

PSIR OPTIONAL ANSWER WRITING PROGRAM

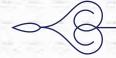
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Why Optional Matter in UPSC CSE

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 PSIR

Strong GS & Essay Integration

PSIR offers significant overlap with multiple General Studies papers:

GS Paper I – Indian freedom struggle, social reforms

GS Paper II – Constitution, polity, governance, social justice, international relations

GS Paper III - Internal security & strategic affairs

GS Paper IV – Philosophical foundations & moral thinkers

Essay Paper - Political and international themes are frequently asked



Advantage in the Interview (Personality Test)



Questions related to current international relations, diplomacy, political thought, and India's foreign policy often feature in interviews — where PSIR background offers a clear edge.

High Success Rate and Popularity

PSIR consistently features among the top-performing optionals, with many toppers choosing it year after year due to its balanced syllabus, scoring potential, and analytical depth.



Dynamic Application of Concepts



The subject tests your ability to combine static theoretical knowledge with contemporary issues — an essential skill for civil servants handling real-world governance and diplomacy.

StudyIQ Offerings

- Live Classes: Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 4 PM
- Mini test: Conducted after each class
- Detailed evaluation/feedback on each answer will be provided
- Live Answer Writing Sessions with Shashank Sir
- Live Answer Discussions led by Shashank Sir
- Topper Answer Copy Analysis (UPSC PSIR) by Shashank Sir
- Personalized Mentorship Sessions with Shashank Sir

Time Table

Date Topic

26 June 2025 Orientation

Paper 1 Part A: Indian Government & Politics

27 June 2025 Concept of Power

30 June 2025 Political ideologies

02 July 2025 Political Theory

Paper 1 Part B: Indian Government & Politics

04 July 2025 Indian Nationalism and Salient features

of Indian Constitution

07 July 2025 Principal Organs of Government

09 July 2025 Grassroot democracy and Statutory institutions

11 July 2025 Federalism & Planning

14 July 2025 Caste, ethnicity and religion in Indian Politics

16 July 2025 Party System & Social Movements

Paper 2: Comparative Politics & International Relations

18 July 2025 Comparative Politics

21 July 2025 Globalisation

23 July 2025 Theories of IR

25 July 2025 Theories of IR

28 July 2025 Key Concepts in International Relations

30 July 2025 Changing International Political Order

1 Aug 2025 Indian Foreign Policy, NAM

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Our Faculty



Shashank Tyagi

Polity & PSIR Faculty | UPSC Mentor

► Mentor to 20,000+ UPSC Aspirants

With a proven track record in both online and offline teaching, Shashank Tyagi has successfully guided thousands of aspirants on their UPSC journey.

▶ Recognized by the Government of NCT of Delhi

Awarded for his exceptional contributions to education and consistent academic excellence.

Expert in PSIR & Indian Polity

Specializes in Political Science & International Relations (PSIR) Optional and General Studies Polity, known for delivering exam-focused content with depth and clarity.

Trusted Authority on Polity & Governance

Celebrated for his ability to simplify complex constitutional and governance topics, helping students build a strong conceptual foundation essential for Mains and Prelims.

Our Prices





Director's Desk

Dear UPSC Aspirants,

At StudyIQ IAS, we know that the journey to becoming a civil servant is not just about studying—it's about dreams, struggles, and relentless perseverance. We have walked this path with thousands of aspirants, learning from your challenges, evolving with your needs, and celebrating your victories. Today, we take that commitment one step further with our most comprehensive and inclusive program yet—The FOUNDATION Batch.

This is not just another course; it's a game-changer. Whether you are starting fresh or refining your strategy, FOUNDATION provides everything you need—from live & recorded lectures, handwritten notes, structured test series, daily quizzes, answer writing practice, interview guidance, and one-on-one mentorship—all in a single, well-structured program. We believe financial constraints should never hold back a dream, which is why we offer affordable pricing, a full fee refund for those who clear Prelims, and ₹11,000 rewards for top performers.

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Join the FOUNDATION Batch today and take the first step towards your IAS dream with confidence!

Best Regards, Director's Desk



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04 Aug 2025	India & Major Powers (USA, Russia, China, EU)	
06 Aug 2025	India & Neighbors (SAARC, Indo-Pak, Indo-Bangladesh, Indo-Nepal, Indo-Sri Lanka)	
08 Aug 2025	India & Multilateralism (UN, WTO, IMF, World Bank, WHO, G20,, BRICS)	
11 Aug 2025	Contemporary Global Concerns (Climate Change, Terrorism, Cyber Security, AI & Geopolitics)	
13 Aug 2025	Nuclear Politics & Arms Control (NPT, CTBT, India's Nuclear Doctrine)	
18 Aug 2025	Evolution of the International Economic System	
	Paper 1 Part A: Political Theory	
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20 Aug 2025	Western Political Thought	
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