

UPSC IAS (Mains)

HISTORY

Optional

Batch - 1 2024

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20th Feb'23



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It is said that Optional determines the destiny of UPSC journey. It is the most important weapon to conquer this exam. To get into the final list, one must ace the optionals.

StudyIQ is here with its History optional Course. Let's start with understanding the merits of History optional.

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It tests the capability of integrating static knowledge with contemporary issues.

Changing of nature of exam - Prelims + Mains are seeing increasing weightage of history

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Convergence with mains related topics. Ex: Historical background is common theme for introducing answers in GS 1 and GS2

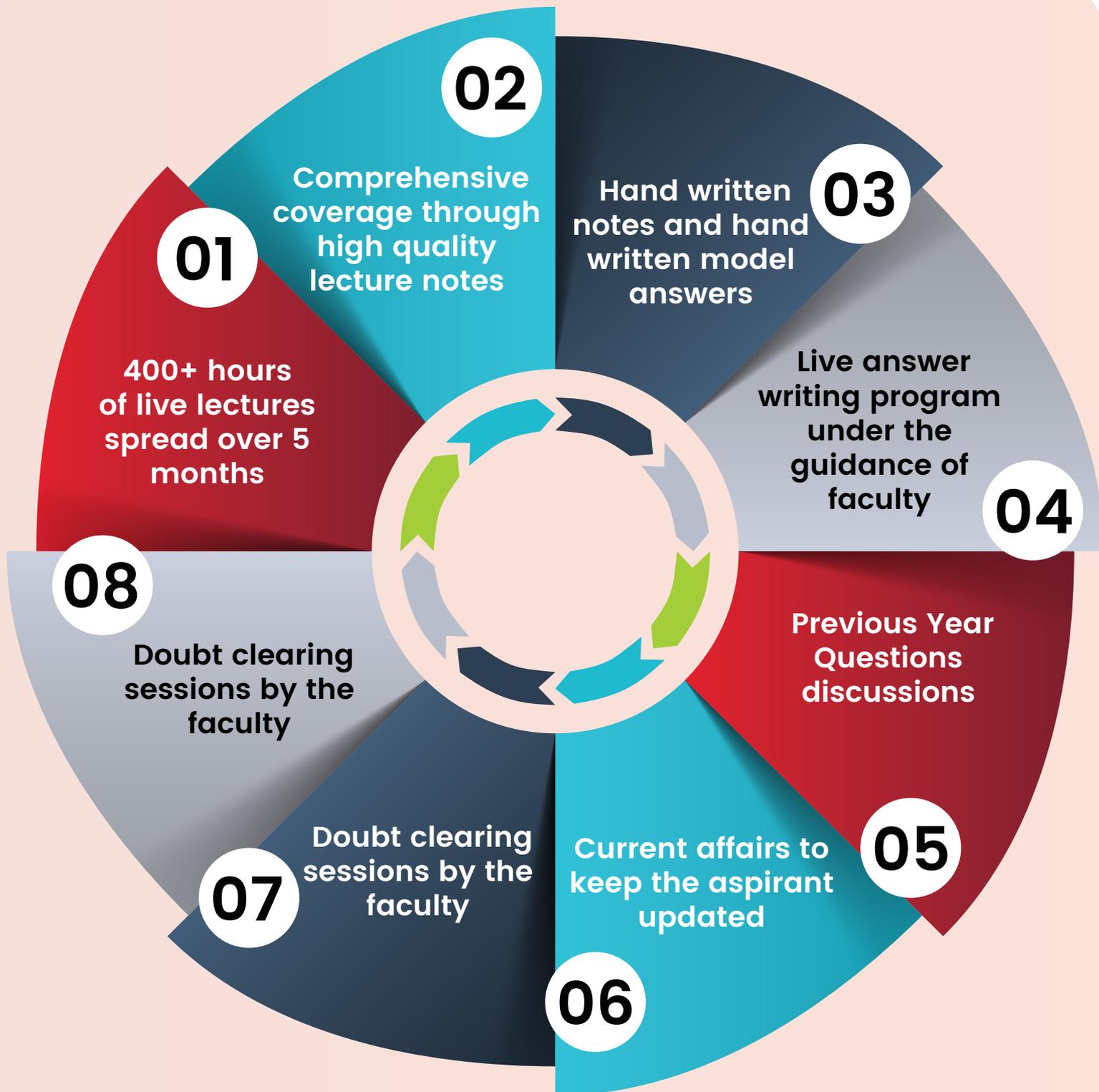
History Optional provides ample examples which can be utilised in Essay and case studies of GS 4.

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Abundance of Sources from basic books like NCERTs to advanced books

Features of the course



TIMETABLE

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20th Feb'23

27th Feb'23

TOPIC

Introduction and orientation session

PAPER 2 SECTION B – MODERN WORLD HISTORY

- Enlightenment and Modern ideas
- Origins of Modern Politics : American Revolution and Constitution
- Origins of Modern Politics : American Civil War & British Democratic politics
- Origins of Modern Politics: French Revolution and Aftermath, 1789-1815
- French Revolution and Napoleon- Historiography and debates
- Industrial Revolution
- Nation state system-19th Century revolutions
- Nation state System-Italy
- Nation state System-Germany
- Russian Revolution
- Chinese Revolution
- World War 1
- Fascism, Interwar periods
- World War 2
- EMERGENCE OF POWER BLOCS + THIRD WORLD + NAM + COLD WAR +COLLAPSE OF USSR
- EMERGENCE OF POWER BLOCS + THIRD WORLD + NAM + COLD WAR +COLLAPSE OF USSR
- UNO AND ITS DISPUTES- Political Changes in East Europe 1989-2001 + US ASCENDANCY
- Imperialism and Colonialism + Liberation from Colonial rule
- Decolonization and Underdevelopment

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28th Mar'23

TOPIC

PAPER 1 SECTION A – ANCIENT

- Sources
- Pre History - Paleolithic and Mesolithic
- Indus Valley Civilisation
- Vedic Age
- Mahajanpada
- Emergence of Magadha
- Mauryans
- Post Mauryans
- Guptas
- Vakatakas and Vardhanas
- Regional State
- Themes in Early Indian Cultural History

29th Apr'23

PAPER 1 SECTION B – MEDIEVAL

- Early Medieval India, 750-1200
- The Thirteenth Century
- The Fourteenth Century
- 13th and 14th Century - Society, Culture and Economy
- Regional Kingdoms of 15th Century
- 16th Century - Mughals
- 17th Century - Mughals
- 17th Century - Marathas and Ahoms
- 15th to 17th Century - Economy, Society and Culture -
- 15th to 17th Century - Culture
- 18th century

4th June'23

- 18th century background + European Penetration into India
- British Expansion in India
- Economic Impact of British Colonial Rule
- Socio - Reform Movements
- Indian Response to British Rule - Peasant and Tribal Uprising in 18th and 19th century
- REVOLT OF 1857
- Early Structure of the British Raj (Regulating Act 1773 to CA 1853)
- Misc topics - British Company Raj

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TOPIC

- INC Before Gandhi - Pre INC Parties to Home Rule League Movement
- Gandhi Phase 1 - Champaran Satyagraha to Swarajist
- Gandhi Phase 2 - Swarajist to Retirement of Gandhi
- Gandhi Phase 3 - 1939 to 1947
- Constitutional Developments in the Colonial India between 1858 and 1935
- Other strands in the National Movement - The Revolutionary Extremism & Leftist Developments in India
- Politics of Separatism: Development of Communalism and Nationalism
- Post Independence

Note :- First few classes will be orientation sessions and class timings may be at 11a.m. This will be informed to the students.

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