

**UPSC IAS (Mains)**

# **PHILOSOPHY**

**Optional 2025**

**January Batch**

**LIVE**  **Classes & Test Series**



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**4th Jan'24**



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Study Iq is introducing a comprehensive Philosophy Optional Course cum Test Series Programme. The objective of this course is to help students understand the subject matter more conceptually as well as to impart answer writing skills to the students.

# Philosophy Optional Batch 2024

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 Philosophy Course. Let's start with understanding the merits of Philosophy optional.

01

Highest Average Success Rate (7.9%)

Easy to score 300+  
(Maximum Gained Marks 327/500)

02

03

Produced many All India Ranks like Athar Amir Khan AIR-2 in 2015, Ankita Jain AIR -3 in 2020.

**Shortest Syllabus (Saves Time  
For Revision & Preparing For  
GS)**

**04**

**05**

**Static Subject (No Current  
Section)**

**Logical Subject (Develops  
Logical Thinking)**

**06**

**07**

**Helps in Preparation of GS  
Paper-IV (Ethics Integrity &  
Aptitude), Essay Writing**

**Covers Various Socio-Po-  
litical topics (Democracy,  
Equality, Justice etc.)**

**08**

**09**

**Improves Writing Skills and  
makes a candidate thoughtful  
which helps in Interview**

**10**

**No Philosophy back-  
ground is required.**

# Features of the Course

1



400 hours of live lectures  
spread over 4 months

2



Comprehensive coverage  
through high quality lecture

3



Hand written notes and Crux  
will be provided

4



Live answer writing program  
under the guidance of faculty

5



Previous Year Questions  
discussions

6



Doubt clearing sessions by the  
faculty

**A few orientation sessions are planned in the beginning where students will be guided on how to prepare for the optional.**

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**The timings of the orientation sessions will be informed to the students in advance.**





# STUDY PLAN

## DATE

4th Jan' 24

5th Jan' 24

## TOPICS

Orientation

### Paper -2 Part -B Philosophy of Religion

- Introduction of Philosophy of Religion & Theology
- Notion of God
- Proofs for the existence of God Part 1
- Proofs for the existence of God Part 2
- The problem of Evil
- Soul: Immortality, Karma Part 1
- Soul: Rebirth Liberation Part 2
- Reason, Revelation, Faith
- Religious Experience
- Religion without God
- Religion without God
- Religious Pluralism
- Nature of Religious Language



# DATE

24th Jan' 24

# TOPICS

## Paper -2 Part-A Social & Political Philosophy

- Introduction of Soc-Pol Philosophy & Equality
- Justice
- Liberty
- Sovereignty Part 1
- Sovereignty Part 2
- Sovereignty Part 3
- Individual & State Part 1
- Individual & State Part 2
- Individual & State Part 3
- Forms of Government Part 1
- Forms of Government Part 2
- Forms of Government Part 3
- Political Ideologies Part 1
- Political Ideologies Part 2
- Political Ideologies part 3
- Humanism
- Secularism
- Multiculturalism
- Crime & Punishment Part 1
- Crime & Punishment Part 2
- Crime & punishment Part 3
- Development & Social Progress
- Gender Discrimination
- Caste Discrimination Part 1
- Caste Discrimination Part 2



# DATE

22nd Feb' 24

# TOPICS

## Paper-1 Part-A Western Philosophy

- Introduction and benefits of taking Philosophy as optional
- Plato & Aristotle Part 1
- Plato & Aristotle Part 2
- Rationalism Descartes
- Rationalism Spinoza
- Rationalism Leibniz
- Empiricism Locke
- Empiricism Berkeley
- Empiricism Hume
- Kant Part 1
- Kant Part 2
- Hegel
- Moore
- Russell
- Wittgenstein (Early & Later)
- Logical Positivism
- Phenomenology
- Existentialism- keirkegaard
- Existentialism- Sartre
- Existentialism- Heidegger
- Quine
- Strawson





## DATE

25th Mar'23

## TOPICS

### Paper -1 Part-B Indian Philosophy

- Introduction of Indian Philosophy & Carvaka
- Jainism Part 1
- Jainism Part 2
- Buddhism Part 1
- buddhism Part 2
- Nyaya vaisesika Part 1
- Nyaya vaisesika Part 2
- Nyaya vaisesika Part 3
- Nyaya Vaisesika part 4
- Nyaya vaisesika part 5
- Samkhya Part 1
- Samkhya Part 2
- Yoga Part 1
- Yoga Part 2
- Mimamsa Part 1
- Mimamsa Part 2
- Vedanta Part 1
- Vedanta Part 2
- Vedanta Part 3
- Vedanta Part 4
- Aurobindo

**\* Please note that this is a tentative plan for the batch and the dates may vary**

# PHILOSOPHY TEST SERIES

## Features of the 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 a total of 12 tests.
- 8 sectional tests and 4 Full Length tests will be conducted.
- 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.

# TIME TABLE

| TEST NO. | DATE      | PAPER                            |
|----------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 16th Jan | Test – 1  | Philosophy of Religion-1         |
| 30th Jan | Test – 2  | Philosophy of Religion-2         |
| 13th Feb | Test – 3  | Social & Political Philosophy –1 |
| 27th Feb | Test – 4  | Social & Political Philosophy –2 |
| 12th Mar | Test – 5  | Western Philosophy –1            |
| 26th Mar | Test – 6  | Western Philosophy –2            |
| 9th Apr  | Test –7   | Indian Philosophy –1             |
| 23rd Apr | Test – 8  | Indian Philosophy –2             |
| 7th May  | Test – 9  | Full Length Paper – 1            |
| 14th May | Test – 10 | Full Length Paper – 2            |
| 4th Jun  | Test –11  | Full Length Paper – 1            |
| 11th Jun | Test –12  | Full Length Paper – 2            |

**\*Please note that the test dates and discussion dates are subjective and may vary.**

**\*Test Series will be provided in English only.**

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