Before you begin APPSC Group 2

1. What is known now?

The Andhra Pradesh Job Calendar schedules the next Group 2 notification for **15 October 2026** and lists **673 posts**.

That date tells us when the notification is expected. It does not give the Screening date. The examination dates must come from the notification or a later APPSC notice.

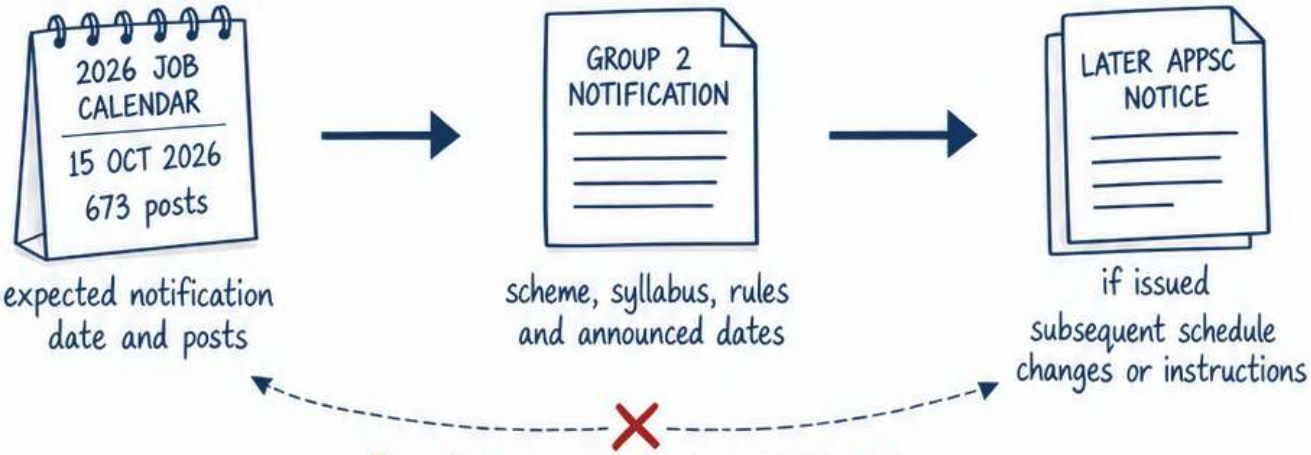
Until the notification appears, use the available time to build Mains. Establish at least two Mains subjects properly and keep Mental Ability active in a smaller regular slot.

This chapter uses Notification 11/2023 and the papers conducted in 2024 and 2025 as the latest completed-cycle reference. When the 2026 notification appears, read its scheme, syllabus, dates, negative-marking rule and post conditions before changing the plan.



This tells us the expected notification date and the number of posts.

2. Three different documents



expected notification date and posts

scheme, syllabus, rules and announced dates

if issued subsequent schedule changes or instructions

Do not place an imagined examination date into the empty space between these documents.

3. What to use now, and what to leave open

Use what is known

- Notification expected on 15 October 2026
- 673 posts
- Use the time to build Mains
- Keep Mental Ability active
- Read the 2026 notification carefully when it appears

Leave what is unknown open

- Screening date
- Examination dates
- Detailed scheme and syllabus for 2026
- Negative-marking rule
- Post conditions
- Any later schedule changes

Use what is known. Leave what is unknown open.

Source boundary: Andhra Pradesh Job Calendar for 15 October 2026 and 673 posts.
Latest completed-cycle reference: APPSC Notification 11/2023. Refresh after the 2026 notification.

What must you clear?

Under the 2023 scheme, Group 2 has one Screening paper, two Mains papers and a qualifying Computer Proficiency Test. Screening and Mains use objective questions. There is no interview.

The stages do different jobs

SCREENING
150 questions
150 marks
150 minutes

Clears Screening →

It shortlists candidates for Mains. Its marks do not enter final merit.

MAINS PAPER I
AP History + Indian Constitution
150 marks
150 minutes

+

MAINS PAPER II
Indian and AP Economy + Science and Technology
150 marks
150 minutes

→ **300 MERIT MARKS**

Together, the two Mains papers carry 300 merit marks.

COMPUTER PROFICIENCY TEST
a separate qualifying requirement.

Check the applicable notice for its current details.

The route is therefore not one pile of marks. Screening opens the gate. Mains determines merit under the applicable selection rules. The computer test must still be qualified.

Negative marking changes practice

In Screening and Mains, each wrong answer loses **one third** of the marks assigned to that question. Practice must therefore include three decisions: understand the subject, read the statement carefully, and decide whether the evidence is strong enough to attempt.

For a 1-mark question:

- ○ A
- ○ B
- ◉ X ← wrong answer loses 1/3 mark
- ○ D

Make a decision for every question

1. Understand
Know the subject well.

→

2. Read carefully
Read the statement carefully.

→

3. Decide
Attempt only if the evidence is strong enough.

Prepare each stage for the job it performs.

Source boundary: APPSC Notification 11/2023 and the official 2023 syllabus.
Recheck the complete structure and rules in the 2026 notification.

