model in India. Mains Test Series 2022 - T15, Q6</p> <p>'Unless there is a complete overhaul, the challenges faced by Indian Railways cannot be solved'. In light of this statement examine the recent government decision of allowing private players to operate passenger trains. Mains Test Series - T15, Q7</p>
14. Is inclusive growth possible under market economy? State the significance of financial inclusion in achieving economic growth in India.	<p>Rapid economic growth fuelled by neoliberal order cannot reduce inequalities even when it does reduce poverty. Why is inclusive development elusive and also suggest measures in this regard. Mains Test Series - T17, Q15</p>
15. What are the major challenges of the Public Distribution System (PDS) in India? How can it be made effective and transparent?	<p>The Public Distribution System is acknowledged all over the world for its success in addressing hunger and poverty in India, however it has still not been effective in addressing nutritional security. Discuss. Legends - 7 - 2022, Q 4</p>
16. Elaborate the scope and significance of the food processing industry in India.	<p>Demand for processed food items is set to increase in India in the coming years. In this context, mention the measures taken by the Government to promote this sector and assess the prospect and challenges of the food processing industry in India. Legends 11, 2022, Q14</p>
17. Discuss the types of organized crime. Describe the linkages between terrorists and organized crime that exist at national and international levels.	<p>If organised crime and terrorism go hand-in-hand, necessarily, the mechanism to counter the two must also go hand-in-hand. In the light of the above statement, suggest necessary changes that must be brought out in Indian legal and institutional mechanisms that deal with the linkage Legends 3, 2022, Q 20</p>
18. What are the maritime security challenges in India? Discuss the organizational, technical and procedural initiatives taken to improve the maritime security	<p>"India's vast coastline and offshore Islands offer great economic and strategic advantage to our nations; it makes our security situation more vulnerable." Comment On the statement and opine whether India needs to revamp the existing coastal security apparatus? Mains Test Series 7, 2022. Q20</p>
19. What is Integrated farming system? How is it helpful to small and marginal farmers in India?	<p>What is the Crop-livestock farming system? Describe the significance of this system in making agriculture sustainable Legends 3, 2022, Q 3</p>
20. What are the different elements of cyber security? keeping in view the challenges in cyber security, examine the extent to which India has successfully developed a comprehensive National Cyber Security Strategy.	<p>With the digital push, India's essential infrastructure is now dependent on cyber networks for service delivery. Discuss the possible threats posed by cyber warfare and suggest changes in the security architecture to counter them. 2022, Q10 Legends 7, 2022, Q19</p>
21. Naxalism is a social, economic and developmental issue manifesting as a violent internal security threat. In this context, discuss the emerging issues and suggest a multilayered strategy to tackle the menace of Naxalism.	<p>Propaganda and sympathy are the two important intangible weapons in the arsenal of Left-wing extremists. In this regard, examine the complexity and role of front organizations and Maoist sympathizers. Suggest measures to address this problem. Mains Test Series 7, 2022, Q1</p> <p>Security as well as the development has to run hand in hand to counter the left- wing extremism in India. Analyze.</p>

\*This is just reflection on CSE 2022 and we have been hitting upsc themes year after year.

# TEST SCHEDULE (VETERANS)

The Veteran Test schedule suits candidates who have prior writing / Mains experience

