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### STRATEGY FOR GS - PRELIMS EXAM

One should always keep in mind that **Prelims is the toughest part** in the whole process of Civil Services Preparation. This is so because you need to memorize a lot of information with the pressure of negative marking system.

The preparation for General Studies is in fact a tiresome process. The syllabus of GS is like ocean. We have herein prioritized the topics for General Studies based on the analysis of last five years Question Papers.

1. Current Affairs.
2. Indian history and Indian Polity.
3. Mental Ability.
4. Science and Technology.
5. Geography and Economy.
6. Miscellaneous General Knowledge

- **Firstly Current Affairs is very vital** as nowadays almost 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the questions are being asked from this section. It is really a tedious job to keep a track of current developments and memorize it. But one has to do that.
- **Secondly** as far as Indian History is concerned nowadays the **maximum emphasis is on Modern India**. There have been only few [or even in some papers there were no questions at all] questions from Medieval India and Ancient India. However we don't advise you to skip these portions. What we wish to emphasize is that give weightage to modern India. In Indian polity try to correlate various articles and provisions and constitutional amendments. It is in fact very difficult to remember these. At least one should have a broad idea of eliminating the options.

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- **Thirdly** When you prepare Geography and Economy be clear in basic concepts. Try to understand the **chapter on Universe** along with basic facts like albedo value of planets, their distances from the sun etc. Give emphasis on Indian Geography and Economy.
- **Fourthly** be **applicative in Science and Technology**. For example every one of us read newspapers daily. In **The Hindu** for instance we find at the bottom something written **CMYK** in different colours. Most of us never bother to know what it is. You may wonder, in Prelims- 2006 there was a question related to **CMYK**. Similarly whenever we take any branded Curd like Nestle Dahi we never bother to see what is written there on the pack. It is written over that it contains probiotics. For your kind information there was a question related to Probiotics in Prelims 2008. Be scientifically aware of what is around you. Have a clear understanding of basic facts and study in relation to application aspects and current relevance.
- **Fifthly** the questions from International affairs and World Politics are not as traditional as they were before 5 or 6 years. One needs to be updated in this section.
- **Sixthly** focus on Miscellaneous General Knowledge like Noble Prizes  
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Before one week of Prelims- Exam don't try to study anything new. Be relaxed but focused on revision. **Don't do night study before the day of exam.**

While answering the questions be careful not to answer a question which is very much blind to you as it may cost your final score. However you can take some calculated risks in case of logical guess and answers which you know with more than 60% confidence level.

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**GOOD LUCK!**

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