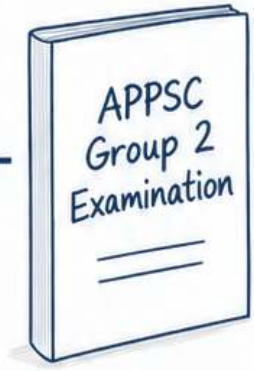
One exam name. Two different syllabuses.

The most important planning fact is easy to miss: Screening and Mains do not test the same subject list.

Screening: five 30-mark components

30	Indian History
30	Geography of India and Andhra Pradesh
30	Indian Society
30	Current Affairs
30	Mental Ability

Together: **150 marks.**



Mains: four 75-mark subjects

Paper I contains:

75	Social and Cultural History of Andhra Pradesh
75	Indian Constitution

Paper II contains:

75	Indian and Andhra Pradesh Economy
75	Science and Technology

Together: **300 merit marks.**

The February 2024 Screening paper asked no separate Polity or Economy section.
The February 2025 Mains papers asked no Geography, Indian Society or Mental Ability section.

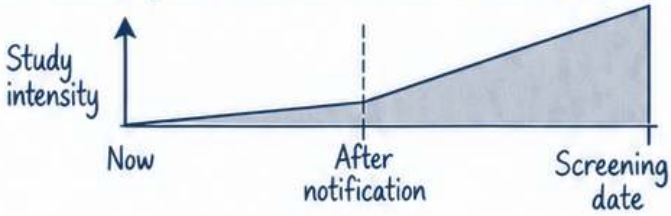
A learner can be well prepared for one stage and still leave large parts of the other untouched. Some skills support both stages, but the subject lists remain different.

Use two visible plans

One for reaching Mains, and one for producing the Mains merit score.
Change their intensity as the examination comes closer.

Screening plan

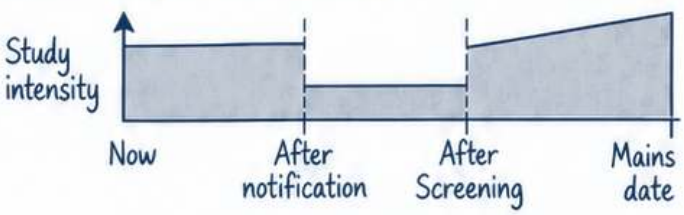
Keep all five components visible.
After the notification, Screening moves to the front and grows as its official date comes closer.



Focus on the five 30-mark components.

Mains plan

Build the four Mains subjects now. Continue them in proper weekly blocks after the notification; return fully after Screening.



Focus on the four 75-mark subjects.

Do not mistake one exam name for one syllabus.

Source boundary: official 2023 Screening and Mains syllabuses; 2024 Screening and 2025 Mains papers.
Refresh if the 2026 notification changes the scheme.

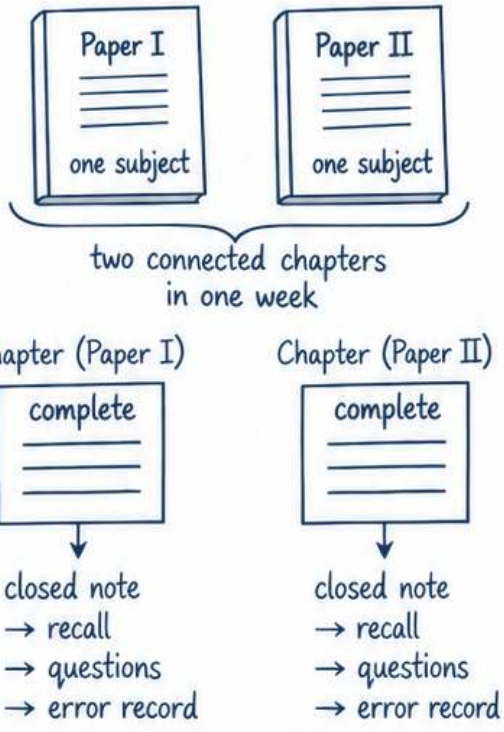
What should your first seven days produce?

Do not try to finish a miniature version of the entire syllabus in one week.

Use the week to create work that can continue.

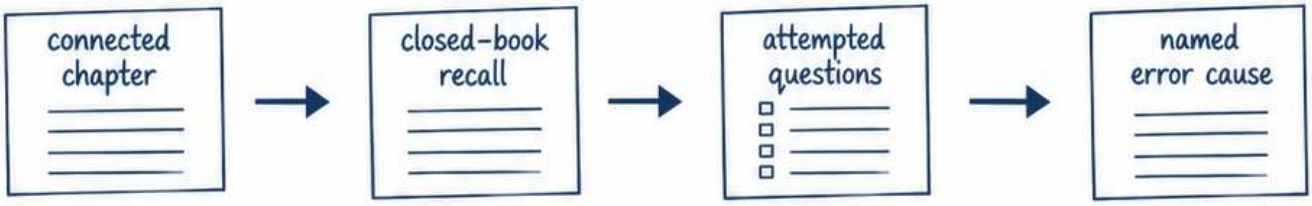
By the end of the week, leave seven outputs

1. Save the official Screening and Mains syllabuses in one place.
2. Choose one Mains subject from Paper I and one from Paper II.
3. Complete at least one connected chapter in each chosen subject.
4. Close the note and attempt to reproduce each chapter's main structure.
5. Attempt one short objective-question set from each chapter.
6. Complete two or three Mental Ability sessions from one method family.
7. Begin one error record that says why an answer was wrong.



