There is no better way to get into SSC-JE in an effortless manner than to get into the minds of the examiner/commission. And, the route to it is reverse engineering the previous years’ questions while understanding the psychological requirements of learning. What if in doing so you not only memorise but also acquire the ability to project upon the probabilities of the upcoming exam?

As you dive into the book ‘IES Master Previous Year Topic-wise Objective Detailed Solutions with Theory’, it lends you the pulse of the exam whereby helping you develop the feel of subjects. The previous years’ questions decoded in a Question-Answer format not only give you ample amount of relevant theory, but an extra theory along with reasoning for other given options.

So, what might appear to other students as disorder, randomness, and wide coverage, becomes order for you as you work through topic-wise solutions. While delving into the knowledge base, the numbers dance to your fingers, and the weights assigned to the subjects fit in like a jigsaw puzzle. From here on, you know what to read, where to read, and how to read.

This masterpiece from IES Master’s Research & Development team ensures that your level of preparedness matches exactly to that required in the actual SSC-JE exam. Thus far, and no further, the book leaves no stone unturned in its easy-to-understand language, optimized with fonts and layout that your eyes will surely relish.

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To get the most out of any book in the most effortless and effective manner, one needs to move ahead in a strategic manner rather than just wrestling with the content. How a book is read is the biggest determining factor in getting the most out of any book. Therefore, to help the readers of this book understand its value, we are going to present hereby a multi-step process that needs to be followed.

Before going into the details about the process, first of all let us understand the structure of this book’s content. The book includes questions from previous year SSC-JE question papers. The questions are arranged in a topic-wise manner, and each question has a detailed solution followed by a crux theory related to that particular question’s topic. A good amount of research has gone into preparing this crux theory as previous years’ question papers of SSC-JE, State PSCs, and other engineering exams have been comprehensively analysed in a topic-wise manner. The crux theory has been prepared in such a comprehensive manner that the probability of questions coming in the forthcoming SSC-JE, State PSCs or other engineering exams from that particular topic becomes very high.

Now let’s see how the worth of reading this book can be realised in an effective manner. To start with, one need to read in one go any particular topic-related question, its detailed solution, and the related crux theory. Memorise the crux theory of that topic before jumping on to the next topic question. As the questions in the book have been arranged in a topic-wise manner, memorising the theory along with detailed solution will facilitate covering any particular topic in the most efficient as well as effective manner.

Thus, by reading this book in such a selective and targeted manner, one will cover the entire exam syllabus well before time leaving no stone unturned.

Our main objective behind bringing out this book is that you as a reader benefit the most from reading it. Hope by implementing the above-discussed strategy, you achieve success in fulfilling your dream of clearing SSC-JE, State PSCs or other engineering exams.

All the best!!!
General Intelligence & Reasoning

The Syllabus for General Intelligence would include questions of both verbal and non-verbal type. The test may include questions on analogies, similarities, differences, space visualization, problem solving, analysis, judgement, decision making, visual memory, discrimination, observation, relationship concepts, arithmetical reasoning, verbal and figure classification, arithmetical number series etc. The test will also include questions designed to test the candidate’s abilities to deal with abstract ideas and symbols and their relationships, arithmetical computations and other analytical functions.

General Awareness

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General Engineering

Civil and Structural


Structural Engineering : Theory of structures: Elasticity constants, types of beams – determinate and indeterminate, bending moment and shear force diagrams of simply supported, cantilever and over hanging beams. Moment of area and moment of inertia for rectangular & circular sections, bending moment and shear stress for tee, channel and compound sections, chimneys, dams and retaining walls, eccentric loads, slope deflection of simply supported and cantilever beams, critical load and columns, Torsion of circular section.

RCC Design : RCC beams-flexural strength, shear strength, bond strength, design of singly reinforced and double reinforced beams, cantilever beams. T-beams, lintels. One way and two way slabs, isolated footings. Reinforced brick works, columns, staircases, retaining wall, water tanks (RCC design questions may be based on both Limit State and Working Stress methods).
Steel Design: Steel design and construction of steel columns, beams, roof trusses, plate girders.

Building Materials: Physical and Chemical properties, classification, standard tests, uses and manufacture of quarrying of materials, e.g., building stones, silicate-based materials, cement (Portland), asbestos products, timber and wood-based products, laminates, bituminous materials, paints, varnishes.

Concrete Technology: Properties, Advantages and uses of concrete, cement aggregates, importance of water quality, water cement ratio, workability, mix design, storage, batching, mixing, placement, compaction, finishing and curing of concrete, quality control of concrete, hot weather and cold weather concreting, repair and maintenance of concrete structures.

Estimating, Costing and Valuation: Estimate, glossary of technical terms, analysis of rates, methods and unit of measurement, items of work—earthwork, Brick work (Modular & Traditional bricks), RCC work, Shuttering, Timber work, Painting, Flooring, Plastering, Boundary wall, Brick building, Water Tank, Septic Tank, Bar bending schedule, Centre line method, Mid-section formula, Trapezoidal formula, Simpson’s rule. Cost estimate of Septic tank, flexible pavements, Tube well, isolates and combined footings, Steel Truss, Piles and pilecaps. Valuation—Value and cost, scrap value, salvage value, assessed value, sinking fund, depreciation and obsolescence, methods of valuation.


Soil Mechanics: Origin of soil, phase diagram, Definitions-void ratio, porosity, degree of saturation, water content, specific gravity of soil grains, unit weights, density index and interrelationship of different parameters. Grain size distribution curves and their uses. Index properties of soils, Atterberg’s limits, ISI soil classification and plasticity chart. Permeability of soil, coefficient of permeability, determination of coefficient of permeability, Unconfined and confined aquifers, effective stress, quick sand, consolidation of soils, Principles of consolidation, degree of consolidation, pre-consolidation pressure, normally consolidated soil, e-log p curve, computation of ultimate settlement. Shear strength of soils, direct shear test, Vane shear test, Triaxial test. Soil compaction, Laboratory compaction test, Maximum dry density and optimum moisture content, earth pressure theories, active and passive earth pressures, Bearing capacity of soils, plate load test, standard penetration test.

Hydraulics: Fluid properties, hydrostatics, measurements of flow, Bernoulli’s theorem and its application, flow through pipes, flow in open channels, weirs, flumes, spillways, pumps and turbines.

**Transportation Engineering**: Highway Engineering – cross sectional elements, geometric design, types of pavements, pavement materials – aggregates and bitumen, different tests, Design of flexible and rigid pavements – Water Bound Macadam (WBM) and Wet Mix Macadam (WMM), Gravel Road, Bituminous construction, Rigid pavement joint, pavement maintenance, Highway drainage.

**Railway Engineering**: Components of permanent way – sleepers, ballast, fixtures and fastening, track geometry, points and crossings, track junction, stations and yards. Traffic Engineering – Different traffic survey, speed-flow-density and their inter-relationships, intersections and interchanges, traffic signals, traffic operation, traffic signs and markings, road safety.

**Surveying**: Principles of surveying, measurement of distance, chain surveying, working of prismatic compass, compass traversing, bearings, local attraction, plane table surveying, theodolite traversing, adjustment of theodolite, Levelling. Definition of terms used in levelling, contouring, curvature and refraction corrections, temporary and permanent adjustments of dumpy level, methods of contouring, uses of contour map, tachometric survey, curve setting, earth work calculation, advanced surveying equipment.

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