



ENGLISH LITERATURE

OPTIONAL

**SMART
COURSE**

▶ REC Recorded Classes



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.

Recorded Lectures

Topic no	Topic
1.	John Milton
2.	Alexander Pope
3.	William Wordsworth (Selected Poems)
4.	Alfred Tennyson
5.	Henrik Ibsen
6.	Jonathan Swift
7.	Jane Austen, Henry Fielding, Charles Dickens
8.	Thomas Hardy, George Eliot, Mark Twain
9.	W.B. Yeats (Selected Poems)
10.	T.S. Eliot (Selected Poems)
11.	W.H. Auden (Selected Poems)
12.	Samuel Beckett
13.	Philip Larkin (Selected Poems)
14.	A.K. Ramanujan (Selected Poems)
15.	Joseph Conrad
16.	James Joyce
17.	Virginia Woolf
18.	Raja Rao
19.	V.S. Naipaul
20.	Literary Movements and Theories
21.	Overview and Introduction
22.	Shakespeare
23.	John Milton

Our Faculty



Dr. Anamta Rizvi

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**.
- ▶ Demonstrated leadership in **academic and cultural event organization**.
- ▶ Known for **strong communication** and **mentoring skills** that support student growth.
- ▶ Dedicated to **fostering academic excellence** and expanding research opportunities for aspirants.

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Our Prices

Price: ~~₹25,999~~

₹11,999

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