If you already have subject foundations, add a small Current Affairs record organised by subject. If you are new to the subjects, build the base first.

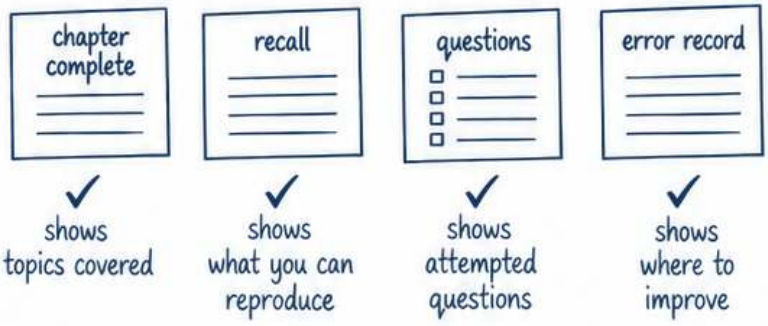
What counts as evidence?



A large timetable does not show what survived after reading. These four outputs do.



A timetable does not show what you can reproduce.

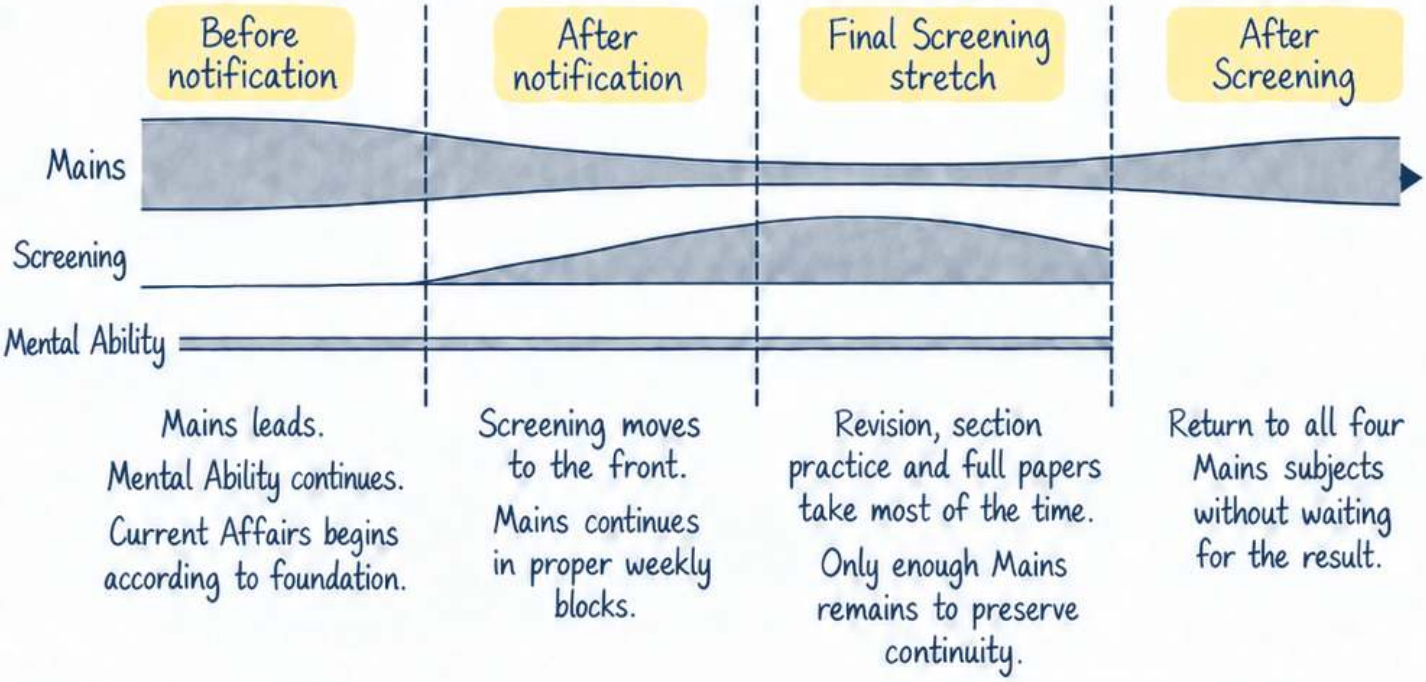


At the end of seven days, you should know more than what you read. You should know what you can reproduce, where you hesitate and what needs repair next.

Let the first week leave completed work and evidence.

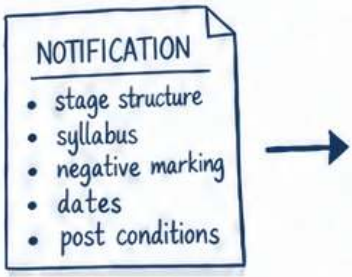
How should the balance change?