Test No	Date	Day	Time	Paper	Subject
1	18 Jun, 2023	Sun	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	GS I	GS I - Full Portions
2	24 Jun, 2023	Sat	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Essay 1	Essay
3	25 Jun, 2023	Sun	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	GS II	GS II - Full Portions
4	02 Jul, 2023	Sun	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	GS III	GS III - Full Portions
5	09 Jul, 2023	Sun	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	GS IV	GS IV - Full Portions
6	15 Jul, 2023	Sat	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Essay 2	Essay
7	16 Jul, 2023	Sun	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	GS I	GS I - Full Portions
8	23 Jul, 2023	Sun	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	GS II	GS II - Full Portions
9	29 Jul, 2023	Sat	2:00 to 5:00 pm	Essay 3	Essay UPSC Pattern
10	30 Jul, 2023	Sun	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	GS III	GS III - Full Portions
11	06 Aug, 2023	Sun	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	GS IV	GS IV - Full Portions
12	12 Aug, 2023	Sat	2:00 to 5:00 pm	Essay 4	Essay
13	19 Aug, 2023	Sat	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	GS I	GS I - Full Portions
14	20 Aug, 2023	Sun	2:00 to 5:00 pm	GS II	GS II - Full Portions
15	26 Aug, 2023	Sat	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	GS III	GS III - Full Portions
16	27 Aug, 2023	Sun	2:00 to 5:00 pm	GS IV	GS IV - Full Portions
17	01 Sept, 2023	Fri	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Essay Mock	Essay
18	02 Sept, 2023	Sat	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	GS I Mock	GS I - Full Portions
19	02 Sept, 2023	Sat	2:00 to 5:00 pm	GS II Mock	GS II - Full Portions
20	03 Sept, 2023	Sun	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	GS III Mock	GS III - Full Portions
21	03 Sept, 2023	Sun	2:00 to 5:00 pm	GS IV Mock	GS IV - Full Portions
22	05 Sept, 2023	Tue	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Compulsory English Mock	Self Evaluation
23	05 Sept, 2023	Tue	2:00 to 5:00 pm	Compulsory Regional Language Mock	For Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi, Kannada (Only Self Evaluation)
24	06 Sept, 2023	Wed	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Optional Subject - Paper I Mock	Full Portions (Agriculture, Anthropology, Economics, English Literature, Geography, History, Kannada Literature, Law, Malayalam Literature, Mathematics, Medical Science, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Sociology, Tamil Literature) [Key and Evaluation varies according to the subjects. Refer Optional Detailed schedule]
25	06 Sept, 2023	Wed	2:00 to 5:00 pm	Optional Subject - Paper II Mock	Full Portions (Agriculture, Anthropology, Economics, English Literature, Geography, History, Kannada Literature, Law, Malayalam Literature, Mathematics, Medical Science, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Sociology, Tamil Literature) [Key and Evaluation varies according to the subjects. Refer Optional Detailed schedule]

**Note : For Full Veterans Course Registered students**

- ▶ GS 1,2,3,4, and Essay Mocks will be evaluated and key will be provided. However, Test Discussions and detailed feedback will not be provided for these tests alone.
- ▶ Compulsory English, Regional Language Mocks are on self evaluation mode.

**For All India Open Mock students**

- ▶ Test No.17 through 25 are available as All India Open Mock tests
- ▶ All Open Mock tests will be on self evaluation mode



## DISCUSSION SCHEDULE (VETERANS)

SESSION No #	DATE	DAY	TIME	TEST No	GS PAPER	SESSION DETAILS
1	11-Jun	Sun	3:00 to 3:30 pm	#	<b>Overall Orientation</b>	
2	18-Jun	Sun	2:00 to 5:00 pm	GS Test 1	GS I	Full Portions
3	19-Jun	Sat	5:30 to 8:00 pm	Ori 1	<b>Essay Workshop 1</b>	Essay Content Building, Brainstorming and Presentation for static and philosophical topics
4	25-Jun	Sun	2:00 to 5:00 pm	GS Test 2	GS II	Full Portions
5	02-Jul	Sun	10.00 am - 1.00 pm	Ori 2	<b>Ethics Orientation / Workshop 1</b>	Ethics & Case Studies (Part I) - Orientation
6	02-Jul	Sun	2:00 to 5:00 pm	GS Test 3	GS III	Full Portions
7	09-Jul	Sun	2:00 to 5:00 pm	GS Test 4	GS IV	Full Portions
8	15-Jul	Sat	2:00 to 5:00 pm	Essay	Essay	Essay Themes of FT1 & FT2 Discussion
9	16-Jul	Sun	2:00 to 5:00 pm	GS Test 5	GS I	Full Portions
10	23-Jul	Sun	2:00 to 5:00 pm	GS Test 6	GS II	Full Portions
11	30-Jul	Sun	10.00 am -1.00 pm	Ori 3	<b>Ethics Orientation / Workshop 2</b>	Ethics & Case Studies (Part II) - Orientation
12	30-Jul	Sun	2:00 to 5:00 pm	GS Test 7	GS III	Full Portions
13	06-Aug	Sun	2:00 to 5:00 pm	GS Test 8	GS IV	Full Portions
14	12-Aug	Sat	5:30 to 8:00 pm	Essay	Essay	Essay Themes of FT 3 & FT 4 Discussion
15	19-Aug	Sat	2:00 to 5:00 p.m.	GS Test 9	GS I	Full Portions
16	20-Aug	Sun	5:30 to 8:00 pm	GS Test 10	GS II	Full Portions
17	26-Aug	Sat	2:00 to 5:00 p.m.	GS Test 11	GS III	Full Portions
18	27-Aug	Sun	5:30 to 8:00 pm	GS Test 12	GS IV	Full Portions

