

IB ACIO 2015-16

Preparation Schedule

N.B: 1. Most important topics are given in bold letters

2. This is a six month plan. The rest of the time until examination may be utilized for revision.

3. Note the following Current Affairs points while reading newspaper/Current Affairs Books. Note down updates up to 3 months of the examination date, at least from 16-17 months prior to exam (i.e. if the exam is in November 2015, read Current Affairs from June 2014 to August 2015).

- Polity, Law and Constitution*
 - Plans, Programmes and Projects of the Government*
 - Scientific Progress and latest inventions*
 - Sports Achievements*
 - Economic Decisions and development details*
 - Details regarding environment and ecology.*
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| May 2015 | | | |
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| Dates | Subject | Topic | Comments |
| 6-8 (W-F) | Quantitative Aptitude (~10-16 Q expected) | Problems on ages, Average, Speed-Time and Distance , Area and volume | 5-6 hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For all QA topics, use this book: http://tinyurl.com/nmdkc6e (Aggarwal is also fine) For the entire QA and Reasoning, please use this list an indicator: http://tinyurl.com/mst4drj |
| 9-11 (Sa-M) | | Interest, Profit and Loss, Percentage, Time and Work . Read Basics of Probability and Permutation and Combination (only basic questions) | 4 hours |
| 12 (Tu) | Buffer | | |
| 13-14 (W-Th) | Reasoning (~10-16 Q expected) | Bar Graphs, Pie Charts , Learn to use Venn diagrams (for problems on set theory), other pictorial graphs. | 3-4 hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Reasoning, use Aggarwal's Verbal and Non-verbal reasoning |
| 15 (F) | | Completion of shape/symbol/number | 2-3 hours |

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| | | sequences. Basics of Arithmetic Progression (AP) | |
| 16-20 (Sa-W) | | Analysis based on the data given, other reasoning related chapters. E.g: Coding/Decoding, Blood relation. Read them all. | 11-12 hours |
| 21 (Th) | Buffer | | |
| 22-23 (F-Sa) | Revision of Q.A and Reasoning topics (6-7 hours) | | |
| 24 (Su) | Attempt Previous year questions on Q.A and Reasoning | | |
| <i>Subject Changes</i> | | | |
| 25-31 (M-Su) | History (18-20 Q From total history expected) | Ancient India History | 14-16 hours: • Read LucentGK |

| June 2015 | | | |
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| 1-2 (M-Tu) | History | Medieval India History | 3-4 hours: • Read LucentGK (do not spend much time here. It is vast but not worth it) |

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| 3-11 (W-Thu) | | Modern India History (post 1857) | <p>16-18 hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read NCERT 10: <i>India and Contemporary world</i> for sure) • Read LucentGK <p>(Let's not study World History now. It takes a lot of time and not much worth it. If you still want to, read 8th, 9th and 10th NCERT History – relevant topics on World History)</p> |
| 12-13 (F-Sa) | Buffer | | |
| 14-17 (Su-W) | Revision of History | | |
| 18-19 (Th-F) | Attempt Previous year questions on History | | |
| 20-21 (Sa-Sun) | Buffer | | |
| <i>Subject Changes</i> | | | |
| 22-27 (M-Sa) | Economics (8-10 Q expected) | Latest (2015-16) budget and economics survey | <p>12-14 hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will get short and important portions of these two documents on the web. Read it. Economic survey gives the picture of the previous year's performance and budget gives next year's plans |
| 28-30 (Su-Tu) | | Latest Economy news | <p>6-7 hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of Current Affairs. Though, read latest details from http://mrunal.org/category/economy |

| July 2015 | | | |
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| <i>Dates</i> | <i>Subject</i> | <i>Topic</i> | <i>Comments</i> |
| 1-4 (W-Sa) | Economics | Revise and attempt previous year questions | 10-12 hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read select topics from 8th - 10th NCERT text books if previous year papers have topics not covered above (it will have, but it takes much time to cover it extensively. Of the total 10 questions, expect 6 or 7 questions from the above two category (which we already covered from 22-30 June) |
| 5 (Su) | Buffer | | |
| 6-7 (M-Tu) | Revision of Economics | | |
| 8-9 (W-Th) | Q.A and Reasoning | Revision | 4-5 hours |
| <i>Subject Changes</i> | | | |
| 10-15 (F-W) | Polity (13-15 Q expected) | Read all portions related to this | 15-16 hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LucentGK. Read polity portions from cover to cover. Make notes, or you'll forget things. Re-read things which you already read. |