Until the notification appears, give Mains the highest intensity, The four Mains subjects decide merit and need a longer first pass. Keep Mental Ability active in a smaller regular slot.



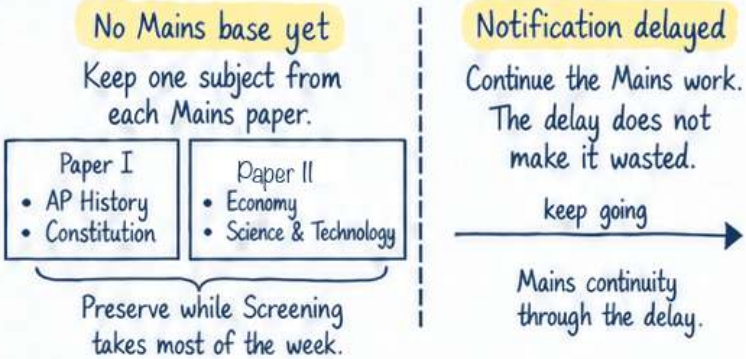
When the notification appears

Read the complete official PDF first. Check the stage structure, syllabus, negative marking, dates and post conditions. Then change the balance according to the time available.



What if you are not ready or it is delayed?

If you reach the notification without a Mains base, preserve one subject from each Mains paper while Screening takes most of the week. If the notification is delayed, continue the Mains work; the delay does not make it wasted.



What next?

This page gives the route. The separate How to prepare now visual chapter explains the changes in detail, including late starts and Current Affairs timing.

The subject list stays visible while the intensity moves.



Source boundary; latest completed-cycle structure from Notification 11/2023.
Preparation balance is BLOOM advice and must be refreshed after the 2026 notification.

Which previous paper should guide Screening?

The 2019 and 2024 Screening papers belong to different syllabus frames. They should **not be mixed** as though the format stayed the same.

What changed in BLOOM's paper mapping?

2019
older syllabus

Economy	: 53 questions
Polity	: 20 questions
AP-specific material	: 57 of 150
AP History	: 31 of 32 History questions
Geography	: 7 questions
Indian Society	: absent

Do not mix the two papers.



Different syllabus frames.

2024
five-part syllabus under Notification 11/2023

No separate Economy or Polity section	
AP-specific material	: 7 of 131 readable and tagged questions
AP History	: 0 of 29 tagged History questions
Geography	: 26 tagged questions
Indian Society	: a full syllabus part
Mental Ability	: a fixed 30-mark part

The shift is not a prediction about the next paper. It shows why preparation advice built around the older paper can point to the wrong subject list.

How to use the papers in preparation

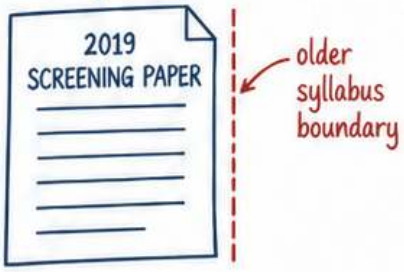
Use the notified syllabus
to decide what belongs in the plan.



Use the 2024 paper
to understand how APPSC used the current syllabus once.



Use 2019 questions only
with their older-syllabus boundary visible.



Use the notified syllabus for the subject list. Use each paper with its own syllabus boundary.

Source boundary: official 2019 and 2024 Screening papers; BLOOM mapping.
The 2024 format has been conducted once.

What did the 2025 Mains paper reward?

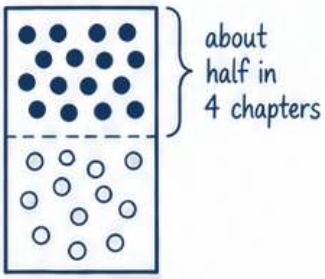
All four Mains subjects officially carried 75 marks. The questions were not spread evenly inside those subjects.

BLOOM placed the 2025 questions against a 106-chapter Mains map. Multi-tagged questions produced 296 placements rather than a clean 300.

Twenty-three chapters carried half of those placements.

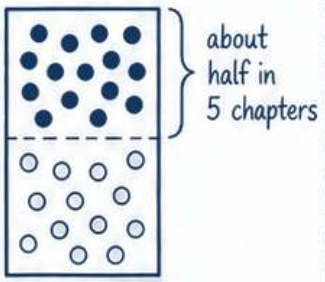
The concentration differed by subject

Science and environment



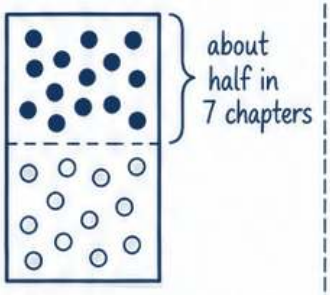
76 placements
across 18 chapters

Economy



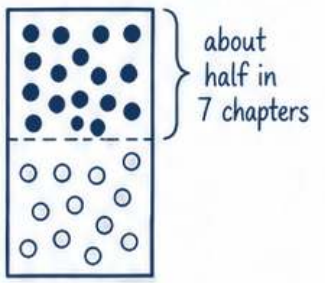
72 placements
across 28 chapters

AP History



73 placements
across 35 chapters

Constitution



75 placements
across 25 chapters

Science and environment was the most concentrated.

