

**UPSC IAS (Mains)**

**PSIR**

**Optional**

• **September Batch 2024** •

**LIVE**

**Classes & Test Series**



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**25th Sep'23**



**1:00 PM**

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 PSIR optional Course. Let's start with understanding the **Merits of PSIR Optional**.

**1**

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

**2**

Overlap with PSIR Optional : GS 3 – Security, Environment ; GS 1 – Freedom Struggle, Social Issues ; GS 4 – Moral Thinkers and Philosophical part ; Essay – Topics on Political and International issues are often asked ; GS 2 – Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations.

**3**

It is also to be noted that certain questions with regards to International Relations are also asked in the UPSC– Civil Services Interview.

**4**

Abundance of Sources from basic books like NCERTs to advanced books.

**5**

One of the highest selections and rewarding optional subject year on year.

# Features of the Course

**1**

**400+ hours of live lectures spread over 5 months**



**2**

**Comprehensive coverage through high quality lecture notes**



**3**

**Hand written notes and crux will be provided in English.**



**4**

**Live answer writing program under the guidance of faculty**



**5**

**Previous Year Questions discussions**



**6**

**PSIR Current affairs to keep the aspirant updated**



**7**

**Doubt clearing sessions by the faculty**



# TIMETABLE

25th Sep - 28th Sep

ORIENTATION CLASS

**Orientation Class will be from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**Optional Live Class will be from 1:00 PM - 4:00PM**

## Paper 2 Part B: India and The World

### Tentative Schedule

### Topic Name

29th Sept'23 -  
3rd Sept'23

**Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy;  
institutions of policy-making; continuity and change.**

4th Oct'23 -  
5th Oct'23

**India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement:  
Different phases; current role.**

6th Oct'23 -  
12th Oct'23

**India and South Asia:**  
a) Regional Co-operation: SAARC-past  
performance and future prospects.  
b) South Asia as a Free Trade Area.  
c) India's "Look East" policy.  
d) Impediments to regional co-operation: river water disputes;  
illegal cross-border migration; ethnic conflicts & insurgencies;  
border disputes.

13th Oct'23 -  
16th Oct'23

**India and the Global South: Relations with Africa and Latin  
America; leadership role in the demand for NIEO & WTO  
negotiations.**

17th Oct'23 -  
26th Oct'23

**India and the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China  
and Russia.**

<b>Tentative Schedule</b>	<b>Topic Name</b>
<b>27th Oct'23</b>	<b>India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.</b>
<b>30th Oct'23</b>	<b>India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy.</b>
<b>31st Oct'23 - 3rd Nov'23</b>	<b>Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy: India's position on the recent crisis in Afghanistan, Iraq and West Asia, growing relations with US and Israel; vision of a new world order.</b>

### **Paper 1 Part A : Political Theory**

<b>Tentative Schedule</b>	<b>Topic Name</b>
<b>6th Nov'23 - 24th Nov'23</b>	<b>Western Political Thought: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt</b>
<b>27th Nov'23 - 28th Nov'23</b>	<b>Theories of the state: Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-colonial and feminist.</b>
<b>29th Nov'23 - 30th Nov'23</b>	<b>Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.</b>
<b>1st Dec'23 - 4th Dec'23</b>	<b>Equality: Social, political and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action.</b>
<b>5th Dec'23 - 6th Dec'23</b>	<b>Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; concept of Human Rights.</b>



## Tentative Schedule

## Topic Name

7th Dec'23 -  
11th Dec'23

**Democracy:** Classical & contemporary theories; different models of democracy-representative, participatory and deliberative.

12th Dec'23 -  
13th Dec'23

**Concept of power:** hegemony, ideology and legitimacy.

14th Dec'23 -  
26th Dec'23

**Political Ideologies:** Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism.

27th Dec'23 -  
9th Jan'24

**Indian Political Thought:** Dharamshastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M.K. Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar, M.N. Roy.

10th Jan'24

**Political theory:** meaning and approaches.

## Paper 1 Part B: Indian Government and Politics

## Tentative Schedule

## Topic Name

11th Jan'24 -  
16th Jan'24

### **Indian Nationalism:**

(a) Political Strategies of India's Freedom struggle : constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Non-cooperation, Civil Disobedience ; militant and revolutionary movements, Peasant and workers' movements.

(b) Perspectives on Indian National Movement: Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical humanist and Dalit.

