



**PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
OPTIONAL**

**—TEST SERIES—
(2025)**



Starting on 14th July 2025

Why Optional Matter in UPSC CSE

Choosing the right optional subject in UPSC CSE Mains can significantly influence your chances of success. It's a highly strategic decision and should be based on multiple factors such as your background, interest, aptitude, availability of resources, and overlap with GS papers. Below is a detailed evaluation of each of the subjects you mentioned — both English and Hindi medium options — to help you make an informed choice:

Optional Subject

The Hidden Power in UPSC Mains



500 Marks at Stake

Optional contributes **500 out of 1750** marks in the Mains exam. A high score here can **transform your final rank**.

The Real Differentiator

While GS papers level the field, the **optional creates the gap**. Many toppers owe their ranks to an outstanding optional score.



Scoring with Strategy

Optional subjects, with a **well-defined syllabus** and **less competition**, offer a chance to score **much higher than GS papers** — if approached smartly.

Subject Familiarity Pays Off

Choosing an optional aligned with your **interest or academic background** makes preparation smoother and answers stronger.



Overlap = Smart Preparation

Subjects like PSIR, Sociology, and Anthropology offer content that overlaps with **GS, Essay, and Interview**, giving you **multiple benefits from single preparation**.



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Exploring the Merits of Public Administration

SIMPLE AND EASY TO GRASP

Public Administration is widely considered a straightforward subject with easy-to-understand concepts.



HELPS IN PRELIMS – ESPECIALLY POLITY



The subject gives you a clear advantage in Polity-related questions in the Prelims exam.

STRONG GS OVERLAP

Major overlap with GS Paper 2, Ethics (case studies), and Essay – making your overall preparation more efficient.



ALIGNED WITH CIVIL SERVICES ROLE



The subject closely reflects the real-world responsibilities of a civil servant, making it both practical and scoring.

PROVEN TRACK RECORD

Public Administration has consistently had one of the highest selection rates among all optionals.



Why Choose This Test Series?

A high-yield, analytically designed test series tailored strictly as per the UPSC Mains pattern for both Paper I & II, ideal for aspirants aiming to score 300+ in Public Administration Optional.

- ▶ **Designed strictly as per UPSC Mains pattern (Paper I & II)**
- ▶ **Incorporates PYQs (Previous Year Questions) with a fresh analytical twist**
- ▶ **Topics aligned with latest EPW, ARC, IIPA journals, and PIB reports**
- ▶ **Special focus on contemporary issues like AI in governance, cooperative federalism, Disaster Management, changing role of District Magistrate, civil services reform, etc.**

Who Should Enroll?

This test series is perfect for:

- ▶ **UPSC aspirants targeting 300+ in Pub Ad**
- ▶ **Students seeking issue-based, current-relevant answer writing**
- ▶ **Aspirants needing structured evaluation and personalized mentorship**

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What You'll Get:

- ▶ **Full-length & sectional tests based on UPSC pattern**
- ▶ **Model answers and evaluation**
- ▶ **Regular mentor feedback by Shekhar Chaudhary**
- ▶ **Doubt resolution + answer writing improvement tips**
- ▶ **Current-affairs integration in answers**

Time Table

Date	Test Name	Syllabus	Discussion Date
14-Jul-2025	Half Test Paper 1	PAPER 1 - PART 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• Administrative Thought• Administrative Behavior• Organizations• Comparative Public Administration• Development Dynamics	19-Jul-2025
18-Jul-2025	Half Test Paper 1	PAPER 1 - PART 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accountability and Control• Administrative Law• Personnel Administration• Public Policy• Techniques of Administrative Improvement• Financial Administration	19-Jul-2025
20-Jul-2025	Half Test Paper 2	PAPER 2 - PART 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evolution of Indian Administration• Philosophical & Constitutional Framework of Government• Public Sector Undertakings• Union Government and Administration• State Government and Administration• District Administration since Independence• Law and Order Administration	26-Jul-2025

Time Table

Date	Test Name	Syllabus	Discussion Date
25-Jul-2025	Half Test Paper 2	PAPER 2 - PART 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civil Services• Financial Management• Plans and Priorities• Rural Development• Urban Local Government• Administrative Reforms since Independence• Significant Issues in Indian Administration	26-Jul-2025
27-Jul-2025	Full Test Paper 1	Full Syllabus – Paper 1	02-Aug-2025
03-Aug-2025	Full Test Paper 2	Full Syllabus – Paper 2	02-Aug-2025
10-Aug-2025	Full Test Paper 1	Full Syllabus – Paper 1	16-Aug-2025
17-Aug-2025	Full Test Paper 2	Full Syllabus – Paper 2	18-Aug-2025

Our Faculty



Shekher Chaudhary

Public Administration

- **Former Assistant Collector (Gazetted Officer)** at the Sub-Divisional level in Uttar Pradesh cleared UPPSC 2015
- **Extensive experience** in writing multiple Mains exams of UPSC and various State Civil Services
- **Holds dual Master's degrees – Public Administration and Business Administration (MBA)**
- **UGC NET qualified (2019)** with 99.92 percentile in Public Administration
- **Currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Public Policy**
- **Former Assistant Professor at a University**, with published book chapters and research papers in Public Administration
- **Mentoring UPSC aspirants for over 5 years**, combining deep academic insight with real-world administrative experience
- **Known for bringing a balanced perspective of theory and practice** into the class-room

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Our Prices

Price: ~~₹9,999~~

₹7,999

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Director's Desk

Dear UPSC Aspirants,

At StudyIQ IAS, we know that the journey to becoming a civil servant is not just about studying—it's about dreams, struggles, and relentless perseverance. We have walked this path with thousands of aspirants, learning from your challenges, evolving with your needs, and celebrating your victories. Today, we take that commitment one step further with our most comprehensive and inclusive program yet—The FOUNDATION Batch.

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