



**HISTORY**

**OPTIONAL**

**— SMART —**

**COURSE**



**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 History

## Increasing Relevance in UPSC Exam Pattern

Both **Prelims and Mains** now place significant emphasis on historical topics, making History a strategically smart choice.



## Strong Convergence with GS Papers



Historical context is often the **foundation** for answers in **GS Paper 1 and GS Paper 2**, especially in topics related to polity, society, and governance.

## Boosts Essay and Ethics Preparation

History offers a rich pool of **examples, case studies, and philosophical insights**, which are extremely useful for writing compelling essays and answering GS Paper 4 case studies.



## Plenty of Study Resources Available



From **basic NCERTs to advanced reference books**, History is one of the most resource-rich optionals, making preparation well-structured and accessible.

## Direct Utility in Prelims

Aspirants with History optional have an advantage in **Art & Culture, Ancient, Medieval, and Modern History**, which together account for **25+ questions in Prelims**.



# Recorded Lectures

Topic no	Topic
1.	Modern India
2.	World History
3.	Ancient Indiat
4.	Medieval History

# Our Faculty



**Sanjil Nagare**

**Senior Faculty, History Optional**

- Brings over 8 years of teaching experience in UPSC preparation
- Consistently successful in UPSC CSE and CAPF interviews, offering real exam insight
- Achieved an impressive 303 marks in History Optional in UPSC Mains 2018
- Has mentored several UPSC toppers, known for his result-oriented guidance and conceptual clarity

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