ENGLISH LITERATURE

OPTIONAL

(2027- 2028)

SEPTEMBER BATCH

Live CLASSES & TEST SERIES

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Why Optional Matter in UPSC CSE

Choosing the right optional subject in UPSC CSE Mains can significantly influence your chances of success. It's a highly strategic decision and should be based on multiple factors such as your background, interest, aptitude, availability of resources, and overlap with GS papers. Below is a detailed evaluation of each of the subjects you mentioned — both English and Hindi medium options — to help you make an informed choice:

Optional Subject

The Hidden Power in UPSC Mains

500 Marks at Stake

Optional contributes **500 out of 1750** marks in the Mains exam. A high score here can **transform your final rank.**

The Real Differentiator

While GS papers level the field, the **optional creates the gap.** Many toppers owe their ranks to an outstanding optional score.

Scoring with Strategy

Optional subjects, with a **well-defined syllabus** and **less competition,** offer a chance to score **much higher than GS papers** — if approached smartly.

Subject Familiarity Pays Off

Choosing an optional aligned with your **interest or academic background** makes preparation smoother and answers stronger.

Overlap = Smart Preparation

Subjects like PSIR, Sociology, and Anthropology offer content that overlaps with **GS, Essay, and Interview,** giving you **multiple benefits from single preparation.**

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Exploring the Merits of English Literature

INTEGRATION OF STATIC KNOWLEDGE WITH CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

This subject challenges and develops your ability to connect foundational concepts with real-world problems, fostering analytical and critical thinking skills.

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OVERLAP WITH GENERAL STUDIES (GS)

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It has significant overlap with GS subjects, reducing preparation time and enhancing your performance in both the optional and GS papers.

HIGH SCORING AND ENGAGING

Known for being highly rewarding, the subject is enriched with real-life examples, making it both interesting and practical.

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ABUNDANCE OF STUDY MATERIAL

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Resources range from basic NCERTs to advanced reference books, ensuring comprehensive coverage of the syllabus.

CONSISTENT HIGH SELECTION RATES

Year after year, this optional has one of the highest selection rates, making it a reliable choice for aspirants.

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DYNAMIC AND MULTIDIMENSIONAL APPROACH

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The subject encourages a broader perspective and helps in understanding diverse societal issues, aligning well with the UPSC ethos.

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IMPROVES ESSAY WRITING

The optional contributes significantly to essay preparation, as many topics overlap with essay themes.

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EASY TO GRASP CONCEPTS

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Concepts are straightforward and logical, making them accessible even for aspirants from non-academic backgrounds.

MENTORSHIP & GUIDANCE

Regular student-faculty interactions provide continuous support, helping candidates prepare effectively for the UPSC Personality Test.

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ANALYTICAL ADVANTAGE

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The subject's analytical nature sharpens thinking, enabling aspirants to confidently address opinion-based questions during the interview.

StudyIQ Offerings

LIVE Classes

The essence of this Program is the Live classes. StudyIQ through our expert faculties will be conducting Live classes every week from Monday to Saturday.

LIVE Doubts Clearing Sessions

LIVE Doubts Clearing Sessions where students can directly ask questions and clarify their doubts with instructors or subject experts. These sessions are a vital part of our Program .

Recorded Classes

Recorded Class after every Live class will be Provided . Learn at your own pace – ideal for working professionals or students with busy schedules .

Hand Written Notes

Before every class, you will be provided with class notes in the form of CRUX. After the classes, we will be providing the lecture / board PPTs and handwritten notes of that class.

Previous Year Questions

Actual questions that appeared in the Optional Exam in previous years will be Provided This will help in Identifying weak Areas.

Current Affairs Classes

Understanding current affairs adds context to your knowledge. All Current Events related to Optionals will be added in the course .

Mains Answer Writting

Mains answer writing will be conducted throughout the program with evaluation.

One to One Mentorship

During your entire journey, our mentors will track your progress and guide you through your academic journey. Your Mentor will act like a friend, philosopher and guide so that you can have a personalized help during the preparation journey.

