

# **MAINS GENERAL STUDIES PAPER - II**

**(Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)**

## **TOPICS**

## **BOOKS & JOURNALS**

1. Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.

### **References:**

Indian Culture and Heritage – NIOS: [www.nios.ac.in](http://www.nios.ac.in)

Indian Freedom Struggle of Independence – Bipin Chandra

Facets of Indian Culture - Spectrum Pub.

Indian Culture Chapter of Indian Year Book

### **Journals/Websites:**

The Hindu, [www.pib.nic.in](http://www.pib.nic.in), Yojana, The Indian Express, Economic Political Weekly, Frontline

2. Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present significant events, personalities, issues.

### **References:**

Indian Freedom Struggle of Independence – Bipin Chandra

“A Brief History of Modern India” – Spectrum Pub.

Indian Culture Chapter of Indian Year Book

Modern India History – B. L. Grover

3. The Freedom Struggle - its various stages and important contributors or contributions from different parts of the country.

### **References:**

12<sup>th</sup> NCERT – Politics in Indian after Independence.

4. Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.

### **References:**

India since Independence – Bipin Chandra

India After Gandhi – Ramchandra Guha

5. History of the world will include events from 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redrawal of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc. - their forms and effect on the society.

**References:**

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> NCERT – India and the contemporary world  
Mastering Modern World History – Normal Lowe

6. Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.

**References:**

12<sup>th</sup> NCERT: Indian Society, Social change and Development in India  
Indian Social System – Ram Ahuja

**Journals/Websites:**

The Hindu, www.pib.nic.in, Yojana, The Indian Express, Economic Political Weekly, Frontline, Kurukshetra

7. Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.

**References:**

IGNOU-ESO-12: Society in India  
Indian Social Structure & Change – K L Sharma

8. Effects of globalization on Indian society.

**References:** IGNOU –ESO-16: Social Problems in India

9. Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.

**References:**

Indian society & Culture – Nadeem Hasnain  
Social Problems in India – Ram Ahuja

10. Salient features of world's physical geography.

**References:**

11<sup>th</sup> NCERT: Physical Geogrphahy, World Geography by Majid Husain

**Journals/Websites:**

The Hindu, [www.pib.nic.in](http://www.pib.nic.in), Yojana, Down to Earth ([www.downtoearth.org.in](http://www.downtoearth.org.in)), The Indian Express, Economic Political Weekly, Frontline, Kurukshetra

11. Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian subcontinent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).

**References:**

Certificate Physical and Human Geography by Goh Cheng Leong,  
Around the World (Geography): ICSE Board Class (6, 7 & 8) or  
OLD NCERT Books Class (6, 7 & 8)

12. Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location - changes in critical geographical features (including water bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.

**References:**

Orient Longman Atlas

# **MAINS GENERAL STUDIES PAPER - III**

**(Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations)**

## **TOPICS**

## **BOOKS & JOURNALS**

1. Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.

**References:**

11<sup>th</sup> NCERT Indian Constitution at work & Indian Polity by M. Lakshmi Kant, Constitution of India By PM Bakshi.

**Journals/ Websites:**

THE HINDU, PIB [www.pib.nic.in](http://www.pib.nic.in), Yojana, Kurukshetra, The Indian Express, Economic & Political Weekly, Frontline.

2. Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.
3. Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.

**References:**

Introduction to the Constitution of India by DD Basu. **IGNOU MPS-003**

**India:** Democracy and Development, Indian Public Administration 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition by Rajni & Goyal.

**Journals/ Websites:**

THE HINDU, PIB [www.pib.nic.in](http://www.pib.nic.in), Yojana, Kurukshetra, The Indian Express, Economic & Political Weekly, Frontline.

4. Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.
5. Parliament and State Legislatures - structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these.

**References:**

Political Science by ND Arora, Public Administration By Lakshmi Kant.

6. Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.

**References:**

12<sup>th</sup> NCERT: Politics in India After Independence, 2<sup>nd</sup> ARC REPORT, Sarkaria Commission Report. Punchi Commission Report.

7. Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.
8. Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.
9. Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.
10. Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

**References:**

8<sup>th</sup> NCERT- Law & Social Justice, 9<sup>th</sup> NCERT- Economics, 11<sup>th</sup> NCERT- Economics: Indian Economic Development. 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan 2012- Planning Commission.

