



Law Optional Test Series Syllabus  
**FOR UPSC 2023**

**Total 10 Full length test, 5 from paper - I and 5 from paper - II**

Strategy Session - 12th August 2022 [offline/Online] - Open for All

No	Test Date	Syllabus
1	10th Feb 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Constitution and Constitutionalism: The distinctive features of the Constitution.</li><li>2. Fundamental Rights—Public interest litigation; Legal Aid; Legal services authority.</li><li>3. Relationship between Fundamental rights, Directive principles and Fundamental duties.</li><li>4. Constitutional Position of the President and relation with the Council of Ministers.</li><li>5. Governor and his powers.</li><li>6. Supreme Court and the High Courts: (a) Appointments and transfer. (b) Powers, functions and jurisdiction.</li><li>7. Centre, States and Local Bodies; (a) Distribution of legislative powers between the Union and the States. (b) Local Bodies. (c) Administrative relationship among Union, State and Local Bodies. (d) Eminent domain - State property-common property- community property.</li><li>8. Legislative powers, privileges and immunities.</li></ol>
2	24th Feb 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Services under the Union and the States: (a) Recruitment and conditions of services; Constitutional safeguards; Administrative tribunals. (b) Union Public Service Commission and State Public Service Commissions—Power and functions. (c) Election Commission—Power and functions.</li><li>2. Emergency provisions.</li><li>3. Amendment of the Constitution.</li><li>4. Principle of Natural Justice—Emerging trends and judicial approach.</li><li>5. Delegated legislation and its constitutionality.</li><li>6. Separation of powers and constitutional governance.</li><li>7. Judicial review of administrative action. 8. Ombudsman: Lokayukta, Lokpal etc.</li></ol>
3	10th March 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Nature and Definition of International Law.</li><li>2. Relationship between International Law and Municipal Law.</li><li>3. State Recognition and State Succession.</li><li>4. Law of the sea: Inland Waters, Territorial Sea, Contiguous Zone, Continental Shelf, Exclusive Economic Zone and High Seas.</li><li>5. Individuals: Nationality, statelessness; Human Rights and procedures available for their enforcement.</li><li>6. Territorial jurisdiction of States, Extradition and Asylum.</li><li>7. Treaties: Formation, application, termination and reservation.</li><li>8. United Nations: Its principal organs, powers and functions and reform</li></ol>
4	24th March 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Peaceful settlement of disputes—different modes.</li><li>2. Lawful recourse to force: aggressions, self-defence, intervention.</li><li>3. Fundamental principles of international humanitarian law— International</li></ol>



		<p>conventions and contemporary developments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Legality of the use of nuclear weapons; ban on testing of nuclear weapons; Nuclear non-proliferation treaty, CTST.</li><li>5. International Terrorism, State sponsored terrorism, Hijacking, International Criminal Court.</li><li>6. New International Economic Order and Monetary Law: WTO, TRIPS, GATT, IMF, World Bank.</li><li>7. Protection and Improvement of the Human Environment: International Efforts.</li></ol>
5	<b>7th April 2023</b>	<p><b>Law Of Crime</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. General principles of Criminal liability: mens rea and actus reus, mens rea in statutory offences.</li><li>2. Kinds of punishment and emerging trends as to abolition of capital punishment.</li><li>3. Preparations and criminal attempt.</li><li>4. General exceptions.</li><li>5. Joint and constructive liability.</li><li>6. Abetment.</li><li>7. Criminal conspiracy.</li><li>8. Offences against the State.</li><li>9. Offences against public tranquillity.</li><li>10. Offences against Human Body.</li><li>11. Offences against property</li><li>12. Offences against women.</li><li>13. Defamation.</li><li>14. Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.</li><li>15. Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and subsequent legislative developments.</li><li>16. Plea bargaining</li></ol>
6	<b>21st April 2023</b>	<p><b>Law of Torts</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Nature and definition.</li><li>2. Liability based upon fault and strict liability; Absolute liability.</li><li>3. Vicarious liability including State Liability.</li><li>4. General defences.</li><li>5. Joint tort fessors.</li><li>6. Remedies.</li><li>7. Negligence</li><li>8. Defamation.</li><li>9. Nuisance.</li><li>10. Conspiracy.</li><li>11. False imprisonment.</li><li>12. Malicious prosecution.</li><li>13. Consumer Protection Act, 1986</li></ol>
7	<b>5th May 2023</b>	<p><b>Law of Contracts and Mercantile Law</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Nature and formation of contract/E-contract.</li><li>2. Factors vitiating free consent.</li><li>3. Void, voidable, illegal and unenforceable agreements.</li><li>4. Performance and discharge of contracts.</li><li>5. Quasi-contracts.</li><li>6. Consequences of breach of contract.</li><li>7. Contract of indemnity, guarantee and insurance.</li></ol>



		<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>8. Contract of agency.</li><li>9. Sale of goods and hire purchase.</li><li>10. Formation and dissolution of partnership.</li><li>11. Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.</li><li>12. Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.</li><li>13. Standard form contracts.</li></ol>
8	<b>19th May 2023</b>	<b>Contemporary Legal Developments</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Public Interest Litigation.</li><li>2. Intellectual property rights—Concept, types/ prospects.</li><li>3. Information Technology Law including Cyber Laws—Concept, purpose/prospects.</li><li>4. Competition Law—Concept, purpose/prospects.</li><li>5. Alternate Dispute Resolution—Concept, types/ prospects.</li><li>6. Major statutes concerning environmental law.</li><li>7. Right to Information Act. 8. Trial by media</li></ol>
9	2nd June 2023	Full Syllabus of paper- I
10	16th June 2023	Full Syllabus of paper- I

**Start with prelims 2023 from Jan 2023 after completing law optional**

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