

HISTORY

OPTIONAL 2026



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Offline Batch Starting From

CHOOSE THE RIGHT OPTIONAL CHOOSE YOUR EDGE

Your UPSC optional isn't just another subject — it's your rank decider, your game-changer.

What **Really** Matters?



Interest & Curiosity

Learn what you love and learning won't feel like a burden..



GS & Essay Overlap

One subject, multiple benefits. Max efficiency.



Scoring Potential

Structured content, visual tools (maps, diagrams) = more marks.



Reliable Resources & Mentorship

Right notes + the right mentor = faster, focused preparation.



Syllabus

Manageable, well-structured, and revision-friendly.



Your Background & Aptitude

Plays a role — but not the only one.

What **Doesn't** Matter?



Topper's Pick

What toppers took last year.



Peer's Choice

What your friends are choosing.



Insta-Trends

What is "in trend" on social media.

Your Optional is Your Weapon. Sharpen it well.

Think ahead | Choose smart | Prepare sharp

This one decision could define your journey to the final list.

KNOW THE SUBJECT

History is more than memorizing dates — it's about understanding patterns, causes, consequences, and connections across time. It's a comprehensive optional that rewards conceptual clarity and analytical presentation.

What You'll Study

PAPER-I Ancient & Medieval India (250 Marks)

- Sources and historiography: literary, archaeological, and foreign accounts
- Indus Valley Civilization, Vedic Age, Mahajanapadas, Mauryas, Guptas
- South Indian kingdoms: Cholas, Pallavas, Vijayanagar Empire
- Medieval India: Delhi Sultanate, Mughals, regional kingdoms
- Society, economy, culture, and religion through the ages
- Art, architecture, and philosophical development

PAPER-II Modern India & World History (250 Marks)

- British expansion and economic policies in India
- Uprisings and Revolt of 1857
- Social reform movements, Indian Renaissance
- Freedom struggle: moderates, extremists, Gandhian era
- Partition and independence
- World history: French, Russian, American Revolutions
- World Wars, Cold War, decolonization, and global realignments

Preparation Strategy



Start with NCERTs

Build a clear foundation from Class VI–XII and standard books.



Timelines & Chronology Matter

Prepare detailed timelines and link events with cause-effect analysis.



Use Themes, Not Just Facts

Focus on underlying socio-political-economic themes.



Map-Based Questions

Prepare historical maps for both India and world topics.



Paper I = Static + Sources

Master archaeological and literary sources along with themes.



Paper II = Analytical

Present topics with argument-based answers.



Incorporate Historians' Views

Quote prominent historians (e.g., R.C. Majumdar, Bipin Chandra).



Why Choose History as Your Optional?

History remains a time-tested, powerful choice for UPSC aspirants. Its analytical nature, GS overlap, and narrative richness make it a strategic optional. Here's why:



Comprehensive & Organized Syllabus

- Chronologically structured syllabus — easy to navigate and plan.
- Clearly defined themes from ancient to modern periods ensure clarity in preparation.



High Scoring with Structured Answers

- Analytical presentation, timelines, and multi-dimensional perspectives boost marks.
- Many candidates consistently score 270+ with disciplined answer writing.



Extensive GS & Essay Overlap

- Strong correlation with GS Paper I (History, Art & Culture), GS Paper II (Modern India), and Essay.
- Saves time by reinforcing key historical perspectives useful in the Mains exam.



No Academic Background Barrier

- Accessible for aspirants from Humanities, Science, or Engineering backgrounds.
- Emphasis on logic, reasoning, and interpretation rather than rote learning.



Conceptual, Analytical & Engaging

- Themes like revolutions, empires, social movements, and nationalism are intellectually enriching.
- Enhances critical thinking and historical insight — useful across the exam.



Preferred by Toppers Year After Year

- Repeatedly chosen by rank holders for its clarity, reliability, and performance.
- A well-documented success trail in Top 100 rankings across multiple years.

