STUDY IQ IAS

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

OPTIONAL

(2027- 2028)

NOVEMBER BATCH

Live CLASSES & TEST SERIES



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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.

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Helps in Prelims – Especially Polity

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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.

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Aligned with Civil Services Role

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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.

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StudyIQ Offerings

LIVE Classes

The essence of this Program is the Live classes. StudyIQ through our expert faculties will be conducting Live classes every week from Monday to Saturday.

LIVE Doubts Clearing Sessions

LIVE Doubts Clearing Sessions where students can directly ask questions and clarify their doubts with instructors or subject experts. These sessions are a vital part of our Program .

Recorded Classes

Recorded Class after every Live class will be Provided . Learn at your own pace – ideal for working professionals or students with busy schedules .

Previous Year Questions

Actual questions that appeared in the Optional Exam in previous years will be Provided This will help in Identifying weak Areas.

Current Affairs Classes

Understanding current affairs adds context to your knowledge. All Current Events related to Optionals will be added in the course .

Mains Answer Writting

Mains answer writing will be conducted throughout the program with evaluation.

Faculty Written Notes

Only board PPTs will be shared, and those will include the faculty-written notes. No crux or separate handwritten notes will be provided.

One to One Mentorship

During your entire journey, our mentors will track your progress and guide you through your academic journey. Your Mentor will act like a friend, philosopher and guide so that you can have a personalized help during the preparation journey.

Mains Test Series

A weekly Mains answer writing will be conducted throughout the program.

Weekly Doubt Clearing Sessions

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Optional Package Comparison

Features	Standard	Elite
400+ hours of live lectures spread over 6 months	✓	✓
Live Doubt Clearing Sessions with Faculty	✓	✓
Recorded Lectures & Board PPT Notes	✓	✓
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)	✗	✓
Weekly Doubt Clearing Sessions with Faculty	✗	✓
Validity	18 Months	30 Months



Time Table

Date	Subject
16–30 November	**Unit Subject**
	1 Civil Services + Personnel Administration (Combined)
	2 Financial Administration + Financial Management (Combined)
01-31 December	**Unit Subject**
	3 Rural Development
	4 Urban Local Government
	5 Administrative Reforms since Independence
	6 Significant Issues in Indian Administration
	7 Introduction
01-30 January	**Unit Subject**
	8 Administrative Thought
	9 Administrative Behaviour
	10 Organisations
	11 Comparative Public Administration
	12 Development Dynamics
	13 Accountability & Control
01-29 February	**Unit Subject**
	14 Administrative Law
	15 Public Policy
	16 Techniques of Administrative Improvement
	17 Evolution of Indian Administration
	18 Philosophical & Constitutional Framework of Government
	19 Plans & Priorities
	20 Public Sector Undertakings
01-31 March	**Unit Subject**
	21 Union Government & Administration
	22 State Government & Administration
	23 District Administration since Independence
	24 Law & Order Administration

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: ~~₹24,999~~

₹15,999

Standard

Price: ~~₹38 ,999~~

₹20,999

Elite



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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.

This is not just another course; it's a game-changer. Whether you are starting fresh or refining your strategy, FOUNDATION provides everything you need—from live & recorded lectures, handwritten notes, structured test series, daily quizzes, answer writing practice, interview guidance, and one-on-one mentorship—all in a single, well-structured program. We believe financial constraints should never hold back a dream, which is why we offer affordable pricing, a full fee refund for those who clear Prelims, and ₹11,000 rewards for top performers.

More than just a batch, FOUNDATION is a promise—a promise that no matter where you are in your UPSC journey, you will never feel alone. You will have the best resources, unwavering mentorship, and a community that supports you at every step. This is your time, your moment—to rise, to conquer, and to turn your dream into reality.

Join the FOUNDATION Batch today and take the first step towards your IAS dream with confidence!

Best Regards,
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