17th Jan'24 -  
19th Jan'24

**Making of the Indian Constitution:** Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives.

## Tentative Schedule

## Topic Name

22nd Jan'24 -  
24th Jan'24

**Salient Features of the Indian Constitution:** The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles; Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine.

25th Jan'24 -  
31st Jan'24

**a. Principal Organs of the Union Government:** Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court.  
**b. Principal Organs of the State Government:** Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and High Courts.

1st Feb'24 -  
5th Feb'24

**Grassroots Democracy:** Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.

6th Feb'24 -  
14th Feb'24

**Statutory Institutions/Commissions:** Election Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General, Finance Commission, Union Public Service Commission, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, National Commission for scheduled Tribes, National Commission for Women; National Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Minorities, National Backward Classes Commission.

15th Feb'24 -  
20th Feb'24

**Federalism:** Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.

21st Feb'24 -  
22nd Feb'24

**Planning and Economic Development :** Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms.

23rd Feb'24 -  
27th Feb'24

**Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics.**

## Tentative Schedule

## Topic Name

28th Feb'24 -  
1st Mar'24

**Party System:** National and regional political parties, ideological and social bases of parties; patterns of coalition politics; Pressure groups, trends in electoral behaviour; changing socio- economic profile of Legislators.

2nd Mar'24

**Social Movements:** Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements

## Paper 2 Part A: Comparative Political Analysis And International Politics

## Tentative Schedule

## Topic Name

4th Mar'24 -  
11th Mar'24

Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory.

12th Mar'24 -  
15th Mar'24

Key concepts in International Relations: National interest, Security and power; Balance of power & deterrence; Transnational actors & collective security; World capitalist economy & globalisation.

18th Mar'24 -  
20th Mar'24

Changing International Political Order:  
(a) Rise of super powers; strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and Cold War; nuclear threat;  
(b) Non-aligned movement : Aims and achievements;  
(c) Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.



## **Tentative Schedule**

## **Topic Name**

**21st Mar'24 -  
22nd Mar'24**

**Evolution of the International Economic System: From Brettonwoods to WTO; Socialist economies and the CMEA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance); Third World demand for new international economic order; Globalisation of the world economy.**

**26th Mar'24 -  
27th Mar'24**

**United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; specialized UN agencies-aims and functioning; need for UN reforms.**

**28th Mar'24 -  
2nd Apr'24**

**Regionalisation of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, SAARC, NAFTA.**

**3rd Apr'24 -  
10th Apr'24**

**Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation.**

**12th Apr'24 -  
15th Apr'24**

**Politics of Representation & Participation: Political parties, pressure groups & social movements in advanced industrial & developing societies.**

**16th Apr'24 -  
18th Apr'24**

**Globalisation: Responses from developed and developing societies.**

**19th Apr'24 -  
22nd Apr'24**

**Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; political economy & political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method.**

**23rd Apr'24 -  
25th Apr'24**

**State in comparative perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and, advanced industrial and developing societies.**



# PSIR Test Series

## Features of Test Series



- The language style and nature of the questions are in line with the questions asked by the Union Public Service Commission and based on deep understanding and knowledge.

There will be total 12 tests  
(8 sectional tests and 4 Full-Length Tests)



- The evaluation of papers will be done in 4-5 days after the student uploads the paper.

- Discussion of each paper would be done thoroughly.



- Synopsis of each test will be provided after the student attempts the paper.

- Previous Year Questions and high-yielding topics would be covered comprehensively.



# TIMETABLE

Test No.	Test Date	Test Name
Test 1	14th OCTOBER, 2023	PAPER 2 SECTION B Topic 1-4
Test 2	28th OCTOBER, 2023	PAPER 2 SECTION B Topic 5-8
Test 3	25th NOVEMBER 2023	PAPER 1 SECTION A Topic 2,3,4 and 10(WPT)
Test 4	23rd DECEMBER 2023	PAPER 1 SECTION A Topic 5-9 AND TOPIC-1
Test 5	13th JANUARY 2024	PAPER 1 SECTION B Topic 1-5
Test 6	3rd FEBRUARY 2024	PAPER 1 SECTION B Topic 6-11
Test 7	9th MARCH 2024	PAPER 2 SECTION A Topic 6-11
Test 8	23rd MARCH 2024	PAPER 2 SECTION A Topic 1-5
Test 9	30th MARCH 2024	Comprehensive Test Paper 1
Test 10	6th APRIL 2024	Comprehensive Test Paper 2
Test 11	13th APRIL 2024	Comprehensive Test Paper 1
Test 12	20th APRIL 2024	Comprehensive Test Paper 2

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