Why Choose Our Offline Classroom for Optional?

Not just reading — it's about collaborative, structured, and effective learning that delivers results



Interactive Discussions

Live classroom debates & concept-building with expert guidance.



Instant Doubt Clearing

Ask, discuss, and resolve doubts in real time — no delays.



Answer Writing Practice

Develop exam-oriented writing skills with peer reviews and faculty input.



Collaborative Learning

Grow through peer interactions and shared insights.



Structured Environment

Stay consistent with disciplined schedules and regular follow-ups.



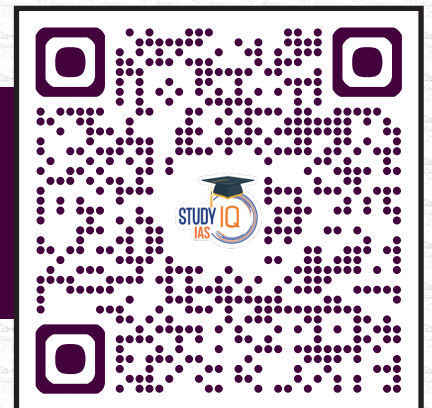
Limited Batch Size

Focused attention and better student-mentor engagement.



WHY, WHAT & HOW TO PREPARE
HISTORY OPTIONAL?

Hear it from **Rashid Sir!**



How Our Program Helps You Crack It!



Expert Mentorship

- Personalized guidance from top mentors.
- Strategic planning for effective preparation.



High-Quality Study Material

- Concise, diagram-based notes for easy understanding.
- Complete syllabus coverage with topic-specific handouts.



Smart Study Plan

- Structured roadmap with timely revisions and mock tests.
- Focused, efficient preparation.



Test Series & Feedback

- Regular tests with detailed evaluations.
- Personalized feedback to improve presentation.



Peer-Based Learning

- Group activities and discussions
- Learn from diverse perspectives



Proven Success

- Strong track record of students cracking UPSC with History.
- Access to toppers' strategies.

Your Success Is Our Mission.

With our expert resources, strategic approach, and dedicated support, History becomes not just a subject, but your UPSC edge.

History Test Series

Features



UPSC-Aligned Questions

- Questions are framed in line with the UPSC pattern
- Emphasis on conceptual depth, analytical style, and socio-logical language



Comprehensive Coverage – 12 Tests

- 8 Sectional Tests:
 - 4 from Paper I
 - 4 from Paper II
- 4 Full-Length Tests simulating the actual Mains pattern
- Medium of test: English



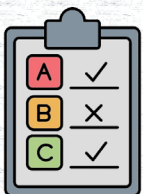
Quick & Constructive Evaluation

- Answer sheets will be evaluated within 4–5 days of submission
- Focused feedback for improvement



Paper-Wise Discussions & Synopses

- Detailed discussions after each test for better understanding
- Concise synopses shared post-submission for reinforced learning



Strategic Focus on PYQs & High-Yield Topics

- Special attention to Previous Year Questions
- In-depth coverage of high-probability themes and exam favourites

Know Your Educator



RASHID YASIN SIR

Rashid Yasin graduated in B.A. (Hons.) in History from the Centre for Advanced Studies, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), where he was a university topper and recipient of the prestigious Nurul Hasan Memorial Gold Medal. He completed his post-graduation from the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi.

With over a decade of dedicated teaching experience, he has mentored thousands of Civil Services aspirants and is widely respected for his clarity, analytical approach, and engaging style. Known for making History Optional both scoring and interesting, his strategic guidance and crisp notes have helped many secure top ranks.

Our Other Optionals



MANGAL SINGH SIR

ANTHROPOLOGY



SHASHANK TYAGI SIR

POLITICAL SCIENCE &
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



DIVAKAR BOTHRA SIR

SOCIOLOGY



Our Offline Classroom Centres



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