Mains Test Series

A weekly Mains answer writing will be conducted throughout the program.

Weekly Doubt Clearing Sessions

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Optional Package Comparison

Features	Standard	Elite
400+ hours of live lectures spread over 6 months	✓	✓
Live Doubt Clearing Sessions with Faculty	✓	✓
Recorded Lectures & Hand written Notes or Crux	✓	✓
Comprehensive Coverage of Every Topic with PYQ Discussion	✓	✓
Current affairs to keep the aspirants updated	✓	✓
Regular answer writing sessions with evaluation	✗	✓
One to one Mentorship 24*7	✗	✓
Mains Test Series (Sectional & Full Length Test)	✗	✓
Optional Gyan Bhandar	✗	✓
Weekly Doubt Clearing Sessions with Faculty	✗	✓
Validity	18 Months	30 Months

Time Table

Date	Topic/Author	Topic
22 September	Orientation	
22 September	W. H . Auden	
06 October	Shakespeare	King Lear (Themes, characters, and significant quotes)
16 October	Shakespeare	The Tempest (Plot, themes, and critical perspectives)
24 October	John Milton	Paradise Lost (Books I and II)
31 October	John Milton	Paradise Lost (Books IV and IX)
5 November	Alexander Pope	The Rape of the Lock
14 November	William Wordsworth (Selected Poems)	Tintern Abbey, Ode on Intimations of Immortality, The World is Too Much With Us, Upon Westminster Bridge, Three Years She Grew, She Dwelt Among Untrodden Ways, London, 1802, Resolution and Independence, Michael
24 November	Alfred Tennyson	In Memoriam
4 December	Henrik Ibsen	A Doll's House
12 December	Jonathan Swift	Gulliver's Travels
24 December	Jane Austen, Henry Fielding, Charles Dickens	Pride and Prejudice, Tom Jones, Hard Times
30 December	Overview and Introduction	Syllabus and exam pattern; Introduction to English Literature from 1600-1900; Historical context: The Renaissance
8 January 2027	Thomas Hardy, George Eliot, Mark Twain	Tess of the d'Urbervilles, The Mill on the Floss, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn; Revision of all texts covered

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14 January 2027	W.B. Yeats (Selected Poems)	The Second Coming, Easter 1916, A Prayer for My Daughter, Sailing to Byzantium, The Tower, Among School Children, Leda and the Swan, Meru, Lapis Lazuli, Byzantiumt
18 January 2027	T.S. Eliot (Selected Poems)	The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock, Journey of the Magi, Burnt Norton
24 January 2027	W.H. Auden (Selected Poems)	Partition, September 1, 1939, Musée des Beaux Arts, The Shield of Achilles, In Memory of W.B. Yeats, Lay Your Sleeping Head, My Love, The Unknown Citizen, Consider, Mundus et Infans, Petition
30 January 2027	Samuel Beckett	Waiting for Godot
5 February 2027	Philip Larkin (Selected Poems)	Next, Please, Deceptions, Afternoons, Days, Mr. Bleaney
10 February 2027	A.K. Ramanujan (Selected Poems)	Looking for a Cousin on a Swing, A River, Of Mothers, Among Other Things, Love Poem for a Wife 1, Small-Scale Reflections on a Great House, Obituary
15 February 2027	Joseph Conrad	Lord Jim
20 February 2027	James Joyce	A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man
25 February 2027	Virginia Woolf	Mrs. Dalloway
2 March 2027	Raja Rao	Kanthapura
10 March 2027	V.S. Naipaul	A House for Mr. Biswas
20 March 2027	Literary Movements and Theories	Modernism: Characteristics, themes, and key writers; Poets of the Thirties: Context and major contributors; Stream of Consciousness Novel: Narrative techniques and examples
25 March 2027	Literary Movements and Theories	Absurd Drama: Philosophical background and major texts

Our Faculty

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- **Experienced educator and researcher** with specialization in **English Literature** and **Gender Studies.**
- Proven expertise in **program management, curriculum development,** and **research mentorship.**
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- Dedicated to **fostering academic excellence** and expanding research opportunities for aspirants.

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