Four climate, pollution and waste chapters supplied 43 of 76 mapped placements.

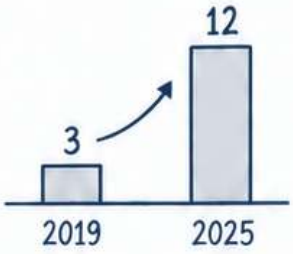


The broader audit placed 54 of 75 questions under environment and sustainability. The notified technology areas still remain in the syllabus.

Economy combined settled concepts with changing official data: 31 of 75 questions needed a dated figure, scheme condition or report rank.



AP History was almost entirely AP-specific; Telugu language and literature rose from 3 questions in 2019 to 12 in 2025.



Telugu language and literature

Constitution was broader and mostly settled-syllabus work.

Constitution
• wider coverage • mostly settled-syllabus work

Use this evidence to decide order and practice effort.

Do not turn it into a list of chapters to omit.

Source boundary: February 2025 Mains papers and BLOOM chapter mapping.
Current format conducted once; multi-tags explain 296 placements.

How do you enter AP History and Constitution?

These two subjects share Mains Paper I, but they become clear through different relationships.

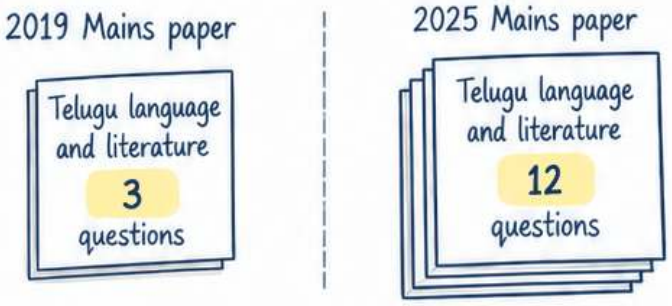
1. AP History: begin with time and change

Build the larger order first:

what existed before	what changed	who or what caused it	what followed
earlier situation, rulers, institutions, social and cultural life	new rule, movement, agreement, institution or idea	rulers, movements, agreements, external influences, social forces	political, social, cultural and economic results

Then attach precise anchors: rulers, agreements, movements, institutions, inscriptions, writers and dates.

The 2025 paper gives a reason to treat cultural history as central work. Telugu language and literature supplied 12 questions, compared with 3 in the 2019 Mains paper. History preparation cannot stop at rulers and political events.



Cultural history received a larger share in 2025, so it needs central attention in your preparation.

2. Indian Constitution: begin with purpose and power

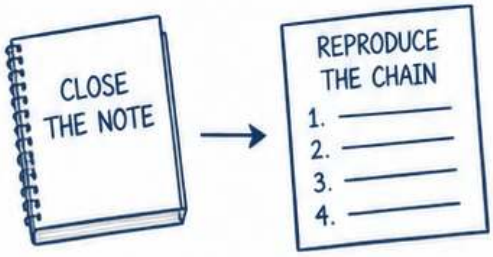
For each topic, ask:

Who acts?	Where does the power come from?	How is the decision made?	What limit applies?	What remedy exists?
the institution or authority	the source in the Constitution	the procedure, process or majority required	the constitutional or legal limits	review, appeal or other remedy

Article numbers become easier to place after the institution and its function are clear.
The 2025 mapping was broad enough that selective reading is risky.

3. The shared practice

After a connected chapter, close the note and reproduce the chain.
History should leave a sequence you can rebuild.
Constitution should leave an institution-and-power relationship you can explain.



Learn the structure first. Attach precise facts to it.

Source boundary: official Mains syllabus; 2019 and 2025 Mains papers and BLOOM mapping.
Entry method is BLOOM teaching advice.

How do you enter Economy and Science?

These two subjects share Mains Paper II. Both become manageable when changing facts are attached to a stable explanation.

1. Economy: separate the concept from the current number

Begin below the syllabus if necessary. Understand income, money, markets, inflation, government revenue and spending before advanced headings.

permanent concept

- inflation
- interest rates
- budgets
- taxes
- growth

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Andhra Pradesh example

A State budget shows how government revenue is raised and how it is spent on sectors such as welfare, infrastructure and services.

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official figure with source and date

Example template:

Official AP figure: _____

Source: _____

Release date: _____

Inflation, interest rates, budgets, taxes and growth are connected. A dated number should sit beside the concept it measures, not replace the concept.

This matters because **31 of 75** Economy questions in the 2025 paper required a dated budget figure, survey number, scheme condition or report rank.

2. Science, Technology and Environment: begin with the mechanism or public problem

Ask: **What is happening?** → **How does it work?** → **What problem does it address?** → **Which institution or policy responds?**

Give environment an early strong pass because the 2025 paper concentrated there. Continue space, defence, nuclear technology, information technology and cyber security because the official syllabus still includes them.

Environment	Space	Defence	Nuclear technology	Information technology	Cyber security
					
climate change, biodiversity, pollution, conservation	satellites, launch vehicles, applications	indigenous systems, modernisation, strategic technologies	nuclear power, fuel cycle, safety and regulation	digital systems, AI, data governance	threats, protection measures, policy framework

One paper can support a starting order. It cannot remove a notified topic.

