

**ANSWER WRITING SKILL DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM ( UPSC MAIN EXAM 2017-18)**

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**UPSC Criteria for assessment of candidate performance in the written IAS exam as per UPSC instruction: "The main Examination is intended to assess the overall intellectual traits and depth of understanding of candidates rather than merely the range of their information and memory". - Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).**

**Evaluation / Marking: Credit will be given for the following:**

- **Grammatical correctness of expression**
- **Originality of thought and expression**
- **Choice of words and proper statement**
- **Content of the answer**
- **Proper visibility of idea through facts, data, diagram, figure, illustration according to the requirement of the question**
- **Focus on Key words & Tail words effectively (Elucidate - Explain, Comment, Examine, Critically examine, Discuss, Analyze, Illustrate, Review, Argue, Justify etc.)**
- **Ability to compose a well-argued piece of writing**
- **Ability to express coherently and sequentially**

**40 TESTS (28 Sectionwise Tests + 12 Full Length Tests)**

**IN FIRST ROUND (TOTAL 14 TEST)**

**Paper I**

**Test 1**

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### **Test 7**

Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance- applications, models, successes,

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### **Test 8**

### **G. S. Paper - II :**

**International relations** India and its neighborhood- relations. ♣ Bilateral, regional and global groupings and ♣ agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests Effect of policies and politics of developed and ♣ developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora. Important International institutions, agencies and ♣ fora- their structure, mandate.

### **Test 9**

**G. S. Paper -III: Technology 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. Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, ♣ robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.

### **Test 10**

#### **G. S. Paper -III: Security Linkages between development and spread of ♣ extremism.**

Role of external state and non-state actors in ♣ creating challenges to internal security. Challenges to internal security through ♣ communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; moneylaundering and its prevention Security challenges and their management in ♣ border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism Various Security forces and agencies and their ♣ mandate.

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#### **Test 14**

##### **G. S. Paper-III: Economic Development**

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