

PHILOSOPHY

OPTIONAL 2026-27

Pratigya Batch

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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 2025

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.

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Highest Average Success Rate (11%)

Preparing You for
1000+ Marks At Least

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Produced UPSC toppers like Archit Dongre (AIR 3, 2024), Dr. Gurleen (AIR 67, 2023), Avinash Kumar (AIR 17, 2022), Ankita Jain (AIR 3, 2020), and Athar Aamir Khan (AIR 2, 2015).

Shortest Syllabus (Multiple revisions Are possible even in Between GS Papers and Optional Paper Gap)

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Highly Relevant Topics which have Direct Overlappings in GS1, GS2, GS4 and Essay

Logical Subject (Develops Logical Thinkin) and better articulation technique

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

Covers Various Socio-Political 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 background is required.

Features

Gold

Platinum



400+ hours of live lectures spread over 6 months



Live Doubt Clearing Sessions with Faculty



Recorded Lectures & Hand written Notes and Crux



Comprehensive Coverage of Every Topic with PYQ Discussion



Current affairs to keep the aspirants updated



Regular answer writing sessions with evaluation



One to one Mentorship 24*7



Mains Test Series (Sectional & Full Length Test)



Optional Gyan Bhandar



Weekly Doubt Clearing Sessions with Faculty



Validity

18 Months

30 Months

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

5 July

7 July

TOPICS

Orientation

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

4 August

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

TOPICS

7 October

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



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3 September

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

DATE	TEST NO.	PAPER
5 August	Test – 1	Western Philosophy –1
13 August	Test – 2	Western Philosophy –2
9 September	Test – 3	Social & Political Philosophy –1
15 September	Test – 4	Social & Political Philosophy –2
7 October	Test – 5	Indian Philosophy –1
14 October	Test – 6	Indian Philosophy –2
4 November	Test – 7	Philosophy of Religion–1
5 November	Test – 8	Philosophy of Religion–2
	Test – 9	Full Length Paper – 1
	Test – 10	Full Length Paper – 2
	Test – 11	Full Length Paper – 1
	Test – 12	Full Length Paper – 2

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

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