Build the explanation; then attach the current fact.

mechanism or public problem → explanation → current fact (with source and date)

Example structure:

What is happening? _____

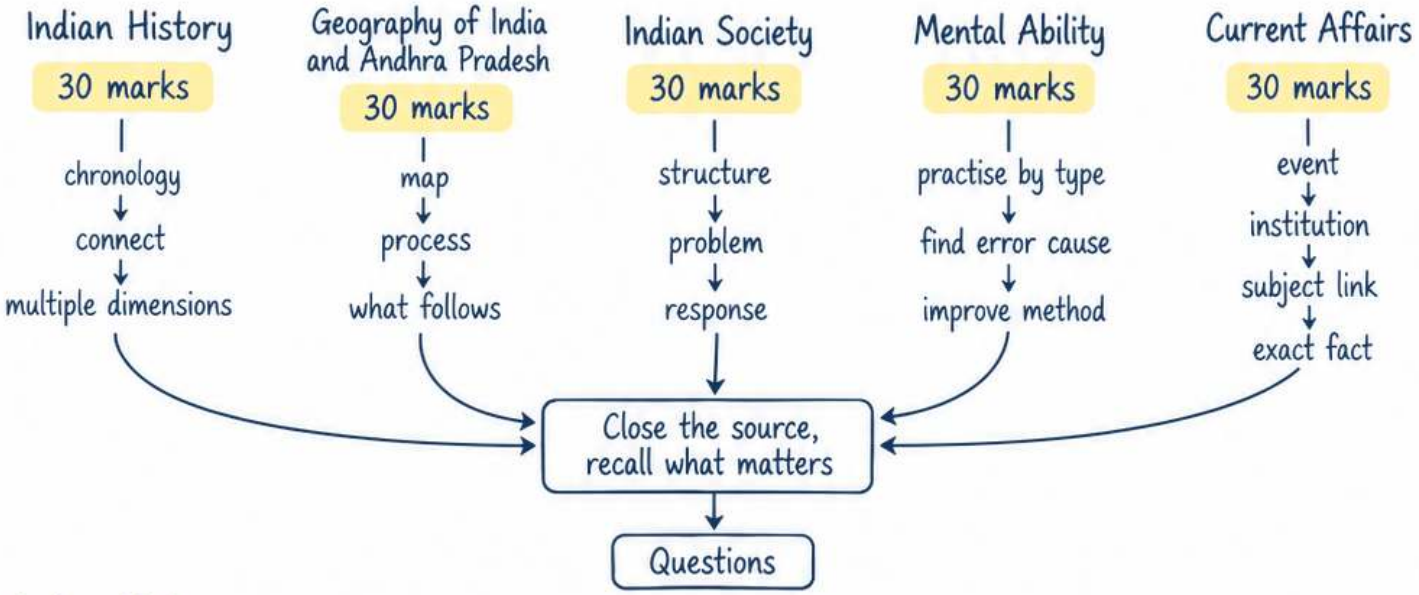
How does it work? _____

What problem does it address? _____

Which institution or policy responds? _____

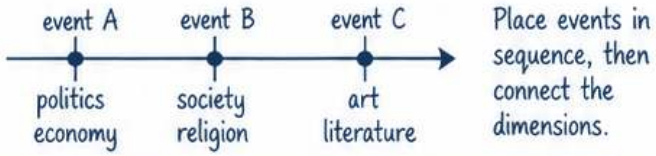
Five Screening subjects need five kinds of work

The five components carry equal official marks under the 2023 syllabus. They do not ask you to learn in the same way.



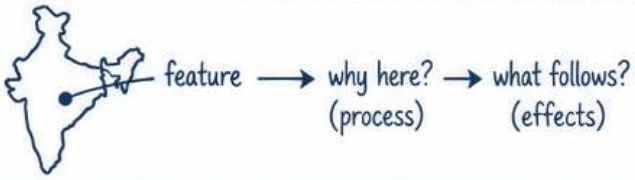
1. Indian History

Build chronology, then connect political change with economy, society, religion, art and literature. Follow the national Screening syllabus rather than treating it as AP History.



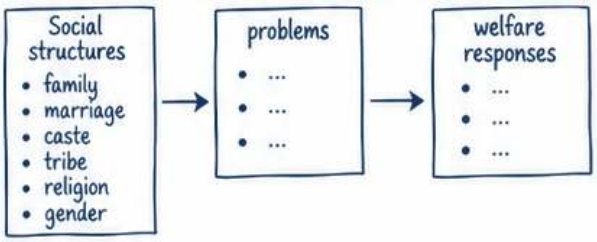
2. Geography of India and Andhra Pradesh

Locate the feature on a map, explain why it occurs there, then trace what follows from it. Location without process is incomplete.