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| 16-18 (Th-Sat) | | Answer previous questions | 6-7 hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study those portions which are not already covered by LucentGK, from Laxmikant |
| 19 (Su) | Buffer | | |
| 20-21 (M-Tu) | Polity Revision | | |
| 22-23 (W-Th) | History | Revision | 4-5 hours |
| <i>Subject Changes</i> | | | |
| 24- 28 (F-Tu) | Geography (3-6 Q expected) | Read all portions related to Geography | 10-12 hours (time given is less as value for effort is not there much): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LucentGK |
| 29-31 (W-F) | | Answer previous questions | 6-7 hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read relevant portions from Std. 9-10 NCERT, which are not covered by LucentGK. There will be some portions which are not covered by LucentGK. |

| August 2015 | | | |
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| 1-2 (Sa-Su) | Buffer | | |
| 3-4 (M-Tu) | Geography Revision | | |
| 5-6 (W-Th) | Economy | Revision | 4-5 hours |
| 7 (F) | Buffer | | |
| <i>Subject Changes</i> | | | |
| 8-23 (Sa-Su) | Current Affairs (questions can be asked from any area of the syllabus) | Note all current affairs since June 2014 . This constitutes the core portion of the exam (distributed among various subjects of the syllabus) | 40-45 hours. Follow any two of these: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.mrunal.org • www.insightsonindia.com • www.gktoday.in • www.currentaffairs4examz.com |
| 24-25 (M-Tu) | Buffer | | |
| 26-30 (W-Su) | Person In News (8-10 Q expected) | Specialized portion of Current Affairs. Note all Persons in News | 12-14 hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read about all persons in news. Important position changes, appointments, awards, medals, winnings, inventions, deaths, etc. This is supposed to be a small revision of the Current Affairs, as well. |
| 31 (M) | Buffer | | |

| September 2015 | | | |
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| 1-2 | Polity | Revision | |
| <i>Subject Changes</i> | | | |
| 3-10(Th-Th) | Science (~ 15 Q expected) | | 16-18 hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LucentGK. This is very exhaustive, as you know. Focus on theoretical synopsis from 8-10 NCERT (Phy, Chem, Bio) if time permits. Normally, I skip Science portions, as effort to be taken is too much. I normally leave it to luck. However, go through LucentGK, at least. Concentrate on Physics and projects of ISRO/NASA and related space GK stuff |
| 11-13 (F-Su) | Buffer | | |
| 14-15 (M-Tu) | Geography | Revision | 4-5 hours |
| 16-17 (W-Th) | Current Affairs | Revision and Update | 4-5 hours |
| 18 (F) | Buffer | | |

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| 19-20 (Sa-Su) | History | Revision | 6-7 hours |
| 21-22 (M-Tu) | Economics | Revision | 4-5 hours |
| 23 (W) | Buffer | | |
| 24-25(Th-F) | Geography | Revision | 4-5 hours |
| 26-27 (Sa-Su) | Polity | Revision | 6-7 hours |
| 28-29 (M-Tu) | Buffer | | |
| 30 (W) | Science | Revision | 2-3 hours |

| October 2015 | | | |
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| Dates | Subject | Topic | Comments |
| 1-4 (Thu-Su) | QA and Reasoning | Revision | 11-12 hours |
| <i>Subject Changes</i> | | | |
| 5-18 (M-Su) | English (~10 Q expected) | Basic grammar, Synonym pairs, antonym pairs (this comes in verbal reasoning as well), idioms and | 28-30 hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use this book: http://tinyurl.com/ljlsu4j |

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| | | phrases, error correction, prepositions, Passage and Comprehension, Précis writing, letter writing, etc. | |
| 19-20 (M-Tu) | Buffer | | |
| 21-23 (W-F) | Update Current Affairs | | |
| <i>Rest of the time until exam</i> | <p>Revise each subject: QA & Reasoning, History, Geography, Polity, Economics, Science, Current Affairs, English.</p> <p>Make sure that you continue writing essay, and give more concentration on QA & Reasoning, and Current Affairs since June 2014. Update yourself with Current Affairs as time passes.</p> <p>Solve at least three previous year question papers in full. Make sure you manage time well</p> | | |

Important

- Buy all books mentioned in the “**Comments**” section above. It should be 3-4 books (For GK and Current Affairs, buy the latest edition of LucentGK). Do not resort to PDFs of these books. You will need to scribble down while reading. So buy hard copies. In case of NCERT books, you can download the PDFs for free from the NCERT website.
- For the “**Must Study**” topics in each subject, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/pg5uv9q> (Keep this in mind when you study each subject). For QA and Reasoning part’s minimum portion, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/mst4drj>
- Do take notes. Short and precise. Keep a book for that purpose.

- Every month, practice two essays each (on the first week and third week, remind me so that I shall send you one essay topic each. We'll evaluate how you write it, then).
- Do not resort to more PDFs, Videos, Text Books, Websites, etc. Stick to one or two. This is very important or else you might be fascinated by many resources which in turn will eat up all your time.

Best Wishes,

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