**Journals/ Websites :**

[www.socialjustice.nic.in](http://www.socialjustice.nic.in), Kurukshetra, The Indian Express, Economic & Political Weekly, Frontline.

11. Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.

**References:**

**IGNOU MPS-003 India: Democracy and Development.**

12. Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.

**References:**

Indian Year Book, Economic Survey, Annual Reports: Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

**Journals/ Websites:**

THE HINDU, PIB [www.pib.nic.in](http://www.pib.nic.in), Yojana & Kurukshetra.

13. Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector or Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.
14. Issues relating to poverty and hunger.
15. Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance - applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.
16. Role of civil services in a democracy.

**References:**

Governance In India By Lakshmi Kant, 2<sup>nd</sup> ARC REPORT, Development Administration by Mohit Bhattacharya, New Horizons of Public Administration 7<sup>th</sup> Edition by Mohit Bhattacharya, Indian Public Administration 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition by Rajni & Goyal.

**Journals/ Websites :**

THE HINDU, PIB [www.pib.nic.in](http://www.pib.nic.in), Yojana, Kurukshetra, The Indian Express, Economic & Political Weekly, Frontline.

17. India and its neighborhood- relations.

**References:**

IGNOU - EPS- 07- International Relations, IGNOU -MP-001-India & the World, IGNOU – MPS-002- International Relations: Theory and problems.

**Journals/ Websites:**

THE HINDU, PIB [www.pib.nic.in](http://www.pib.nic.in), World Focus, The Indian Express, Frontline.

18. Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.

**References:**

NCERT Class 12<sup>th</sup>: Political Science Contemporary World Politics, India's Foreign Policy- Retrospect and prospect By Sumit Ganguly.

19. Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.

**References:**

Foreign Policy of India By V N Khanna, India's Foreign Policy- Retrospect and prospect By Sumit Ganguly.

20. Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.

**References:**

Manorama Year Book , Ministry of External Affairs, Online Website.

# **MAINS GENERAL STUDIES PAPER - IV**

**(Technology, Economic Development, Bio diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)**

## **TOPICS**

## **BOOKS & JOURNALS**

1. Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.

**References:**

11<sup>th</sup> NCERT: Economics: Indian Economic Development

Economic Survey of India

Report: 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan 2012-17 Documents (Planning Commission)

**Journals/Websites:**

The Hindu, [www.pib.nic.in](http://www.pib.nic.in), Yojana, The Indian Express, Economic Times.

2. Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.

**References:**

Indian Economy – R. Dutt & Sundaram

**Journals/Websites:**

Economic Political Weekly

3. Government Budgeting.

**References:**

Indian Economy – R. Dutt & Sundaram

The Penguin Dictionary of Economics

**Journals/Websites:**

Economic Political Weekly

4. Major crops cropping patterns in various parts of the country, different types of irrigation and irrigation systems storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers.

**References:**

India since Independence – Bipan Chandra (Land Reform)

12<sup>th</sup> NCERT: Geography: India People and Economy

11<sup>th</sup> NCERT: Economics: Indian Economic Development



Report: 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year plan 2012-17 Documents (Planning Commission)

**Journals/Websites:**

The Indian Express, Economic Times, Economic & Political Weekly

5. Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices; Public Distribution System- objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing.

**References:**

Economic survey of India

Indian Economy – R. Dutt & Sundaram

Indian Economy Since Independence – Uma Kapila

India Year Book

**Journals/Websites:**

Frontline

Kurukshetra

Ministry of Agriculture website

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Website

6. Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.

**Journals/Websites:**

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Website

Ministry of Food Processing Industries Website

7. Land reforms in India.

**References:**

India since Independence – Bipin Chandra (Land Reform)

**Journals/Websites:**

The Hindu, www.pib.nic.in, Yojana

8. Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.

**References:**

Indian Economy Since Independence – Uma Kapila

2<sup>nd</sup> ARC Report (Strengthening Financial management Systems)

India Year Book

**Journals/Websites:**

Frontline

9. Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways, etc.

2<sup>nd</sup> ARC Report (Strengthening Financial management Systems)

**Journals/Websites:**

Kurukshetra

10. Investment models.

11. Science and Technology - developments and their applications and effects in everyday life Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.

**References:**

Science & Technology: TMH Publication or Spectrum Publication

Science Reporter

**Journals/Websites:**

Wikipedia, The Indian Express, Frontline, [www.pib.nic.in](http://www.pib.nic.in), International Journals and Magazines

12. Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.