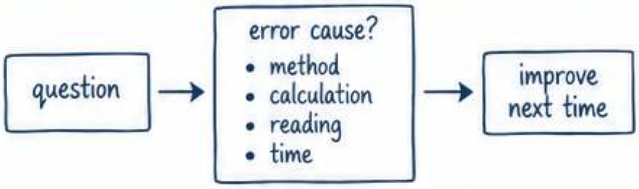
3. Indian Society

Begin with family, marriage, caste, tribe, religion and gender as social structures. Then connect problems and welfare responses. Older Group 2 books may omit this subject because it was absent in 2019.



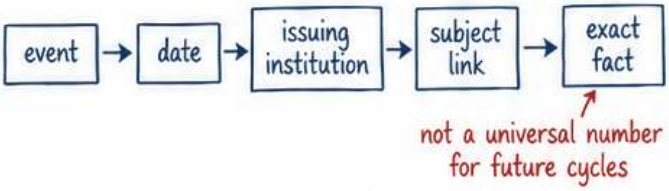
4. Mental Ability

Practise by type: arithmetic, data analysis, series, coding, relationships, shapes and reasoning statements. Record whether an error came from the method, calculation, reading or time.



5. Current Affairs

Record the event, date, issuing institution, subject link and the exact changeable fact. One 2024 paper cannot fix a universal number of months for future cycles.



The common step comes after learning: close the source, retrieve what matters and attempt questions.

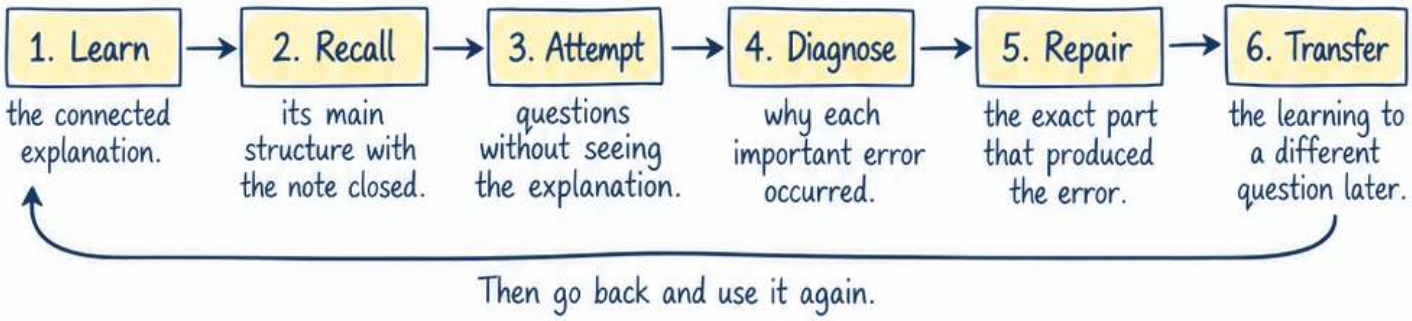
Keep the 30-mark equality. Change the learning method.

Source boundary: official 2023 Screening syllabus; 2019 and 2024 papers.
Subject-entry methods are BLOOM teaching advice.

When is a chapter actually complete?

Reaching the last page is only the first pass. A completed chapter should leave evidence that you can use without the note.

1. Use the chapter in six steps



Record confidence before checking the answer key:

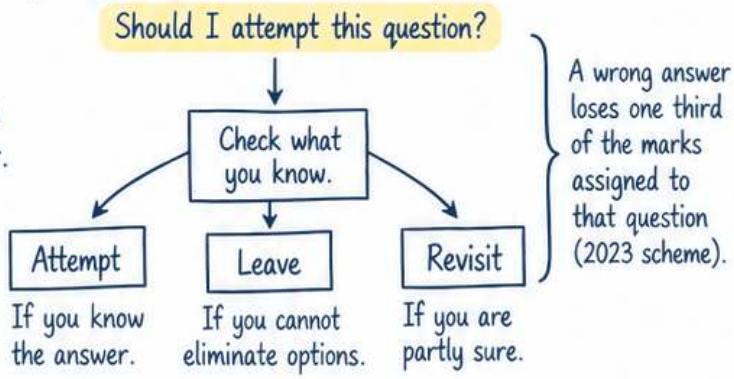
knew and correct	uncertain and correct	confident and wrong	uncertain and wrong
You knew the answer and it is correct.	You were not sure, but it is correct.	You were sure, but it is wrong.	You were not sure and it is wrong.

A correct guess and a correct answer produced from knowledge are different results. Confidence helps reveal the difference.

2. Negative marking gives this work a purpose

Under the 2023 scheme, a wrong Screening or Mains answer loses one third of the marks assigned to that question. Practice therefore includes the decision to attempt, leave or revisit — not only the final answer.

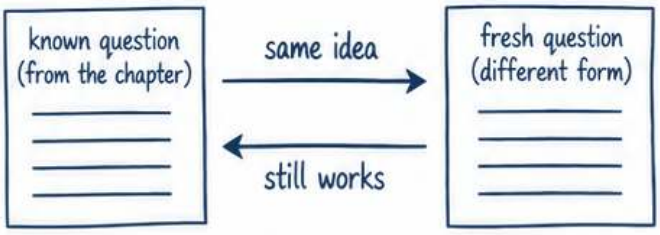
Use previous papers after learning a topic and again during revision. They show APPSC's language and tested depth. Repeated past topics do not become promises about the next paper.