# OUR TOPPERS' TESTIMONIALS



**YAKSH CHAUDHARY**  
AIR 6 - CSE 2021

I have secured AIR 6 in CSE 2021. I was part of the Mains test series and interview programme of Shankar IAS, which was very useful for my preparation.



**V SANJANA SIMHA**  
AIR 37 - CSE 2021

I secured AIR 37 in CSE 2021. I was a part of Shankar IAS Academy's Mains test series programme, which helped me to improve my rank from AIR 207 to AIR 37.



**KUSHAL JAIN**  
AIR 40 - CSE 2021

Before my Civil Services preparation started, I worked with Microsoft for a year and half. I secured AIR 40 in my 4<sup>th</sup> attempt for which I was associated with Shankar IAS. The test series helped me improve my Mains scores which eventually helped me secure a 2-digit rank.



**SWATHI SREE T**  
AIR 42 - CSE 2021

The Mains test series in Shankar IAS provided me with guidance and inputs which helped me improve my score. I was also a part of the interview programme at Shankar IAS. I really thank the academy for the valuable support in my journey.



**KRISHAN KUMAR SINGH**  
AIR 24 - CSE 2020

I want to thank Shankar IAS for my success. I joined the Mains test series programme in 2020. I was very impressed with the diversity of questions as also the quality of evaluation, post which I was given detailed review of my performance.



**DIVYA MISHRA**  
AIR 28 - CSE 2020

I have been part of Shankar IAS Mains Test Series Program. What I found unique about the test series was that the questions were very close to the levels of questions in UPSC mains examination. The feedback provided was very extensive. We discussed our approach, All this helped me in answering the question in a very analytical nature with good statistics.



**NARAYANA SARMA**  
AIR 33 - CSE 2020

I began preparing in 2014 during my graduation. When I finally appeared for the exam in 2018, I could not clear the Mains in my first attempt. Subsequently I enrolled in Shankar IAS Academy's Mains test series. The input and support from the academy helped me greatly in securing AIR 33 in CSE 2020.



# OUR TOPPERS' TESTIMONIALS



**UTKARSH KUMAR**  
AIR 55 - CSE 2020

The topics for Mains exam were covered very comprehensively in Shankar IAS Academy's Mains test series. The questions were precise, solutions were detailed. Feedback of my performance was prompt and I invariably got my answersheets within a week of writing.



**JAYANT NAHATA**  
AIR 56 - CSE 2020

I joined Shankar for the Mains test series and received excellent guidance from the faculty. The questions and feedback were both excellent. I really thank Shankar IAS Academy for the assistance.



**SARANYA R**  
AIR 36 - CSE 2019

I started my preparation in 2015 after my graduation and got AIR 36 in CSE 2019. The academy provided me with holistic support throughout my preparation for Prelims, Mains and Interview. I truly cannot thank enough what I received from the academy.



**ARUN S NAIR**  
AIR 55 - CSE 2019

Shankar IAS Academy helped me refine myself and enabled me to convert knowledge into good answers (ultimately answers are the deciding factor in any exams). The systematically planned tests for Prelims, Mains helped me cover the entire syllabus while also take time out for revision. My entire strategies & planning were completely based on those time-tables.



**SRUTANJAY NARAYANAN**  
AIR 75 - CSE 2019

I secured AIR 75 in CSE 2019, I am extremely blessed and delighted and thankful to everyone primarily Shankar IAS Academy and the entire institution for constant support which nudged me to do my best.



**PRITHIKA RANI M**  
AIR 171 - CSE 2019

This is my first attempt. After completing my graduation in 2018, I joined UPSC Civil Services Coaching at Shankar IAS Academy. I am really thankful to all the staffs here because since this is my first attempt, I followed only the materials that were given in the academy and the guidance provided over here. I am really thankful to all the staffs and teachers here because this would not have been possible without Shankar IAS Academy

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