

UPSC IAS (Mains)

PHLOSOPHY

Optional 2025

January Batch

LIVE! Classes & Test Series



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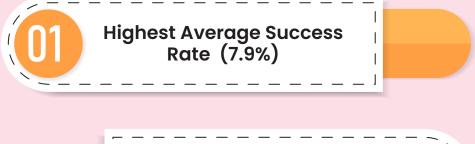
Study Iq is introducing a comprehensive Philosophy Optional Course cum Test Series Programme. The objective of this course is to help students understand the subject matter more conceptually as well as to impart answer writing skills to the students.

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.

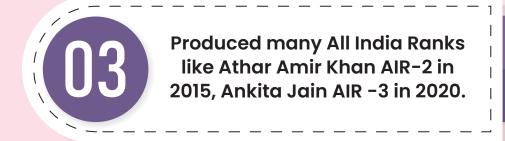
To get into the final list, one must ace the optionals.

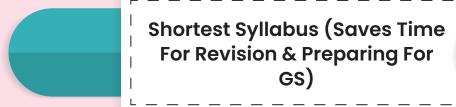
StudyIQ is here with its Philosophy Course. Let's start with understanding the merits of Philosophy optional.



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











Static Subject (No Current Section)



Logical Subject (Develops Logical Thinking)



(07)

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



Covers Various Socio-Political topics (Democracy, Equality, Justice etc.)



(09)

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



No Philosophy background is required.

Features of the Course



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

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



STUDY PLAN

DATE

4th Jan' 24

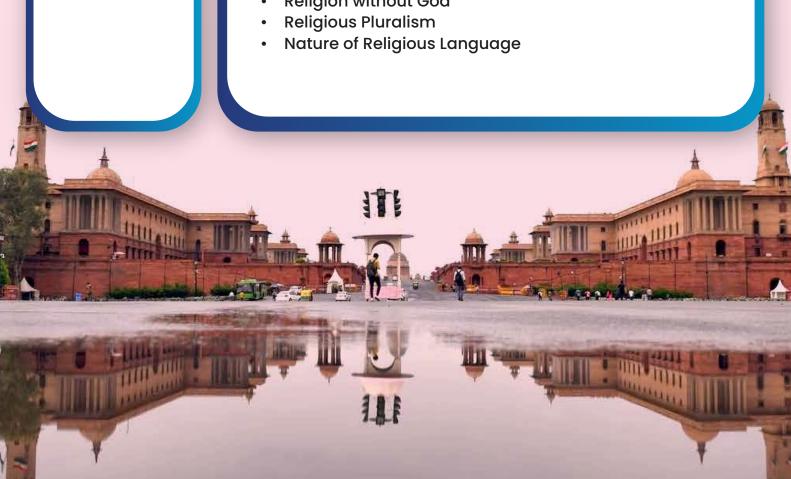
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TOPICS

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, Revealation, Faith
- Religious Experience
- Religion without God
- **Religion without God**



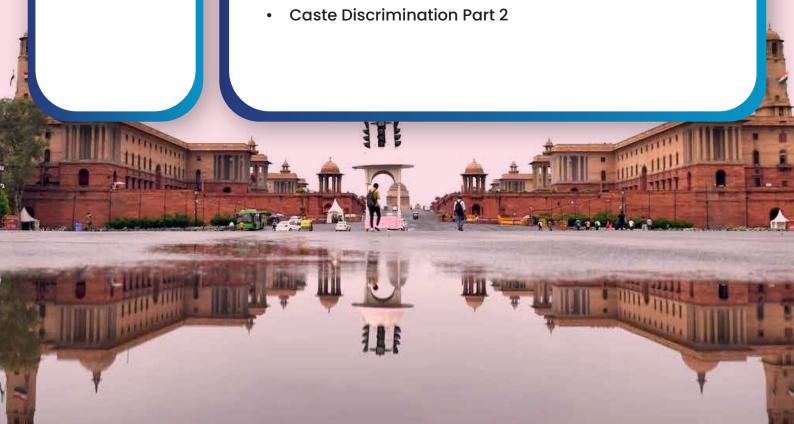
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TOPICS

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



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.

16th Jan

30th Jan

13th Feb

27th Feb

12th Mar

26th Mar

9th Apr

23rd Apr

7th May

14th May

4th Jun

11th Jun

DATE

Test - 1

Test - 2

Test -3

Test - 4

Test - 5

Test - 6

Test -7

Test - 8

Test - 9

Test - 10

Test -11

Test -12

PAPER

Philosophy of Religion-1

Philosophy of Religion-2

Social & Political Philosophy -1

Social & Political Philosophy -2

Western Philosophy -1

Western Philosophy -2

Indian Philosophy -1

Indian Philosophy -2

Full Length Paper - 1

Full Length Paper - 2

Full Length Paper - 1

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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