3. A chapter is ready when it can survive retrieval and a fresh question.

A genuine completion shows up in two places:

- You can recall the main structure without the note.
- You can apply the idea in a new question.



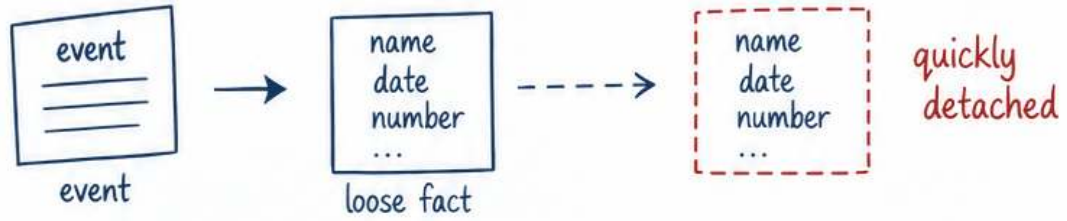
Source boundary: negative-marking rule from Notification 11/2023. Completion and confidence method is BLOOM teaching practice.

Where does Current Affairs fit?

There is no single useful starting day for every learner. The right entry depends on what happens when you read an event.

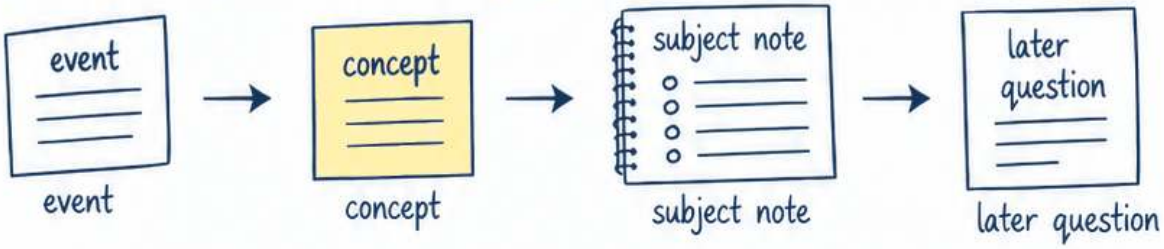
1. If the subject foundation is still new

Establish a couple of subjects first. Without basic Polity, Economy or Science, a current event can remain a loose name, date and number.



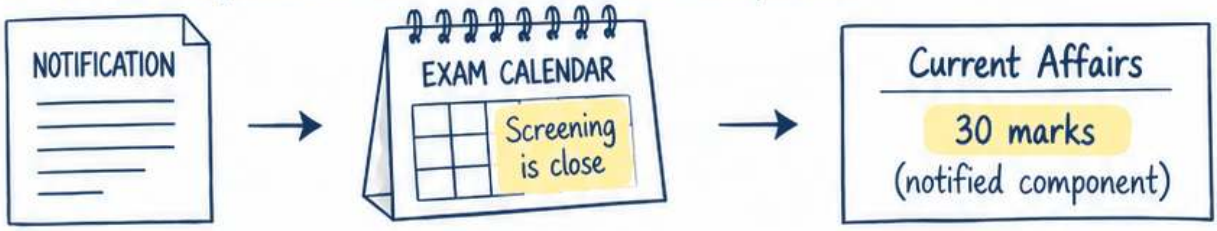
2. If the foundation already exists

Begin structured Current Affairs earlier. Attach the event to the institution, concept, subject chapter and exact changing fact.



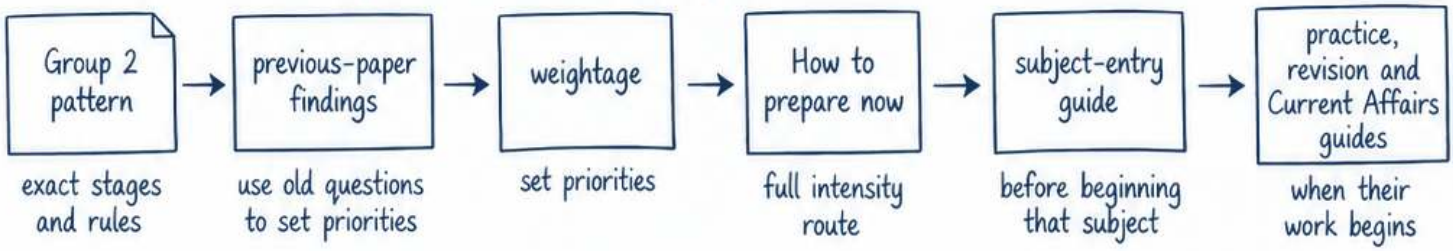
3. If the notification arrives and Screening is close

Give Current Affairs its regular Screening place even if the foundation is incomplete. Under the 2023 syllabus, it is a notified 30-mark component.



4. Continue through the series

Read Group 2 pattern for exact stages and rules. Then read previous-paper findings and weightage before using old questions to set priorities. Use How to prepare now for the full intensity route. Open a subject-entry guide before beginning that subject, and use the separate practice, revision and Current Affairs guides when their work begins.



This overview gives you the map. Begin with the next decision that is still unclear.