

UPSC IAS (MAINS)

PHILOSOPHY

OPTIONAL 2025

Batch 6

LIVE  **CLASSES & TEST SERIES**



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12th June'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)

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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)**

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**Static Subject (No Current
Section)**

**Logical Subject (Develops
Logical Thinking)**

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

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

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

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**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
notes

3



Hand written notes and Crux
will be provided

4



Live answer writing program
under the guidance of faculty

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Previous Year Questions
discussions

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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.

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



STUDY PLAN

DATE

12th Jun' 24

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TOPICS

Orientation

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

30th June' 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

1st Aug'24

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



DATE

1st Sept' 24

TOPICS

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

*** 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
7th July	Test – 1	Social & Political Philosophy –1
14th July	Test – 2	Social & Political Philosophy –2
13th August	Test – 3	Western Philosophy –1
27th August	Test – 4	Western Philosophy –2
12th September	Test – 5	Indian Philosophy –1
26th September	Test – 6	Indian Philosophy –2
4th October	Test – 7	Philosophy of Religion–1
11th October	Test – 8	Philosophy of Religion–2
18th October	Test – 9	Full Length Paper – 1
18th October	Test – 10	Full Length Paper – 2
25th October	Test – 11	Full Length Paper – 1
25th October	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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