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MAINS MATRIX

Two sectional test + Three ZETA "Z"
mocks (including one on PYQs) = 5 test

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General Studies 4

Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude



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- ✓ **UPSC-Aligned Questions**
- ✓ **Multidimensional Practice**
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Changing Trends of UPSC GS4 (Ethics)

- UPSC in recent times (since 2020) has significantly changed the pattern of theory and case study questions in GS Paper 4 (Ethics).
- Theory questions have become more analytical, with multiple layers to interpret. Similarly, case studies have evolved to include several dimensions, often containing layers within layers.
- In CSE 2022, the entire question paper was of 3200 + words unlike CSE 2019 which was of 1200 words (now you have to put double the time in reading and understanding the question)
- In CSE 2023, the UPSC again tinkered with ETHICS paper as the paper was of 2207 words which is 1000 words less than the CSE 2022 further the longest case study in CSE 2023 was of 426 words as compared with 600 words in CSE 2022.
- In CSE 2024, the UPSC again tinkered with ETHICS paper as in CSE 2023 as the paper was of 2500 words (cse 2023 -2207 words) which is approx 1000 words less than the CSE 2022 further the longest case study in CSE 2024 was of 472 words as compared with 600 words in CSE 2022.
- In CSE 2025, UPSC maintained the overall word limit (2350 words) and the lengthiest case study was 460 words – similar to CSE 2024. However, many questions appeared to be framed like GS Paper 1, 2, 3 questions, which makes the real challenge the ability to bring out the ethical dimensions effectively.
- **Difficulty Trend of Ethics (GS Paper 4):**
 1. 2013 – 2019: Easy to Moderate.
 2. 2020 – 2022: Difficult to Very Difficult.
 3. 2023 – 2025: Moderate to Difficult.
- Aspirants should be prepared for all types of trends, as UPSC may again introduce new variations in the GS-4 paper in 2026 Mains.

Course Details

1. Two sectional test + Three ZETA “Z” mocks (including one on PYQs) = 5 test
2. Time-bound analysis and genuine feedback will be provided for every answer.
3. Answer evaluation within 4-5 days.
4. Expert feedback with minute details to improve your answer writing skills.
5. Aspirants are free to interact with Sir for doubts or queries during working hours, based on a pre-scheduled time.
6. Comprehensive test discussions will be held along with model answers, enriched with topical examples and interlinking of subjects. These go beyond coaching class notes and traditional textbooks, providing added value for Mains preparation.

1 Ethics Test 1

13th June 2026

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.
2. Attitude: Content, Structure, Function; its Influence and Relation with Thought and Behaviour; Moral and Political Attitudes; Social Influence and Persuasion.
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.
4. Emotional Intelligence-Concepts, and their Utilities and Application in Administration and Governance.

2 Ethics Test 2

26th June 2026

1. Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from India and World.
2. 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.
3. 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.

3 Ethics Test 3 – ZETA “Z” Mock 1

10th July 2026

4 Ethics Test 4- ZETA “Z” Mock 2 (PYQ)

24th July 2026

5 Ethics Test 5 - ZETA “Z” Mock 3

7th August 2026

Timings Test (1-4) 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Test 5 – 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Discussion Date and Time will be informed in due course of time.

Note – Dates are flexible (test cannot be preponed)

Evaluation Time frame within 4-5 Days



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Our Toppers & Testimonials



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Thank you, Monish Sir, for your consistent guidance. Your daily feedback on my GS 2 and GS 4 answers helped me identify gaps and improve steadily. Greatful for your time and support.

- Madhav Agarwal, AIR 16

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- Suramya Sharma, AIR 281

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- Gaurav Singh, AIR 859