**References:**

The Hindu

**Journals/Websites:**

[www.sciencemag.org](http://www.sciencemag.org), [www.wisegeek.com](http://www.wisegeek.com)

13. Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.

**References:**

Our Environment – NCERT (VII)

Ecology: Unit 10<sup>th</sup> – Class 12<sup>th</sup> Biology (NCERT)

Ecology & Environment (India Year Book)

Ecology & Environment – P D Sharma

**Journals/Websites:**

Down to Earth ([www.downtoearth.org.in](http://www.downtoearth.org.in)), The Hindu Survey of the Environment

14. Disaster and disaster management.

**References:**

IGNOU: MPA – 018- Disaster Management  
2<sup>nd</sup> ARC Report (Crisis Management)

**Journals/Websites:**

[http://www.undp.org/content/dam/india/docs/disaster\\_management\\_in\\_india.pdf](http://www.undp.org/content/dam/india/docs/disaster_management_in_india.pdf)  
[www.ndmindia.nic.in](http://www.ndmindia.nic.in)

15. Linkages between development and spread of extremism.

**References:**

12<sup>th</sup> NCERT: Political Science: Contemporary World Politics (Chapter : Security in the Contemporary World)  
Annual Report 2011-12: Ministry of Home Affairs

**Journals/Websites:**

The Hindu, [www.pin.nic.in](http://www.pin.nic.in), Yojana

16. Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.

**References:**

12<sup>th</sup> NCERT: Political Science: Contemporary World Politics (Chapter : Security in the Contemporary World)  
2<sup>nd</sup> ARC Report (Public order Capacity Building for Conflict Resolution, Combating Terrorism)  
India Year Book

**Journals/Websites:**

The Hindu, [www.pin.nic.in](http://www.pin.nic.in), Yojana, The Indian Express, Economic Political Weekly, Frontline

17.Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention.

**References:**

2<sup>nd</sup> ARC Report (Public order Capacity Building for Conflict Resolution, Combating Terrorism)

India Year Book

Manorama Year Book

**Journals/Websites:**

Ministry of Home Affairs ([www.mha.nic.in](http://www.mha.nic.in))

18.Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism.

19.Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.

# MAINS GENERAL STUDIES PAPER - V

## (Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude)

### TOPICS

### BOOKS & JOURNALS

This paper will include questions to test the candidates' attitude and approach to issues relating to integrity, probity in public life and his problem solving approach to various issues and conflicts faced by him in dealing with society. Questions may utilise the case study approach to determine these aspects. The following broad areas will be covered.

1. Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in human actions; dimensions of ethics; ethics in private and public relationships. Human Values – lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators; role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values.

#### **References:**

2<sup>nd</sup> ARC REPORT - 4<sup>th</sup> Report & 10<sup>th</sup> Report.

New Horizons of Public Administration 7<sup>th</sup> Edition by Mohit Bhattacharya.

Ethics and Accountability in Government and Business by Ramesh K Arora.

Ethics & Integrity in Public Administration: Concepts & cases By Raymond W. Cox.

#### **Journals/Websites:**

THE HINDU, PIB [www.pib.nic.in](http://www.pib.nic.in), Yojana, The Indian Express, Economic & Political Weekly, Economic Times.

2. Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.

#### **References:**

Social Psychology by Baron,

Ethics by William K. Frankena.

Understanding Ethics by Noel Preston

#### **Journals/Websites:**

THE HINDU, PIB [www.pib.nic.in](http://www.pib.nic.in), Yojana, The Indian Express, Economic Times.

3. Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service, integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker-sections.

**References:**

Indian Public Administration 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition by Rajni & Goyal.

**IGNOU: MPA-011-** Ethical Concern In public Administration.

**Journals/ Websites:**

Frontline.

4. Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.

**References:**

Emotional Intelligence By Daniel Goleman.

**Journals/ Websites:**

Economic Times, Economic & Political Weekly, Frontline.

5. Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world.

**References:**

2<sup>nd</sup> ARC REPORT – 1<sup>st</sup> Report & 12<sup>th</sup> Report.

**Journals/ Websites:**

Frontline.

6. Public/Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance; ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance.

**References:**

**IGNOU: MPA-011-**Ethical Concern In public Administration.

7. Probity in Governance: Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct,

Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption.

8. Case studies on Above Issues