



ENGLISH LITERATURE

OPTIONAL

(2026- 2027)

— OCTOBER 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.



OVERLAP WITH GENERAL STUDIES (GS)



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.



ABUNDANCE OF STUDY MATERIAL



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.



DYNAMIC AND MULTIDIMENSIONAL APPROACH



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

IMPROVES ESSAY WRITING

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



EASY TO GRASP CONCEPTS



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.



ANALYTICAL ADVANTAGE



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



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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	Gold	Platinum
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
13 October		Orientation
13th Oct to 20th Oct	Virginia Woolf	Mrs. Dalloway
21st Oct - 28th Oct	Raja Rao	Kanthapura
29th Oct - 5th Nov	V.S. Naipaul	A House for Mr. Biswas
6th Nov to 7th Nov	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
8th Nov to 12th Nov	Literary Movements and Theories	Absurd Drama: Philosophical background and major texts
13th Nov to 19th Nov	Literary Movements and Theories	Colonialism and Post-Colonialism: Themes and critical perspectives; Indian Writing in English: Representative texts and cultural significance; Marxist, Psychoanalytical, and Feminist Approaches to Literature; Postmodernism: Characteristics and examples
20th Nov to 26th Nov	Overview and Introduction	Syllabus and exam pattern; Introduction to English Literature from 1600-1900; Historical context: The Renaissance
27th Nov to 3rd Dec	Shakespeare	King Lear (Themes, characters, and significant quotes)
	Shakespeare	The Tempest (Plot, themes, and critical perspectives)
11th Dec to 17th Dec	John Donne	Metaphysical Poetry: The Canonization, Death Be Not Proud, The Good Morrow, On His Mistress Going to Bed, The Relic
18th Dec to 26th Dec	John Milton	Paradise Lost (Books I and II)
29th Dec to 5th Jan	John Donne	Paradise Lost (Books IV and IX)
6th Jan to 12th Jan	Alexander Pope	The Rape of the Lock

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13th Jan to 19th Jan	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
20th Jan to 26th Jan	Alfred Tennyson	In Memoriam
27th Jan to 2nd Feb	Henrik Ibsen	A Doll's House
3rd Feb to 9th Feb	Jonathan Swift	Gulliver's Travels
10th - 17th Feb 2026	Jane Austen, Henry Fielding, Charles Dickens	Pride and Prejudice, Tom Jones, Hard Times
17th - 28th Feb 2026	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
1st - 9th Mar 2026	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
10th - 15th Mar 2026	T.S. Eliot (Selected Poems)	The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock, Journey of the Magi, Burnt Norton
16th - 22nd Mar 2026	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
23rd - 30th Mar 2026	Samuel Beckett	Waiting for Godot
1st - 8th Apr 2026	Philip Larkin (Selected Poems)	Next, Please, Deceptions, Afternoons, Days, Mr. Bleaney
8th - 15th April 2026	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
15th - 24th April 2026	Joseph Conrad	Lord Jim

Our Faculty



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English Literature | UPSC Mentor

- ▶ **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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